



Laxenburg castle gardens

Laxenburg Castle Gardens are amongst Europe's most important historical castle grounds. These extensive grounds have been continually extended since the Middle Ages. Today, they cover an area of 280 hectares. This „work of art“ is enriched by picturesque landscaping, valuable groves and some distinctive ornamental buildings. In addition to the Old Castle and the Blue Court (Blauer Hof), there are numerous follies, mythical grottos, temples as well as a tournament area with a medieval flavour.

As a recreation destination, Laxenburg Castle offers plenty of variety and flair in historic surroundings – yet is only 25km from Vienna's St. Stephen's Cathedral. A host of leisure activities, both cultural and sports-related. Numerous family-friendly facilities (especially the 6,000 sqm playground) and absolute tranquility in beautifully landscaped grounds. During the season from Easter to All Saints' Day (1 November), ferry, boat hire on the castle lake and guided tours of the Franzensburg castle.

There are three entrances to the castle park. The main entrance to the park (P1) is open all year round. The Stable (P2) entrance and the Recreation Centre entrance (P3) will be opened on busy days, especially at the weekend. We have 1,000 free car parking spaces. Please follow the parking guidance system. Laxenburg is about 25km from the centre of Vienna on the A2 motorway in the direction of Graz. Driving time from Vienna to Laxenburg is approximately 30 minutes. Laxenburg is also easy to reach by public transport. A bus leaves the Südtirolerplatz in Vienna every half an hour and there is also a bus service from Mödling train station. The EuroVelo 9 cycle route from Vienna Inzersdorf to Bad Schönau takes you directly to Laxenburg. You will find plenty of parking spaces near the main entrance (P1)

Enjoy your leisure time in the castle park

Austria's biggest historical landscaped garden with impressive ornamental buildings and a 10km network of trails, a recreation centre with the distinctive „Flieger & Flieger“ restaurant and the water-side buffet at the castle pond.

During the season from 19 March – 1 November 2016:

Franzensburg. museum tours and tours on the high tower and roofs. Museum shop open daily from 10.30am – 4.30pm. The long established ferry to the Franzensburg, Café Meierei with its large terrace adjacent to the castle pond.

Boat hire. Experience the atmosphere of the castle park from the water. The castle pond covers 25ha and is perfect for a family outing.

Excursion train. Explore the sights and sounds of Laxenburg castle park on a trip with our scenic train, the „Laxenburg Express“.

Children's playground. 6,000 sqm of space designed to be „close to nature“ will keep children happy for ages.

Imperial walks. Improve your personal fitness on one of our 3 signposted walking/jogging trails – from 7.7 to 3.1km.



A wedding in Imperial surroundings. Spend the most wonderful day of your life at one of the picturesque locations in the castle park or in the Old Castle chapel.

Highlights for 2016

Varied and exciting Sunday programme on the first 3 Sundays in April, May, June, September and October with guided park tours, matinee performances in the green pavilion by the Laxenburg-Biedermansdorf Music School, educational forest tours by the „Die Spur“ association

Mercedes Benz SL Club meeting on 1 May 2016

„Gartensommer Niederösterreich“ 2016

Large children's festival „Spiel & Spaß der Habsburger“ („Fun and Games of the Hapsburgs“) on 21 August 2016

Theater on the summer stage at the Franzensburg castle July/August 2016 directed by Adi Hirschal

Museum in the Franzensburg is open during the season from 19 March – 1 November 2016. There are guided tours of the museum at 11am, 12am, 2pm and 3pm and of the tower and roof at 1pm and 4pm (museum tour in the event of bad weather)

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