

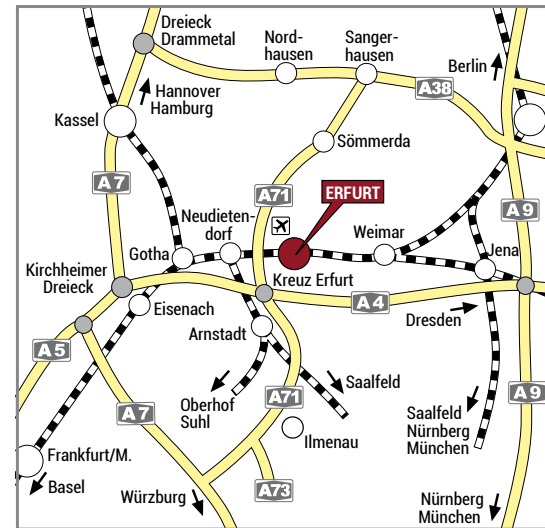


EVANGELISCHE KIRCHE
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DIRECTIONS



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latitude: 50.9814625 · longitude: 11.030005200000005



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Statues on the tower of St Augustine's church,
restoration financially supported by the Circle of Friends

THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The Circle of Friends came into existence as a registered association on 19th July 2006. Its aim is to maintain and preserve the historic and cultural heritage of this former monastery. This objective is fulfilled in particular by the restoration and renovation as well as the upkeep and maintenance of the buildings that constitute St Augustine's.

The members are also involved with the day-to-day running of St Augustine's and thereby support and assist the work of the curator and the pastor.

For instance, the members of the Circle of Friends are involved in the realisation of cultural highlights, benefit concerts and other key events. Our intention through these activities is to encourage a wider public to get actively involved.

The Circle of Friends is a non-commercial organisation and is recognised as a charity by the German tax authorities.



The historic library at St Augustine's

ST AUGUSTINE'S LIBRARY OF THE PROTESTANT MINISTRY

In 1646 the association of Lutheran pastors in Erfurt decided to set up a reference library to support their work. The initial inventory was 40 books provided by the pastors from their own private collections.

Today the library of the Protestant ministry contains about 60,000 books. This collection includes about 100 hand-written books from the twelfth century to the eighteenth century, more than 100 incunabula (books printed before 1500), and around 600 leaflets and flyers from the sixteenth century.

In 1983 library moved into its present home, which was once part of the former dormitory of the monks.

Library opening times:
Mondays 14:00 – 18:00
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:00 – 18:00
Thursdays and Fridays 10:00 – 13:00

Please let us know in advance if you would like to visit.
Tours for groups are possible with prior registration.



View of the monastery buildings sometime after 1669

TOURS OF ST AUGUSTINE'S

You can find out more about the history of St Augustine's, the former monastery and its buildings by joining one of our regular tours. For more information about the times of the tours, please visit our website www.augustinerkloster.de

PERMANENT EXHIBITION "BIBLE – MONASTERY – LUTHER"

The permanent exhibition "BIBLE – MONASTERY – LUTHER" opened in May 2002. It is in a part of the former dormitory of the monks.

The exhibition impressively illustrates the history of the Bible, the life of the Augustinian friars at St Augustine's, as well as Martin Luther's life in Erfurt. The exhibition also includes the reconstructed Martin Luther cell.

The exhibition is an integral part of the monastery tour. It is also possible to visit it outside of a tour but only by prior arrangement.



The Luther cell



St Augustine of Hippo
(key stone)



Part of the mural in St Elisabeth's chapel

ST ELISABETH'S CHAPEL IN THE NIKOLAI TOWER

An early testimonial to the veneration of St Elisabeth by the people of Erfurt exists in the St Nikolai tower, which is very close to St Augustine's.

St Elisabeth's chapel is significant because of its medieval murals. They portray scenes from the life of St Elisabeth of Thuringia such as the departure of the bridal emissaries to Hungary and the marriage of the Hungarian princess to Count Ludwig. The tower and the chapel date back to the fourteenth century.

The murals depicting St Elisabeth's life are some of the very few remaining fourteenth century murals in Erfurt. The medieval artist created vivid images St Elisabeth with a great love for detail.

Tours of the Nikolai tower take place from May to October at 15:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Tours at other times may be possible but only by prior arrangement.



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„Hospitality is everywhere where
the church is.“
Martin Luther



View of St Augustine's

WELCOME

St Augustine's is very near to the city centre of Erfurt. The cathedral, the city hall and the historic *Krämerbrücke* are all only a few minutes walking distance away. This is an ideal starting point to discover the old city quarter and to stroll in Luther's footsteps.

