

Aurelius Church

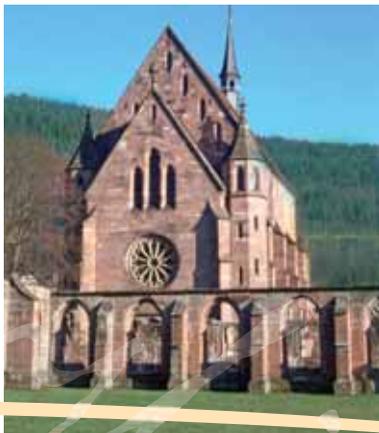
Even before the construction of the magnificent monastery complex on the opposite bank of the river Nagold, from around 830 onwards Benedictine monks were working in Hirsau. Aurelius Church – today the Catholic parish church – is the oldest monastery building in Hirsau and goes back to 1070. It was renovated with great care and decorated with artistic sensitivity by the renowned sculptor Otto Herbert Hajek.

Address: Hirsau, tel.: 0 70 52/26 10 (Catholic Church community)
Opening hours: Mon. – Sun. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Guided tours: Advance booking required (tour includes Hirsau Monastery). Please contact the Calw Tourist Office.
 Tel.: 0 70 51/167 - 399
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Hirsau Monastery

In the monastic reform movement of Cluny in the 11th and 12th century, the former Benedictine Monastery of St. Peter and Paul was one of the most influential reform monasteries north of the Alps. In 1692 it was destroyed by French troops in the War for Succession of the Palatinate. The ruins which as regards architectonic history are most significant include relics from various architectural styles: The well preserved Romanesque three-nave column basilica which once was the largest Romanesque church in the South West of Germany, the Gothic cloister, the late-Gothic Marienkapelle' (Chapel of our Lady) and the ruins of a Renaissance castle which, until 1989, were the home of the elm tree of Hirsau celebrated in verse by Ludwig Uhland.

Opening hours: Freely accessible
Guided tours: May - Oct.: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
Duration: approx. 1 1/2 hour
Meeting point: Main entrance (lower arch)
Cost: Combination ticket: guided tour and monastery museum - adults € 3.50. Children and juveniles 12-18 years: € 2.50. Special tours for groups can be booked at the Calw Tourist Office.
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Herb garden

Based on a medieval model, a herb garden featuring indigenous medicinal herbs was created near the former cloister, behind Aurelius Church. In 37 beds the visitor will see approx. 50 different varieties of plants, e.g. specimens from 'Wahlahfried's herb garden' and 'Hildegard von Bingen's medicinal treasures'.

Location: Hirsau, behind Aurelius Church
Opening hours: freely accessible
Admission: free
Guided tours: Available upon request at the Calw Tourist Office
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Hirsau monastery museum

The Monastery Museum was opened in 1991 in cooperation with the town of Calw and the 'Badisches Landesmuseum' (Regional Museum of Baden) on the occasion of the 900th anniversary of the consecration of the Church of St. Peter and Paul. The museum building goes back to the Romanesque era when it was added to the Northern side of Aurelius Church. It is also an important testimony to the history of the monastery. The exhibition displaying a wealth of written and illustrated information as well as archaeological finds provides excellent insight into the Hirsau monastery culture that dates back more than 1.100 years, into the lives of the monks as well as into the history of Hirsau and its inhabitants in the 19th and 20th century.

Address: Hirsau, Calwer Str. 6, 75365 Calw, tel.: 0 70 51/5 90 15 (during opening hours) fax: 0 70 51/93 52 21 0 e-mail: klostermuseum@calw.de
Opening hours: April – October: Tue. – Fri. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sat. – Sun. 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Closed from November to March.
Admission: Adults: € 2.50, children and juveniles (12-18 years) and groups (ten persons and more): € 1.50, children up to 12 years free



Farmhouse museum

The building which was constructed in 1813 shows how a farmhouse of the 'Calwer Wald' (name of the woodlands west of Calw, near the village of Altburg) with living area, stable and barn was furnished at the turn of the last century. The rustic bedroom with its four-poster bed, the living-room with its cast-iron stove, the kitchen furnished with loving care, the cowshed, a loom and the distillery offer an insight into the life and work of the 19th century which is definitely worth seeing. A variety of implements, tools and utensils required for household and field work complete the historic impression of the house and its inhabitants.



