

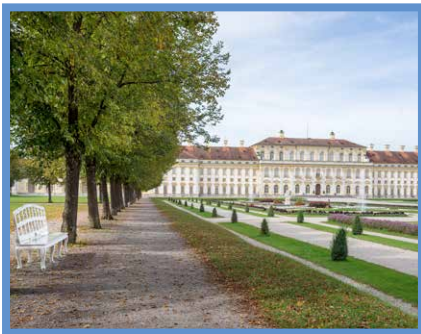
Holidays in the green: where culture meets nature

Garden highlights of southern Bavaria part 2



The gardens of the Bavarian Palace Administration

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Palace complex and court garden Schleißheim



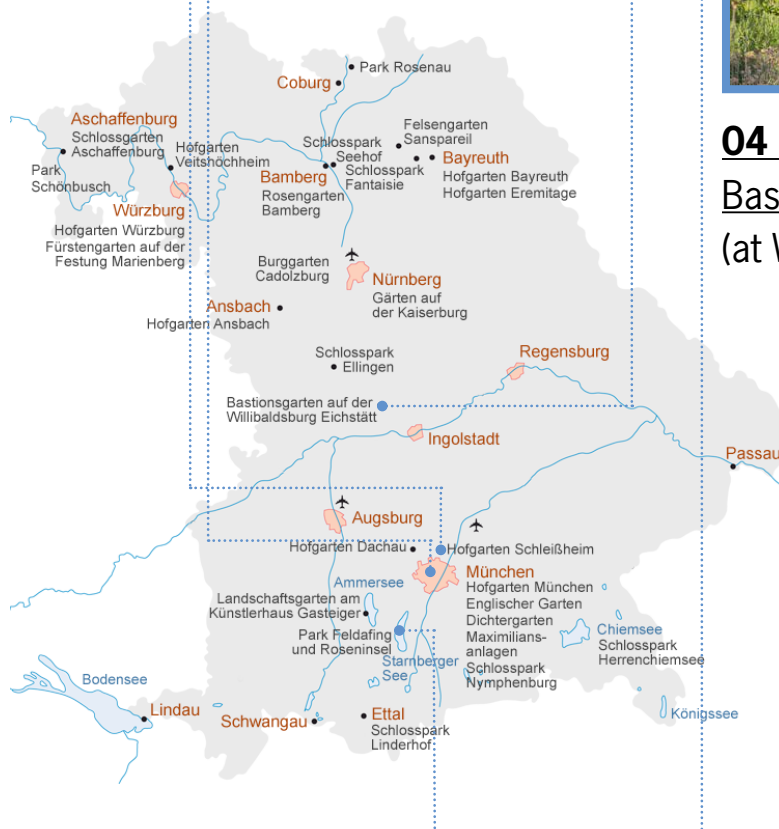
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West façade of the New Palace



View of the fountains in front of the New Palace



Apple tree in the mother orchard



Autumn in the Court Garden



Linden avenue



Garden parterre of the New Palace

01 Oberschleißheim Palace complex and court garden Schleißheim

Special features / Tips

- Private tours during opening times can be booked for groups (adults or children) at +49 89 17908- 311 or fuehrungen@bsv.bayern.de.
- During the summer season (May to September) 'La Gondola Barocca' takes visitors on exclusive gondola rides along the central canal of the Court Garden (advance booking required).
- The Schleißheim distillery is continuing a long tradition. Until the 1920s Schleißheim had a palace brewery in which fruit schnapps was also distilled. Today the bottles of Schleißheim Palace schnapps sold in the New Palace's museum shop are popular as a souvenir with visitors from all over the world. All of the varieties of Schleißheim Palace schnapps are distilled from untreated fruit from the historical fruit trees of the palace complex.
- Discover the Schleißheim palace complex on YouTube.
- Experience the Schleißheim palace garden complex, including the Court Garden, from an entirely different perspective: high-quality 360-degree photos.

