

LOWER AUSTRIA STATE EXHIBITION

26 MAR-13 NOV 2022

MARCHEGG PALACE

MARCHFELD

- Secrets ———

People. Culture. Nature.





A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MAN & NATURE

As Governor of Lower Austria, I can proudly say that our state has become a true cradle of culture beyond its borders.

For decades, our State Exhibitions have turned the spotlight on the culture, history and regions of Lower Austria, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. "MARCHFELD Secrets" at Marchegg Palace is the 41st State Exhibition. The aim is to present the treasures of this unique region to as many visitors as possible.

"MARCHFELD Secrets" paints a completely new picture of the relationship between man and nature against the backdrop of the culture, history, nature, and landscape of the Marchfeld plain. Needless to say that the region has many secrets that go beyond this relationship, as you shall discover in the exhibition.

J. Mikl-Leitner

Johanna Mikl-Leitner, Governor of Lower Austria

Marchegg Palace: a Baroque stage for the Lower Austria State Exhibition 2022

Secrets are waiting to be revealed. Join us on a journey of discovery across the Marchfeld plain!

— The historical palace was originally a fortification for the town of Marchegg. It was constructed under King Ottokar of Bohemia. In 2022, it proudly looks back at 754 years of existence. It has

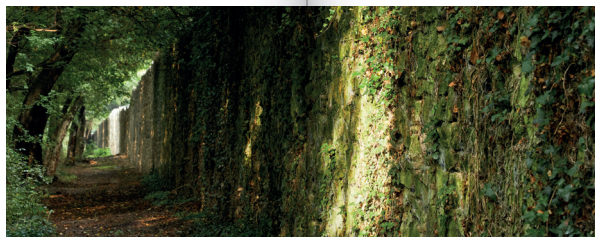
been completely renovated and made barrier-free for the State Exhibition, with lots of love for detail. It thus creates the perfect setting for families to embark on an adventurous time journey from early settlement to the present, and offers a fascinating glimpse of a possible future of this very special natural landscape.



The Lower Austria
State Exhibition 2022
at Marchegg Palace

- 146 windows
- 6 ha of palace grounds
- 1,200 ha of riparian preserve
- 250 to 290 bats

- ca. 50 stork couples (they arrive in Marchegg in late March for the breeding season and leave in mid-August)
- 34 eyries
- 86 stork chicks in 2021



“MARCHFELD SECRETS”

What has characterised the close relationship between man and nature in the course of history? How to strike a balance between use and protection? Why drill for millions of years old sea water in the Marchfeld plain? Why are there so many Baroque palaces?

—Your discovery tour of Marchfeld Palace affords a first-hand experience of the evolution of this fascinating region. Marvel at unique archaeo-

logical finds and cultural- or natural-historical exhibits from Austria and abroad. The fascinating picture that will materialise before your very eyes is the portrait of a highly diverse landscape characterised by the close coexistence of protected natural reserves and intensively cultivated land.

—Experience the Marchfeld's singular mixture of people and nature in an equally unique landscape nestled between Vienna and Bratislava.



Model of a sea monkey¹



Pfennig from the County of Cilli (Franzensdorf coin hoard)²

Flood in the Leopoldstadt district of Vienna on 1 March 1830²



Parade in the palace courtyard²



Bullet-shooting crossbow: light version of a crossbow, around 1600²



Shrine of Mahrenberg (tomb of Seifried von Mahrenberg)³

Cavalry armour of Andreas Teufel, Baron of Guntersdorf and Bockfließ⁴



Silver fibula of a cicada²

Note:

The Lower Austria State Exhibition is barrier-free and accessible to everyone!

Tip:

Book a guided tour of the exhibition for only € 3.50!



Agricultural water engineering²

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³ UMJ/History Museum,
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⁴ Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien,
Imperial Armoury,
© KHM-Museumsverband

Note:

"The Realm of Storks"

Daily guided tour of the stork colony at 3 pm

Duration: approx. 45 mins

Price per head: € 3.50

From late March to mid-August

To book your admission ticket and guided tour, visit

www.noelandesausstellung.at

*This royal town
is a paradise for storks!*

Marchegg was built in 1260 on the bank of the Morava river, on the border with the neighbouring Kingdom of Hungary. Today, the town is known for the eponymous Baroque Palace – and for its storks.

