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The Black Forest Open Air Museum – Experience and discover 600 years of Black Forest History

Founded 50 years ago as a museum of Black Forest architecture, today the Open Air Museum Vogtsbauernhof in Gutach appeals to all our senses to impart how people used to live and work in the Black Forest. The tour around the museum shows the different regions of this mountain range: from the Hotzenwald and the Dreisam Valley via the Schauinsland to the day labourer's cottage from Oberprechtal, the "Hippenseppenhof" from Furtwangen and, finally, the mighty farmhouses from the Valleys of Gutach and Kinzig. In total, six completely equipped Black Forest farmhouses from the 16th to the 19th century, a day labourer's cottage, a 600-year-old sandstone building from the northern Black Forest and 15 additional buildings such as mills, sawmills, a chapel, and storehouses can be visited.

The new season in 2018 brings the northern Black Forest to the museum, with the opening of the Schlössle - or 'little castle' - from Effringen from Wildberg in the district of Calw. This former country manor is more than 600 years old, making it both the oldest building and the first manor house in a Baden-Wuerttemberg open air museum.

Those expecting to merely see old houses in the Open Air Museum Vogtsbauernhof are in for a surprise: you will find domestic animals of old breeds in the stalls, goats and sheep grazing in the meadows, and the black kitchens still smell of the last fire's smoke. A comprehensive and carefully planned programme with daily activities provides for an eventful visit to the museum throughout the entire season: live cooking in the smoky kitchen, daily demonstrations of the mill, a museum workshop for families and many more exciting highlights such as Traditional Costume Day and the Autumn Festival with butchering.

During the season, numerous craftsmen and -women present their traditional crafts on the grounds of the museum. The programme alternates daily so you will get to see at least one of following: the broom-maker, the spinner, the weaver, the wood-carver, the straw-shoemaker and many more.

You can find our detailed year's programme on the website of the Black Forest Open Air Museum Vogtsbauernhof: www.vogtsbauernhof.de

Events and Highlights

Daily events

- **Daily craftsmen demonstrations**
Museum visitors are invited to witness traditional crafts. Every day from May to September, from 11.00 am to 17.00 pm.
- **Mill demonstration**
Daily at 11.00 am, 12.30 am and 2.00 pm.
- **Free guided tours for the public (in German)**
Daily at 2.30 pm, in August also at 11.30 am.
- **Free guided tours for public (in English)**
In July and August daily at 1.00 pm.
- **Museum workshop for families**
Under expert guidance, the museum guests can make various items and objects, from cuckoo pipes and water wheels to lanterns .In our main seasons from mid-Mai to mid-September and during the Easter and autumn half-term holidays, daily from 11am to 4pm (last workshop begins at 3.30pm). In the low-season there aren't workshops on Mondays and Fridays.

Regular events

- **Country women's day**
Local ladies prepare traditional regional specialities. A real treat!
Every first Saturday of the month from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm.
- **Open workshop for families**
The open workshops for families offer various activities for the whole family.
Every Sunday from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm we invite you to work, build, paint and puzzle while stocks last.
- **Traditional "Bollenhut" costumes in the museum**
Meet the women from Gutach in their traditional costumes with the red bobbed hat - every Sunday from mid-May to mid-September from 1.00 to 3.30 pm.