Interesting facts

- East of the Schleißheim New Palace is one of the few virtually unchanged gardens from the Baroque period. The Schleißheim Court Garden with its canals and the extensive bosquet zone between Lustheim Palace and the New Palace was designed by Henrico Zucalli from 1684 when Lustheim Palace was built.
- The Baroque canals built for decorative and practical purposes in the Court Garden were commenced in 1689. To provide water for the canals in the garden, an entire system of feeder canals had to be constructed, which branched off from a number of water courses.
- The canal system between Schleißheim, Nymphenburg and Dachau is unique in Central Europe. Even though not all the canal sections have water in them throughout and in places some of the avenues have become overgrown, the system of canals and the views along them is still a dominant feature of the landscape north of Munich.
- From 1865 to 1868 Carl Effner reconstructed the garden in its original form for King Ludwig I and included typical ornamental forms of the time, most of which were however lost during the Second World War.
- In 2010 and 2011 the Schleißheim flower parterre was comprehensively restored. It was reconstructed in its historical form on the basis of archaeological investigations.

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How to get there / parking

Public transport (train / MVV Munich):

- S-Bahn: 'Oberschleißheim' stop
 - From the S-Bahn it is a 10–15-minute walk to the Old and New Schleißheim Palaces, and around a 30-minute walk to Lustheim Palace at the east end of the palace complex.
 - From the S-Bahn, take bus no. 295 (Monday-Friday only) or 292 to the 'Schloss' stop (Old and New Palaces) or to the 'Lustheim' stop (Lustheim Palace).
- U-Bahn: U2 to the 'Am Hart' stop, and then bus no. 295; U6 to the 'Garching-Hochbrück' stop and then bus 292.

Car / tour bus: Around 120 chargeable parking spaces are available for cars/tour buses at the New Palace.

Catering

Schlosswirtschaft Schleißheim – restaurant, beer garden (in the palace grounds)

Opening times

(the current opening times can be found on our [website](#))

- **Old and New Schleißheim Palaces, Lustheim Palace:**
April-September: 9am–6pm
October-March: 10am–4pm
closed Mondays (except 6 January, Easter Monday, 1 May, Whit Monday, 15 August, 3 October, 1 November)
- **Waterworks:**
April to mid-September: Monday to Friday between 10am and 4pm, on the hour for half an hour
- **Beautiful Stable and Renuus Chapel** (in the two pavilions next to Lustheim Palace):
April-September: 9am–6pm closed Mondays, (except Easter Monday, 1 May, Whit Monday, 15 August, 3 October, 1 November)
closed October to March
- **Court Garden:**
November, December, January, February: 8am–5pm
March and October: 8am–6pm
April and September: 8am–7pm
May to August: 8am–8pm.
The historical mother orchard has restricted opening times (access to the nursery from the park): Monday to Thursday: 8am–4.15pm, Friday: 8am–12.30pm



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English Garden



02 Munich English Garden



View from the Monopteros



The largest area of water in the English Garden – Kleinhesselhofer See



Flower meadow in the English Garden



The beer garden at the Chinese Tower



Bridge over one of the streams in the English Garden



Historic children's merry-go-round at the Chinese Tower

02 Munich English Garden

Special features / Tips:

- Private guided tours for groups (adults or children) can be booked at +49 89 17908-311 or fuehrungen@bsv.bayern.de.
- Everyone from young to old will enjoy a family carriage ride through the English Garden. Round trips should be booked in advance with Kutscherei Holzmann, telephone: +49 89 180608; office hours: Mon-Sun: 10am–2pm.
- The historical carousel at the Chinese Tower has been in existence since 1913. It was built by the sculptor and graphic artist Joseph Erlacher (1871–1937) and its first owner, August Julier (1876–1960), a stage painter. Until it became electrically powered in 1931, the floor carousel had to be turned by someone walking round in a circle in the cellar over two metres below. This task was often undertaken by schoolboys to earn themselves a few pennies in the afternoons.
- In the north part of the English Garden the Deutsche Wildtier Stiftung (German Wild Animal Foundation) together with the Bavarian Palace Administration has laid out a wild bee nature trail. Eight information stations spread out over an area of around three kilometres provide digital information about wild bees and their lives via QR codes.

