LEUCHTENBURG

WISHES AND WONDERS

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Itinerary for groups
» WHAT A REFRESHING CREATIVITY! CHAPEAU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED AND TO THE CONCEPT DEVELOPERS! «

Rene Gabriel from Luebeck
A place that touched my soul. 

Daniela K.

WELCOME

Castle Leuchtenburg: the most beautiful castle in the mountains, set in a picturesque location, 400 meters above the valley and famous for its breathtaking panoramic views.

The „Queen of the Saale Valley” – as it is fondly called – is also a highlight from a historical point of view: The almost 1,000-year-old castle ensemble is unique in its preserved state as well as its further development. Architectural periods from as early as the 11th century up to the 21st century are awaiting you.

A treasure that is not immediately seen from outside, hides behind the strong castle walls and makes this place a very special one: a magic world of wishes and enigmas dedicated to the „white gold”.

Since 2007, the non-profit foundation Castle Leuchtenburg has been committed to the preservation and cultural revival of this unique complex. Now we want to inspire you!

Yours, Team of Castle Leuchtenburg
CASTLE LEUCHTENBURG: 1,000 YEARS OF HISTORY

The „Queen of the Saale Valley“ is an ensemble of castle buildings that is almost 1,000 years old and unique in its preserved state and further development.

The oldest architectural testaments date back to 1075; around 1200, the complex was expanded by the Franconian noble family of the lords of Auhausen and then used by the dukes of the House of Wettin as administrative headquarters. Later, Castle Leuchtenburg served as a prison, workhouse and lunatic asylum, in which nearly 5,200 inmates dwelled between 1724 and 1871. In 1920, the first youth hostel in Thuringia opened here, which developed into an important centre of the Scouting Movement. From 2007, the complex was renovated and expanded in a modern style.

» ONE WORD: GORGEOUS!
EXHIBITION, ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE. «

Jannett & Henning from Dresden
THE EXPERIENCE: WISHES AND WONDERS

Discover the “white gold” from its beginnings in ancient China and the decoding of its formula in Europe up to entering the everyday life of today in surprisingly different and spectacularly designed rooms.

“One of the most extraordinary and modern exhibitions!” praises the international jury of the European Council of Museums. Here, wishes come true! At the end of the tour, the visitors write their heartfelt wish on a porcelain plate and toss it down the 20-meter-long “Skywalk of Wishes”, because: “Broken crockery brings fortune!”

“YOU ARE PULLED INTO A DIFFERENT WORLD, FORGETTING EVERYDAY LIFE. AMAZING.”

Unknown
The Porcelain Church: Unique in the World

He was a student of star architect Daniel Libeskind and is now a highly regarded man, too: Michael J. Brown (Design NAU). He is active in Zurich, Berlin and Los Angeles prioritising in architecture and exhibition design and, with his innovative ideas, has turned the old castle chapel into the first Porcelain Church in the world.

The Porcelain Church has been equipped with a strip curtain made of white, frosted engineering ceramics, stretching from the ceiling to the floor to lend the room a very special spatial effect. The Porcelain Church has won high-ranking architectural awards and has become a highly valued venue: for renowned concert series (such as the MDR Music Summer, Bach Weeks or Organ Summers), live church services broadcast on the ARD, or for your unique group experience.

» Symmetry, Verticality and Light Create a Special Atmosphere, a Time Out, to Distribute the Divine. «

Jury of the Staatspreis für Architektur und Städtebau

Photo: Sebastian Reuter
GUARDIAN DUTY TOksam, as always, this plot was vigorously debated. Some scenes were even quite bizarre. The fans loved it and so did we! We offer to guide TATORT fans to the original film sets: to Castle Schwantz, as it was called in the film: an ideal scenery for the scary plot. Relive the scenes of this porcelain thriller again.

Price per person: 3.00 Euro plus admission ticket
(can be booked all year, duration 1 hour, 10 to 50 persons)

WINE TOUR AND WINE TASTING

Get to know the Leuchtenburg vineyard at the foot of the castle and the centuries-old history of the viticulture of the Saale valley. You can enjoy the exclusive Leuchtenburg wines. By tradition, Chasselas blanc and Blauer Portugieser grapes are cultivated here. The guided tour includes a wine tasting and a selection of cheeses and bread.

