

Exclusive workshops and events – a selection

Wine tasting with a difference

At Kartause Ittingen winegrowing has played a vital role since medieval times. Come with us on a guided tour of our winery and learn about winemaking and Kartause Ittingen's own wine production. During the subsequent tasting you can savour our wines: first with your eyes, then your nose, and finally on your palate.

Tasting of 4 wines. CHF 200 fixed price for 2–8 participants.

CHF 25 per person for groups 9–25 participants. Duration one hour.

Available from June to mid September: Tasting of 4 wines & vineyard tour. CHF 280 fixed price for 2–8 participants. CHF 32 per person for groups of 9–25 participants. Duration 1.5 hours.

Make your own cheese – it's easy

A wood fire, a large copper pot, raw milk, lactic bacteria: under the supervision of our master cheese maker you will learn how to produce your own full-flavoured *Thurgauer Rebkäse* cheese with these basic tools and ingredients. Weighing about 6 kilos, the cheese will then remain in our cellar for about three to six months. Once it has reached its desired maturity, it will be sent to you or, alternatively, you can enjoy a fondue made from your own cheese here at the Kartause at your next event.

CHF 700 inclusive tasting of a variety of cheeses during the event.

Max. number of 30 participants per group. Duration 1.5–2.5 hours.

Mix your own herbal salts

Starting at the herbal garden in front of the monk's house, which features quotations from herbal books stored in the former library, we will explore fun facts and other information about the monastery and its herbs. In the studio indoors, you will have the opportunity to produce your own herbal salts with Ittingen herbs. The mixture will then be filled in decoratively labelled glasses. This workshop combines historical facts with active participation.

CHF 300, plus museum entry & CHF 5 per person for materials.

For groups of up to 15 persons. Duration approx. 1.5 hours.

Ittingen forest fondue – a fun and convivial event

In a unique setting located at the edge of the forest above the hop garden, a mere five minutes from Kartause Ittingen, and with a magnificent view of the Thur valley, Frauenfeld and the Säntis, we will prepare a fondue over an open fire for you and your guests – a very special experience you won't forget. Included in the price is an aperitif (mulled wine and hot cider in winter or a refreshing punch in summer), the Ittingen cheese fondue with bread and kirsch as well as a desert (served in the restaurant).

For 20 participants and more. CHF 49 per person.

Duration approx. 1.5–2.5 hours.

Ittingen museum – how the Carthusians lived

This tour of the former monastery will take you to rooms that have been preserved in their authentic state, giving you an idea of how the monks lived – in a community but as hermits, in silence and seclusion, praying and working. You will glean facts about everyday life behind monastery walls as well as the economic conditions and organisational structure within the Carthusian order. The Carthusians strict way of life is difficult to comprehend today. And yet, there are valuable insights to be gained into our own existence.

CHF 150, plus museum entry, for groups of up to 15 participants.

Duration 45–90 minutes (selectable).

Unconventionally creative – in the studio or outdoors

A workshop for anyone who loves to experiment! No matter if you are a team, a family, a group of friends or coworkers, or just one person – grab those paints, quirky tools and weird materials and bring out the artist in you. Surprising colour combinations and striking visual inventions are guaranteed. This workshop offers completely new perspectives on any kind of creative activity.

Starting at CHF 300, plus museum entry, for groups of up to 15 people.

Duration 60–90 minutes.



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Impetus tour – surprising subject references

This tour is no specialist presentation but a bold attempt to engage in a dialogue and discuss surprising thoughts from the world of art or the Carthusian monastery loosely connected to the tour's main subject. How do Carthusian monks, who are subject to a vow of silence, communicate? How do artistic visions contribute to society? Guiding questions may give rise to further questions and provide new impetus to reflect on a situation. The available range of topics is constantly being adapted to fit the needs and wishes of the respective group.

Starting at CHF 300, plus museum entry, for groups of up to 15 participants. Duration 30–60 minutes (selectable).

Kartause Ittingen's gardens

Kartause Ittingen offers a multifaceted and exemplary view of the garden. Having undergone several changes over the centuries, from the medieval designs of the Carthusian monks to layouts of the 18th and 19th century when the charterhouse became the residence of an ambitious landowner, the gardens are subject to occasional adjustments even today. Let's not forget the depiction of gardens in the arts: one example is the legendary neighbour's garden by Adolf Dietrich, another Jenny Holzer's unassuming stone benches in the prior's garden.

CHF 150, plus museum entry, for groups of up to 15 people. Duration 60–90 minutes. (selectable).

Ittingen forest tour

In 1745 the then monastery procurator Josephus Wech formulated some highly interesting advice on forest management. Today, it's the instructions to forest owners that deserve our attention. On this tour, during a walk in the recreational environment of the forest, we will explore a complex field of knowledge that touches on aspects of forestry, which in Switzerland is regulated by the cantons, tree population in the forest reserve, or the importance

of the forest for Kartause Ittingen when it was a monastery as opposed to today. The forest tour will take place in all weathers. Make sure to wear appropriate clothing.

CHF 150, plus museum entry, for groups of up to 15 participants. Duration 60–90 minutes. (selectable).

Silence and meditation – experience our maze

The thyme maze, primeval symbol of the human cycle of life, is located east of the Baroque garden. In contrast to a conventional maze, this maze will take you to its centre safe and sound – apart from a few twists and turns on the way. A specialist from tecum will guide you through a relaxing meditation exercise. The content of the programme is decided in consultation with the group. On request and in case of bad weather, the meditation will take place in the Room of Silence.

CHF 150 for the guided meditation. Maximum number of 12 participants per group. Duration 60 minutes.

Ittingen scavenger hunt – discover Kartause Ittingen

Do you like detective work? Use your powers of deduction to solve the riddles that will take you to beautiful, partly hidden places on the whole premises.

Starts at the reception desk. Ask for the scavenger hunt map. CHF 7 per person, ideal for 3 to 12 participants. Duration approx. 60 minutes.

Green trail – sustainability in practice

This educational and entertaining tour will take you, via 15 stations with hints and information, to some of the most beautiful spots at Kartause Ittingen. Start at the reception desk (ask for the green trail map) and discover the many sides of sustainability and how we put it into practice. There will be a surprise for the 'magic word'.

CHF 7 per person (CHF 5 will support our sustainability projects), ideal for 2 to 12 persons. Duration approx. 60 min.

Do you have any other wish?

Our team is happy to create an event for you that meets all your needs. Contact us via email at: reservation@kartause.ch or T +41 52 748 44 11.

Prices in CHF including VAT, museum entry CHF 10 for one person or CHF 7 for groups of ten and more. Guests staying with us enjoy free admission to the museums.



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