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ADDRESS
Museum Ancient Cultures
Collections at Hohentübingen Castle
Burgsteige 11, 72070 Tübingen

OPENING HOURS
Wed. to Sun. 10 am – 5 pm
Thurs. 10 am – 7 pm

ADMISSION FEES
Adults: 5 Euro
Reduced: 3 Euro
Family ticket: 12 Euro
Students of Tübingen University: free

GUIDED TOURS
Every Sunday at 3 pm
Groups and school classes on request

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The Way to the Castle
From the Eberhard Bridge cross the Neckar River, and follow the Neckargasse through the Holzmarkt. Pass the Collegiate Church and follow the Kirchgasse and Kronenstrasse up to the Burgsteige and the last climb up to the Schlossberg.

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The Museum

Hohentübingen Castle, first documented in 1078, is located in the center of the city of Tübingen and provides a fantastic panoramic view of the Swabian Alb. Experience the oldest artworks of ancient civilization known to man: the Ice-Age Figures. Find out more about the UNESCO-World Heritage Site of the ‘pile dwellings,’ the Egyptian Sacrifice Chamber, the Tübingen hoplitothromos and the plaster casts of antique sculptures in the Knights’ Hall.

Gods + Graves
How did ancient Egyptians bury their dead? The Ancient Egyptian Collection depicts an impressive spectrum of Egyptian burial rites, from mummy masks, to coffins and burial objects. The highlight of the collection is the offering chamber of Seschenmofer III from Giza.

Oldest Art
When were the first works of art created? The highlight of the Early Prehistory Collection is undoubtedly the Ice-Age Figures made of mammoth ivory. Their age of around 40,000 years places them among the earliest known works of art worldwide. This includes the world famous Vogelherd Horse.

Pile Dwellings + the Celts
How did people live 7,000 years ago? Exhibits from the UNESCO-World Heritage Site “Prehistoric Pile Dwellings” on the Rehensee, as well as Iron Age Objects from the Celtic Settlements of Heuneburg on the Upper Danube and Heidengraben near Grabenstetten on the Swabian Alb can be viewed in the Collection of Late Prehistory.

Ancient Art
Which beautiful objects did the ancient Greeks and Romans use? The originals from the Collection of Classical Archaeology contextualize the basis for art history of the western world. The most famous piece is the “Tübingen Wafflenläufer,” a bronze statuette of an Olympic athlete.

Antique Sculptures
What were the prominent sculptures of antiquity? The Plaster Casts Collection of Classical Archaeology consists of casts of famous statues from a variety of European Museums. It includes reliefs as well as architectural fragments and offers a fascinating tour through the art history of antiquity.

Ancient Coins
More than just money? The 20,000 piece Numismatic Collection of Classical Archaeology counts as one of the most important university collections of its kind in all of Germany. The famous Athenian Tetradrachme is included in the collection.

World Cultures
The exhibition of the Ethnological Collection enables a fascinating trip through the South Pacific and the Amazon Basin. Highlights of the collection are the earthenware vessels of the Shipibo-Conibo Indians of Peru, and the dance masks from Papua New Guinea.

Tübingen Castle Laboratory
In 1818 the first German biochemist, Carl Sigmwart, began working in what became known as the “cradle of biochemistry.” Here, Felix Hoppe-Seyler examined red blood corpuscles and named it “hemoglobin,” and Friedrich Miescher made the groundbreaking discovery of nucleic acid (DNA/RNA) in 1869. The new, interactive exhibition is located in the very place these important discoveries were made – the former castle kitchen.

Wine Barrel
At 84,000 liters it may not be the world’s biggest barrel, but it is the world’s oldest surviving barrel of its size, commissioned by Duke Ulrich in 1546. This attraction will be made available to the public shortly.

Cuneiform
What were the secrets of the forgotten scripts? The Collection of Mesopotamian Cuneiform Writing covers the entire development of Ancient Near East writing from the 3rd to the 1st millennium B.C.

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Astronomical Observatory
In 1752 the astronomical observatory was erected at the cartographic center of the later established Kingdom of Württemberg. With its still existing measurement device from the year 1814 it is a unique European cultural monument. It is currently being renovated.

Museum Shop
Everything which rounds off a visit to the museum is to be found at the museum shop, from original gift ideas such as a wild horse replica to current publications.