



KLOSTER WALKENRIED ZISTERZIENSER MUSEUM



Today in the Middle Ages.

Our highlights of the year

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

www.kloster-walkenried.de

Visitor information

Guided tours for individual visitors

Daily during the season at 11:30 and 14:00 (out-of-season only on weekends). The season starts with the Easter holidays and ends with the autumn holidays in Lower Saxony.

Guided tours for groups

Reservation required. Special tours for school classes, senior citizens and people with disabilities, adapted to their respective needs.

Educational museum programmes

The museum offers a variety of programmes for all ages from 6 to 16. Perfect for birthdays! Further information can be obtained from the website or the visitor information service.

Candlelight tours

A very special experience for the 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 in versions for children and adults. As their numbers are limited, availability is not guaranteed on busy days.

Cistercian Museum

Walkenried Monastery
Steinweg 4a, 37445 Walkenried

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

Information, prices, reservations

Cistercian Museum – visitor information and monastery shop
Phone +49 (5525) 95 99 064
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Monastery Café

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Walkenried Cloister Concerts

Phone +49 (5521) 56 10
kreuzgangkonzerte@image-concert.de

Walkenried Lutheran Church

St. Maria und Martini
Phone +49 (5525) 800
www.kirchengemeinde-walkenried.de

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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Mines of Rammelsberg,
Historic Town of Goslar
and Upper Harz Water
Management System

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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 long-gone 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.

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 three centuries.