Price per person: 19.00 Euro plus admission ticket
(two 0.1 l glasses of wine, cheese and bread, subject to availability of wines
(can be booked all year, duration 1 hour, from 10 to 50 persons)

RECOMMENDATION: OUR AUDIO GUIDE

Perfect for individual visitors or small groups
Our audio guide invites adults and children to discover the castle in their own pace. For adults, two tours - on the history of the castle and on the Porcelain Experience - are available. Each tour takes one hour is available in German, English, French, Russian and Dutch. The two tours for kids also take about an hour and are available in German and English.

Price per audio guide: 1.00 Euro
(available all year round)
OUR OFFERS - CULINARY TREATS

In the restaurants and cafes with beautiful views, you can enjoy typical dishes from Thuringia prepared in a contemporary way. Our insider tip: Our farmer’s cake of the size of a cart wheel, homemade in our wood-fired oven!

COFFEE & CAKE
Enjoy a delicious coffee or tea time and homemade farmer’s cake prepared in our wood-fired oven.

Price per person: 5.90 Euro (piece of farmer’s cake & pot of coffee or tea)

SOUPS
For example:
- potato soup with carrots, leek and sausage
- tomato soup
- Leuchtenburg Dungeon Soup

Price per person: 6.90 Euro

GROUP MENUS
(seasonal offers)
For example:
- German pot roast with red cabbage & Thuringian dumplings
- Turkey meat chops in creamy sauce with fresh mushrooms & Rosti (fried potatoes)
- Poached fish in a creamy white wine and dill sauce with stewed cucumber and buttered potatoes
- Wheat berry-vegetable-risotto with courgettes, carrots, peas, garlic and spices

Price per person: 12.90 Euro (drinks extra or all-inclusive price by arrangement)

THURINGIAN BBQ BUFFET
Rich barbecue buffet with a delicious mix of grilled Thuringian specialties, seasonal salads and delicious desserts. A buffet including BBQ classics & many vegetarian treats.

Price per person: from 32.00 Euro (drinks extra or all-inclusive price by arrangement)

HERALD’S BANQUET
The Herald duly welcomes the guests and, after announcing the rules of the table, will cast a spell over everyone. As a poet and magician, he spreads fun and amusement. He will sweeten your evening with his quick tongue as a story teller.

Price per person: from 45.00 Euro
The price includes entertainment by the Herald, welcome drink, original multi-course menu; duration 3.5 hours (further drinks extra or all-inclusive price by arrangement)

OUR RECOMMENDATION: START WITH A CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION
Upon arrival at the castle, treat yourself to a glass of sparkling wine and enjoy the fantastic view. Get into the mood for an unforgettable day at Castle Leuchtenburg in a relaxed atmosphere.

Price per person: 3.50 Euro

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FOR SCHOOLS & STUDENT GROUPS

An exhibition full of ideas, that is also suitable for small children! Just wonderful.
— Heike & Ingo from Erfurt

Discover Castle Leuchtenburg

Guided tour through the castle’s history: Treat yourself and your students to an exciting tour of the old castle. Learn about knights and officials and descend into the deepest dungeon. Activities: kids are particularly fascinated by operating the water wheel of the 80-metre-deep castle well, as well as by the somewhat scary stories, which they can hear from the talking stones at the martyrs’ tower. How many steps lead up to the keep? Children will find out!

Price per person: 3.00 Euros plus admission ticket (can be booked all year, duration 1 hour, from 10 persons, school grades 1 to 12)

Wishes & Wonders

A guided tour through the experience worlds, means uncovering the history of white gold interactively. Fantasy animals – do they really exist? And where does porcelain come from? Watch the adventures of farmer Deng with his dragon in the shadow theatre and marvel at the living wall in the cabinet of curiosities. The students love to find out the secret formula of porcelain using the scales and then to make their own vase in the kiln using the noisy bellows.

Kids are amazed at the largest vase in the world. A special highlight is the Skywalk of Wishes, from which kids can toss down their plate of wishes, which they previously inscribe using mysteriously shining magic paint, into the depths: Broken crockery brings fortune!

Price per person: 3.00 Euros plus admission ticket (can be booked all year, duration 1 hour, from 10 persons, school grades 1 to 12)

Recommendation: Combined Ticket

Castle & Experience Tour

Price per person: 5.00 Euro plus admission ticket (can be booked all year, duration 2 hours, can be organised with lunch break inbetween, from 10 persons, school grades 1 to 12)

Prices for Schools

Student groups booked in advance, are charged a special funded price, accompanying teachers are free of charge!