Address: Altburg, Theodor-Dierlamm-Str. 16, 75365 Calw tel.: 0 70 51/5 90 91, fax: 0 70 51/67 62
Opening hours: Guided tours of the building from April – October. Each first Sunday in the month 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; special tours for groups or tours outside opening hours may be booked by contacting the 'Ortsverwaltung' (Local Authorities) of Altburg
Admission: Adults: € 2.00, Groups (15 persons and more) € 1.50 Children and juveniles: free admission

Stammheim

The Ruins of Castle Waldeck

The ruins of the castle 'Waldeck' situated west of the Nagold valley in the local sub-district of Stammheim certainly number among the most beautiful and best preserved ruins of the surrounding area. The castle was built by a nobleman belonging to a side-line of the Counts of Calw around 1100 and, at a time when the rule of force applied, it served as a knight's castle that was feared everywhere. Today, the ruins are a popular hiking destination in the Northern Black Forest. The ruins can be reached by foot (2.5 km path through the woods, approx. 30 minutes) starting from the main road L 348 at the Hotel 'Teinachtal' near Neubulach.

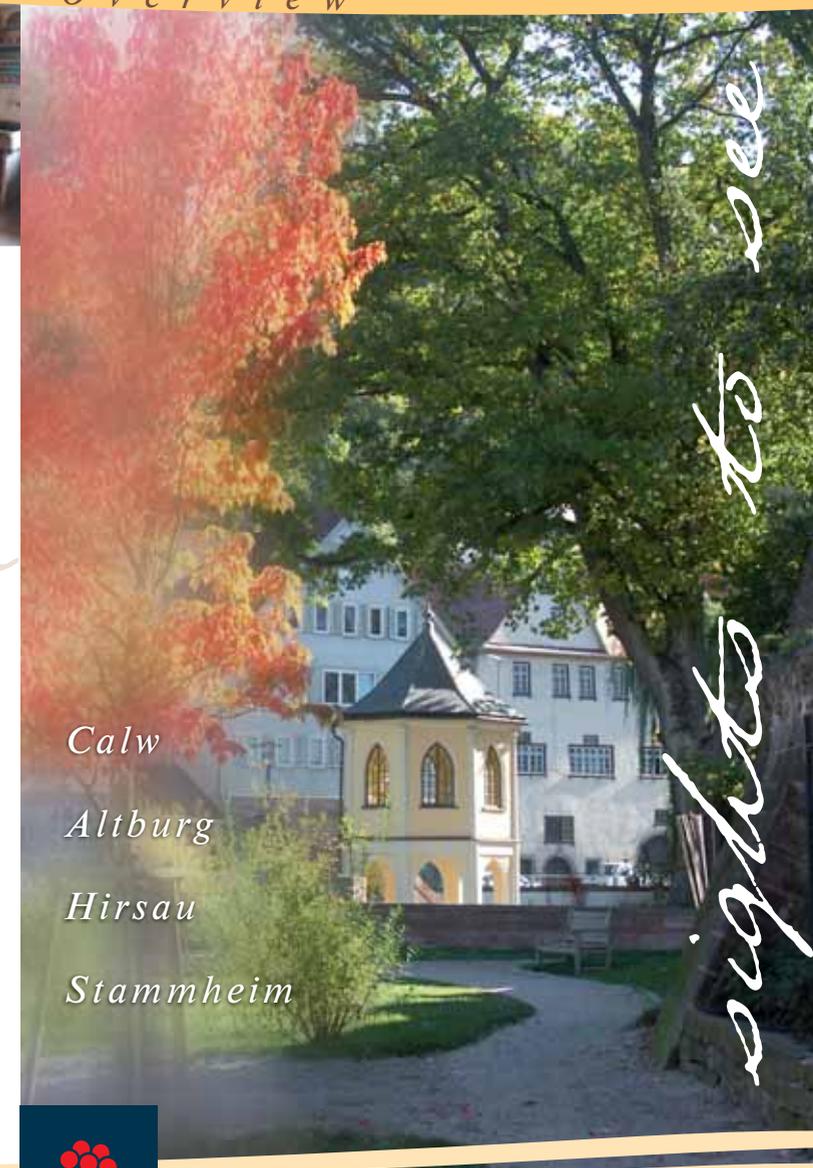
Untere Mühle (Lower Mill)