Interesting facts

- Elector Karl Theodor decided in 1789 to have the English Garden laid out as a public park and put the first planning of it in the hands of Sir Benjamin Thompson. The first trees and bushes were planted and features such as the Chinese Tower and sections of the lake, the Kleinhesseloher See, were created. From 1804 Friedrich Ludwig von Sckell took over the further designing of the park as Court Garden Director.
- The English Garden acquired its name because it was not laid out geometrically like a French Baroque garden but designed in the natural style of an English landscape park.
- With an area of 376 hectares respectively 427 hectares (including the Maximilian Park, Court and Finance Gardens), the English Garden is one of the largest inner-city parks in the world (larger than Central Park in New York and Hyde Park in London).
- The English Garden is not only a recreational park with over 600 park benches, but has several mown lawn areas with space for a variety of individual leisure pursuits. The network of paths covering over 70 km are used for jogging and cycling, as well as for leisurely walks. There are also 12 km of designated bridle paths. Boat rides on the Kleinhesseloher See, followed by a visit to the neighbouring beer garden, are particularly popular.
- The north part of the English Garden is very different from the southern part. While the south, near the city centre, attracts more people, the north part is more countrified and quieter. There are even sheep grazing here in the summer, a pleasurable sight not only for children.

- In order to improve the habitat ecologically for bees, butterflies and other insects and increase biodiversity over a wide area, individual open spaces have been transformed into flower meadows with many different plant species. The long-term aim is to extend and interlink the wild flower areas in the English Garden in order to heighten its attractiveness for visitors.

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How to get there / parking:

Public transport (train / MVV Munich):

- U-Bahn: several stations within walking distance, e.g. the stops 'Odeonsplatz' / 'Universität' (southern part); 'Studentenstadt' (northern part)
- Tram: Several stops within walking distance, e.g. the stops 'Tivolistraße' / 'Paradiesstraße' / 'Lärchenfeldstraße'
- Bus: Nearest stop 'Chinesischer Turm'

Car / tour bus: Parking spaces at the restaurants in and near the English Garden; tour buses can also register in advance to use the car park by the Chinese Tower restaurant.

