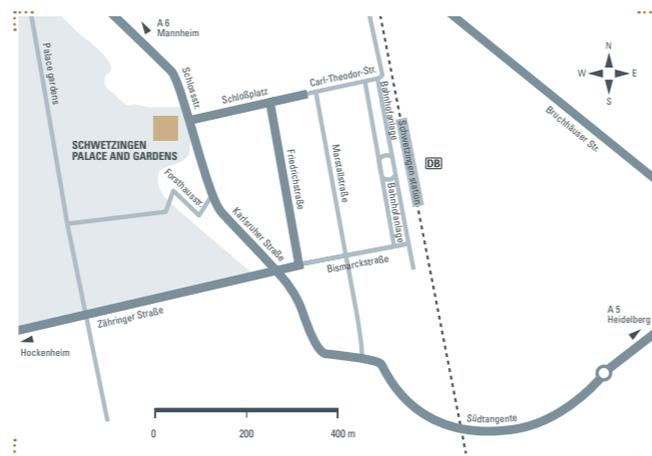




#### HOW TO FIND US



Schwetzingen Palace and Gardens is approximately a 10 minute walk from Schwetzingen train station.

Further information, including on charging stations, can be found online.

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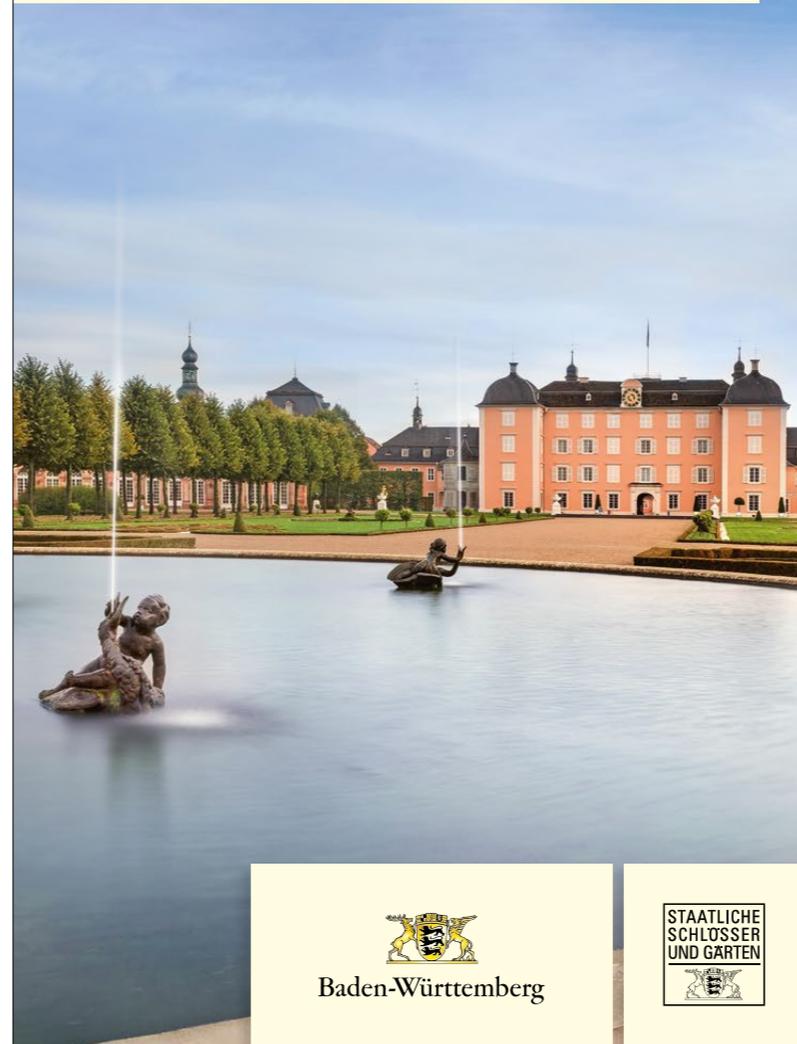
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EXTRAORDINARY  
GARDENS OF EUROPEAN RENOWN



# SCHWETZINGEN PALACE AND GARDENS



 *Stately and elegant: The formal French grounds, with its one-of-a-kind circular parterre, is the centerpiece of the palace*

#### THE SUMMER RESIDENCE OF PRINCE-ELECTORS OF THE PALATINATE

The lush splendor of cherry and apple blossoms in spring, the rich green foliage and lively borders of flowers, the colorful leaves in autumn, or a quiet wintry hush—the Schwetzingen Palace Gardens offer visitors a wonderfully unique atmosphere in every season. It is an 18th-century *masterpiece of garden design*, presenting geometrically precise representative elements of the French style alongside the free landscape style seen in English gardens. Buildings, such as the Temple of Minerva or the Woodland Temple, as well as the array of sculptures in the gardens, all serve to highlight its unique character.



