

Welcome to Stift Zwettl Abbey!



The monastery in Zwettl was founded by Hadmar I. of Kuenring in 1138.

The first Cistercians developed a rational, integrated scheme for building abbeys, which was used across Europe. They erected their monasteries far away from settlements, partly even in unpopulated regions. Stift Zwettl Abbey preserved its medieval appearance till today.

The cloister was built in the first half of the 13th century. One can follow the different stages of medieval architecture here – if you look at the oldest parts which are the north and the east wings you can see the rounded Romanesque arches, in the fountain house there are lancet Gothic arches.

Close to the dormitory, where the monks used to sleep, there is the “necessarium”, which was the latrine.

The Chapter House in Romanesque style dates back to the last quarter of the 12th century. Thus it is the oldest extant Cistercian chapter.

The Monastery Church has a late Gothic hall choir which combines harmoniously with an ambulatory and a ring of 14 chapels, its Baroque high altar is dedicated to the Assumption of Virgin Mary,

Audioguides in English are available.

Infrastructure:

Restaurant
Abbey shop

Opening time:

Easter by the end of October , 9.30 am to 4 pm (last entry time 3 pm)

Admission

Adults € 10,50

Concessions € 9,50

Families € 21

Children € 4,50