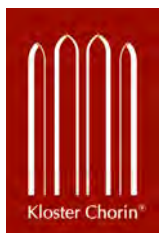


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Opening Hours:

Summer: daily 9am – 6pm

Winter: daily 10am – 4pm

Admission*: 3.50 € / 6.00 €

* Reduced rates are available for school and university students, trainees, disabled persons, and the registered unemployed – with valid identification

Tourist Facilities

 Museum  Eating / drinking  Bathing lake

 Located on pilgrims' or hiking path

 Located on cycle route  Monastery shop  Markets

 Tours available in German and English

 Visitor service in German and English

 Children's and family activities  Concerts  Theatre

 Changing exhibits  Spiritual and church services



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There are other monasteries located near the Cistercian Monastery Chorin, for example:

52,9 km



Cistercian Nunnery Altfriedland

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Prior arrangements must be made to view indoor area

64,6 km



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Cistercian Monastery Chorin

History The former Cistercian monastery is one of Brandenburg's chief historical monuments of early Gothic brick architecture. It was founded by the Ascanian Margraves, Brandenburg's medieval sovereigns, as a prestigious dynastic monastery and family burial site. In 1258, Chorin's predecessor abbey Mariensee, a filiation of Lehnin Abbey, was established at Parstein lake. In 1272, the abbey was relocated to Chorin. It was strategically located near the border and Chorin's core holding spanned over 40 x 40 km (about 25 x 25 mi) in its medieval golden age. It also ran three hospitals and provided the medical care for the region. In 1542, in the course of the reformation, the abbey was dissolved and transformed into an estate belonging to Brandenburg's electoral princes. Then 200 years ago, the Prussian architect and advocate of monument preservation Karl Friedrich Schinkel took steps to save the abbey complex from further decay. He called it »the state's most precious jewels«

Monastery Complex In the 17th century, fires and the carrying off of bricks as building material for other buildings led to the loss of the south range and the southern nave aisle. The church and the east and west range still exist today, as does the infirmary, the former hospital for the monks. The only remaining agricultural buildings are the mill ruins and the brewery.

Exhibitions Chorin's history comes to life through the media stations and objects of its exhibitions: »Karl Friedrich Schinkel and Chorin«, »Monastic Architecture and Economy«. In 2019, a new permanent exhibition »Spiritual Daily Routine« will open. In the tranquil atmosphere of the infirmary, visitors can enjoy exhibitions displaying contemporary art.

Highlights The monument's highlights are its elaborate decorations and west façade constructed to convey prestige and power. Remnants of a mural (from about 1300) are still visible in the Prince's Hall. The landscaped park area surrounding the abbey was designed by Peter Joseph Lenné. The gravesite of the architect Max Taut is located in Chorin's historic grave yard. The one time ice cellar is now a winter home for bats.

Cultural events in the abbey In Summer, the church nave is transformed into a stage for operas, theatre productions, and Chorin Music Summer concerts. Throughout the year, there are tours, presentations, and markets to enjoy.

Location and Surroundings All year round, there are marked trails near the abbey inviting visitors to explore them. In summer, you can cool off in the nearby lake Amtssee.

Tips for the surrounding area

Excursions You can easily reach the quaint **eco-village Brodowin** by foot or by bike following a 6 km long forest path. Their guided farmyard tours offer interesting insights into biodynamic organic agriculture that is ecological and animal friendly. The **ship canal lift in Niederfinow** was the largest of its kind when it was built in 1934 and is now a protected monument.

Where to eat In the **abbey café**, you can enjoy breakfast or a light meal or try their organic cakes and ice cream of Demeter quality. While dining at the nearby **Waldseehotel Frenz**, you have a bird's eye view of the picturesque lake Amtssee.

Places of interest The **Grumsin beech forest** located in the UNESCO biosphere reserve Schorfheide-Chorin is a world heritage site. The **BIORAMA** in Joachimstal has art exhibits and an unforgettable view across the forested landscape of rolling hills formed by glaciers. The **hunting lodge in Groß Schönebeck** has a permanent exhibition about the connection between hunting and power.

