

Monastery shop

If you are looking for gifts for occasions such as christenings or first communions, you will find what you seek in our monastery shop. Here booklovers can discover religious literature and CDs, as well as home-decor items and devotional objects. We supplement our product range with a selection of wines and spirits as well as culinary delicacies, making the monastery shop a unique insiders' tip for presents of all kinds.

Educational Centre for Families, the Environment and Culture

"Education as varied as life" is the motto of the Educational Centre for Families, the Environment and Culture. Throughout the year we offer cultural and educational events for children and young people, families, senior citizens, schools and groups of all kinds. You can reserve our modern, well-equipped rooms (for up to 150 participants) for your own events and seminars. We can provide overnight accommodation for events lasting several days, with a total of 120 beds in 55 rooms.



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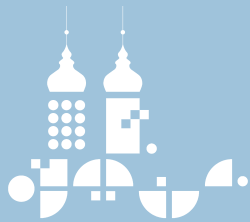
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Roggenburg Monastery

New life in old walls



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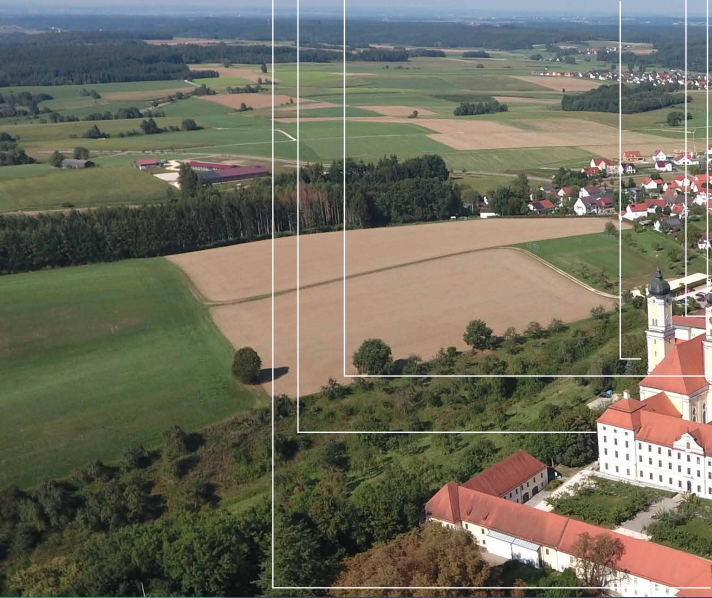
The Canons Regular of Prémontré have been living and working in and around Roggenburg for more than 800 years. This remarkable tradition has made a successful transition into the 21st century: after the restoration of the buildings and the baroque gardens, the canons' monastery has a new radiance. At any time of year, the monastery church, the museum and the monastery gardens with an ivy maze are a thoroughly delightful experience.

Monastery hotel and restaurant

A monastery brunch in the morning, a family lunch with Swabian delicacies at noon or a candlelit dinner for two in the evening – the monastery restaurant offers something to suit every taste. We are able to cater for weddings, conferences and family celebrations with up to 300 guests. Our 3\*\*\* 'Superior' hotel has 25 light, modern and comfortable rooms.

- Monastery museum
- Art exhibitions

- Children's play area
- Beer garden
- Monastery church





Beginnings

Tradition has it that **Count Bertold von Bibereck** founded Roggenburg Monastery with his wife and brothers **Konrad** (Bishop of Chur) and **Siegfried** (Canon in Augsburg), in 1126. The first Canons Regular of Prémontré (the Order was founded in 1121 by **St Norbert of Xanten** in Prémontré, France) came from the nearby Ursberg Abbey. The flourishing monastery was promoted to Abbey status in 1444 and was granted imperial immediacy in 1544. The monastery survived the devastation of the German Peasants' War, the Reformation troubles, and the destitution of the Swedish period during the Thirty Years' War.

1126

- 1144 Priory, papal confirmation of the new monastery
- 1444 Abbey ■ 1544 Imperial Monastery



Painting of the founders in the refectory corridor

Prosperity

In the blessed 18th century, a triumvirate of the great abbots Dominikus Schwaninger, Kaspar Geisler and Georg Lienhardt created the baroque wonderland which we still see today. **The rebuilding of the monastery buildings** started with the west wing in 1732. Work on the spacious double-towered monastery church was completed with an inaugural celebration in October 1758. The southern wing of the monastery complex was completed in 1766. The following years – overshadowed by the suffering of incoming French refugees, war, plundering and hefty contributions – caused considerable harm to the monastery.

