



Library of the Benedictine Monastery of Admont, Admont, Austria, 1776, Joseph Hueber, Monastery Library, www.stiftadmont.at/, ©Benediktinerstift Admont

Local Name
Benediktinerstift Admont

Visiting Address
Stift Admont, A-8911 Admont 1, Austria

Opening Hours
April - November, Daily 10.00 - 17.00, guided tours at 11.00 and 15.00 (from 5 Persons), Monday closed
December - March, Thursday and Friday: 10.00 - 12.00
Christmas & Mid-Term Holidays, Daily: 10.00 - 12.00 (except Monday). Groups of 15 or more, prior reservation requested

Brief History
The Benedictine abbey of Admont, founded in 1074, is the oldest existing monastery in Styria. The abbey's library is probably its best-known treasure. Ranked among Austria's most important cultural monuments, it is one of Europe's great baroque pieces of art. The library was commissioned by Abbot Matthäus Ofner (in office 1751-1779) and the baroque library hall was finished in 1776 by architect Joseph Hueber (1715-1787). With a length of 70 metres, a width of 14 metres and a height of almost 13 metres, this three-part room constitutes the world's largest monastic library hall. Its architectural layout follows the example of the Austrian National library in Vienna.

Painter Bartolomeo Altomonte decorated the hall with seven ceiling frescos, and the sculptures are by Joseph Stammel.

Special Interest
The library contains about 200,000 books. The most valuable treasures are over 1,400 manuscripts (some dating back to the 8th century) and 530 incunabula. The monastery serves 27 parishes, runs a private grammar school and a nursing home. In 2003, it opened a private museum, which includes a fine arts museum, a room displaying medieval manuscripts and incunabula, and a multimedia presentation on the monastery.

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