Admission charges 4.00 Euro

School kids menus:
„Funny little boy“ - tagliatelle and tomato sauce 5.50 Euro
„Golden coins“ - fried banana quark cups on apple mousse 5.80 Euro
„Limping witch“ - Chicken leg with red cabbage and Thuringian dumpling 8.90 Euro

Real knight tournament performance 395.00 Euro

to be booked extra: real knight tournament!

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Castle Leuchtenburg as an officially recognised extracurricular place for learning is a great destination for school trips. No matter if you want a castle tour, medieval tournaments or experience worlds - there is something for every age group! Tours are suitable for groups from the 1st to 12th grade. Our castle guides will adjust their tour to the appropriate age group.
Mixed Groups & Associations

Photo: Marco Fischer (Thüringer Tourismus GmbH)

Make your trip an unforgettable experience, use our ecumenically consecrated Porcelain Church for your service and book a guided tour through the experience worlds or the medieval castle! We will be happy to organise an organ music performance or you can engage your own organist!

Women’s Day throughout the year!
At Castle Leuchtenburg, everything will be made perfect for HER.

Recommendation: Discover our Leuchtenburg rose as well as our delicious cuisine!

Guided tour of the experience worlds: Join this fascinating tour for kids and families. Let’s go on an expedition to Asia, to the country of porcelain origin, marvel at curious objects in the cabinet of curiosities, walk through the baroque rooms of old Europe and discover modern porcelain. This guided tour invites you to discover wishes and wonders in a vivid way.

Price per person: 3.00 Euro plus admission ticket (can be booked all year, duration 1 hour, from 8 persons)

Guided tour for families

Visit us, join us on a guided tour of the castle and stop at our castle tavern to try our homemade Thuringian farmer’s cake of the size of a cart wheel.

Price per person: 20.40 Euro | Price for tour operators: 18.80 Euro

Women & Flower Lovers

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Services for you: admission ticket and guided tour, mug of coffee & piece of cake

Church communities & Music Groups

Make free use of the Porcelain Church for your worship or concert!
(can be booked all year – subject to availability)

Recommendation: Organ music performance

We will be happy to play the historic Steinmeyer organ for you and your guests. For half an hour, organists of the region show their talents!

Fixed price: 70.00 Euro
(can be booked all year, only in advance, duration as per your request 10 to 30 minutes)

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SPECIAL PROGRAMMES & EVENTS

WOMEN’S DAY SPECIAL

March 8, 2020/21 The female team at Castle Leuchtenburg traditionally celebrates the 8th of March! Visit us, join us on a guided tour of the castle and stop at our castle tavern to try our homemade Thuringian farmer’s cake of the size of a cart wheel.

Price per person: 20.40 Euro | Price for tour operators: 18.80 Euro
Services for you: admission ticket and guided tour, mug of coffee & piece of cake, from 10 persons

SPRINGTIME CHARM AT CASTLE LEUCHTENBURG

March 20 to April 5, 2020 / March 20 to April 1, 2021
Bright colours & fragrant flowers! Castle Leuchtenburg awakens from its winter rest and will blossom for you in a 10,000-m2 sea of flowers. There are spring tours on offer and our head gardener Kerstin will plant small surprises to take home with you.

Price per person: 14.50 Euro | Price for tour operators: 12.90 Euro
Services for you: admission ticket and guided spring tour of the castle, from 10 persons

ORGAN MUSIC PERFORMANCE IN THE PORCELAIN CHURCH

April to October 2020 / 21 – every Sunday
From April to October, the historic Steinmeyer organ will be played every Sunday at 2 pm for half an hour for our guests to the unique Porcelain Church. Organists of the region will show their talents!

Price per person: 11.50 Euro | Price for tour operators: 9.90 Euro
Services for you: admission ticket to the castle and exhibitions, 30-minute-organ performance, from 10 persons

EASTER AT CASTLE LEUCHTENBURG

April 10 to 13, 2020 / April 2 to 5 2021
An event of rattling swords of fighting knights, mouth-watering smell of Easter bakery products from the castle’s own bakery, craftsmen & merchants, jugglers & musicians. During the Easter holidays, the castle is all about medieval traditions, ways of life and craftsmanship. The travelling jugglers, musicians and merchants breathe life into the spectacle.

Price per person | tour operators: 12.00 Euro
Services for you: admission ticket to the Easter pageant incl. castle and exhibitions, from 10 persons

FESTIVAL WEEK OF CHOIRS

October 19 to 25, 2020 / October 18 to 24, 2021
In 1920, the tradition to sing songs at Castle Leuchtenburg began. At that time, the Scouting Movement stayed here and enjoyed some incredible freedom. They danced and played music, and covered this place with sounds. Since then, choirs have been stopping at Castle Leuchtenburg to sing their songs in the bailey and the chapel. We dedicate a whole festival week to this tradition. Every day, choirs will perform at the world’s only Porcelain Church at Castle Leuchtenburg and invite the guests to sing along.

