

## A Place with History

### about 10.000 B.C.:

The Laach Lake landscape is created due to a massive volcanic eruption

### 1093

Count Palatine Heinrich II. of Laach endows the monastery

### 1112

Count Palatine Siegfried of Ballenstedt affiliates the monastery to Affligem Abbey in Brabant which sends monks to the community on the lake

### 1156

The church is consecrated

### 1220

The Paradise (pillar-portico) is added

### about 1500

The frescoes under the organ loft arise

### 1802

The Abbey is dissolved during the time of secularisation

### 1820

The Delius family acquires the monastery as an estate

### 1855

The living area is largely destroyed by a fire

### 1863

The German Jesuit Province builds its Collegium Maximum

### 1892

The Benedictine Congregation of Beuron buys the Abbey back; resettlement of the monks.

### 1932

Laach artists, i.e. monks, create the lion fountain in the inner yard of the Paradise

### 1933

Konrad Adenauer takes refuge from the Nazis in the Abbey

### 1992

100 years of resettlement by Benedictine monks

### 1993

900-years-anniversary of the Abbey. Six more bells are added to the already existing six Laach bells

### 2006

Celebration of the Abbey's 850 years of consecration



## Opening hours Monastery Forum

April 1st – October 31st

**Tuesday to Saturday** 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

**Sunday, Monday & Public Holidays** 1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

November 1st – March 31st

**Sunday & Public Holidays** 1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

**Monday to Saturday** 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

**Afternoons** by appointment only

If you come as a group (as of 20 persons) and want to watch the film, telephone for an appointment.

**Phone: +49 (0) 2652 59 – 350**

**e-mail: klosterforum@maria-laach.de**

## Opening hours Monastery Gate

**Monday to Saturday** 8.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

2.30 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.

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## Where and how to find us

### By car

A 61 exit Mendig/Maria Laach.

Follow the sign Maria Laach for 2 km.

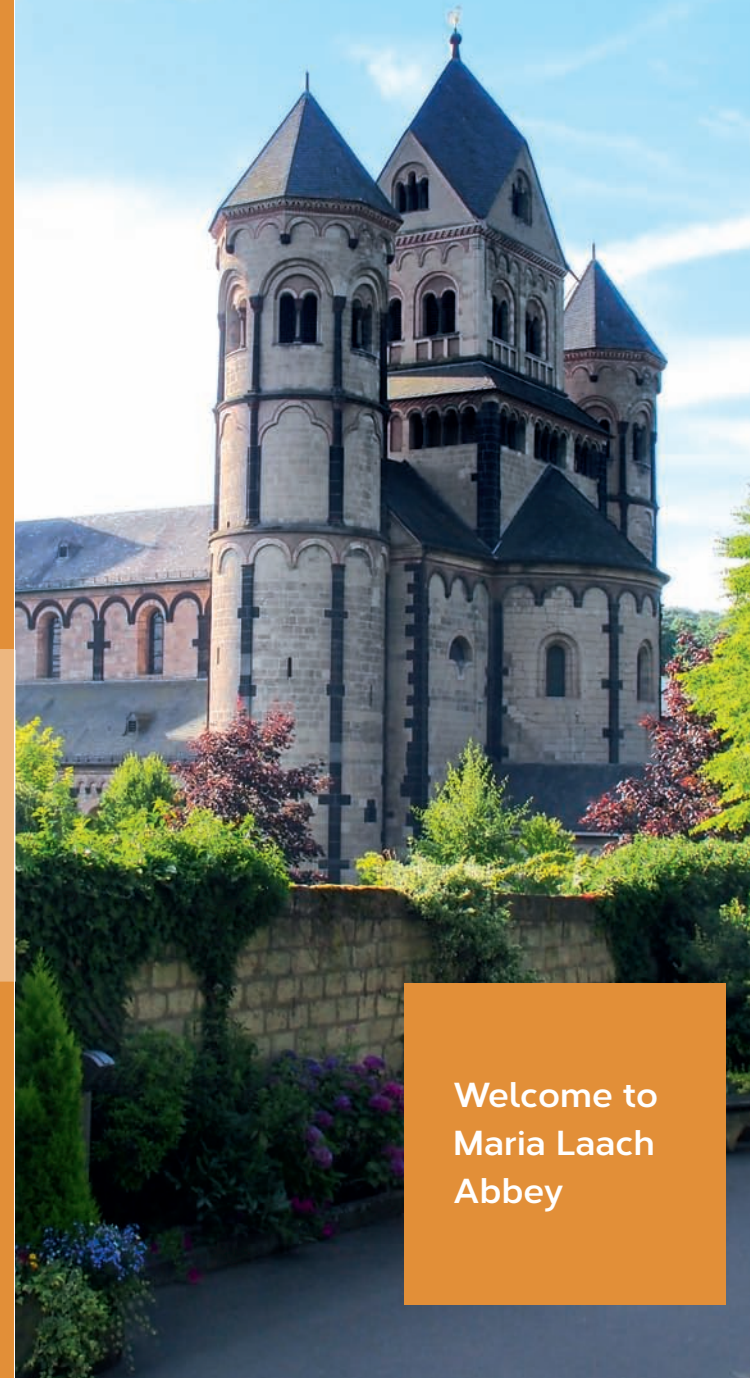
### By train

The nearest railway stations are Niedermendig and Andernach. Information: [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)

