



Citizens in the Middle Ages earned their wealth through trade and craft. The merchants developed important pan-European trade relations with Venice, Nuremberg or Cracow. Scales and weights, guild chests and certificates of apprentices were typical of this fascinating epoch.



In the permanent exhibition of the museum there are ceramic products from the former Upper Austrian ceramics factory in St. Peter, near Freistadt. This ceramics factory produced useful and decorative ceramics from 1921 to 1959.

In other rooms you will learn more about popular devotion, school and leisure time, chronometer, calenders, optical devices and quill embroidery.



Opening times:  
Monday to Friday: 9 am - 12 am, 2 pm - 5 pm  
Saturday, Sunday and holidays: 2 pm - 5 pm

The Mühlviertler Schlossmuseum Freistadt welcomes groups by appointment. Group visits are available at reduced rates for a minimum of eight and a maximum of twentyfive people. Reservations must be made by phone in advance.

Admission prices:

Adults	€ 4,-
Seniors, students	€ 3,-
Children (6 - 15 years)	€ 1,-
Family ticket	€ 6,-
Temporary exhibitions	€ 2,-

Our numerous exhibitions, informative guided tours, special events and educational activities for children and young people complete our outstanding offer.

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**SCHLOSSMUSEUM**  
Freistadt

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The castle was built in the 14th Century in the north-east of Freistadt. It currently houses the Mühlviertler Schlossmuseum, which showcases the unique culture and medieval history of the city of Freistadt and its surrounding region. The museum is only a minute or two by foot from the Hauptplatz and can be found next to several of Freistadt's public offices.

The museum's collections are divided into five main areas:

- Folklore of the Mühlviertel
- Trade and handcraft
- History of Freistadt and its medieval culture
- Ceramics and behind-glass paintings
- History of the Customs

The focus of the exhibition is the 800-year history of the city of Freistadt. This history is illustrated by original artifacts such as pitch jars, cannonballs and antique firearms. The collection of customs and financial history was recently added to the exhibition and has been placed in a newly renovated depot. This collection of artifacts illustrates the history Freistadt and the significant Mühlviertel region that historically connected the alpine cultures to Bohemia.



The portico, a former horse stable, was built in 1588 and is used as room for exhibitions.



At 35 meters above street level, the tower offers a wonderful view of the city and its surroundings. The tower contains a permanent exhibit of the city's history, folklore and craft. At the top of the tower you can see the warden's original furnishings. He was part of the security system of the medieval city.

The textile and fabric collection was rearranged recently. In this part of the museum you can see work manufactured by students such as scrolls, pieces for practice, and also an entire collection of works sewn by seamstress and products made by a dyer.



In the tailor's workshop you will find a collection of tools, paper patterns and the finished work of the tailor.

The Mühlviertler Schlossmuseum Freistadt offers authentic insight into the fascinating history of life within the context of medieval law. Instruments of torture, office signs, market orders and receipts from road tolls are all tangible examples of daily life during this time period.



Many items which were used by various guilds and craftsmen are shown in the guild room (guild chests, guild symbols, guild beakers and documents from the medieval craft).



In the old castle chapel you can see nearly 300 paintings behind glass, mostly from the cities of Sandl and Buches.



The small town Sandl was the center for the manufacturing of behind-glass paintings in the first half of the 19th Century, giving rise to the term „Sandl-images“ in folklore.