

Petersberg Citadel Entrée/visitor centre

The 400 square metre main entrance area (Entrée) will be the beating heart of Petersberg Citadel. As the first port of call for visitors, it will literally become the citadel's anteroom.

To ensure that you are properly equipped and prepared for your visit, information about the fortress will be available here, including maps and the opportunity to download the app for your tour. You will also be able to purchase tickets for the interactive exhibition in the adjoining Kommandantenhaus and for the guided tours of the citadel. The Entrée is also the starting point for the guided tours.

On the way to the exhibition next door, you can drop off your belongings at the cloakroom in the visitor centre. The Entrée will also feature a small presentation hall and toilets, including baby changing facilities and fully accessible WC.

You can access the visitor centre via the lift, from Petersbergstrasse and via Petersberg bridge at the Kommandantenhaus.

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Visualisation of the visitor centre / Albrecht von Kirchbach Innenarchitektur+Design



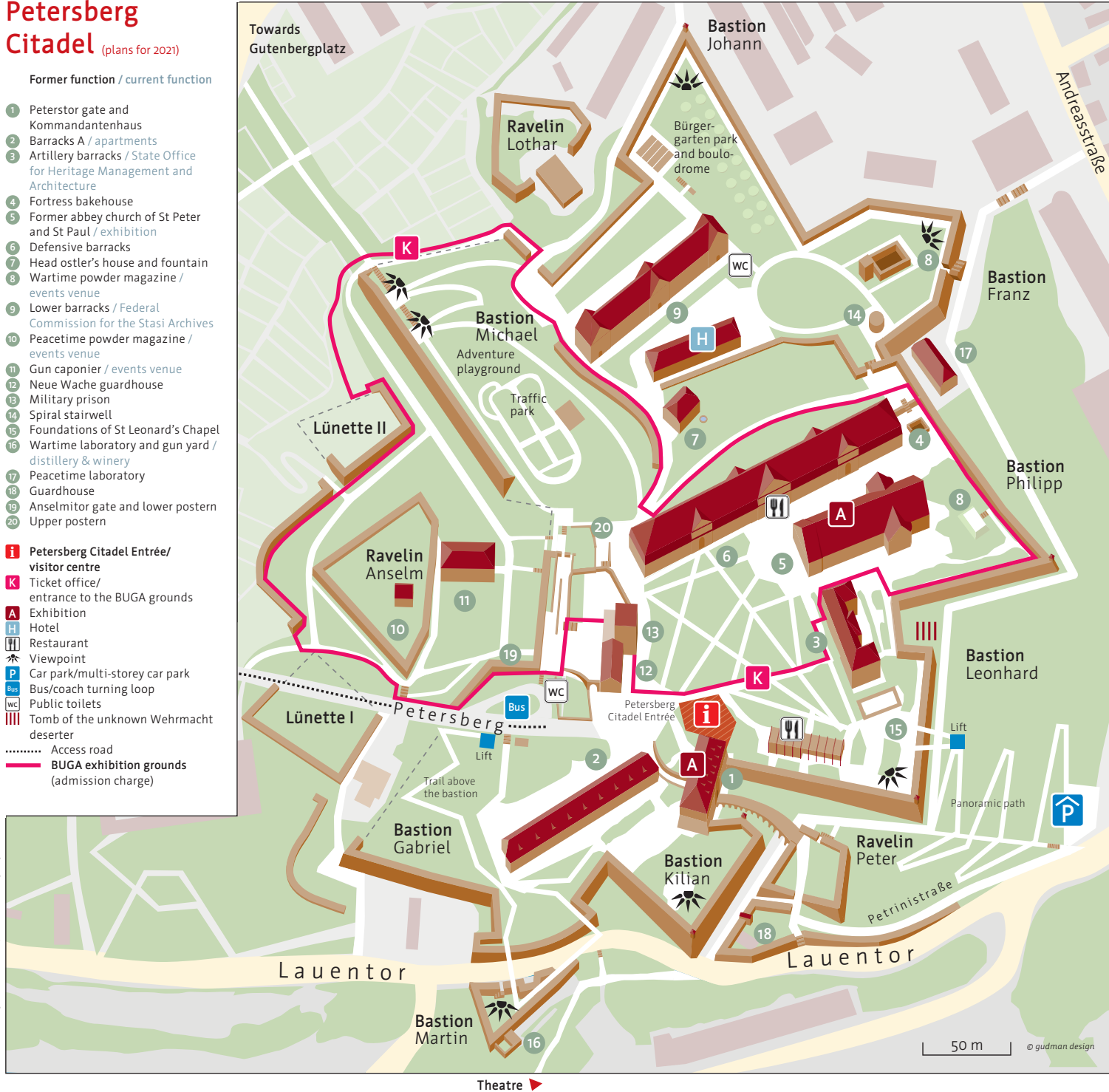
Petersberg Citadel (plans for 2021)

