

ORTENBOURG CASTLE

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+ Description

Located at an altitude of 443 metres at the end of the ridge, Ortenbourg Castle, built between 1260 and 1265 by Rudolf Habsburg, is one of the most beautiful ruins in the Rhine Valley. A masterpiece of military architecture with its high wall surrounding a 32-meter dungeon, it is visible from a distance and fits remarkably in the landscape. This dungeon offered 6 levels of defensive fire and its pentagonal design allowed for better deflection of the attackers' projectiles. The recently created association "Les sentinelles de l'Ortenbourg" aims at the preservation, development and animation of the castle.