

LES COTEAUX DU SOLEIL

Bourg de Conthey



Tour Lombarde

The Tour Lombarde (Lombarde Tower) is the link between the populations of the plain, the hillsides and the villages on the heights of the Conthey commune, and is therefore a privileged meeting point. Many festivities unite the population in the town square, which used to be a location for exchange and trade.

The breathtaking views and the development of the square make the former residence of the Counts of Savoy a perfect photographic location for special occasions such as weddings.

The Tour Lombarde formed the northwest corner of the fortifications built by Count Pierre II of Savoy during the 13th century. The only remains are the 'Porte du Lac' (?Lake Door?), so called because of the water that protected the north side.

The adjoining building was rebuilt at the end of the 16th century. It has had several owners and has fulfilled many functions: private residence, Hall of Justice, communal house, school and dairy.

Restored in the 1980s, then bought by the Bourgeoisie of Conthey in 1993, it now houses a cellar, to promote the wines and local products, as well as an art gallery and a meeting room that can be

rented.

For more information, please go to : www.tourlombarde.ch

Ruines of the Château du Bourg

Overlooking the village of Bourg, medieval ruins remind you of the fortifications built by Count Peter II of Savoy. After the battle of the Planta in 1475, the castle was taken over and burned down by the patriots of the High-Valais and the troops of the Bishop of Sion.