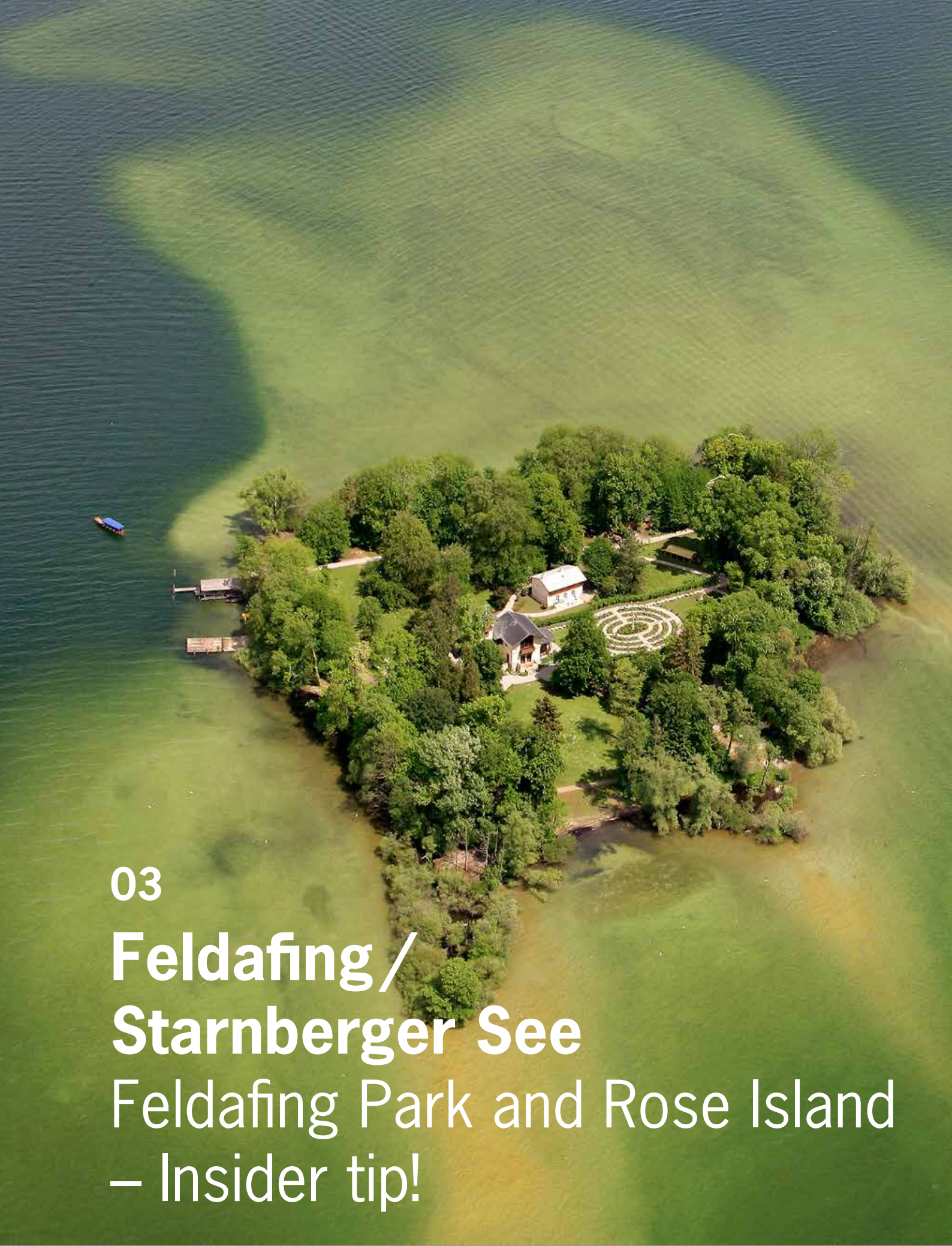
Catering

- Restaurant and beer garden at the „Chinese Tower“
- Aumeister restaurant and beer garden
- Restaurant Seehaus
- Restaurant and beer garden Hirschau
- Kiosk Fräulein Grüneis
- Bio-Imbiss MilchHäusl
- Mini-Hofbräuhaus at the English Garden (in the northern part)

Opening times

(the current opening times can be found on our [website](#))

- **English Garden**
open all year round
- **Historic children's merry-go-round at the Chinese Tower**
April to October: in good weather daily from 2 pm



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Feldafing / Starnberger See

Feldafing Park and Rose Island – Insider tip!



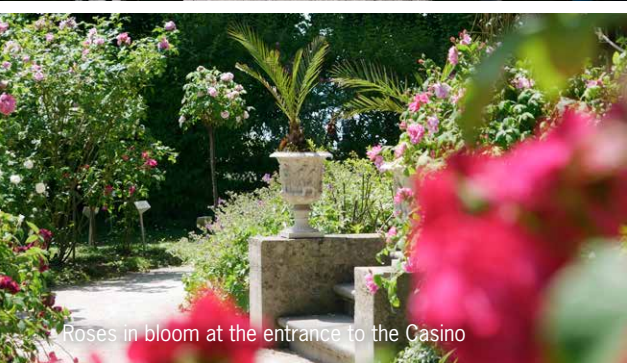
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View of „Starnberger See“ from the pavilion



