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Welcome to KLOSTERLAND!

In whichever direction one heads in Europe – whether by car, by bike or on foot – one stumbles across the stonework testimonies to consecrated lives: abbeys.

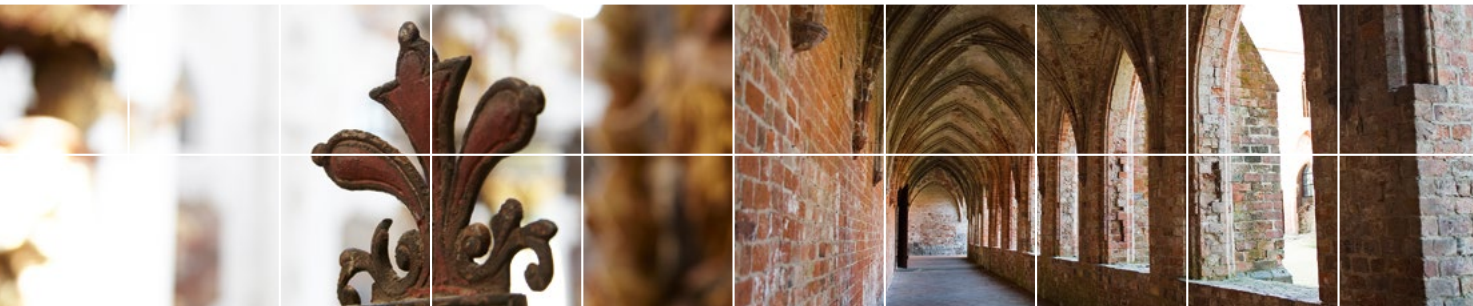
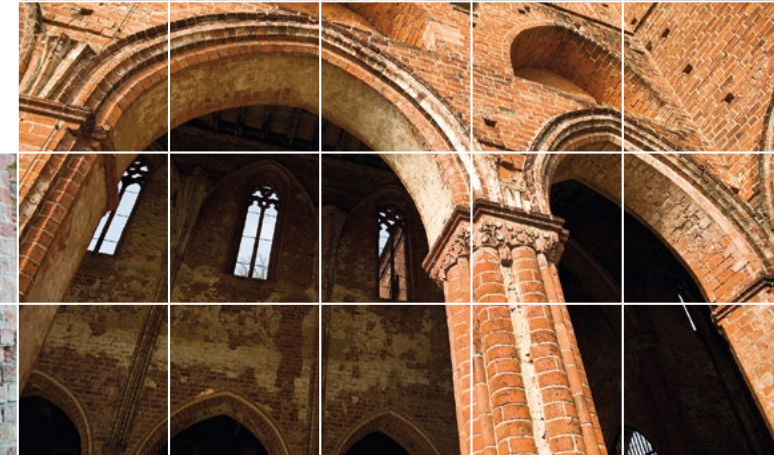
When the sun shines on the masonry, time stands still, and one can almost hear the chants of the monks in the cloister. How did they bake the richly ornamented bricks, and how did they cultivate their gardens? What did they sing? What relationship did they have to the people of the local village and to other religious orders in the area? And what recipe did they use to brew their distinctive beers?

The rich culture on offer in the abbeys of KLOSTERLAND can be traced to the diverse forms of monastic heritage at these numerous locations. Then as now, the religious communities and the historically-run abbeys aren't confined to their walls; they are firmly rooted in the cultural and social life of their surroundings. KLOSTERLAND keeps you informed about on-site events and other cultural highlights, such as markets, festivals, tours and exhibitions – bringing visitors closer to monastic heritage.



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The non-profit organisation KLOSTERLAND was founded in 2013 with the aim of establishing trans-regional, cross-border cooperation among abbeys and promoting the preservation and revitalisation of monastic heritage.

KLOSTERLAND is a contact for former and active abbeys, their surrounding regions and towns, and their cultural and touristic target groups.

Under the KLOSTERLAND umbrella brand, member abbeys present their individual offerings as well as network products, like abbey markets, events and information media.

Member abbeys

Originally founded by a range of religious orders, the abbeys of KLOSTERLAND have left a lasting impression on the cultural landscape since the 11th century. Today, visitors can discover the individual characters of the specific abbeys, as well as the similarities between the nunneries and monasteries of the different orders: Premonstratensian, Benedictine, Cistercian, Franciscan, Augustinian, Dominican and Clarist. Though most convents were dissolved during the Reformation or as part of 19th century secularisation, some abbeys are still home to religious life.

The abbeys of KLOSTERLAND welcome visitors of diverse interests. With their varied cultural programmes they communicate the history of these distinctive architectural monuments, enabling guests to discover the uniqueness of each location and allowing them to experience monastic culture firsthand.

What's on offer

Information about:

- Contact details, directions, opening times and prices
- History, location and the surrounding area of the different sites
- What's on offer at the different abbeys
- Travel tips and excursions
- Offerings related to monastic culture

Individual abbeys offer visitors the following:

- Guided tours and educational opportunities
- Exhibitions and museums
- Spiritual opportunities
- Concerts and theatre productions
- Activities for children and families
- Markets and festivals
- Restaurants and shops
- Recreational activities

