



Abbey church Saints Peter and Paul Ottmarsheim

Located on the Romanesque Route of Alsace, the abbey church of Saints Peter and Paul is a jewel of 11th century Romanesque architecture. Its octagonal central plan makes it a unique monument in France. It is also one of the remarkable sites of the Via Habsburg.

around
1035

Start of construction by Earl Rudolf (ancestor of the Habsburg dynasty) based on the model of Charlemagne's Palatine Chapel in Aachen.

1049

Consecration of the abbey church by the Alsatian Pope Leo IX.

1460

The abbey church is covered with new frescoes.



1495

Construction of a small Gothic chapel to house relics of the Holy Cross and two thorns from Christ's crown. It is now used as a baptistery.

1582

Construction of the "chapel of the canonesses", as a chapter of noble ladies was established to replace the Benedictine nuns who had been present since the 11th century.

1790

1792

The township of Ottmarsheim buys the abbey church which is saved from demolition following the French Revolution.

1841

The abbey church is classified as "Monuments historiques".

1991

Fire due to an electrical problem: the 18th century organ is completely destroyed.

2016

2018

Several restorations: exterior of the two chapels and the choirs as well as the interior of the canoness chapel.

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