View of the Wetterstein mountains



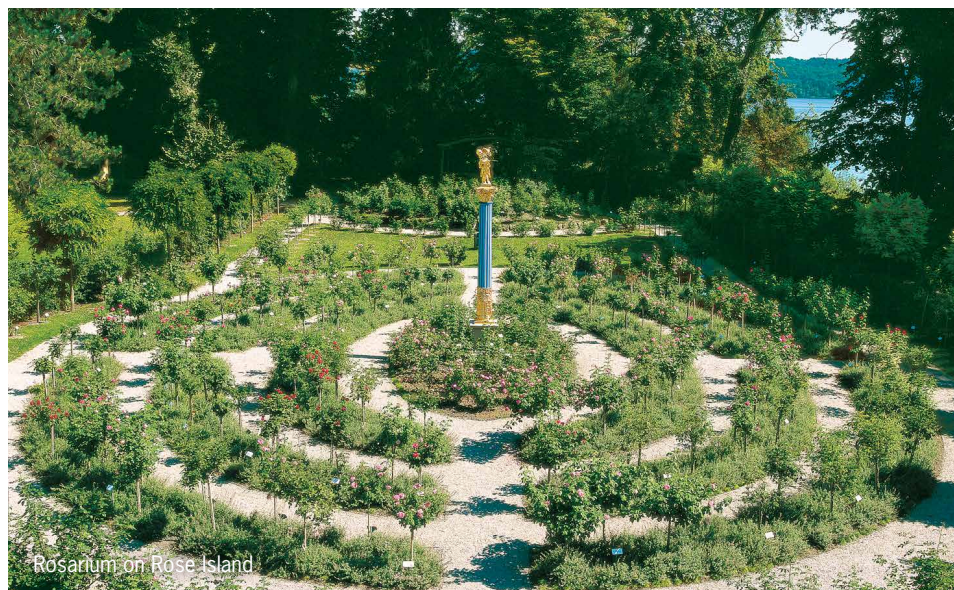
Roses in bloom at the entrance to the Casino



Casino on Rose Island



Standard roses and cat mint in the rosarium



Rosarium on Rose Island

03 Feldafing/Starnberger See Feldafing Park and Rose Island

Special features / Tips

- The guided tours of the rosarium on Rose Island take place every year during the first blooming season. Separate tours for groups can be booked in advance. The first blooming season usually starts at around the beginning of June. The roses then bloom for approximately four weeks. Depending on the weather conditions, the blooming season may shift and can even be weeks early or late starting.
- The royal villa on Rose Island that is known as the Casino can only be visited with a guided tour. Tours for groups of 15 persons and over must be booked in advance.
- The remains of prehistoric pile dwellings on the bottom of Lake Starnberg by Rose Island have been included on the UNESCO World Heritage list. In June 2011 over 100 selected findings in several countries were combined under the heading 'Prehistoric Pile Dwellings around the Alps'.
- Information about access to Feldafing Park and Rose Island is available for persons with impairment.

Interesting facts

- The park on Rose Island, which was formerly called Wörth and was a fishermen's island, was laid out from 1850 from plans by the garden designer Peter Joseph Lenné.
- In 1851 the Viennese civil engineer Franz Jakob Kreuter was commissioned to build a small island villa which is still known by the name of Casino.
- The circular rose bed is centrally located in front of the Casino. 360 standard roses and 1,000 centifolia roses (so-called cabbage roses), as well as numerous shrub and climbing roses planted all over the island fill the air with their fragrance. The historical rose varieties are in all shades of white, red and pink.
- Rose Island became one of King Ludwig II's favourite refuges, where he received special guests such as Tsarina Maria Alexandrovna of Russia, Richard Wagner and Empress Elisabeth of Austria.
- In 1853 King Maximilian II of Bavaria commissioned Peter Joseph Lenné to lay out a landscape park on the west bank of Lake Starnberg only one year after Rose Island had been fully redesigned. Feldafing Park was completed by the later Court Garden Director Carl von Effner.

