



#### **Open Night**

- Every Easter Sunday
- A festive experience in a special monastic atmosphere with a lively programme · Gregorian choir, public readings, writing like the monks
- Monastic culinary specialties and other delicious treats

#### Walkenried Monastery Market

- · Always held at the end of September against the impressive backdrop of the Gothic monastery buildings • Unique in northern and central Germany • Browse through the products from the kitchens, cellars, workshops and gardens of the religious orders of around 30 monasteries • A space for culture, friendly encounters,
- body and soul

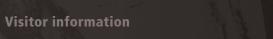
### Walkenried Cloister Concerts

• From May to December Musical experiences with renowned orchestras and artists • Set in the lovely Gothic cloister · Continuously popular for the last 30 years

#### HarzerKlosterSonntag

- Part of the HarzerKlosterSommer programme · Held in the Walkenried, Drübeck, Wöltingerode, Michaelstein, Brunshausen and Ilsenburg monasteries
- · Programmes, guided tours, monastery festivals • For individual or family excursions and fans of culture and monasteries





#### Guided tours for individual visitors Candlelight tours

Daily during the season at 11:30 and

The season starts with the Easter

holidays in Lower Saxony.

their respective needs.

Guided tours for groups

holidays and ends with the autumn

Reservation required. Special tours

people with disabilities, adapted to

The museum offers a variety of

or the visitor information service.

for school classes, senior citizens and

A very special experience for the 14:00 (out-of-season only on weekends). winter months! The tour is rounded off with a meal in the refectory. Reservation required.

#### **Evening tours**

In the summer months. Completed by a monk's meal in the refectory. Reservation required

#### AudioGuides

Visitors get a free audio guide (in German language) – available Educational museum programmes in versions for children and adults. programmes for all ages from 6 to 16. As their numbers are limited, Perfect for birthdays! Further informaavailability is not guaranteed on tion can be obtained from the website busy days.

**Opening times** 

Tue. to Sun. from 10:00 to 17:00 Closed on Mondays (except public holidays). Open New Year's Eve from 10.00 to 15.00. **Closed on Christmas Eve** 

# and monastery shop

Monastery Café







### **KLOSTER** WALKENRIED MUSEUM ZISTERZIENSE



#### Cistercian Museum Walkenried Monastery Steinweg 4a, 37445 Walkenried

#### Information, prices, reservations

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Church service in the chapter house Sundays at 10:30

Getting here by train, bus or car Free bus and car parking next to the Cistercian Museum.

Walkenried is on the Göttingen-Northeim-Nordhausen train line. Trains run hourly. 10 minutes on foot from station to museum.



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## Today in the Middle Ages.



#### Cistercian Museum **Walkenried Monastery**

Mediaeval monasteries were places of spirituality and the search for truth, of tranquillity, curiosity and discovery, of prayer and work, and of the cohesion of body and soul. They were a fascinating world that is largely unknown to us.

And yet there are astounding parallels with today – particularly in the economic structures, which seem modern but were developed 800 years ago by Cistercian monks. With crosses and spades, but also with hammers and chisels, the men of God from Walkenried left their mark on a wide area of the Harz and its foothills.

## Today in the Middle Ages

A sensitively and creatively designed museum set in Gothic architecture that brings to life a longgone world through modern interpretations. Discover the Walkenried monks as deeply pious members of a religious order, but also as clever entrepreneurs running a highly successful business, the White Company.

Discover just how advanced the monks of the Middle Ages were in their thoughts and actions.

### **UNESCO World Heritage**

In 2010 the monastery with its unique Gothic cloisters became part of the "Mines of Rammelsberg, Historic Town of Goslar and Upper Harz Water Management System" World Heritage Site, which includes the world's largest and most significant pre-industrial energy supply system.

There is a good reason for the unusual decision to include a mediaeval monastery in an industrial monument: in the early 13th century the skilled water engineers of Walkenried Monastery developed the first systems to supply water power for their mining activities.

three centuries.



The monastery was the economic headquarters of the industrial area that emerged starting in 1225 in the Pandelbach Valley near Seesen am Harz, with its system of ponds and ditches, and of the mining activity at the Rammelsberg and in the Upper Harz that developed at the same time. It was on the Rammelsberg that Walkenried developed the most modern water management systems, and the monks, together with the mining town of Goslar, were the major mine operators for almost

