

# BENEDECTINE ABBEY AND ALTEN-MÜNSTER MONASTERY OF LORSCH

World Cultural Heritage since 1991

## Engineering geological conditions and problems:

The Benedictine Abbey Lorsch was established at the eastern edge of the Upper Rhine valley in a river scenery characterised by Quarternary loose rocks.

The abbey was founded as "Altenmünster" around 760 A. D. on a small island of the rivulet Weschnitz. Before 774 A. D. the cloister was moved to a nearby glacial sand dune.

Foundation problems have not occurred.



*Lorsch Carolingian Gate House*

## Other information:

Lorsch was endowed by Charlemagne with substantial privileges, so it rapidly developed from a small cloister to a significant monastic centre east of the Rhine.

## References on studies already performed:

Source: Homepage Lorsch.