



South Tyrol – Land of Myths and Legends

Holy Cross Chapel Below Jaufenburg Castle

Hildebrand Fuchs von Fuchsberg zu Jaufenburg, captain of Kufstein, set off to Jerusalem one day on a pilgrimage. On his return journey, his ship came dangerously close to sinking. There and then, he made a vow to build a church in Val Passiria (Passeiertal) Valley, at a site to which his horse would lead him. When the knight returned safely to his homeland, his horse fell to its knees just below Jaufenburg Castle and would not rise. So the knight Hildebrand had Holy Cross Church built on the exact spot; it was completed in 1531.