

#### Events

Visitors can go for a dance in the castle's courtyard, explore the castle at night and feast to their heart's delight at the annual events held at our unique location. Music fans can attend various concerts such as Irish Night, while those people who happen to have a sweet tooth might well be inclined to savor the finest chocolates from around the world at our EuroBean Chocolate Festival. For people who are fond of regionally sourced products, we highly recommend paying a visit to the Rochsburg market that takes place in the autumn and also spending some time at the romantic Advent market during the Christmas season. There are plenty of adventures awaiting little damsels and knights during family afternoons and there is also a children's handicraft market not to mention our fairytaleinspired end of the year celebration.



For more detailed information concerning events, exhibitions and tours at Castle Rochsburg, please have a look at our website www.schloss-rochsburg.de

### Tours of the Castle

If you don't intend on exploring Castle Rochsburg alone, then you can participate in a public tour or go ahead and book a tour just for yourself. Depending on the time of year, many different options are available to you: tours of the castle's interior, tours of the castle's courtyards, tours with an emphasis on the castle's towers, tours of what goes on behind the scenes at the castle, tours focusing on 1000 years of fashion history and special adventure tours for children such as treasure hunts and other themes. There are also museum educational programs designed for students of different grade levels to ensure that they will have an exciting and interesting educational experience, during which they won't have to see the walls of a classroom for a change.



## **Special Exhibitions**

Over the years, Castle Rochsburg has hosted special exhibitions focusing on a diverse range of topics such as German comic books, artistic objects made of sugar, environmentalism, traditional

handicrafts, regional products as well as art

and history. Castle Rochsburg is planning on having two to three special exhibitions each year dealing with a variety of interesting themes. So do plan on coming by at least once or twice a year!

**Tips** Audio tour guides can be borrowed at our museum ticket office. We offer versions in German and English for adults as well as one using simple language. There is also an audio tour guide created especially for kids in which Eduard the Bat will take the littles ones on a tour of discovery throughout the castle. Choco Del Sol Croco Labermanutartur O174 / 34 13 403 www.chocodelsol.com

## Chocolate dreams at Castle Rochsburg

We also happen to have a chocolate factory on our premises. You can find out more about "Choco Del Sol" and when you can stop by there for a visit at chocodelsol.com/Manufaktur/

#### **Castle Rochsburg Museum**

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#### Directions

By auto: Take highway A 72 and then take Exit 20 Niederfrohna through Penig to Rochsburg Take highway B 175 until you reach Elsdorf–Lunzenau–Rochsburg Take highway B 107 (Chemnitztal) Burgstädt–Lunzenau–Rochsburg By road train: Take the Geithain line Glauchau to Rochsburg

### **Opening Times**

From April until October: Tuesday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

November/December and February/March: Tuesday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The museum is closed in January but can be made available to groups of 10 people and more if prior arrangements have been made.

During holidays and when there are special exhibitions, opening times may vary.



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# Still a fortification and yet also a palace, the dreamlike Castle character to it.



Castle Rochsburg, which was first mentioned in official documents around 1190, is located on a rocky promontory high above the rushing Zwickauer Mulde river. Over the centuries, the castle was expanded upon several times. Then, starting in 1470, it was gradually converted into a palace under the supervision of the renowned Saxon architect Arnold von Westfalen. After a series of devastating fires, however, the aristocratic von Schönburg family took ownership of Castle Rochsburg in the 16th century, giving it its present-day appearance. Castle Rochsburg has retained its outward defensive features consisting of towers, gates and walls.

V isitors on their way to our museum, which was founded in 1911, will experience some of the highlights of Castle Rochsburg. A path will take them over the drawbridge at the front gate, through the north ward with its impressive half-timbered parapet walk and then past the palace of the inner bailey all the way to the vard containing farm buildings along with a powder tower. Here the original gate dating back to 1475 opens up to the upper courtyard (1), in which the oldest part of Castle Rochsburg is located where visitors will be able to see the donjon with its one-hand clock from 1640. Across from it can be found a 53 meter deep well with a wooden well house. A Gothic portal and tracery windows adorn the entrance to the castle chapel "St. Anna" (2), which, after an extensive amount of restoration work, now shines forth in all its old glory with its sandstone altar and late-Gothic ribbed vaulting.

ur museum offers insight into the way the nobility used to furnish and decorate the places in which they lived in the countryside. Representative rooms such as the historic ballroom, for instance, which also contains a gallery of ancestral portraits of the von Schönburg family (3), show how people used to live here in the past. In the exhibition entitled "People Create Clothing" (4), you will have the chance to admire selected examples of clothing from 1000 years of fashion history and see for yourself what people in the past actually used to wear underneath. In the large cellar, the exhibition entitled "Clay, Reeds and Stone-Building Materials not only for the Pharaohs" (5), provides information about natural building materials. In addition to all this, our museum hosts special exhibitions and there is an extensive program of events throughout the year.

Castle Rochsburg lets you see magnificent views of the nearby nature reserve called "Um die Rochsburg." There you can go on relaxing walks, go hiking or even take a tour of the Mulderadweg bicycle trail.



... to get married in a real castle? Well, now you can have the wedding of your dreams at Castle Rochsburg! Our small ballroom is the ideal, romantic setting for your wedding. On the way to happiness, you, your family and your friends will climb up 79 steps starting from the lower courtyard and leading up to the wedding hall inside the inner bailey. There the registrar of the city of Lunzenau will take you a little bit higher–all the way up to seventh heaven!

For more detailed information, please contact the city administration of Lunzenau. Telephone: 037383 85221