Former function / current function

- 1 Peterstor gate and Kommandantenhaus
- 2 Barracks A / apartments
- 3 Artillery barracks / State Office for Heritage Management and Architecture
- 4 Fortress bakehouse
- 5 Former abbey church of St Peter and St Paul / exhibition
- 6 Defensive barracks
- 7 Head ostler's house and fountain
- 8 Wartime powder magazine / events venue
- 9 Lower barracks / Federal Commission for the Stasi Archives
- 10 Peacetime powder magazine / events venue
- 11 Gun canonier / events venue
- 12 Neue Wache guardhouse
- 13 Military prison
- 14 Spiral stairwell
- 15 Foundations of St Leonard's Chapel
- 16 Wartime laboratory and gun yard / distillery & winery
- 17 Peacetime laboratory
- 18 Guardhouse
- 19 Anselmitor gate and lower postern
- 20 Upper postern

- I Petersberg Citadel Entrée/visitor centre
- K Ticket office/entrance to the BUGA grounds
- A Exhibition
- H Hotel
- R Restaurant
- V Viewpoint
- P Car park/multi-storey car park
- B Bus/coach turning loop
- WC Public toilets
- |||| Tomb of the unknown Wehrmacht deserter
- Access road
- BUGA exhibition grounds (admission charge)

Towards the airport A71, Gotha



Petersberg Citadel in bloom during the BUGA Erfurt 2021

Towering over the roofs of the old quarter, Petersberg Citadel has dominated the city of Erfurt for centuries. As part of the BUGA Erfurt from 23 April to 10 October 2021, the baroque fortress is being sustainably redeveloped into a key area of the vibrant city centre.

The upper level is being redeveloped with new paths, water features, fragrant gardens, play areas, restaurants, new meeting points, expansive planting of annuals, and overall more blooms and more green. The imposing, 167 metre long defensive barracks will be open again for the first time in 30 years, with the 'Gärten der Epochen' exhibition in front of it. This will feature garden styles from a range of historical periods as part of an interwoven display – from the baroque and Renaissance to landscape gardens. In keeping with the history of Petersberg Citadel, an abbey garden is also being created which will provide an insight into the wealth of knowledge of the nuns and monks. A woad-blue ribbon is the recurring theme that connects the exhibition spaces on the upper level and guides visitors to the delightful presentation in the defensive barracks showing the outdoor locations of the BUGA and Thuringia's tourist attractions.

Another highlight awaits visitors in the moat, where they can explore the history and heritage of garden design in Erfurt at close hand.

Visualisation of the upper level / Heuschneider Landschaftsarchitekten



Visualisation of the moat / Heuschneider Landschaftsarchitekten

Paths and slides will provide access to show beds full of typical local vegetables and flowers, such as cauliflowers and broad beans, herbs, plants used in medicines and dyes, and classic fruit and flowering plants. Thousands of blooms will transform the former defensive walls into an atmospheric events venue.

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Petersberg Citadel – visions for the baroque town fortress in 2021





Petersberg Citadel

Looking up from Cathedral Square (Domplatz), it is Petersberg Citadel that catches the eye. This is one of the biggest and best-preserved baroque fortifications in a European city centre. Extensive, detailed restoration work has been underway since 1990. Within the citadel's formidable walls you can explore the passage-ways that were used to listen out for the enemy, or simply enjoy the fine views of the old town.

Perched high above Erfurt, Petersberg Citadel has shaped the townscape of the Thuringian state capital for centuries, and is a popular place to walk and while away the hours for locals and visitors alike.

In the run-up to the Federal Horticultural Show (BUGA) in April 2021, the historical fortress is undergoing extensive refurbishment. These new building projects on Petersberg hill will create further high-quality attractions that will provide interactive highlights and enhance the visitor experience for locals and tourists.

The planned **Entrée** will provide the starting point for a tour of Petersberg Citadel. From 2021, it will include a visitor centre and provide access to an **exhibition** on the history of the fortress. There will be even more history and culture to enjoy in the former abbey church of St Peter and St Paul, which will be partially restored as part of the building works. To make it easier for visitors with limited mobility to access the citadel, a **lift** on the fortress wall will lead to the upper level, which will display even greater floral splendour during the year of the BUGA. The **Panoramaweg** trail, starting at Cathedral Square (Domplatz) will give everyone the opportunity to reach the citadel independently and without technical assistance. If you prefer to explore Petersberg Citadel via bridges and trails while getting a whole new perspective of the fortress and the surrounding area, the **Bastionskronenpfad** trail will be right up your street.

