



# KLOSTER WALKENRIED ZISTERZIENSER MUSEUM

## Our highlights of the year

### Nacht der Offenen Pforte (Open Night)

- Every Easter Sunday
- Evening event with an atmospheric supporting programme in the monastery and World Heritage Info Centre
- Gregorian choir, readings, music, mediaeval writing room, living history and much more
- 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
- Religious orders from around 30 monasteries with products from their kitchens, cellars, workshops and gardens
- A space for culture, friendly encounters, body and soul

### Harz Monastery Summer

- Always from June to September
- Events, guided tours, monastery festivals

### Spiritual Autumn

- Always from October to November
- A series of events at the Harz monasteries Walkenried, Drübeck, Wöltingerode, Michaelstein and Brunshausen
- Special programmes for inner reflection and a break from everyday life

### Walkenried Cloister Concerts

- Always from May to December
- Musical experiences with renowned orchestras and artists
- Atmospheric setting in the Gothic cloisters

[www.kloster-walkenried.de](http://www.kloster-walkenried.de)

## Visitor information

### Guided tours for individual visitors

From April to the end of October: daily at 13:45. From November to the end of March: Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays at 13:45.

### Candlelight tours

The atmospheric tour begins at dusk and takes you through the unique cloisters, which are bathed in the light of hundreds of candles. Bookable from October to March.

### Evening tours

From April to September, the Walkenried cloisters reveal their special magic in the evening light. A tour in the evening hours enables you to experience this fascinating atmosphere.

### AudioGuide / MuseumApp

Individual visitors can make use of an AudioGuide for a small fee – either for adults or a special guide for children. The AudioGuide for adults is available in German or English, or as a Museum-App. The app can be downloaded free of charge in the entrance area of the Museum or via the website.

### Guided tours for groups

The museum offers themed tours for senior citizens and travel groups of all kinds. Dates can be booked individually.

### Educational museum programmes

Tours and workshops are offered for all school classes and age groups from 5 to 16 years. They can also be booked for children's birthdays.

Reservation is necessary for all guided tours offered.  
Registration & booking:  
[info@kloster-walkenried.de](mailto:info@kloster-walkenried.de)  
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Dates and further information:  
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## CistercianMuseum Walkenried Monastery

Mediaeval monasteries were places of spirituality and the search for God, of inner reflection and tranquillity, of prayer and work as well as scientific experimentation and scholarliness. A fascinating world that is largely unknown to us today.

And yet there are astounding parallels with the present – 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 the Harz Mountain Region

In 2010 the monastery, with its unique Gothic double-naved cloister-wing, became part of the World Heritage Site "Mines and Upper Harz Water Management System", which includes one of the world's largest and most significant pre-industrial energy supply systems.

There is a good reason for the unusual decision to include a mediaeval monastery in an industrial monument: in the early 13th century the Walkenried monks, who were important operators of mines and smelting works in the Upper Harz and at the Rammelsberg, developed the first systems to supply

water to their own mining facilities and fishery ponds. Their pond and ditch system in the Pandelbach Valley near Seesen, constructed around 1225, is regarded as the oldest part of the Upper Harz Water Management System.

Directly opposite the Museum is the World Heritage Info Centre (with tourist information), which is suitable for wheelchairs. A modern and interactive exhibition that is free of charge informs you about the theme of World Heritage as well as the locations and what is offered in one of the most diverse World Heritage Sites in Germany – the World Heritage in the Harz.

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Steinweg 4a · 37445 Walkenried

**Opening times**  
Beginning of April to end of October  
Tue. – Sun. / Public holidays 10 – 17  
Beginning of November to end of March  
Wed. – Sun. / Public holidays 10 – 17

**Information, prices, reservations**  
Visitor Service CistercianMuseum  
MonasteryCafé and Monastery Shop  
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**World Heritage Info Centre Walkenried**  
Steinweg 4 · 37445 Walkenried  
Opening times – same as  
CistercianMuseum  
Entry free of charge

## Walkenried Lutheran Church

St. Maria and Martini  
Telephone 05525-800  
www.kirchengemeinde-walkenried.de

Church service in the chapter house  
Sundays at 10:30

**Getting here by train, bus or car**  
Bus and car parking next to the  
CistercianMuseum

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



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