Just outside the town district of Stammheim, in the valley 'Schleiftäle', you will find the former flour mill 'Untere Mühle', which was built in 1843 and which was in operation from the mid-19th century until 1957. The mill has become a cultural monument as it is powered by Europe's largest wooden overshot watermill-wheel with a diameter of 11.50 m. The mill-wheel was renovated in 1998 and is used today to generate electricity.

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Sights to see and museums

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'The Tall One' (im Zwinger)

'The Tall One' is the only remaining tower of the medieval town fortifications. Formerly it was the home of the town watchmen and also served as a prison. In its interior it hosts a museum which provides detailed information on the history of the old town fortifications and life in past times. During the summer months you can climb the numerous steps leading up to the top of the tower – past the still existing prison cells until you reach the former home of the watchman, from which you are rewarded with a magnificent view of the town.

Address: Im Zwinger 22, 75365 Calw,
tel.: 0 70 51/167 - 260
fax: 0 70 51/9352210
e-mail: stadtarchiv@calw.de

Opening times: Currently closed due to renovations

Admission: Adults: € 1.50, juveniles (12-18 years) and groups (ten persons or more): € 1.00, children up to 12 years free.

Tannery Museum (Tawer's Workshop Balz)

The building of the Balz tawer's workshop is a half-timbered construction above its massive brick base which is typical of the time and which merely served structural purposes. The water workshops with historic machines and equipment are to be found in the basement as well as in a brick extension located by the Nagold. When the tannery trade was introduced the rooms of the first floor were used as storage areas for the skins and furs and as a finishing-room. Today the dry processing of the skins and furs as well as their measurement is demonstrated here. On the former residential floor above, detailed information is provided on the tradition of tanning in Calw, the various tanning techniques and the final products. The two drying lofts display fur drying and wool transport.

Address: Badstraße 7/1, 75365 Calw
Contact: Bürgerverein (Citizens' Association) 'Alte Gerberei e. V.'
tel./fax 0 70 51/37 51

Opening hours: April – October: Sun. 2:00 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Guided tours: Guided tours only (last tour: 4:30 p.m., duration approx. 1 hour)
Special tours for groups available outside usual opening hours upon request.

Admission: (Incl. guided tour) Adults: € 2.00, children and juveniles: € 1.00.
Special rate for groups: € 30.00 (approx. 15 people)
School classes: € 15.00 (approx. 15 people)



Hermann-Hesse-Museum

In 1990, the Hermann Hesse Museum was officially opened in the historic town palace 'Haus Schüz' (Schüz House) in close vicinity to the house where the writer was born in 1877. The museum boasts one of the most extensive collections on Hermann Hesse who is the most widely read German-language author of the 20th century and who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1946. A comprehensive biographical exhibition on the life, work and influence of the poet and novelist is on display, ranging from his first attempts as a writer up to 'Steppenwolf' and 'The Glass Bead Game'. Hesse as a painter is also represented with impressive works. The museum hosts first and reprinted editions of Hesse's writings, handmade manuscripts, drawings and water-colour paintings and photos of the various stages of his life, with focus on Calw. Awards on behalf of Hesse go to scholarship holders of the Calw Hermann Hesse Foundation. An exhibition area is dedicated to them and the museum's educational offerings create a learning environment that is also fun. Various temporary exhibitions focusing on Hesse and his life and work round off the visit. With this museum Calw boasts an important centre for exhibitions and cultural events on Hesse.