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How to get there / parking

Public transport (train / MVV Munich):

- S-Bahn S6 in the direction of Tutzing, get out at 'Feldafing' and walk through Feldafing and the park for about 2 kilometres to the ferry by the circle of plane trees.
- Boat: Starnberg to Possenhofen (mid-April to mid-October), from the Possenhofen landing stage it is about a two-kilometre walk through the park to the ferry by the circle of plane trees.

Ferry to Rose Island: The ferry from Feldafing Park (circle of plane trees) to Rose Island is in operation from May to mid-October; the two barges (ferries) can each take 30 people.

Car / tour bus: There are several parking options in Feldafing, also for buses. The ferry jetty is in the park and not directly accessible for buses. It is an approximately 20–30-minute walk from where the bus is parked to the jetty.

Catering

Gastronomy facilities are available in the town of Feldafing.

Opening times

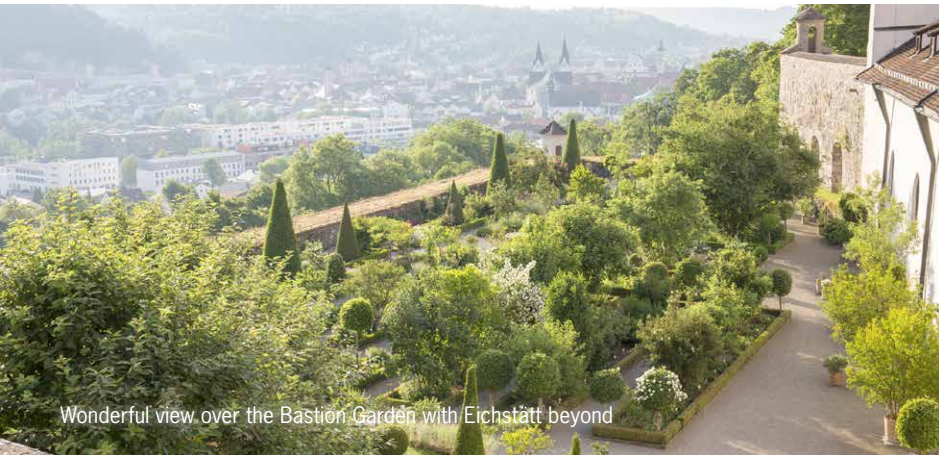
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- **Feldafing Park:** open all year round
- **The ferry from Feldafing Park** (circle of plane trees) to Rose Island operates from May to mid-October
- **Casino on Rose Island:** May–15 October: 12.15–5.30pm (cash desk + museum shop: 12–6pm)
Closed Mondays (except 1 May, Whit Monday, 15 August, 3 October)
closed 16 October–April

A photograph of Willibaldsburg Castle, a large stone fortress with two prominent towers, situated on a hillside. The castle is reflected in a calm lake in the foreground. The scene is surrounded by lush green trees and a clear blue sky with some clouds. The text '04 Eichstätt Bastion Garden (at Willibaldsburg Castle)' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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Eichstätt
Bastion Garden
(at Willibaldsburg Castle)

04 Eichstätt Bastion Garden (at Willibaldsburg Castle)



Wonderful view over the Bastion Garden with Eichstätt beyond



The Bastion Garden is a show and information garden



The Bastion Garden is a plant collection based on the work Hortus Eystettensis



The arrangement of the beds and plants follows the flowering times throughout the year



Around 520 plants are shown on approximately 1.500m² of bed space



General view of the Willibaldsburg Castle with the Bastion Garden at the bottom left corner of the picture

04 Eichstätt Bastion Garden (at Willibaldsburg Castle)

Special features / Tips

- From May to September the Eichstätt tourist office offers independent travellers a one-hour tour of the Bastion Garden every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 11 am. Group tours are also possible at other times.
- The strategically optimal position of the castle on a spur, three-quarters of which is surrounded by the River Altmühl, is evident from afar. It becomes even more obvious how well the site was chosen when it is seen from the top of the castle's south tower. From here there is a fine view of the Altmühl curving round below and of the castle itself.
- On the ground floor of Willibald Castle's Gemmingen Building is the Jura Museum. Its exhibits include fossils of animals and plants from the environs of Eichstätt. One of the most impressive fossils is the Eichstätter specimen of the ancient bird *Archeopteryx*. The museum also has large aquariums with colourful corals and fish.
- Also in the Gemmingen Building is the Museum of Prehistory and Early History, which is upstairs. This documents the developmental history of the region from the Stone Age to the Early Middle Ages. High points are the room with mammoth, cave hyena and reindeer skeletons and the section with findings from Roman times.

