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And when they swung back, they did seem to be opening up into the past.

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Once inside you feel as though the clock has not only stopped, but this one wonderful moment that actually has turned back years, even centuries.

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All the peace of the world seem locked within this old courtyard, heavy with the scent of flowers and the gentle sound of the fountain.

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Our bags were carried in, and you know already I was beginning to feel sort of like a fairytale princess.

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Up in my room I threw back the shutters and scanned the countryside for an approaching knight in shining armor.

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But all I saw was the river rushing by, far below.

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Here the castle-owners, Baron Reininghaus and his wife, are entertaining friends in the patio.

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They told us that the castle was built in the 12th century by the Knights of Raubenstein.

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There are only a few beautifully furnished rooms for guests, so it's never really crowded.

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You dine by candlelight and, afterwards, around a roaring fire, the Baron tells about the ghost who haunts the Hall of Knights.

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Up in the Great Hall there are stained-glass windows, family portraits, and according to the baron, the one suit of armor that houses the lonely ghost—

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—who on the first of every month comes back and stands wistfully by his chair.

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And here he is! At least, that's what they told us.

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Life goes on inside the castle walls much as it did back in medieval days.

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Here the hay is being brought in for the animals who live in part of the castle, too.

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And they especially delighted in telling us, who live in a world of frozen foods, how the vegetables they serve are just one hour out of the garden.

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Before leaving we had lunch up on the castle terrace with Baron Reininghaus and his wife.

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It's built right on top of the old castle walls.



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