TRAUSNITZ CASTLE

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INFORMATION

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OPENING TIMES

April – September: 9am – 6pm · October – March: 10am – 4pm Open daily

Monday to Saturday: Visit only with a guided tour (in German · c. 45 minutes · every half hour) Last tour 5pm (summer) or 3.30pm (winter)

Sunday/holiday: No tours (visitors can go around on their own)

The Trausnitz Castle Chamber of Art and Curiosities, a branch of the Bavarian National Museum, can be visited without a guided tour. Last admissions in each case 30 minutes before closing

& The guided tour of the castle involves stairs, a lift is available for the Chamber of Art and Curiosities

RESFRESHMENTS

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TRANSPORTATION

Train to Landshut

No. 7 bus to 'Kalcherstrasse'

100 parking places, 4 bus parking places in the Hofgarten car park

Trausnitz Castle is closed on 1 January, Shrove Tuesday, 24, 25 and 31 December.



Elaborately carved table, Florence, late 16th century; Fool's Staircase (Title)

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I wish vou a fascinating visit to the Trausnitz Castle in Landshut!

Albert Füracker, MdL

Bayerischer Staatsminister der Finanzen und für Heimat



Inner castle courtyard (top); Figure of St. George by Stephan Rottaler, around 1520, from the castle chapel (centre)

Trausnitz Castle

Trausnitz Castle, a massive building complex that towers above the town of Landshut, was founded in 1204 by Duke Ludwig I, the 'Kelheimer'. For 250 years this ancestral seat of the Wittelsbachs was the residence and seat of government of the dukes of Lower Bavaria. The 'Rich Dukes' of Bavaria-Landshut, Heinrich, Ludwig and Georg, ruling in the 15th century, played a particularly influential part in the castle's development. Even today, at four-yearly intervals, the town still celebrates the 'Landshut Wedding', re-enacting the wedding of Georg, son of Ludwig the Rich, to Hedwig, the daughter of the Polish king, in 1475. In the 16th century important additions were made to the castle and it acquired some of the attributes of a Renaissance palace.

Thus today the exterior of Trausnitz Castle is dominated on the one hand by its medieval buildings such as the almost intact ring of fortifications with its peel towers, gate buildings and sections of the original battlements.

as well as the high keep, known as the Wittelsbach Tower. With the magnificent inner courtvard with its arcades, on the other hand, the castle displays its Renaissance heritage.

> Included in the tour of the castle are medieval halls and the castle chapel with its important sculptures and the winged altarpieces of the Rich Dukes. The Renaissance epoch is represented with vaulted cabinets, panelled rooms and the famous Fools' Staircase with its monumental scenes from the Italian Commedia dell'arte.

One room documents the former splendour of the 'lodging' created for King Ludwig II of Bavaria. The tour culminates with a view of the town from the balcony.

> great collectors, and examples of their treasures are on display in the Trausnitz Castle Chamber of Art and Curiosities.

The Wittelsbach dukes were traditionally

Trausnitz Castle (left); castle chapel (right)

Söllerstube (left); Chamber of Art and Curiosities (right)

