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Highlights at the Prussian Palaces and Gardens

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More than 30 palaces and gardens that are open to the public in Berlin and Brandenburg invite visitors to vividly travel back in time to the radiant epochs of the Prussian kings and queens. As testimonies to accomplished architecture and garden design in Prussia, the majority of these sites have been part of the UNESCO World Heritage since 1990.

Zu Tisch! Or: A Place at the Royal Table

2018 is European Cultural Heritage Year (ECHY)! Under the motto SHARING HERITAGE, institutions that include museums, associations and foundations, as well as private persons are committed to making the cultural heritage of Europe experienceable, and they invite everyone to share and to participate. SHARING HERITAGE is also at the center of the 2018 activities for the Stiftung Preussische Schlösser und Gärten Berlin-Brandenburg (SPSG). Together with the Association des Résidences Royales (ARRE) and the Verein Schlösser und Gärten Deutschland e. V., we are putting the focus this year on dining culture and culinary traditions at European courts. Dining is an essential part of our cultural heritage and at the same time stands for everyday life, co-existence and building bridges between cultures. With *A Place at the Royal Table*, also called *Zu Tisch*, a varied program of events on the subject of dining culture awaits visitors in 2018 at the Prussian palaces and gardens. Its highlight is a joint picnic in Sanssouci Park on June 23rd. On the lawn at the foot of the Orangery Palace's magnificent terraces, 270 meters of white covered tables will be ready – and the SPSG invites you to join the fun: So, pack your picnic basket, take a seat at the royal table, and enjoy and share the delicacies you bring with you!

The **exhibition *Tischlein deck dich*** (The Wishing Table) will take place from **May 5–July 15** at the Roman Baths in Sanssouci Park. Here, the SPSG is showing the table settings of exceptional personalities from the history of the Prussian palaces – like Queen Luise and Wilhelm Pieck. Much more important, however, will be the tables on which visitors show all those things that should never be missing at a meal together with their own families or among friends, including special table settings, decorations or beloved rituals ... In addition, anyone can send in a special family recipe, which the SPSG will preserve and share publicly as personal cultural heritage!

More information and further event program: <https://www.spsg.de/zutisch> (further event program available soon)

Kaiserdämmerung – The Twilight of an Empire

The New Palace between the Monarchy and the Weimar Republic, 1918 – 1927

Special exhibition commemorating the end of the monarchy 100 years ago
June 16 – November 12, 2018 Potsdam, Sanssouci Park, New Palace

A process that took several years, in which the property of the former royal dynasty was separated from that of the state, began with the end of the Prussian monarchy in November 1918. Central points of the negotiations were the allocation of properties and works of art, as well as the dissolution of the court. Shortly after the enactment of a law passed to this effect, the “Preußische Verwaltung der Staatlichen Schlösser und Gärten” (Prussian Administration of the State Palaces and Gardens) was founded on April 1, 1927. It became responsible for making a variety of palaces situated between Königsberg (now Kaliningrad) and Wiesbaden, as well as between Breslau (now Wrocław) and Koblenz, into museums. The exhibition *Kaiserdämmerung – The Twilight of an Empire. The New Palace between the Monarchy and the Weimar Republic, 1918 – 1927*, shown at an authentic location, commemorates this important, publicly experienced transformation in German history – when the emperor’s private palaces became museums for everyone. Even during World War I, the New Palace in Potsdam remained the preferential residence of the emperor and his wife, Augusta Victoria. It then became a main stage for the transition from the monarchy to the Weimar Republic as a result of the November Revolution in 1918 – made visible and experiential to a broad public. (www.spsg.de/kaiserdämmerung)

Potsdamer Schlössernacht (Potsdam Palace Night)

August 17–18, 2018 Potsdam, Sanssouci Park

“Created from pure amazement, intended for your enjoyment!” Illumination, music, theater, dance and a great show of fireworks in Sanssouci Park celebrate this year’s 20th anniversary event on two evenings! (www.spsg.de/schloessernacht)

The Prussian Royal Dynasty

A new exhibition topic at Charlottenburg Palace

Opens November 2018

A hundred years ago, in November 1918, the Prussian monarchy in Germany came to an end with World War I. The Hohenzollern reign had also reached its end. Nevertheless, it still shapes our history to this day.

In the new permanent exhibition at Charlottenburg Palace, *Das Preußische Königshaus* (The Prussian Royal Dynasty), the SPSG offers focused and critical insights into the history of the dynasty: Where did the Hohenzollern come from? What developments have shaped their 500-year rule in Berlin-Brandenburg? What connects this house with other dynasties – and what distinguishes it? A new presentation of the Crown Treasure is at the heart of the exhibition – nothing can more impressively demonstrate the ups and downs of Brandenburg-Prussian history than this ensemble of precious regalia from the 15th to 19th centuries.

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