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Huy fortress and memorial



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While visiting the region of Huy, make sure to visit this fort, a real memorial to the second world war. Its museum retraces its history as a detention camp.

Please check the opening times, booking tips and recommendations with them (either via their website or by contacting them directly) before visiting.

As you pass the carriage entrance, your steps will take you through a dark vaulted corridor - quite an impressive, almost shocking contrast in atmosphere. The grim dungeon, stark interrogation room, crude washrooms and detention rooms remain as they were, offering a real insight into Nazi detention camps.

The fortress and its history

The fortress was built between 1818 and 1823 on the site of a former castle, the "Tchestia", destroyed in 1717. Of this, only remains a 90 m-deep well, dug in the XVIth century.

The Germans turned the fort into a concentration camp between May 1940 and September 1944. Guarded by the Wehrmacht (German army) and managed by the Geheime Feldpolizei (secret military police) it saw no less than 7,000 prisoners of many nationalities.

The fort is now a memorial to the second world war.

Your visit

The museum space presents the living conditions of the prisoners at the fort and the daily life of the locals during the German occupation. An audiovisual room concludes the visits with testimonies on that dramatic era.

Visitors will find a parking (for both cars and coaches) at the base of the fort.

The information contained herein is provided as a guide only.

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