— Marchegg is home to Central Europe's largest colony of white storks breeding in trees. The birds build their nests in the old trees of the Marchauen Nature Reserve, which is managed by the WWF. This habitat is ideal for breeding their chicks.

— Roam the waymarked visitor trails through the pristine riparian forest along the Morava or unwind on one of the platforms specially built for you to watch "Master Adebar" in its majestic flight. Huts along the paths invite visitors to make a stopover in this habitat of beavers, kingfishers and fire-bellied toads. If you're lucky, you might even cross paths with a herd of Konik ponies. This sturdy horse breed lives in the riparian reserve all year round, perfectly adapted to its wildlife environment. Thank you for treating these wonderful animals with respect!

Note:

"The Realm of Trees"

Daily guided tour at 3 pm

Duration: approx. 45 mins

Price per head: € 3.50

From mid-August to autumn

To book your admission ticket and guided tour, visit

www.noelandesausstellung.at

Note:

Lower Austria's Weinviertel Festival 2022 is a close collaboration with the Lower Austria State Exhibition 2022.

TOP EVENTS IN THE MARCHFELD IN 2022

March

26 – 27 March

Regional festival with farmers' market and morning show broadcast on ORF Radio Lower Austria



Tip:

Farmers' market every 2nd weekend of the month (April to October) Marchegg

April

03 April

Season opening at the railway museum Heizhaus Strasshof

09 – 10 April

Easter market Marchegg

29 April

Day of musical schools Marchfeld

May

07 – 08 May

E-mobility testing days Marchegg

08 May

Mother's Day hosted by Lower Austrian News (NÖN) Marchegg

12 – 13 May

Marchfeld days Am Hof, Vienna



13 May – 14 August

Lower Austrian regional festival "Weitwinkel"



21 – 22 May

Springtime in Lower Austria's museums

21 May

Marchfeld culinary tour

22 May

Presentation of historical weapons Marchegg

26 – 29 May

Spring festival Schloss Hof

28 – 29 May

Asparagus festival, broadcast on ORF Lower Austria's "Radio 4/4" Deutsch-Wagram

29 May 10 am – 6 pm

Family festival schlossORTH National Park Centre Orth a.d. Donau

June

09 June

75 years of the seed company Probstdorfer Saatzaucht Salmhof, Marchegg

11 June

Summer night Schloss Hof



12 June

Father's Day hosted by Lower Austrian News (NÖN) Marchegg

12 June

Summer festival Eckartsau Palace

18 – 19 June

Swimming lights and boundless nature festival Marchegg

25 – 26 June

100 years of Lower Austria Gänserndorf



July

02 July – 21 August "Sommerszene" music and culture festival Gänserndorf

29 July

Schlösserreich by night Eckartsau Palace

30 July

Schlösserreich by night Marchegg Palace

August

05 August

Schlösserreich by night Orth Castle

11 – 14 August

Fire brigade competition and morning show broadcast on ORF Radio Lower Austria Marchegg



13 – 14 August

Medieval festival Jedenspeigen Castle

22 August

Late antiquity festival Carnuntum

27 – 28 August

Horse festival Schloss Hof

September

10 September

The significance of the Marchfeld for the House of Austria Marchegg

11 September

Marchfeld harvest festival Marchegg



11 September

10th courtyard festival of music and art Gross-Enzersdorf

15 – 16 September

Marchfeld palaces: border castles – hunting lodges – cultural tourism Marchegg

17 – 18 September

District music festival Obersiebenbrunn

17 – 18 September

Roman festival Carnuntum

22 – 23 September

Marchegg, the Marchfeld and the evolution of Central Europe Marchegg

24 September

Hiking & cycling day broadcast by ORF

Lower Austria's

"Radio 4/4"

Marchegg

25 September

Wine & game festival: delicacies from the Weinviertel region Eckartsau Palace

October

15 October

Lower Austrian nature protection day 2022 Marchegg

Lower Austria's unique diversity is reflected in the following selection of events held to mark the 100th anniversary of Lower Austria.



*I love the Marchfeld
plain because this is where
organic vegetables grow
best and taste best.*

GERHARD MICHAELER
organic farmer,
Marchegg



*The natural region
of Marchfeld*



Explore the pristine landscape of the Marchfeld plain by boat, by foot, or on an idyllic bicycle tour – there's something for every taste.

