GETTING THERE
By car and coach Through the Westphalian plain, Burg Altena can be reached in about one hour and 45 minutes by car from Düsseldorf. The Youth hostel round off the facilities on offer.

DJh Youth hostel
World Youth hostel Museum
Museum of the County of Mark

By train: Altena station (67 km) or 855 km by train.

By plane: The nearest airports are Düsseldorf and Dortmund.

By bike: Station – Sauerland-Eisenbahnradweg (Sauerland Cycle Path) – and 30 km away from the castle.

By car: Via A 45, exit 13 Lüdenscheid-Nord or via A 46, exit 11 Aachen/Altena (GPS: “Langer Kamp”). Bus stops are located about 500 m downhill. By train: Altena station (67 km) or 855 km by train.

Visit: Tue. – Fri. 9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.
Sat., Sun., public holidays 11 a.m. – 6.30 p.m.
Free admission

Open times: Summer: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., late season: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Winter: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

To get on the car park park:
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INFOTAINMENT ELEVATOR ALTENA CASTLE

To position a wing of the Staufer Building museum, Altena Castle regularly operates a lift to transport visitors up the steep and narrow stairs. Special exhibition rooms on the first floor are reached via this lift.

When you enter the museum, you are greeted by a warm and inviting atmosphere. The museum is divided into several sections, each highlighting different aspects of the city’s history.

The museum offers a wide range of interactive exhibits and multimedia stations that bring the past to life. Visitors can explore the history of the city, its art, culture, and architecture, and learn about the lives of its residents.

A special focus is placed on the local economy and industry, with displays on the development of the city’s industries. Visitors can also explore the city’s natural environment and learn about the flora and fauna of the region.

The museum provides a comprehensive overview of the city’s history and culture, offering insights into its rich heritage and the many contributions it has made to the world.

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EVENTS AT THE CASTLE

Summer – Solar Experience: Altena Castle: From February until December, the castle offers a unique experience of solar energy. The solar panels installed on the castle roof enable the castle to produce its own electricity.

Winter – Night Experience: Altena Castle: During the colder months, the castle transforms into a winter wonderland. Visitors can explore the castle grounds and enjoy a special winter-themed event.

The castle also hosts a variety of other events throughout the year, including concerts, art exhibitions, and cultural performances.

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Historical Castle Grounds

In 1708, the Prince-Catholic Michel of Detmold founded the first hostel at the Castle in Altena. Weyhe wanted to embellish the bare rocks with tree-lined avenues and groves of trees. Large areas on the hillside face were sown and trees and bushes planted. On the hillside facing the castle, elegantly laid out promenades in the style of English landscape gardens, complete with vantage points, were set up. From the vast park, views across the countryside. The park was finished in 1854, but very soon became overgrown. It was partially restored in 2015 and can now be accessed again.

Multimedia Guide & Short Guided Tours

Multimedia guides are available at the ticket office in the passage between the lower and upper baileys on presentation of identification and a fee of €2.50. The devices can be hired at the ticket office in the passage between the lower and upper baileys on presentation of identification and a fee of €2.50. The devices are very easy to use thanks to Wi-Fi tracking and simple menu navigation. The added value for visitors to the museums is enormous. The devices enhance the range of information in an entertaining and educational way. The guide animations and sound recordings enrich the range of information in an entertaining and educational way. The added value for visitors to the museums is enormous. The devices enhance the range of information in an entertaining and educational way.

Pocket-book guides are on sale at the ticket office in the passage between the lower and upper baileys on presentation of identification and a fee of €3. They are available in eight languages: German, English, French, Italian, Russian, Spanish and Turkish. It offers a whole new dimension of experiences. Scenes from computer, interactive animation and sound recordings enhance the range of information in an entertaining and educational way. The added value for visitors to the museums is enormous. The devices enhance the range of information in an entertaining and educational way.

Special exhibitions can be obtained by phone or on our internet website.

Information about the history of the youth hostel movement. There is a DJH youth hostel in the outer castle. Visitors to share in the conflicts, hunts and dining in the Early Modern Age. The Altena Castle Museums and the German Wire Museum regularly hold special exhibitions which are both entertaining and educational.

Examples from recent years: "From Squire to Knight – 100 Years of Youth Hostels" , "Duel – the Conflict about Over Hill and Dale – Hairstyles over the Years" , "Over Hill and Dale – Hairstyles over the Years" , "Over Hill and Dale – Hairstyles over the Years" . Watch out for further examples from recent years. The entrance fee includes guided tours during the dark months.

Children’s birthday programmes are ideal for children’s birthdays. Very small children go on a discovery "treasure hunt" . Children can test out the castle chapel, the dungeons with a "hunger chair" and a presentation of chain mail, rings and helmets. As you try out being the site of the first permanent youth hostel in the world. Its history is the centre of the maternal line of the Prussian royal family. Throughout Germany, people shared in the conflicts, hunts and dining in the Early Modern Age.

Museum of the County of Mark

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World Youth Hostel Museum

Altena Castle gained international fame as a result of its history. It was inaugurated in 1909 on the initiative of Richard Schirrmann, a teacher at a primary school in Altena. His youth hostel concept started to take shape at the same time. From 1909 on, the Castle was used as accommodation for soldiers and draftees. Since then, the castle can be perceived especially well in the Great Tower which presents a fantastic view over the Lenne valley.

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A museum of the County of Mark, Burg Altena is a still-standing castle in Germany. Originally the historical centre of the drawing town of Altena is one of the loveliest mountain lodges in the Sauerland. Settled in a picturesque spot overlooking the old wire and far.

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Wayfaring

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