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New MICE offer for Burgdorf

With the official opening of “Schloss für alle” (castle for all) on 13 June 2020, Burgdorf is now home to a new museum, youth hostel and restaurant, as well as numerous unique spaces for company events and private parties.

Schloss Burgdorf officially opens its doors to the public on 13 June. The offering, including a new museum, youth hostel, restaurant and civic wedding venue, also features a wide range of spaces for custom events. With its versatile range, central location in Burgdorf, historic atmosphere and glorious view of the Emmen Valley, the castle is ideal for hosting great events. “Thanks to these new options for organising festivities, Burgdorf is now most certainly on the event radar, far beyond the bounds of the city and the canton,” Heinrich Gabathuler, manager of the Schloss Burgdorf youth hostel is pleased to announce.

From small conferences to grand weddings

With all areas both indoors and outdoors, the 800-year-old Zähringen castle is available for a wide range of uses. The small conference room (8 seats) and the stylish Schiltensaal hall (up to 25 people) are ideal for business meetings, depending on the number of participants. Larger business events can be held in the Assisensaal hall (up to 80 seats) for example, and the large hall (30 seats or 50 standing) is available for light refreshments afterwards. Technical equipment for spaces rented for half-days or entire days can be obtained directly in the castle. This includes flip charts, projection screens, projectors and moderator kits. Those looking to combine business with pleasure can round off their seminars with a suitable activity inside or outside the castle walls. For example, a workshop at the museum, a visit to an Emmental dairy or a relaxed cycling tour along the Herzroute.

The castle atmosphere lends a special touch to private festivities. Schloss Burgdorf offers the perfect setting for birthdays, baptisms, wedding receptions or family celebrations. On selected dates, the castle even allows couples to tie the knot within the historic walls. Besides the magnificent municipal wedding hall, a small chapel (maximum 10 people) is also available for individual wedding options. Incidentally, those who wish to can also rent the entire castle exclusively – including all its rooms. This all-round carefree package comes with a mandatory minimum charge of CHF 15,000 (CHF 8,000 for the room, and the dining bill must total at least 7,000 CHF).

Dining and accommodation in the castle

Whether it is a business event or a private celebration, Schloss Burgdorf caters for your every need. The kitchen team at the Schloss Burgdorf restaurant is ready to indulge guests with exclusive creations. Head chef Michael Barz places particular emphasis on seasonal, regional ingredients, also highlighting traditional Bern and Emmental braised and grilled dishes. While Barz made his name in fine dining in the past, he looks forward to his new challenge at Schloss Burgdorf: “I want to prove that quality cuisine doesn’t depend on awards. Authentic, regional cuisine can also be interesting and refined,” says Barz with conviction.

If an event carries on until late in the evening, the youth hostel offers just the right accommodation with a total of 31 rooms: Single, double and family rooms as well as dormitories with four or six beds. Each stay includes the ample breakfast buffet as well as entry to the museum. At lunchtime and in the evening, guests at the youth hostel and other diners can choose between a set menu or various à la carte dishes at the Schloss Burgdorf restaurant.

Accommodation in a dormitory is available from 40 CHF per person (including breakfast and entry to the museum), while one night in a private room starts at 60 CHF per person. With a group membership, guests benefit from attractive discounts. Accommodation can be booked at www.youthhostel.ch or directly with the castle at www.schloss-burgdorf.ch.

Burgdorf Castle floor plan

Rooms	Size (m ²)	Number of seats	Properties and features
Assisensaal	87	60-80	Large hall connected to the Assisenstübli room, accessible for the disabled and heated
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Schiltensaal (ceremony hall)	50	12-25	For conferences and private ceremonies in a tasteful setting, accessible for the disabled, heated
Läuferstübli (entrance room to the ceremony hall)	30	8	Small, atmospheric conference room, accessible for the disabled and heated
Grosser Gang	77	30 (50 standing)	Accessible for the disabled and heated
Rittersaal	80	60	Ideal for cultural events, unheated
Conference room (outer bailey)	15	8	Small conference room, heated
Wächsterstübli room (outer bailey)	15	8	Small conference room, heated
Tower garden			For light refreshments and events outdoors

Prices for renting the individual event rooms or areas at the castle, as well as contact details for information and bookings, can be found in the banquet and seminar documentation at www.schloss-burgdorf.ch/events/.

The Swiss Youth Hostels Association operates a network of 52 hostels, consisting of 46 of its own and 6 franchise businesses, ranging from a romantic castle to an urban designer location and spa hostel. The focus of the non-profit organisation, which has approximately 73,000 members, is on quality-conscious, sustainable and affordable youth and family tourism. In 2019, its operations generated a total of 736,511 overnight stays. www.youthhostel.ch

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