Welcome to Burg Castle!

Burg Castle sits enthroned above wooded hills – a compact site with a castle at its centre, an outer bailey, narrow passageways, massive walls, huge archways, constricted courtyards and sunny terraces.

This map will help you find your bearings quickly, not only in the castle area itself but also in its turbulent history. For the Dukes of Berg resided here for several centuries from the time it was completed around 1130. They once ruled over huge parts of today’s North Rhine-Westphalia. But Burg Castle later declined in importance and the site fell to ruins. Nonetheless the local inhabitants still retained a soft spot for Burg Castle: donations were made and reconstruction work started in 1890. Today Burg Castle is a place where history comes to life once more. And while we’re at it, why not take a look in the calendar of events? Burg Castle is a lively events site. The majestic location on the peak of a huge hill and within the walls of an old castle makes it ideal for all types of cultural events.

Burg Castle was and still is the symbol of the region – now filled with new life.

A historical survey

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Family seat of the Counts of Berg

ca. 1212 – 14th century

ca. 1385 | Construction of Neuenburg Fortress (later Burg Castle) by Count Adolf II. of Burg as the new family seat

ca. 1408 | Burg Castle is one of the victors in the battle. It is given the privilege of improving the castle site, the most important loser, the Archbishop of Cologne

ca. 1495 | The Battle of Worringen in the Knights Hall is one of a series of battles in the 14th century. It is the last battle to be fought in the Duchy of Berg in 1385. It is the last battle to be fought in the Duchy of Berg in 1385.

1495 | During the fourteenth and fifteenth century Neuenburg Fortress is used for important festivities and as a hunting lodge. As a result it is gradually converted and extended into a site for castle festivities. Thus the fortress becomes a castle.


1495 | Burg Castle becomes a real tourist attraction.

Usage as a hunting lodge and for courtly festivities

14th – 15th century

The outer walls of the castle site originally contained a church, a staircase and several other buildings.

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Reconstruction and foundation of the castle construction association

1890 | Setting up of the Bergisches Museum

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What else?

www.sonnige.schlossburg.de

There is a quick, comfortable and spectacular way to reach Burg Castle. If you take the cable car railway you can glide silently up the hillside above the Wupper to the top. Once there you will be able to get a typical Burg pretzel in one of the cafes and it’s always worth taking a stroll through the many small arts and crafts shops.

... in the neighbourhood

Solingen is famous for the manufacture of knives and scissors. The German Blade Museum in Solingen deals with the cultural history of cutting tools in the town. Historic local town centres like the Remscheid suburb of Lennep bear witness to the modest wealth of the inhabitants. There are also major constructions in the region: world-famous Wuppertal over-head railway and the Mingul Viaduct were built more than 100 years ago.

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Site plan

Discovering ›Burg Castle‹ on a tour

Admission prices

Adults: 5 €
Concessions: 4 €
Children (3-18): 2.50 €
Groups of 15 persons upwards: 4.50 € (per head)
School classes: 2 € (per head)
Families: 14 €

Special admission charges for events.

Calendar of events

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Classical concerts in the Knights Hall, theatre shows and open-air events all have a different feel within historic walls than in conventional concert halls. Furthermore there are a huge number of events that bring the Middle Ages back to life – from the Medieval Market to jousting tournaments. The autumn arts and crafts market is particularly popular.

Guided tours

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Our guided tours will reveal to you the secrets of Burg Castle. We offer tours in English and French for foreign guests. On request we can also offer special tours for children or on specific themes like ›Eating and Drinking‹ and ›Knights‹ Castle and Royal Palace.

What else?

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Mondays closed

(Appendix)

Opening hours

Summer

[End Feb. to start Nov.]
Mon. 13–18.00
Tue.–Fri. 10–16.00
Sat. & Sun. 10–17.00

Winter

[Start Nov. to end Feb.]
Tue.–Fri. 10–16.00
Sat. & Sun. 10–17.00

Christmas holidays in NRW:
Daily 10–17.00

[15x174]Mon: 13–18.00
(End Feb. to start Nov.)

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Once through the whole of Burg Castle

The tour takes you through impressive rooms, along twisting corridors, narrow stairways, up and down, along the outside walls and right up to the keep.

**Gallery of Ancestors and Knights Hall (Ahnengalerie und Rittersaal)**

Walls that tell stories: all the Bergisch lords have been captured on paintings hanging on the walls, just have the most important stories about Burg Castle.

**Ladies heated apartment (Kemenate)**

The smaller room was the only heated living room in Burg Castle.

**Castle chapel (Schlosskapelle)**

This small chapel in neo-Gothic style can cater for up to 60 wedding guests.

**Bergisch Museum**

The main theme in the museum is the history of the region Bergisch Land in the Middle Ages and the Early Modern Age.

**Castle gate (Burgtor)**

The fourth barrier to overcome: anyone who managed this would find themselves finally in the core part of the castle.

**Thieves’ tower (Diebsturm)**

This was basically the castle dungeon – it was in use right up into the 18th century.

**Engelbert tower (Engelbertturm)**

The small corner tower was erected during reconstruction work to honour the Counts of Berg.

**Watchmen’s lodge / shield wall (Wachtstube / Schildmauer)**

From this somewhat raised building the guards would have had a good view of the high plateau in front of the castle.

**Keep / viewing platform (Bergfried / Aussichtsplattform)**

The square tower with its wooden viewing platform is 35 metres high.

**Moat gate (Grabentor)**

The first major hurdle for potential conquerors. In front of it was a deep ditch filled with thorny bushes.