Price per person: 14.50 Euro | Price for tour operators: 9.90 Euro
Services for you: admission ticket and guided tour of the porcelain exhibitions, choral concert, from 10 persons

CHRISTMAS MARKET OF WISHES

2nd and 3rd weekend in Advent 2020 / 2021
Mouth-watering smells, twinkling lights: Christmas is near, when porcelain makers from Thuringia present their special gifts at the inner bailey and craftsmen perform their talents and offer honey and wine to taste to the visitors. Of course, the Christmas bakery is open, too where cookies can be baked together and the smells of delicious Christmas cake are all around us.

Special price per person | tour operators: 7.00 Euro
Services for you: admission ticket to the Christmas market incl. castle and all exhibitions

Visit us on 365 days a year!
Even during Boxing Week...

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SPECIAL: THURINGIAN PORCELAIN MANUFACTURERS

Not far from Castle Leuchtenburg, the well-known porcelain manufacturer KAHLA / Thüringen Porzellan is located. Here, or at numerous other manufacturing plants in close range to Castle Leuchtenburg, you can see live shows of how the white gold is created and purchase the designs at the factory outlets.

DISCOVERY TRIPS ALONG THE THURINGIAN PORCELAIN ROUTE:
(Each offers from 10 persons)

KAHLA/THÜRINGEN PORZELLAN
Multifunctional porcelain items, sensual and useful designs, extraordinary surface finishes and sustainable production in Germany are combined at the family business KAHLA. More than 100 international design awards are the evidence of their success.

Special offer: 5.00 Euro
Service for you: guided tour of porcelain factory & visit to factory outlet
>> In Kahlä, 4 km from Castle Leuchtenburg

PORZELMANUFACTUR REICHENBACH
Anyone who thinks that porcelain is always the same, has not heard of the Porzellanmanufaktur Reichenbach. Here, traditional crafts link with a creative desire for contemporary design.

Special offer: 5.00 Euro
Service for you: guided tour of porcelain factory & visit to factory outlet
>> Am Hermsdorfer Kreuz, 23 km from Castle Leuchtenburg

ESCHENBACH PORZELLAN GROUP
Since 1891, porcelain has been made in Triptis. Originally known for its traditional blue onion tableware pattern, it is home today to household chinaware, high-quality hotel porcelain and innovative porcelain cookware suitable for induction cooking.

Special offer: 5.00 Euro
Service for you: Factory tour & factory outlet with museum, café
To be booked additionally: ceramics and pottery course at the studio (subject to availability)
>> Along the A9 motorway, only 26 km from Castle Leuchtenburg

AELTESTE PORZELLAN MANUFAKTUR VOLKSTEDT
Founded in 1762, it is the oldest still producing porcelain factory in Thuringia. In 2006, it was rebuilt into a „Glass Porcelain Factory“, providing fantastic insights into the centuries-old tradition.

Guided tour of the factory: 5.00 Euro
Make your own porcelain rose: 15.00 Euro
>> In Rudolstadt, only 27 km from Castle Leuchtenburg

WAGNER & APEL PORZELLANFIGUREN LIPPELSDORF
Porcelain has been handcrafted since 1877 in this idyllic small village Lippelsdorf, near Neuhaus am Rennweg. For visitors, this technical monument with the old steam engine is brought back to life and the small pieces of art retell their story. Pure authenticity.

Special offer: 15.00 Euro
Service for you: Tour by the family (individual price 5.00 Euro) incl. traditional German cakes and Thuringian eggnog while listening to the stories of the porcelain family inside the old kiln.
>> In the Thuringian Forest, 57 km from Castle Leuchtenburg

WWW.THURINGER-PORZELLAN.DE
HOTELS FOR SHORT TRIPS

MAXX HOTEL IN JENA ****
Ideally located on the outskirts, in easy reach to the motorway: 220 rooms and suites | Anglo-American style of the 1930s to the 1950s | free WIFI | bar with real juke box | garden terrace | spa with Japanese garden and fitness area | Free use of public transport in Jena.
The distance to the A4 is 2 km, to Castle Leuchtenburg 18 km.

