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**Birnau guide vert abbatiale**

Basilica Birnau with its unique position above the lake was built between 1746 to 1750 by Peter Thumb, a master builder from Voralberg. This picturesque church features a stunning view of the ship dock in Unteruhldingen, Mainau, and the lake, making it one of southern Germany's most unusual rococo creations. In 1971, Pope Paul VI named Birnau a Basilica minor. The basilica's choir faces north, and its magnificent facade was designed to be flanked by a suitable "parterre", today replaced with a large terrace offering breathtaking views over the entire Überlingen lake and up to the Swiss mountains Säntis, Altmann, and Churfirsten. Birnau is undoubtedly the most beautiful and impressive church on Bodensee in Germany. A Baroque masterpiece, the pilgrimage church of Birnau boasts an extravagant interior that has left visitors in awe since its construction between 1746 and 1749. The ornate Rococo design is evident throughout, with the ceiling's striking frescoes being a particular highlight. The unique aspect of this church lies in its seven altars, setting it apart from others. Visitors can delve deeper into the church's history by taking a guided tour or attending one of its services, which also feature concerts.