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Press Release

Prussian Palaces and Gardens Foundation Berlin-Brandenburg (SPSG)

More than 30 publicly accessible palaces and gardens in Berlin and Brandenburg invite visitors to travel back in time to the exciting era of the Prussian kings and queens and to explore the history of Prussia, Germany, and Europe. Among them are the world-renowned sites Sanssouci Palace in Potsdam (30 years of UNESCO World Heritage) and Charlottenburg Palace in Berlin. On May 1, 2020, a special exhibition marking the 75th anniversary of the Potsdam Conference in 1945 will open in Cecilienhof Palace.



Potsdam Conference 1945 – Shaping the world

Special exhibition, May 1 to November 1, 2020

Potsdam, Cecilienhof Palace

www.potsdam-konferenz.de

Historical Background

At the round table in Cecilienhof Palace, Churchill, Truman and Stalin (see image) deliberated about the future of Germany and the political and territorial reorganization of Europe and the world. The negotiations began on July 17, 1945 with the “Communiqué on the Three Power Conference of Berlin”, also known as the “Potsdam Agreement”. The simultaneous onset of the Cold War would lay the cornerstone for the subsequent division of Germany. In addition, the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, to end the Pacific War, triggered the nuclear arms race of the great powers in East and West. Decisions and agreements made in Potsdam influenced world politics up until today.

Exhibition

Marking the 75th anniversary of the Potsdam Conference, the SPSG will feature a special exhibition, from May 1 to November 1, 2020, at the site of the conference in Cecilienhof Palace. Presenting the decisions and proceedings of the Potsdam Conference, the perspective and historical account of the conference participants will also be included in all parts of the exhibition. The exhibition contrasts the objective and non-ideological presentation of geopolitical decisions with emotionally touching, personal voices of the conference participants and those affected by the negotiations. The abstract decisions of the victorious powers and the consequential experiences of daily life becomes apparent for the visitor. Well-known historical figures like Churchill, Stalin, and Truman face-off against the great many who remain nameless in history (victims of the atomic bomb, expellees, collaborators, etc.).

Meaningful artefacts combined with multimedia elements will produce a lively and vivid atmosphere and allow the visitor to travel back in time to 1945. In addition to the historical palace rooms – including the conference hall and the offices of the three delegations – the famous garden terrace, where the “big three” were photographed by the press in wicker chairs, will also be included in the exhibition for the first time.

The project is generously supported by the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media, the Ministry of Science, Research and Culture of the State of Brandenburg and the Ostdeutsche Sparkassenstiftung in cooperation with Mittelbrandenburgische Sparkasse.

Admission and Opening Hours

14 Euro / reduced 10 Euro

Tickets: <https://tickets.spsg.de>

Open daily, except Mondays, 10 am–5:30 pm; last admission at 4:45 pm

Frederick in Berlin

The royal apartments and ballrooms in the New Wing of Charlottenburg Palace Revised permanent exhibition from September 12, 2020

Charlottenburg Palace – New Wing, White Hall, Spandauer Damm 10-22, 14059 Berlin
www.spsg.de/aktuelles/ausstellung/friedrich-in-berlin

On September 12, 2020 the Prussian Palaces and Gardens Foundation Berlin-Brandenburg (SPSG) will open a newly designed and revised permanent exhibition in the New Wing of Berlin's Charlottenburg Palace. The exhibition focuses on Frederick the Great (1712-1786) as the owner of the New Wing and presents the monarch of Prussian-German and European history beyond the usual clichés. The project is generously supported by the Deutsche Klassenlotterie Berlin (DKLB).

Visitors will get to know a different side of the king in each of the 16 rooms on the upper floor. The function of Charlottenburg as a place of royal festivities will be shown, the from time to time problematic relations of the monarch to his court artists will be discussed and it will be explained how and by whom the image of the thrifty and self-sacrificing monarch was actually created. In addition, it will be questioned how the king realized his art purchases. Another topic will be the photo documentation of the ceiling paintings by Antoine Pesne (1683-1757), which was completed two weeks before their final destruction in the winter of 1943.

The fundamental revision of the Rococo rooms, in addition to the rooms on the history of the Hohenzollern dynasty, which were opened a year ago, is the result of the “Charlottenburg 2030” project, which includes the first complete and comprehensive museum redesign of the palace since its reconstruction.

Admission and Opening Hours

12 Euro / reduced 8 Euro

Book tickets online: <https://tickets.spsg.de>

Opening hours: Tue-Sun, 10-17.30 h, last admission 17 h

Potsdam Palace Night 2020

Event, Les Rendez-Vous au Park Sanssouci

August 14 and 15, 2020

Sanssouci Park, Potsdam

www.potsdamer-schloessernacht.de

A highlight of summer 2020 will be the Potsdam Palace Night in the World Heritage Site of Sanssouci Park. On August 14 and 15, 2020, visitors can enjoy two nights inspired by the French joie de vivre: “Les Rendez-Vous au Park Sanssouci” – stroll, enjoy, laugh, meet friends and fall in love!

Visitors can drift along wonderfully illuminated paths and embark on a cultural and culinary journey. The multifaceted voices of stars from radio and television will perform works of world literature in the context of “Quiet Sounds, Distinctive Voices, Exciting Stories”.

In addition, there will be countless rendez-vous with cabaret and great acrobatics, musical entertainment and culinary delights, peppered with light installations that will put the beautiful park in the limelight.

On both evenings at 10 pm and midnight, there will be a brilliant production of projections, lasers, music, fire and acrobatics below the Orangery Palace.

For more information of the Prussian Palaces and Garden Foundation Berlin-Brandenburg (SPSG) and an overview of our diverse offerings for the travel industry visit:

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