Museum Profile

Mission	The Black Forest Open Air Museum is a forum for the entire Black Forest region. It carries out research projects and explores the cultural heritage and development of all rural areas in the Black Forest region. In addition, the museum collects and preserves for the future important cultural assets from the region to ensure that the people of the region and visitors can access and experience these collections. In this way, the Open Air Museum contributes to the promotion and preservation of the regions cultural identity.
Location	On B 33, between Hausach and Gutach / Schwarzwaldbahn
Governing Authority	County of Ortenau
Size	17 acres
History	<p>1963: Foundation of the museum and beginning of the restoration of Vogtsbauernhof farmstead</p> <p>1964: Opening of Vogtsbauernhof farmstead and its outbuildings</p> <p>1966: Opening of Hippenseppenhof farmstead and its outbuildings</p> <p>1972: Opening of Lorenzenhof farmstead</p> <p>1980: Opening of Hotzenwald farmstead</p> <p>1982: Opening of Schauinsland farmstead</p> <p>1996: Museum is transformed into an enterprise</p> <p>1999: Opening of Falkenhof farmstead</p> <p>2002: Opening of day labourer's cottage "Wirtstonis"</p> <p>2006: Opening of the reception building</p> <p>2010: Opening of the adventure playground</p> <p>2014: Opening of the station "Gutach Freilichtmuseum"</p> <p>2017: Opening of Hermann-Schilli House</p> <p>2018: Opening of 'little castle' from Effringen</p> <p>2019: Opening of Water playground and Pavilion for Museum Education</p>
Visitors / Significance	With 220.000 visitors during its seven-month season on average, the museum is the most visited open-air museum in Germany and one of the most visited throughout Europe. The museum is a very important tourist attraction in the Black Forest. Since its opening, the museum has attracted 15.6 million visitors.
Exhibitions	<p>The only museum that collects important cultural assets of all Black Forest regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Six fully furnished Black Forest farm houses and one labourer's cottage ▪ The 600-year-old "Little Castle from Effringen" is one of the oldest buildings in a German open-air museum ▪ The "Hermann Schilli" house (built in 1980) with its modern lecture room and a permanent exhibition on the lifestyle of the 1980s ▪ A number of outbuildings including storage houses, chapels, grain and sawmills as well as boundary stones and wayside shrines ▪ Typical gardens and traditional livestock (e.g. horses, cows, pigs and goats) ▪ Experience the inner workings of mills, different trades and crafts, a workshop for families as well as other exciting activities ▪ A wide range of tours for groups, school and kindergarten children
Origin of Visitors	<p>70% Germany</p> <p>30% foreign countries (Netherlands, USA, France, Italy, Spain, Israel)</p>
Number of Employees	Year-round: 15, during season: about 50

The Schlössle or “Little Castle” from Effringen

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In 1379, after the original building had become derelict, building work began on a grand, three-storied mansion with tower. Since then, the building has been referred to as a *Schlössle*, meaning 'little castle' (or palace), both by the locals and in the archives. First used by the steward of the estate, it was then mentioned as a manor house with right of patronage and finally inhabited as a farmhouse. After various phases of renovation, the last occupants lived in the house until 1972.

After years left standing empty and receiving only minimum maintenance, it passed from the owners, the Gauß family, into the hands of the museum. It was now almost derelict and needed a massive amount of work. The ensuing highly complex and costly process of restoration and relocation to the museum took three years.

Thanks to the recollections of the house's last occupants, the rooms could be refurbished to look more or less as they had when the family moved out in 1972. Historical photos of the interior which were found in the family photo album, though few in number, provided the museum team with valuable additional help.

On the ground floor, in what were once the animal stalls, visitors to the museum will find information material about the history of the building and a presentation of original objects found in the house or during excavation work after dismantling the building.

Guided Tours

Guided themed tours for groups

Let yourself be guided by experts through the Open Air Museum.

1. Find out how it used to be

General guided tour.

Duration: 60 minutes

Languages: German, English, French, Spanish, Russian

Price: € 60 plus entrance fee p.p. (German) / € 70 plus entrance fee p.p. (other language)

2. Women of the forest

Black Forest agricultural women and maidservants

A culturally historical encounter with the women of our region. Not one of them remained a young, carefree Black Forest girl her whole life long.

Duration: 90 minutes

Languages: German, English, French

Price: € 80 plus entrance fee p.p. (German) / € 90 plus entrance fee p.p. (other language)

3. The farmer and God

About Christian and other symbols

A kind all their own, these people from times gone by. Evidently extremely religious yet very, very superstitious. We've arranged an opportunity for you to meet them.

Duration: 90 minutes

Languages: German, English

Price: € 80 plus entrance fee p.p. (German) / € 90 plus entrance fee p.p. (English)

4. The healing power of herbs

A stroll through old farm gardens. Optionally, it is also possible to book a schnapps tasting.

Duration: 90 minutes

Languages: German, English, French

Price: € 80 plus entrance fee p.p. (German) / € 90 plus entrance fee p.p. (other language)

Museum discoveries for groups

Care to try churning the butter yourself? Or how about taking part in a Black Forest "Vesper" (a meal consisting of bread, cold cuts, cheese, etc.)? With our "Museum Discoveries" programme you can obtain fascinating information while you participate in interactive activities.