STEIGENBERGER ESPLANADE IN JENA **** Superior
Located in the centre of Jena: 140 rooms, studios, apartments and suites | free WIFI | rich breakfast buffet | restaurant with local & international cuisine | bar | spa, sauna, fitness area, massage, beauty treatments | smoker’s lounge | underground parking with charging station for electric cars.
The distance to the A4 is 7 km, to Castle Leuchtenburg 20 km.

LEONARDO HOTEL WEIMAR ****
In the heart of the Goethe-city: 294 comfortable rooms | hotel restaurant and hotel bar | health club with swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna and fitness area | 15 function rooms including large ballroom | on-site bowling alley.
The distance to the A4 is 5 km, to Castle Leuchtenburg 42 km.

RADISSON BLU HOTEL IN ERFURT ****
Located in the centre city of medieval Erfurt: 282 modern and nicely designed rooms & suites | 6 room categories from standard to luxury | internet use included | local specialties or Mediterranean delicacies | hotel bar with a large selection of international cocktails | panoramic spa on the 17th floor | bus parking is only 100 meters away | 3 charging stations for electric cars available at the hotel garage.
The distance to the A4 is 8 km, to Castle Leuchtenburg 59 km.

BIO-SEEHOTEL ZEULENRODA **** Superior
Pure relaxation directly near the dam: 116 rooms, suites, family and easy-access rooms | panorama restaurant, beer garden, lobby bar, spa bistro | in-house organic bakery and butchery | sun terrace 6,600 m² | panoramic spa with infinity pool, saunas, snow chamber, beauty area, mud bath | free WIFI in all public areas | bowling & fitness area with courses | rope course & water sports activities.
The distance to the A9 is 20 km, to Castle Leuchtenburg 45 km.

BETWEEN NAUMBURG & BAYREUTH, ERFURT | WEIMAR & LEIPZIG

“"At the fair banks of the Saale, there are castles proud and bold." The lyrics are from an old folk song about our region. You will find untouched landscapes set in a picturesque limestone mountain range. For orchid lovers: there are numerous species around. And of course, this is where our exclusive Leuchtenburg vine grows!

Like on a string of pearls, there are castles and palaces, old vineyards, idyllic valleys of mills, numerous small and large cultural sites, traditional arts and crafts and vibrant cities to be found to the right and to the left of the Saale.

Combine your visit to the castle with the Saalfeld fairy grottos, the world’s oldest planetarium in Jena, the partners of the Thüringer Tischkultur and of course the classic sites of Weimar, Erfurt, Leipzig or Dresden.

Castle Leuchtenburg is in easy reach from all directions on the A 4 and 9.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Try: tasty beer from Bad Köstritz

Discover: marvellous fairy grottos in Saalfeld

Marvel at: the world heritage site of Naumburg

Snack: Griesson cookies – De Beukeler factory outlet in Kahla

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• Free bus parking at the foot of the castle
• Approx. 15-minute-walk up to the castle or shuttle service on request
• Disabled access and lifts in the exhibition worlds and in parts of the castle complex, barrier-free pavement in the bailey
• Guided tours in German and English
• Audio guides (German, English, Dutch, French, Russian)
• Shop and lockers
• Numerous toilet facilities around the castle, including three disabled toilets
• Plenty of seating
• Free rental wheelchairs and rollators
• Numerous souvenirs and house-made castle wine
• Including wish plate for the Skywalk of wishes
• Open 365 days a year

INTERESTING FACTS

PRICE LIST

all prices per person

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SERVICE FOR TOUR OPERATORS AND BUS COMPANIES

• Tour guides and bus drivers are free of charge - you do not pay admission and get your meal and coffee for free
• A daily newspaper can be found in the snack bar of the visitor centre
• You will also receive an exclusive castle voucher
• When booking as a tour operator you will receive a 10% discount on admission
• The shuttle for your guests from the car park to the castle is free of charge
• Individual arrangements to meet your schedule
• We will be happy to send you free brochures or advertising films prior to your trip

CONTACT PERSONS

We will be happy to send you an individual quote tailored to your requests! We are experienced with organising events, act and react, curious, flexible, enthusiastic and highly professional.

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Opening hours
Summer (April - October) daily 09:00 – 19:00 hrs
Winter (November - March) daily 10:00 – 17:00 hrs

Recommended: from 2021, funicular railway up to the castle

Lovely crest rides along the Thuringian mountains, veteran car presentation possible in the bailey

Free bus car park on the foot of the castle

The German Tourism Association (DTV) lists Castle Leuchtenburg as innovation think tank!