



Presentation of the Culture Prize of the City of Passau on December 8, 1940 in the Knights' Hall at Veste Oberhaus. © Stadtarchiv Passau

Scars 1944 - 1950

The exhibition is the first to describe the events of the last year of the war, including the dramatic final days and the looting of the museum's collections. After the war, Veste Oberhaus is used by the US Army as a „Rest Center“ and „GI's dream“, and then as an isolation hospital for tuberculosis and venereal disease.

A New Start 1950 - 1952

The early years of Germany's "economic miracle" are also a new start for Veste Oberhaus. The people of Passau make big plans for the future of their fortress and are not deterred by the need to renovate the historic building. Today's Oberhausmuseum opens in 1952.



The General's Tower in the early 1950s.
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OPENING TIMES MUSEUM

March 15 – November 15
Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm
Saturday, Sunday, public holidays
10am – 6pm

December 25 – January 6
daily 10am – 4pm
closed on New Year's Eve

ADMISSIONS

Museum & Observation Tower

Adult.....	5 €	Children under 6 years.....	free
Concessions / discounts	4 €	Students in class groups	2 €
Family 2 adults	10 €	Groups of 15 or more persons ..	4 €
Family 1 adult.....	8 €	Open castle tour (+ admission) ..	3 €

Due to restructuring, guided tours, workshop programmes or children's birthday parties won't be on offer during the 2024 season. School classes and groups wishing to visit the Oberhausmuseum without a guided tour are of course still very welcome. However, it is essential to book in advance on +49 851 396800 or at anmeldung-oberhausmuseum@passau.de.

SHUTTLE BUS

The shuttle bus runs during museum opening hours. Departure every half hour from Rathausplatz. Information on timetable and tickets at oberhausmuseum.de

VEHICLE ACCESS & PARKING

You can access the fortress via Neue Rieser Strasse or via Ferdinand-Wagner-Strasse. The free visitor car park is located at the end of Rennweg above the fortress.

Address for satnav systems:
Rennweg Parkplatz,
94034 Passau

OBSERVATION TOWER

March 15 – November 15
Monday – Friday 9.30am – 5pm
Saturday, Sunday, public holidays
10.30am – 6pm

Last entry:
30 minutes before closing

FOOTPATH

Via the Battlement Walk, with a beautiful view of Passau, the footpath leads you directly to the Outer Bailey. Duration of ascent: approx. 15 minutes.

⚠ Due to construction work, the alternative footpath is expected to run along Ferdinand-Wagner-Strasse until the end of 2024.

ELEVATOR

The elevator takes you from the visitor car park to the Outer Bailey and to the Oberhausmuseum, as well as to the panoramic terrace on the New Rampart.

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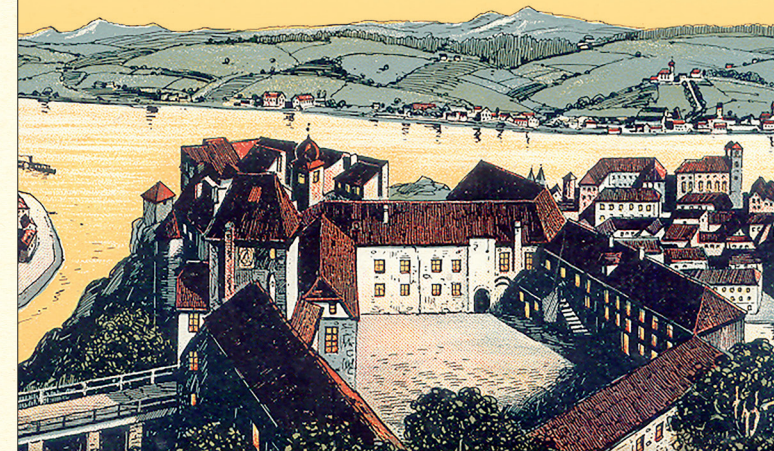
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Turning Points

Veste Oberhaus from 1918 to 1952

This year's special exhibition traces the transformation of Veste Oberhaus from a Bavarian military prison into a museum – and also examines the history of the founding of today's Oberhausmuseum during the Nazi era.

Hitherto unknown, partly unpublished photographs and archival sources show the turbulent history of Veste Oberhaus from the Weimar Republic to National Socialism and the period immediately after the Second World War. The many turning points in the history of the fortress between 1918 and 1952 also reflect the turbulent history of 20th-century Bavaria.



View of the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers from Veste Oberhaus, 1930s.
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Farewell 1918 - 1920

The revolution of November 1918 not only sweeps away Kaiser Wilhelm II and King Ludwig III of Bavaria, it also marks the end of the Kingdom of Bavaria's military prison in Passau. The exhibition takes a look behind the prison walls and describes what everyday life was like there.

Continuity 1920 - 1931

Even after the prison is closed, Veste Oberhaus remains in military use as a barracks. An architectural tour tells the story of how the rooms were used and what life was like for the soldiers. The first major turning point occurs when Veste Oberhaus is purchased by the city of Passau.

"I think I can say that the rooms have become quite beautiful, and are perfect for an art exhibition or the diocesan museum."

– Museum director Max Heuwieser, December 1932



The Knights' Hall as a barracks hall in the 1920s.
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Non-commissioned officers' ball at Veste Oberhaus, 1930.
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Veste Oberhaus, entrance portal, around 1910.
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On the Brink 1932 - 1944

In 1932, the city of Passau establishes the Ostmarkmuseum at Veste Oberhaus. The ceremonial opening of the museum in May 1933 coincides with the beginning of Nazi rule. In the following years, the Nazis pursue a plan to transform Veste Oberhaus and the museum into a leading National Socialist cultural institution.



The Diocesan Museum, 1933 – 1937.
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