1. Black Forest specialities

Form your own impression of the unique Black Forest culture and enjoy a hearty snack with your friends in the old rustic farmhouse living room.

Duration: 90 minutes + 60 minutes meal

Languages: German, English, French, Spanish, Russian

Price: € 36 p.p. (German) / € 37 p.p. (other language) (including entrance, guided tour, meal, two drinks and a schnapps)

2. Cherry whispers

Your tour ends at the Hofengel museum restaurant, where a master of his art will show you how to bake a famous Black Forest cake - and you'll find out straight away what it tastes like.

Duration: 90 minutes

Languages: German, English, French, Spanish, Russian

Price: € 17 p.p. (German) / € 18 p.p. (other language) (including entrance, guided tour, one piece of Black Forest gâteau and one cup of coffee)

3. Butter - the real thing

Round off your merry outing with the fare of kings on wooden boards: bread and butter. There is a small catch: you have to churn the butter yourselves. Enjoy!

Duration: 90 minutes

Languages: German, English, French, Spanish, Russian

Price: € 15 p.p. (German) / € 16 p.p. (other language) (including entrance, guided tour, snack)

4. Baking Day

Enjoy a guided tour through the museum before getting started! The bakehouse is preheated and it's time to roll up your sleeves! With your hands, the big dough turns into many fine little "Datschkuchen". This Black Forest speciality tastes best when it has just come out of the oven. Enjoy!

Duration: 180 minutes

Languages: German, English, French

Price: € 25 p.p. (German) / € 26 p.p. (other language) (including entrance, guided tour, snack)

Learning Experience for School Classes

Learn, understand, experience - history you can touch: centuries-old houses, atmospheric rooms, smoky kitchens, blooming gardens, live animals and a cornucopia of smells and scents - things that children will not find anywhere in this form and variety. Here, they can enjoy discovering what history has to do with the present.

Assortment of programs

1. The Black Forest Open Air Museum

Guided tours for school classes. A journey into the past: the children get to know how people in the Black Forest lived and worked in former times.

Ages: All

Duration: 60 minutes

Languages: German, English, French, Spanish, Russian

Price: € 5.50 p.p. (German) / € 6.00 (other language)

2. On the old farm

All about life on an old farm. After checking out the farm we will churn butter together.

Ages: 1st - 4th graders

Duration: 90 minutes

Languages: German, English, French, Spanish, Russian

Price: € 7.50 p.p. (German) / € 8.00 p.p. (other language)

3. Baking day

Bake your own bread step by step: students will learn all about the former meaning and production of a food product which remains one of most important ones to this day. We will bake bread together in the woodstove.

Ages: 3rd - 6th graders

Duration: 180 minutes

Languages: German, English, French

Price: € 12.00 p.p. (German) / € 12.50 p.p. (other language)

4. Cider making

From mid-September to mid-October we offer you the opportunity to make cider. If all goes well, every student will get to enjoy a glass of homemade, freshly pressed apple juice and a delicious slice of bread with butter.

Ages: 1st - 10th graders

Duration: 120 minutes

Languages: German, English, French, Spanish, Russian

Price: € 8.50 p.p. (German) / € 9.00 p.p. (other language)

You can find an overview of all our programmes on our website: www.vogtsbauernhof.de

Offers for Individual Visits with Children

Daily offers for children and families

The Open Air Museum particularly addresses children and families with tailored offers. In the museum workshop, our youngest visitors can make various work pieces out of wood such as cuckoo whistles, water wheels or key racks - under professional supervision.

In the interactive permanent exhibition “Loft of Childhood” in the loft of the Hotzenwaldhaus, a storage room at first sight, the museum’s mascot Menne invites visitors young and old to test, touch and rummage through things.

In the Lorenzenhof, a forest labyrinth awaits discovery.

In the bedchamber of the Falkenhof, visitors can find out what it feels like to sleep in a real straw bed and the light installation in the farmer’s bedchamber will demonstrate how dark it used to be when there was only candlelight on the farms.

Additional special offers for families and children are the cow bell organ in the Hippenseppenhof, a memory game in the Falkenhof and all the animals in the museum meadows.

Furthermore, the adventure playground and the playing loft in the Falkenhof offer more than enough opportunities to romp around.

