

VISITING TIEFER STOLLEN

Aalen's historical mine



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History of the mine



The Tiefer Stollen mine in Aalen began iron ore mining in the 18th century, supporting the local iron industry. Operations ended in 1945.

Visitors will often encounter the traditional German miner's greeting, "Glück Auf!" This phrase translates roughly to "Good luck in opening [a new vein]" or "Good luck, may you surface again."



Rebirth as a show mine

Following the cessation of iron ore mining in 1945, the Tiefer Stollen experienced its rebirth in 1987 when it reopened as a popular show mine. The mine now offers an authentic historical experience, allowing visitors to tour the deep tunnel system aboard the original railway lorries. Furthermore, the consistent, clean air underground is utilized to offer respiratory healing therapy, transforming the Tiefer Stollen into both a significant educational heritage site and a modern therapeutic center.

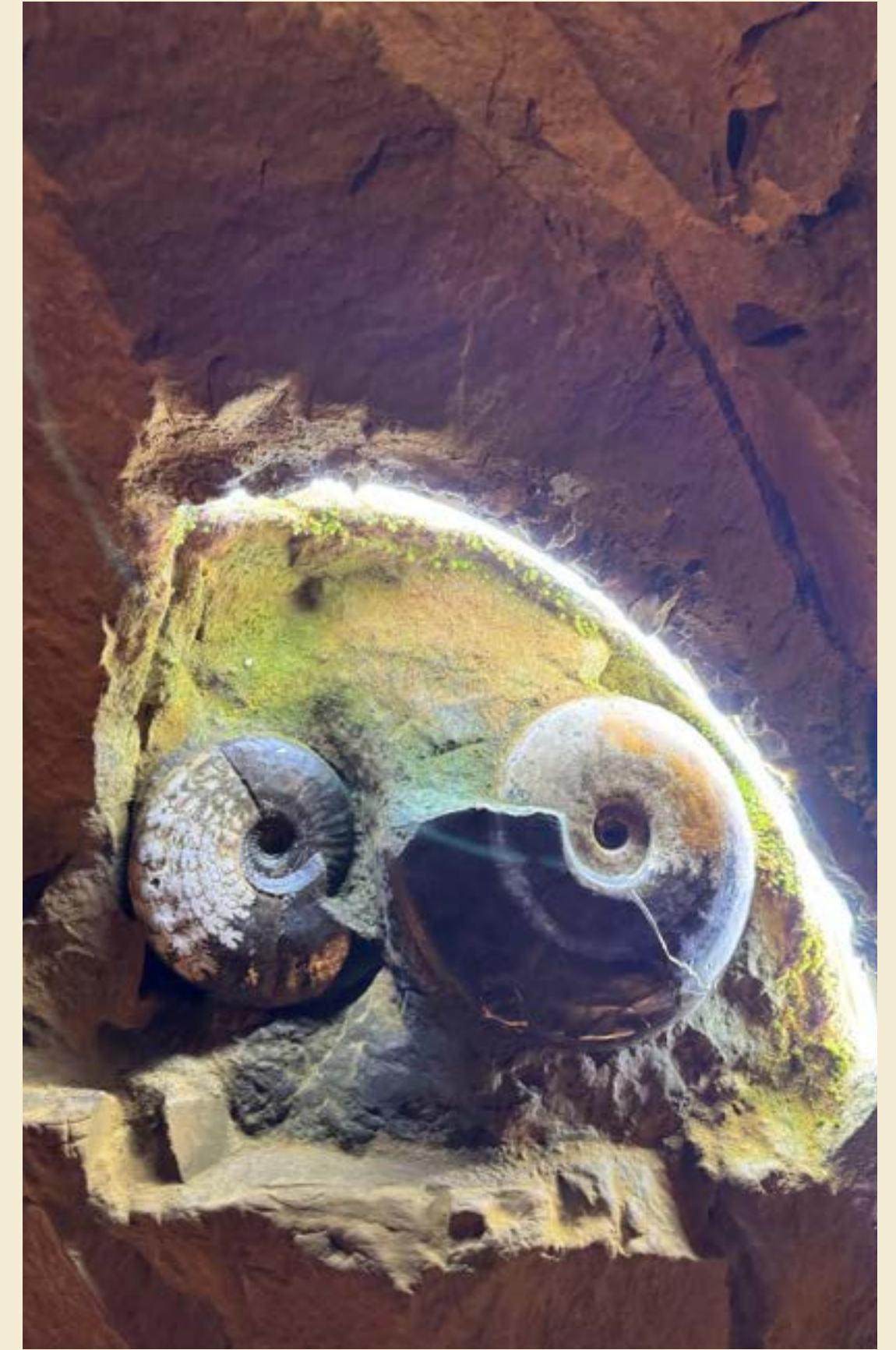
interactive activities



**Opening a
new hole**



**touching the
sandstone**



**seeing
fossils**