



## Castle Visits

Explore Castle Rheinfels with the castle map (available at the entrance) individually.

Guided castle tours for groups of 10 or more people can be booked in advance. Advance booking: 0 67 41/77 53  
During the winter months: 0 67 41/3 83

Open guided tours are offered regularly. Information at 0 67 41/77 53.

### Special Tours:

#### ■ EVENING CASTLE VISITS

For Groups of at least 10 people  
Advance booking required € 30,00  
plus entrance fee

#### ■ ADDITIONAL GUIDED TOURS

will be announced online at [www.st-goar.de](http://www.st-goar.de)

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### Opening hours:

- March 9<sup>th</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 9.00 am – 5.00 pm
- March 31<sup>th</sup> – October 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 9.00 am – 6.00 pm
- October 27<sup>th</sup> – November 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 9.00 am – 5.00 pm
- Closed from November 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 until Middle of March 2020
- Last admission: 1 hour before closing
- Museum at Rheinfels Castle  
March 9<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 and October 27<sup>th</sup> – November 10<sup>th</sup> 2019:  
From 10.00 am to 12.30 pm and from 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm  
March 31<sup>th</sup> – October 26<sup>th</sup> 2019:  
From 10.00 am to 12.30 pm and from 1.00 pm to 5.30 pm



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St. Goar



# Castle Ruins Rheinfels

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**St. Goar**  
am Rhein im Tal der Loreley

# The History of Rheinfels Castle

In 1245 the castle was built by Count Diether V von Katzenelnbogen to protect the St Goar tax collectors and soon developed into one of the mightiest fortresses in the Middle Rhine region. Only ten years passed before it successfully withstood the onslaught of a strong army sent by the League of Rhenish Cities and resisted the ensuing siege for more than a year.

During the next centuries, the original customs castle was turned into an increasingly important administration centre of the counts von Katzenelnbogen. Through skilful financial politics and marriage the lineage became one of the leading families along the Middle Rhine.

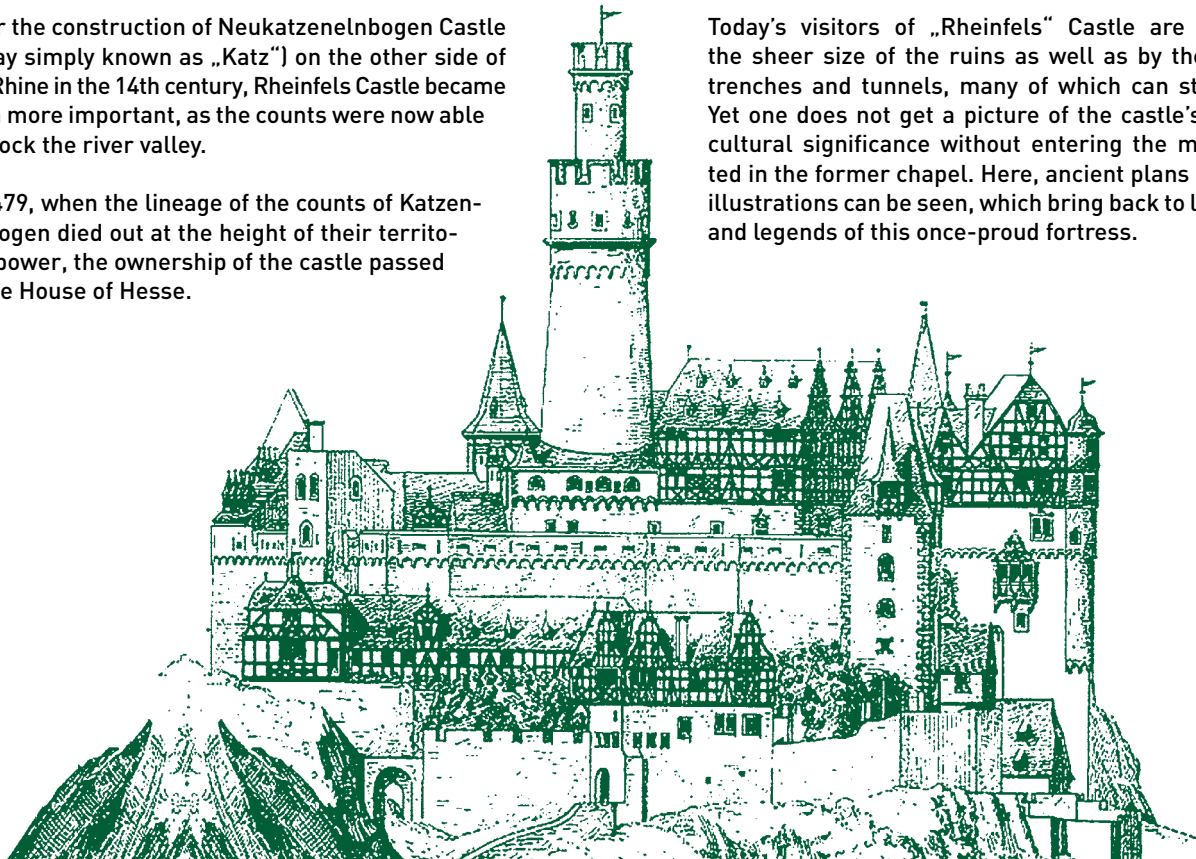
After the construction of Neukatzenelnbogen Castle (today simply known as „Katz“) on the other side of the Rhine in the 14th century, Rheinfels Castle became even more important, as the counts were now able to block the river valley.

In 1479, when the lineage of the counts of Katzenelnbogen died out at the height of their territorial power, the ownership of the castle passed to the House of Hesse.

The landgraves of Hesse turned the „Rheinfels“ into a splendid renaissance castle, which, with its surrounding fortifications, became one of the strongest fortresses in Germany.

In 1692 „Rheinfels“ Castle was the only fortress on the left bank of the Rhine that was able to defend itself against the attacks by the French troops sent by Louis XIV. The turbulent history of the castle came to an end in 1794, when it was handed over – without a struggle – to the French revolutionary army. In 1796/97 the exterior walls and the castle were blown up.

Today's visitors of „Rheinfels“ Castle are surprised by the sheer size of the ruins as well as by the labyrinth of trenches and tunnels, many of which can still be visited. Yet one does not get a picture of the castle's military and cultural significance without entering the museum, located in the former chapel. Here, ancient plans and historical illustrations can be seen, which bring back to life the history and legends of this once-proud fortress.



# Prices of admission

■ Adults single	5,00 €
■ Adults groups of at least 10 people	4,00 €
■ Students from 15 years up	4,00 €
■ Disabled people	3,50 €
■ Student groups of at least 10 people 15 years up	2,50 €
■ Children 6 - 14 years single	2,50 €
■ Groups of children of at least 10 ages 6 - 14 years	2,00 €
■ Children up to 5 years	FREE
■ Children up to 5 years (when guided)	2,00 €
■ Familyticket (2 adults and up to 4 children)	10,00 €

### Advice:

- If you join a guided tour please bring flashlights for the dark parts of the castle.
- Cash payment only.
- Dogs on a leash are welcome