1732

At the peak of its prosperity during the 18th century, all the parish churches and chapels around the monastery were rebuilt or extended.



Monastery church, built 1752 - 1758

Dissolution

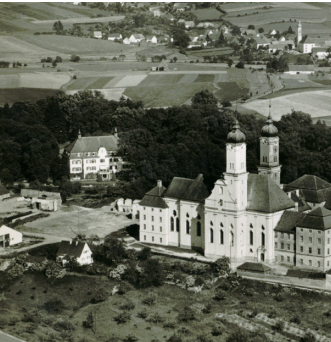
After the Peace Treaty of Lunéville, there was nothing to stop **secularisation** from spreading. The Imperial Monastery of Roggenburg was occupied by the Bavarian military on September 4, 1802. On November 29 of the same year the last abbot, Thaddäus Aigler, was relieved of his office and the monastery, with its 36 canons, was dissolved. All the efforts the abbey and monastery made to continue communal life proved to be in vain.



Abbot Thaddäus Aigler

1802

From this time on, the monastery building served a variety of purposes.



Desolate state of the monastery grounds in the 1970s

A new beginning

**180 years after secularisation**, the Canons Regular of Prémontré returned to their former monastery once more. Windberg Abbey near Bogen in Lower Bavaria took over the parish of Roggenburg in October 1982. The aim of this initiative was to re-establish the Order of the Canons Regular of Prémontré at Roggenburg Monastery. Roggenburg Monastery was officially re-established in 1986 and was raised by Windberg Abbey to the rank of a dependent priorate on November 8, 1992.



Abbey Windberg

1982

- The Order of the Canons Regular of Prémontré returns
- 1986 Monastery re-established
- 1992 Priorate



New-build of the educational centre and monastery hotel/restaurant

Resettlement

After the resettlement of the monastery, the monastery community renovated the building and developed a utilisation concept for the monastery grounds. After extensive renovation work on the former western "Prelates' garden" courtyard, the **House of Art and Culture** was inaugurated and opened in 2001. One year later, in 2002, the **Educational Centre for Families, the Environment and Culture** moved into its new building. In the same year, the **monastery hotel** and restaurant and the **monastery shop** opened their doors.

1997

- 2000 Our own Novitiate
- 2001 House of Art and Culture
- 2002 Educational centre, monastery hotel/restaurant and shop



The completed Educational Centre for Families, the Environment and Culture

Monastery restoration

Roggenburg Monastery was restored and renovated between 2008 and 2015. The starting point for the complete renovation was recognition of the desolate state of the entire monastery building in 2006. Damp and dry rot were affecting the walls, the baroque roof structure and all the beams. 200 years of the building being used for purposes other than that of a monastery had resulted in a great deal of damage. Additional structures had to be dismantled, plasterwork and frescoes were severely damaged. The monastery accommodation was upgraded to modern living standards.

2002

- 2007 25th anniversary of resettlement
- 2013 Inauguration of the renovated monastery
- 2015 Completion of all renovation work



Complete renovation of the historic monastery building

Monastery gardens

The grounds were redesigned starting in 2015. The new design was based upon that of the original gardens, which was revealed after detailed research work. The **terraced gardens** on the southern side are designed according to a historical baroque template. In one area, a **meditation garden** was created with an ivy maze. The **monastery herb garden** has around 150 different medicinal plants in twelve beds. The garden is divided into six beds featuring important people in monastic medicine throughout history, and another six beds planted with medicinal herbs used in classical mainstream medicine and folk remedies.

2017

Completion of the herb garden



An atmospheric autumn in the new monastery gardens

A living monastery

Throughout the centuries, the Order of the Canons Regular of Prémontré in Roggenburg has always focused on the **community** and **pastoral care**; particularly parish work, but also other types of pastoral care as and where required. This still applies. Today's Roggenburg Monastery continues this rich tradition of religious and spiritual life. Other activities include **pastoral care in schools**, **emergency counselling** and **hospice patient support**. The cultivation of **church music** plays a particularly important role.



The Roggenburg Canons Regular of Prémontré (2017)