■ Visualisation of the permanent additions to Petersberg Citadel as part of the BUGA Erfurt 2021 / NürnbergLuftbild Hajo Dietz, visualisation by Büro taao



■ Visualisation of the exhibition design / Kocmoc

New exhibition at the Kommandantenhaus

A new two-storey exhibition is under development in the Kommandantenhaus in Petersberg Citadel, connected by a fully accessible elevator. It will open in time for the start of the BUGA in April 2021. The Kommandantenhaus on Petersberg hill is where the commandant of the citadel lived and worked.

In the exhibition rooms, the fortress, its history and other historical areas of the fortifications are showcased using modern and artistically designed elements. The focus will be on interactivity, with multimedia exhibits such as video installations, sounds, infographics and models ensuring that you experience the citadel's eventful history up close. For example, there will be a game where can you turn your hand to building the fortress and then see the success of your construction on a screen. The exhibition will also feature fascinating and entertaining information on famous individuals such as Napoleon and Johann Philipp von Schönborn, the Elector of Mainz, and about the general history of Petersberg Citadel. Other exhibition areas on the fortress grounds include the gun caponiers and the war-time powder magazine, where there will also be small interactive exhibitions.

If you want a little guidance on your way around the exhibition, an **app** will present the content from the various eras in an accessible way. In addition to the app, there will be **guided tours** of the exhibition and Petersberg Citadel at regular intervals during the day.

Petersberg Citadel – accessible for everyone

Erfurt is a pioneer of barrier-free tourism, and every effort will be made to make as many areas as possible in Petersberg Citadel accessible to all visitors, and to offer a wide range of experiences for everyone. A lift on the fortress wall will make it easier to access the upper level, while a panoramic path – currently under development – starting at Cathedral Square (Domplatz) will give everyone the opportunity to reach the citadel independently and without further help.

In **Ravelin Anselm**, an area of the fortress containing listening tunnels will be made accessible for many visitor groups. This will be a first in Europe and provide an unparalleled experience for older visitors, those using wheeled walkers and families with prams. The listening tunnel is almost 210 meters long and will feature a handrail throughout. A ramp will provide access, so that even at 23 metres height the tunnel will be easy for wheelchair users to get into.

The construction of the trail above the bastion will provide a circular route on which visitors can explore Bastion Martin via the upper level without needing any additional aids.

Ample and accessible toilet facilities are being installed on the ground floor of the **gun caponiers** to cater for visitors on the new listening tunnel tours in Ravelin Anselm and the events taking place on the festival site. The **Entrée** area, the new exhibition and all service areas will feature barrier-free access throughout.

■ Torchlight tours of the citadel's listening tunnels are great fun for all ages / Barbara Neumann



■ Conquer the citadel: a popular element of the many guided tours / Barbara Neumann



■ Interior of the abbey church of St Peter and St Paul / Thuringian Palaces and Gardens Foundation, Philipp Hort



■ Visualisation of the entrance to St Peter's Church during the BUGA 2021 / Atelier Hähnel-Bökens, Bavarian State Library Munich, Clm 15710 fol. 60v.

The abbey church of St Peter and St Paul, and its exhibition

St Peter's Church on Petersberg hill will play a key role during the BUGA in Erfurt in 2021, and parts of it are being restored and refurbished in preparation for the show. A visible sign of this will be the exterior facades, which have been cleaned and preserved. The quality of the stonework here is truly astonishing. In the interior, parts of the wooden floor dating from the 19th century have been exposed, which lets some of the atmosphere of the former church room shine through. At the time of the wars of liberation, the church was significantly altered and robbed of its monumental impact. The current works are designed to make the oldest preserved Romanesque building in Thuringia at least partially accessible again.

The Thuringian Palaces and Gardens Foundation will be hosting the 'Paradiesgärten – Gartenparadiese' exhibition to coincide with the BUGA in Erfurt in 2021. The exhibition in Romanesque St Peter's Church will explore garden art in Thuringia from the Middle Ages to the 20th century. While it was abbeys that played a leading role in promoting and popularising garden design during the Middle Ages, it was the royal courts that took on this role from the early modern age onwards. Impressive examples include the terraced garden of Wilhelmsburg Palace in Schmalkalden, the park of Friedenstein Palace in Gotha with its extraordinary orangery, and the landscaped park of Altenstein Palace in Bad Liebenstein.

St Peter's Church not only houses an exhibition but is also a key exhibit itself thanks to its history, architecture and invaluable wall paintings.

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