Address: Marktplatz 30, 75365 Calw,
tel.: 0 70 51/75 22 (during opening hours)
fax: 0 70 51/9352210
e-mail: Hermann-Hesse-Museum@calw.de
internet: www.calw.de

Opening hours: April – October Tue. – Sun. 11:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
November - March: Tue. - Thu, Sat – Sun. 11:00 a.m. - 04:00 p. m.
Admission: Persons 18 and older € 5.00; schoolchildren, students, pensioners: € 3.00; groups (ten persons and more): rate per person during opening hours € 3.00, outside opening hours € 5.00, schoolchildren etc. € 3.00

Guided tours: Groups (ten persons and more) – advance booking required during opening hours adults: € 6.00, schoolchildren etc. € 4.00, outside opening hours adults: € 7.00 schoolchildren, students, pensioners € 5.00

Locations linked to Hermann Hesse in Calw

This walk through the hometown of Hermann Hesse will point out all sites which have a biographical and literary connection to the poet and his family. An information leaflet on the walk is available in various languages at the Hermann Hesse Museum and at the Calw Tourist Office. Guided tours are also available 'in the footsteps of Hermann Hesse'.

Historic Walk around the Town

The historic walk around the town will lead you through the old town centre of Calw. A coloured brochure containing a great deal of valuable and interesting information can be purchased for € 5.10 at the Calw Tourist Office and the Hermann Hesse Museum. Guided tours are also available.

Vischer Palace (Calw Town Museum)

The imposing building which today hosts the town museum was built between 1787 – 1791 by the head of the 'Calwer Compagnie' (Calw Cloth Manufacturing and Trading Company), Johann Martin Vischer, according to the plans of the ducal court architect, Reinhard Fischer from Stuttgart. Some rooms have been preserved in their original state and provide an insight into the style of refined home furnishing of the time. In 18 rooms the museum provides interesting information on the history of the town, special events and important persons. Themes are, among others: the 'Calwer Compagnie' as an important economic factor in Württemberg, the life and work of the world-famous chemist's family Gärtner, of the Calw citizen Ulrich Rülein and his most important book on mining and the rural world of the 'Calwer Wald' (the woodlands West of Calw, near Altbürgl).

Address: Bischofstraße 48, 75365 Calw, tel.: 0 70 51/939710,
fax: 0 70 51/9352210, e-mail: Stadtmuseum@calw.de

Opening hours: April – October: Sat. & Sun.
11.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Admission: See the 'Tall One'
Guided tours: Advance booking required



Women's pathways through Calw

This tour leads you to the dwellings and workplaces of women in Calw, who up until now have been forgotten or to whom little attention has been paid. It introduces you to e.g. the court apothecary Maria Andrea, poet's companion and biographer, Emilie Uhland, the successful writer, Agnes Sapper, the missionary, Julie Gundert and the early town counsellor, Else Konz. But it also tells the story of women who demonstrated particular strength and courage or suffered harm in the course of their more "typical" lives. In short: the tour focusses on everyday history and the town's history from the point of view of women. Guided tours are also available.

The scaffold

Today, the Calw scaffold is a sight only encountered by people out walking – an execution place which has long been out of use. In 1818, the last person was sentenced to death and executed at this site, accompanied by a crowd of onlookers. The scaffold can be reached by foot as follows: from the forest car park "Zavelsteiner Sträßle" in the town district of Wimberg walk straight into the woods, after approx. 100 m turn left in the direction of Calw following the hiking trail marked with a black-red diamond. After approx. 500 m, on your right, you will reach a round stage made of stone with a wide staircase – the scaffold.

Railway Museum 'Stellwerk I'

(In the 'Calw Süd' railway station)
In 1872 the first train pulled into Calw in the form of the Württemberg 'Schwarzwaldbahn' from Stuttgart via Weil der Stadt. 'Stellwerk 1 Calw Süd' (Signal-box 1 Calw South) going back to 1889 is the oldest still existing-signal-box of the former 'Königlich Württembergische Staatsbahn' (Royal State-Railway of Württemberg).

Address: Bahnhofstraße 59, 75365 Calw (not a postal address).
On railway premises opposite the youth centre.
Information: Hans-Ulrich Bay, Altbürger Str. 12, 75365 Calw,
tel. 0 70 51/2 05 41, www.schwarzwaldbahn-calw.de

Opening hours: Due to renovations, not expected to be open for visitors until November 2012

