

Exclusive programmes of supporting events

Wine tasting of a special kind

Wine growing has played a vital role at Kartause Ittingen since medieval times. Learn about the history of our wines and Kartause Ittingen's very own wine making on a visit to our modern wine cellars. You can then attend our subsequent wine tasting where you taste our wines first with your eyes and your nose before savouring it on your palate.

CHF 18.– a person, including three types of wine (CHF 22.– a person, including four types of wine), minimum of 8 persons, maximum of 25 persons. Duration: 60 minutes. From June to middle of September (optional): Guided tour of the vineyards, CHF 90.– extra, duration: 45 minutes.

Tip: Visit the exhibition at Ittingen Museum starting on 25 June 2016: Wine and prosperity. Wine and wine trade past and present. Guided tour, optional wine tasting. Starting from CHF 120.–

Ittingen Museum – The life of the Carthusian monks

Kartause Ittingen is a former Carthusian monastery. Come on a tour of the authentically preserved monastery and learn more about the life of the Carthusian monks and the eventful 900-year-old history of this place.

CHF 120.– a tour, museum entry extra, maximum of 25 persons per group, duration: 90 minutes.

Unconventionally creative – painting with toy cars and other odd objects

Enjoying the pleasure of tinkering and experimenting is at the centre of this workshop. Whether you work alone or in a group, unusual utensils will guarantee surprising colour combinations and stunning visual creations. Painting and drawing is not only something for specialists! A colourful contrast to your seminar, this workshop in the studio cell may well result in a work that one day

will decorate a wall in your company, reminding you of the fact that successful results are often achieved with unconventional means.

CHF 250.– per workshop, including materials, for groups up to 10 persons, duration approx. 45 to 75 minutes.

Make your own cheese – it's easy!

A wood fire, a large copper pot, raw milk and fungal cultures – that's all it takes to produce our spicy Burgherren cheese. Under the supervision of our master cheese maker you can make your own cheese. Some 6 kg of cheese, the loaf will remain in our cellar for about three to six months to reach its desired maturity, after which we will send it on to you. Alternatively, you can enjoy a delicious fondue made from your own cheese here at the Kartause at your next event.

CHF 700.– (lump sum), including tasting of different cheeses during the event, maximum of 30 people per group, duration 1.5 to 2.5 hours.

Tranquil place and forest reserve – tour of Ittingen forest

Wood from Ittingen forest has been used for building and heating since the time of the monks. On this walking tour you will experience the play of light, the atmosphere and colours, scents and temperatures of this unique recreation area. You will learn about the aspects of forestry, the forest reserve's flora and fauna and the significance of the forest for the monastery's past and present. Interesting, too, in this context are the suggestions of former procurator Josephus Wech concerning forest management, dating back to 1745. Choose the tour to start or end your day.

CHF 200.– a tour, maximum of 25 persons per group. Duration: approximately 60 minutes.



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Silence and meditation – experience our maze

The thyme maze, primeval symbol of the human cycle of life, is located in the east of the Baroque garden. In contrast to the conventional maze, the thyme maze will take you to its centre safe and sound – with a few twists and turnarounds on the way. A specialist from tecum (the centre for spirituality and education) will guide you through a simple and relaxing meditation exercise, the group deciding on its thematic orientation. The room of silence located within the monastery's walls is another place for meditation. Please feel free to contact us.

CHF120.– for an accompanied meditation, maximum of 12 persons per group, duration: 60 to 90 minutes (freely selectable).

Ittinger Schnitzeljagd – discover Kartause Ittingen on your own

Ittingen scavenger hunt will take you to various, partly hidden locations on the premises, starting from the farm estate to the yard and the gardens, the source, Jacob's ladder, the museums, through to the pond. Use your powers of deduction to discover the former monastery's hidden corners you would otherwise not get to see. The scavenger hunt is ideal for groups of three to twelve persons. Pick up your map at the reception desk. If so desired, a reward will be placed for the group at the finish.

Only available in German. CHF 7.– a person, ideal for 3 to 12 persons, duration approx. 60 minutes.

Guided tour à la carte – for conferences and seminars

Is your seminar about "communication", "team formation", "strategy" or "vision"? We will find unexpected references between your subject matter and monastic life or the arts. How do Carthusian monks, who are subject to a vow of silence, communicate? How does a monastic community work as a team? How do artistic visions contribute to society? Give us the keywords of your seminar and we will develop inspiring inputs.

CHF 250.– starting price, plus museum entry, for groups up to 20 persons, duration 20 to 60 minutes.

Kartause Ittingen's gardens – idyll, pleasure, inspiration

Walking through the impressive garden and monastery grounds, you will learn a great deal about the life and work of the people who used to live here and who live here now. From the thyme maze via the herbal garden and the orchard to the largest historical rose collection of Switzerland, historical evidence and present-day use come face to face. Vineyards, hop and vegetable gardens, the sumptuousness of flowers and herbs – it all comes together in a unique whole.

CHF 120.– a tour, plus museum entry, duration 90 minutes, maximum of 25 persons per group.

Twenty precious minutes – for interested people with little time

Need to get away from the bustle of (seminar) life? Take a short but concentrated visit to Thurgau Art Museum or Ittingen Museum. They offer numerous possibilities to spend a few minutes immersed in an artwork, surrounded by baroque splendour and the calm play of light of the cloisters. The content of your visit may be determined by the topic of your course.

CHF 120.– a tour, including museum entry, maximum of 25 persons per group, duration 20 minutes.

Do you have any other wishes?

Our team is happy to create a programme of accompanying events that meets all your individual needs.

Contact us via email at reservation@kartause.ch or call +41 52 748 44 11.

Prices in CHF including VAT, museum entry CHF 10.–/groups of at least 10 persons CHF 7.–. Hotel guests and seminar groups with overnight stay get free entry to the museums.