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MARIA  LAACH  
Benediktinerabtei



Welcome to  
Maria Laach  
Abbey



## A Welcoming Community

We live in our abbey on the shore of the Laach Lake, surrounded by a beautiful volcanic landscape.

900 years ago the first monks came to the monastery, which was founded in 1093, to live according to the rules of the Holy Benedict of Nursia (+547) and to serve God and Christ in prayer and work (ora et labora), in hospitality and spiritual reading.

This is what we Benedictines do to this day!

We invite you to get in touch with us and learn more about our monastery. Experience our hospitality.

Visit our romanesque basilica.

If you want to, you may join us in our prayers and services. Visit our monastery and its various studios to gain an impression on how we work. Enjoy the unique landscape and spend a moment of silence and peace.

Whether in groups, with family and friends or alone, whether for a few hours or for longer, we cordially welcome you!





## Church

The heart of our monastery is the six-towered Romanesque basilica. It is considered one of the most beautiful Romanesque monuments of our country.



## The Guest Wing St. Gilbert

Here guests can stay, participate in retreats and seminars and spend periods of silence. Our guest Fathers will gladly inform you.

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## Monastery Forum

Here you can learn about Maria Laach. We are available for information and discussions. You can watch a movie on our monastery in German, English, French or Dutch. There are also exhibitions on various themes. The admission is free - donations are welcome. | Phone: +49 (0) 2652 59 - 350



## Books and Art

In our bookshop you can choose from a wide range of books, greeting cards, jewelry and art objects - stylishly presented in beautiful rooms.

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## Monastery Garden Center

Next to herbs and perennials, plants and appealing floristry you will find home grown fruit, i.e. from the monastery orchard. Furthermore our team is ready to give advice regarding questions about plants and flowers.

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## Fishing

Fresh fish from the Laach Lake can be bought in the farm shop (Hofladen). Guests interested in fishing are welcome.

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www.fischerei-marialaach.de



## Boats

From April to September pedalos and rowing boats can be rented.

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## Prayers and Worships

### On Sundays and public holidays

05.30 a.m. Lauds  
07.15 a.m. Holy Mass  
09.00 a.m. Conventual Mass  
11.00 a.m. Holy Mass  
02.30 p.m. Noon Prayer  
05.30 p.m. Vespers  
07.45 p.m. Compline

### On weekdays

05.30 a.m. Lauds  
07.30 a.m. Conventual Mass  
11.45 a.m. Noon Prayer  
05.30 p.m. Vespers  
07.45 p.m. Compline

## Confession

### Daily (except Sunday)

2.30 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

The prayers and worships are open to the public. The Basilica is open daily from 5.00 a.m. until 8.00 p.m. Guests are welcome in the church. We thank you for an appropriate behaviour in the church.



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## Seehotel Maria Laach

Whether seminars, family celebrations or spa vacation - here you can enjoy the restaurant or beer garden.

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## Klostergaststätte

Guests can enjoy regional delicacies and hot or cold beverages.

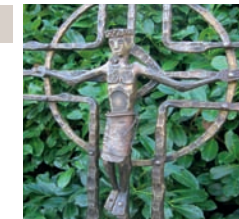
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## Ironwork

Creative, versatile and with great attention to detail. The exhibition garden shows quality objects of copper, bronze, wrought iron and stainless steel combined with wood, glass and stone.

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## Sculpture

Quality work using traditional methods: Sculptures, ornaments for graves, fountains and churches in stone and bronze, in addition, the restoration of sculptures.

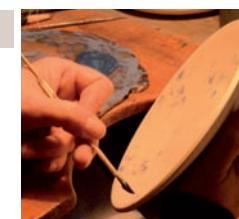
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## Ceramics

The ceramic workshop produces hand-turned and cast stoneware. Products include hand-painted household ceramics, sculptures and other objects. Every piece made here is unique.

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## Villa Reuther

Exhibition Room of the monastery carpenter: furniture and more.

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## Klostergut & Farm Shop

Your address of good quality and sustainable production. We sell healthy food from our own organic cultivation or from selected partner companies. | Phone: +49 (0) 2652 528690