Special events for children

On theme-related activity days, our museum education staff look forward to building various articles of daily use and small works of art with our young visitors. Thus, tractors or ducks are made of wood at the Vintage Tractor Meeting or “beet ghosts” are made of fodder beets at the Autumn Festival. Information on relevant offers and the whole programme can be found on the museum’s website:

www.vogtsbauernhof.de

Programmes with activities during Easter, Pentecost, summer and autumn holidays

During Easter, Pentecost, summer and autumn holidays in Baden-Württemberg, the Open Air Museum Vogtsbauernhof offers a comprehensive and exciting programme for children. Children are invited to take part in daily activities, have fun and learn something at the same time: from basket-weaving and felting to the production of mustard - every day there is something to experience!

The highlight of the summer holiday programme is our big Children and Family Party, traditionally taking place on the last Sunday of August. On this day, the museum is in the children’s hands and the whole museum is one large arena for activities that offer plenty of opportunities to participate and try things out. In addition to old games and traditional crafts, there are special guided tours for children, “Datschkuchen” fresh from the woodstove, children’s costume dances, horseback riding on ponies and much more.

General information

Museum guide (German, English, French, Spanish)

The museum guide, which is available not only in German but also in English, French and Spanish, is a useful handbook for those who are interested in the details of Black Forest life and work. Additionally, this museum guide is a valuable compendium and reference book for at home.

Audio guide (German, English, French)

You are welcome to use our audio guide which is available in the museum shop.

The museum shop

Crafts by regional artisans, a large range of literature, postcards, gifts and stylish souvenirs are available for purchase in the museum shop.

Opening hours: During the whole season every day from 11.00 am to 6.00 pm.

Museum restaurant

Against an unmistakable backdrop of impressive Black-Forest farmsteads, you can enjoy regional delicacies. Whether in the beer garden or in the restaurant, you will find just the right surroundings for a relaxing break from an unforgettable museum visit.

Picnic and playground area with kiosk

In the museum there is a large picnic and playground area with a kiosk offering snacks and hot and cold drinks.

Visitors using a wheelchair

Visitors using a wheelchair can get to the museum through the entrance without any problems. Many farmsteads are built at street level or are accessible via ramps.

Parking facilities: You can easily pull into the car park in front of the museum.

Toilet: Wheelchair-accessible toilets are located in the entrance building.

Photography

Private photographers are welcome. Please register if you wish to take photos for commercial purposes as the consent of the museum management is required.

Dogs

Dogs are welcome in our museum but must remain on a leash all the time.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited throughout the museum. You will find an ashtray at the kiosk.

All you need to know

Museum hours

The Black Forest Open Air Museum is open from the end of March until the beginning of November, daily from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm (latest admission 5.00 pm), in August 9.00 am to 7.00 pm (latest admission 6.00 pm).

Christmas Market

On the third Advent weekend (Friday afternoon to Sunday evening), a very special Christmas market takes place in the atmospherically illuminated ambience of the Black Forest farmhouses: over 40 exhibitors from the region show their crafts and offer regional products. A supporting programme with activities for children and families rounds off these pre-Christmas days.

Ticket prices

Adults, senior citizens: € 10.00

Reduced (students, disabled people): € 9.00

Children up to 5 years of age: Free

Children and youth (6 - 17 years): € 5.50

Family day pass: € 23.00 - € 32.00

Adult season ticket: € 28.00

Family season ticket: € 50.00

Groups of more than 15 people (group booking only): € 9.00

School classes (group booking only): € 4.00 per student

Getting here

By car, bus, motorcycle:

The museum is situated on the B33. Plenty of parking spaces for cars and buses.

From A5, exit Offenburg, direction Villingen-Schwenningen B33.

From the A81, exit Rottweil, direction Offenburg B462/B294.

From Freiburg, direction Waldkirch/Elzach/Gutach (Schwarzwaldbahn) B294/B33.

Navigation: 77793 Gutach, Wählerbrücke

Coordinates: 48.270012, 8.201101

By train:

The Open-Air Museum Vogtsbauernhof has its own stop right in front of the entrance hall.

The train stops at "Gutach Freilichtmuseum" once every hour during museum hours. For further information, go to www.vogtsbauerhof.de.



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