St Augustine's or to give it its full name in German *das Evangelische Augustinerkloster zu Erfurt*, is a unique witness of the Lutheran tradition, of Protestant belief and of present day church life. The monastery in its completeness and cohesion is a rare example of medieval ecclesiastical architecture with three courtyards, monastery buildings and outbuildings. Construction work started in 1276.



The Augustinus room in the 'House of Reconciliation'

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Whether you are planning a conference, a celebration or a reception, we can offer you a range of services to ensure that your event runs smoothly. We can organise the catering, arrange the seating and provide the conference equipment according to your requirements. Our events office will be happy to prepare an individual quote for you.

CONSPECTUS

		size	max. capacity
HAUS DER VERSÖHNUNG – HOUSE OF RECONCILIATION			
1. room	Augustinus	144 m ²	50 people
2. rooms	J. v. Staupitz & Johannes Lang	195 m ²	200 people
3. rooms individually	Johann v. Staupitz Johannes Lang	68 m ² 126 m ²	48 people 96 people
MAIN MONASTERY BUILDING – GROUND FLOOR			
4. room	Genf	27 m ²	12 people
5. rooms	Wittenberg & Rom	85 m ²	50 people
6. festival hall	Luther Hall	140 m ²	150 people
7. chapter room with altar		87 m ²	80 people
MAIN MONASTERY BUILDING – FIRST FLOOR			
8. Raum	Worms	42 m ²	24 people
9. Raum	Strassburg	45 m ²	24 people
10. Raum	Magdeburg	21 m ²	12 people
11. Raum	Eisenach	12 m ²	6 people

AUGUSTINERKIRCHE – ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

12. for church services and ceremonial events		400 people
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WAIDHAUS – WOAD HOUSE

13. prayer and meditation room	72 m ²	20 people
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A guest room

ACCOMMODATION

Following extensive restoration and renovation work there is a wide choice of single and double rooms each with shower and WC en suite available for our guests.

At St Augustine's we feel bound to a simple life style in the monastic tradition. The calm and peaceful atmosphere in our plain and light rooms offers space to relax after a fulfilling day.

GÄSTEHAUS NIKOLAI – NIKOLAI HOTEL

Our hotel on the banks of the river Gera in the old city quarter offers you stylish and lovingly furnished surroundings where you can find peace and comfort. The hotel is about 100 metres/yards from the monastery.



Exterior view from the street



The Woad House at St Augustine's

WOAD HOUSE

The Woad House is an integral part of the building ensemble of St Augustine's. It is a place of tranquillity, contemplation and meditation.



Meditation room



Guest room

The present day Woad House stands on the site of a granary and a woad house both dating back to 1482. The production of woad, a blue dye used in the textile and printing trades, provided the monks with an important source of income. There were about 70 monks and as many lay Brothers at that time.

Following the secularization of the monastery in 1559, the buildings were converted into schoolrooms. On 25th February 1945, both buildings were completely destroyed during an air raid. In 2006 work began on the conservation of the original foundations and on the historic monastery walls on the south and west sides of the buildings.

In 2007 the two houses were rebuilt as a single unit and the new building came into service the following year.



Chapter room

PRAYER

We invite you to pray with us every day. Midday prayers take place at 12:00 and evening prayers at 18:00. On Tuesday evenings during the summer months, we pray in St Elisabeth's chapel in the Nikolai tower, which is opposite the Nikolai hotel and just a short walk from St Augustine's. Every Thursday evening prayers are in English.



Place of Tranquillity

We are a centre of the international network of the Community of the Cross of Nails, thus we celebrate midday prayers on Fridays as prayers for peace in the Place of Tranquillity. Our Cross of Nails is in this cellar of the former monastery library. You can visit this place for peace and contemplation. It is open daily as is St Augustine's church.

CHUCH SERVICES

On Sundays and church festivals we celebrate Holy Communion at 9:30 in the morning. Following the service, we invite you to join us for church coffee or tea.



St Augustine's Church

TIMES OF WORSHIP

09:30 Holy Communion
on Sundays and church festivals
(from Easter to 31st October in St Augustine's Church, 1st November to Palm Sunday in the Chapter Room)

12:00 Midday Prayers

Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays
in St Augustine's Church

Fridays – Prayers for Peace in the Place of Tranquillity in the basement of the House of Reconciliation

18:00 Evening Prayers

Mondays to Sundays in St Augustine's Church
(Tuesdays from June to September in St Elisabeth's chapel in the Nikolai Tower), Thursdays in English, Saturdays with Sunday-greetings

Mondays 20:00 – 21:30

Meditation evening open to all

Silent prayers in the Meditation Room in the Woad House (except on public holidays and during the local summer holidays).



The Luther Rose in the Lion and Parrot window of the church



Walcker organ in the church