

## Calendar motives „Lost Places – Verlassene Orte 2025“

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**January:** This mighty cooling tower of a Belgian coal - fired power plant was built in 1921. The hot water was fed into the tower and cooled by air in the lower part. The plant was closed in 2006 as part of environmental protection measures.

**February:** This castle in Thuringia was built in neo - Gothic style between 1820 and 1830. Thuringian rulers from six centuries are depicted in the ancestral gallery. The castle was used as a hotel until 2001, but the planned restoration has come to a standstill due to unclear ownership.

**March:** At a car cemetery in Sweden, nature overgrows the classic cars from the 50 - 70s.

**April:** The once popular ski hotel with a hunting atmosphere is located in the Black Forest. As there was less and less snow in the region from the 80s onwards, guests were welcomed less and less often until the hotel finally became a "Lost Place" in 1994.

**May:** The former steel factory in Luxembourg is located in an area rich in iron ore. The algae - covered water in the former cooling basin reflects a greenish light.

**June:** The Beelitz sanatoriums were built in 1898 as a lung sanatorium on the outskirts of Berlin. The staircase with a columned balustrade is part of the former men's sanatorium of the complex.

**July:** The abandoned palazzo in Piedmont in Italy dates back to the 19th century and once served as the summer residence of a family of counts. The building is in a state of severe disrepair, but it is still impressive today. A now covered mosaic floor bears witness to the former residents.

**August:** This unusual tiled spiral staircase is located in a small chateau built in 1880 near Paris. Depending on the time of day, new moods of light are created time and again. The building was sold to an investor, who let it fall into disrepair.

**September:** When thermal water springs were discovered in a small town in Tuscany at the end of the 19th century, a park with baths was built and a flourishing spa resort developed. The Art Nouveau - style complex, which is now very dilapidated, still has a special charm.

**October:** This chemical plant in Tuscany, built in 1908, once produced fertilizers and chemical products. Due to contamination in the soil it is now difficult to dismantle the plant.

**November:** This chateau was built in 1753 in a small village in northern France. The almost life - size drawing of a knight fades on the wall.

**December:** The former boarding school of a Catholic religious order in Piedmont, Italy, once housed 200 pupils until it was closed in the 1980s. The ornate windows of the church building are still completely intact.