Interesting facts

- In 1597 Prince-Bishop Johann Conrad von Gemmingen created the 'Hortus Eystettensis', a botanical garden which included garden terraces, a summer house and castle buildings. With his passion for collecting, he filled the garden with plants from Europe, Africa, America and Asia.
- In around 1606/07 he commissioned the Nuremberg pharmacist Basilius Besler with the production of a volume of copperplate engravings of the same name, showing the plants in the garden. It contains 1,084 illustrations of medicinal, ornamental and useful plants on 367 plates.
- The Bastion Garden at Willibald Castle has been laid out on the basis of the volume of engravings published in 1613. The original complex was one of the most important gardens in Europe, but in the Thirty Years' War it was completely destroyed. The new informative garden was laid out on the Schmiede bastion of Willibald Castle in Eichstätt in 1998.
- Today around half of the over 1,000 plants illustrated in the engravings are grown in the Bastion Garden. As in the book, the plants are arranged in the order of their blooming seasons, so that the first of the narrow beds contains spring flowers and the last bed the flowers that bloom in winter.
- As in the past, the Eichstätt Garden features exotic plants and plants on the verge of extinction. Many of the species have to be carefully cultivated in the Palace Department's greenhouses beforehand.

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How to get there / parking

Public transport (train):

- Get out at 'Eichstätt Stadt', and then take the bus to below the castle. The town bus no. 140 stops halfway up the castle hill ('Elias-Holl-Strasse 1' stop, Mon–Sat). From here it is about a 10-15-minute walk up to the castle. It should be pointed out that the footpath to the castle (Mondscheinweg) is not barrier-free (gravel, steep incline, numerous steps).
Please note: following completion of the building work (scheduled for Whitsun 2024), the path's route will be adjusted accordingly.

Car / tour bus parking spaces:

- It is currently not possible to drive up to Willibald Castle because of building work. At the castle there are only two disabled parking spaces (please register in advance by calling +49 8421 602980 at least one day beforehand.)
- At weekends and during the Bavarian school holidays around 70 free parking spaces are available at a school, the Staatliche Berufsschule Eichstätt, at Burgstrasse 22. From here it is an approximately 10–15 minutes' walk to the castle (the path is not barrier-free). Further chargeable parking spaces are available at 'Freiwasser' (Innere Freiwasserstrasse 14, from which the ascent to the castle takes around 20–25 minutes).
- Arrival by tour bus. The parking spaces at the school are not suitable for tour buses. There are two spaces for buses along the side of Burgstrasse. Buses can also turn by the school. Further parking options are available in public car parks and by 'Freiwasser' (Innere Freiwasserstrasse 14).

Catering

Gastronomy options are available in the city of Eichstätt.

Opening times

(the current opening times can be found on our [website](#))

- **Bastion Garden**
Mid April–mid Oktober: 9am–6pm · closed Mondays
Closed mid October–mid April
- **Willibaldsburg Castle**
April–September: 9am–6pm · October–March: 10am–4pm
Closed Mondays (except: 6 January, Easter Monday, 1 May, Whit Monday, 15 August, 3 October, 1 November)
Last admission 45 minutes before closing time
Closed on: January 1, Shrove Tuesday, December 24/25/31

Want to know more? Information about all 32 of
the Bavarian Palace Administration`s gardens
can be found on our [website](#)

A warm welcome
awaits you
and your guests!

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