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THIS IS HERITAGE YEAR

LUCENS CASTLE BECOMES A LIVING MUSEUM

Lucens Castle can be reached from Berne via Murten en route for West Switzerland and was once the summer residence of the Bishops of Lausanne. Recently it was restored by Pierre Koller of Zurich, one of Europe's biggest auction firms. Now enhancing its rooms are valuable tapestries and paintings, silverware and pewterware, four-poster

beds and Chinese vases, giving the impression that some 18th or 19th century lord of the castle is in residence. The castle is open from Wednesday to Sunday each week (10 am to 6 pm) to visitors — and of course to potential purchasers. Incidentally, the Sherlock Holmes Museum in the Castle will also continue to be open to visitors.

Could we build beautiful churches and inns, like those shown in this picture, today? Modern techniques have given us ways of preserving and renovating old and damaged buildings, and renewing crumbling brickwork. Such work must continue!

This example of fine preservation is the sign of the inn "Zur Linde" in Diessenhofen, Kt Thurgau.

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