Schwetzingen Palace (*Schloss Schwetzingen*) is famous for its beautiful and harmonious gardens. Remarkably, the original design, in all its diversity, survives to this day.

The origins of Schwetzingen Palace date back to 1350, when a knight's small moated castle occupied the site. After an eventful history, Schwetzingen flourished under Prince-Elector Carl Theodor von der Pfalz (1724–1799). The palace owes its current form to Prince-Elector Johann Wilhelm, who commissioned changes in 1697 and expanded it considerably by adding two side wings.

#### A SYNTHESIS OF THE MOST PROMINENT ARTISTS

Schwetzingen Palace reached the height of splendor under Prince-Elector Carl Theodor. He instructed leading landscape architects of the time to design his grounds, among them Nicolas de Pigage and later Friedrich Ludwig von Sckell. They began construction the large-scale project in 1749 and, supported by the most prominent artists, created an *exceptionally beautiful artistic synthesis* and variety. The central gardens boasts curved structures,



👑 🏛️ *The Temple of Mercury is the newest building in the gardens; its architectural style was inspired by Roman tombs*

pergola arcades, and a circular parterre and follows clear mathematical patterns in an entirely symmetrical and consistent pattern. At the end of the 18th century, landscaped sections were added to the Baroque garden, creating the “Arboretum Theodoricum”, one of the earliest examples of the English landscape garden in Germany.

#### MAGNIFICENT BAROQUE BLOOM AND STRANGE WORLDS

Schwetzingen's palace garden is a cultural monument of European distinction, featuring *well over 100 sculptures* within its wonderful and surprising grounds. Picturesque structures lure visitors into strange and distant lands. The “Temple of Apollo”, a small, round building, houses a statue of the ancient Greek god of light and the arts, playing the lyre. The bath house is also worth a visit: a private haven in an elegant garden, and built like an Italian villa. And, most spectacularly the park's “Turkish Garden” boasts a mosque designed by Nicolas de Pigage, the only structure of its kind in a German garden. Ornamented with oriental details, the late-Baroque building was purely decorative and served no religious purpose.



👑 🏛️ *View from the Arion Fountain to the central building: The core of the palace was originally a knights' moated castle*

#### A CULTURAL HIGHLIGHT

The palace rooms are furnished with pieces from the 18th and early 19th centuries. One spectacular feature in the palace is the prince-electors' court theater in the northern curved outbuilding. This “palace theater” is still used for performances to this day. *It is the oldest surviving gallery theater in Europe.*

👑 🏛️ *A worthy stop in the curved outbuildings: The grandiose palace theater and the lapidarium with the priceless original garden statues (left)*



#### VISITOR INFORMATION

HOURS	01/01/23 – 03/25/23 10/29/23 – 03/30/24 10/27/24 – 12/31/24	03/26/23 – 10/28/23 03/31/24 – 10/26/24
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PALACE GARDEN	Mon – Sun and holidays 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Last admission 4:30 PM; Open from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Dec. 24th and 31st; closed Dec. 25th	Mon – Sun and holidays 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM Last admission 7:30 PM
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PALACE	Viewing only possible on a tour; closed December 24th, 25th and 31st; the palace theater can only be viewed as part of a special tour; more information and dates can be found on our homepage	
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TOURS	01/01/23 – 03/25/23 10/29/23 – 03/30/24 10/27/24 – 12/31/24	03/26/23 – 10/28/23 03/31/24 – 10/26/24
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PALACE GARDEN	no tours	Sat, Sun and holidays 3:00 PM
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PALACE	Fri 2:00 PM; Sat, Sun and holidays 11:00 AM, 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM	Mon – Fri hourly between 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Sat, Sun and holidays hourly between 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM; English tours: Sat, Sun and holidays 2:15 PM
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*Tour in German; group tours and foreign language tours by arrangement; special tours as per online program and by arrangement*

ADMISSION	01/01/23 – 03/25/23 10/29/23 – 03/30/24 10/27/24 – 12/31/24	03/26/23 – 10/28/23 03/31/24 – 10/26/24
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PALACE OR PALACE GARDEN (each incl. tour; no garden tours in winter)		
Adults	€ 9.00	€ 11.00
Discounted	€ 4.50	€ 5.50
Families	€ 22.50	€ 27.50
Groups of 20 or more	€ 8.10 (per person)	€ 9.90 (per person)

PALACE GARDEN		
Adults	€ 6.00	€ 8.00
Discounted	€ 3.00	€ 4.00
Families	€ 15.00	€ 20.00
Groups of 20 or more	€ 5.40 (per person)	€ 7.20 (per person)

PALACE GARDEN ANNUAL PASS		
Adults	€ 35.00	€ 35.00
Discounted	€ 17.50	€ 17.50

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