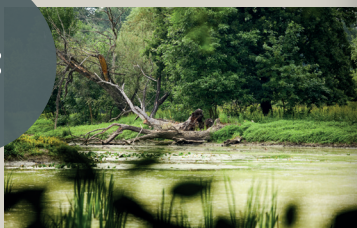
— Austria's "granary", or "vegetable garden", is only a short hop from Vienna or Bratislava! The vastness of the landscape and fields of the Marchfeld is reminiscent of an old oil painting. Such natural diversity is rare these days. It is fair to say that the Marchfeld is a hotspot of biodiversity in the heart of Central Europe.

— Cultural monuments tell of Baroque ruler-ship, decisive battles, and a half-forgotten era. Escape from the treadmill, relax, and explore the fascinating natural and cultural secrets of the Marchfeld plain.



Tip:

Beauty on wheels:
Rent a bike in Marchegg and pedal across the Morava river on one of two bridges connecting Austria with the neighbouring region of Záhorie and Bratislava. Alternatively, take the train from Marchegg.



EXPLORE THE MYSTERIES OF NATURE

The great diversity of the region includes rare species of plants and animals hiding in the river landscapes and undisturbed riparian forests. The same is true of the Danube-Auen National Park, the steppe landscape of the Weikendorf Remise nature reserve, the sandy hills of Obwerweiden, and the stork colony. The beauty of the Marchfeld is composed of many puzzle pieces waiting to be discovered.

SUN-KISSED VEGETABLES & SWEET FRUIT

The Marchfeld's special soils, the exceptionally favourable Pannonian climate, and the tireless work of local people provide ideal conditions for a bountiful harvest: asparagus, strawberries, sugar beet, hazelnut, peas, raspberries, cherries, etc. Compose your own, individual culinary tour and taste your way through the delicacies of local restaurants and food producers.

EXPLORE THE CULTURAL RICHES AND COLOURFUL PAST

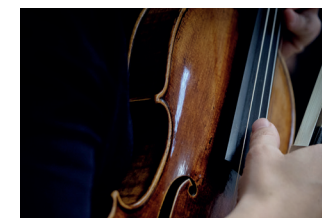
The Marchfeld is peppered with architectural witnesses of the region's long history. Decisive battles in European history were fought here; Austria's first steam-powered train was operated, connecting the imperial capital and royal seat of Vienna with the industrial region of Silesia. The Habsburg Monarchy also rose and fell in the Marchfeld: it rose with the victory of Rudolf I of Habsburg over King Ottokar II of Bohemia in the Battle on the Marchfeld at Dürnkrut and Jedenspeigen, and it fell centuries later when the last Emperor, Karl, departed into exile from the Kopfstetten train station.

— Today, you can stroll through the Marchfeld's numerous, magnificent palaces and gardens or travel back in time at cultural, theatrical, musical and cinematic events held indoor or outdoor. Which is to say that the Marchfeld's cultural landscape is as rich as its natural landscape.

OUR TICKET PARTNERS

One ticket saves two: get a ticket to the Lower Austria State Exhibition 2022 and save 2 € on a ticket to a partnering event. And vice versa: admission to the Lower Austria State Exhibition is only 9 € if you can show a valid ticket from one of the following partners at the cash desk.

- Eckartsau Palace
- Schloss Hof
- Niederweiden Palace
- schlossORTH National Park Centre
- museumORTH
- Jedenspeigen Castle
- Carnuntum
- Railway museum at Heizhaus Strasshof
- Devin Castle



EXHIBITION

**MARCHEGG PALACE
IM SCHLOSS I
2293 MARCHEGG**

Opening hours

26 March – 13 November
9 am – 6 pm, daily
Last admission at 5 pm
Duration of a guided tour: 75 mins

Ticket prices

Adults: € 11
Youngsters aged 6 to 18: € 3.50
Children under 6 are free
Family ticket: € 20
Guided tour ticket: € 3.50
One free admission with a
Niederösterreich-CARD or Kulturpass

Getting there by public transport

Take a train to Marchegg and a free shuttle bus to the Lower Austria State Exhibition.
2 € price deduction if you can show a VOR or ÖBB rail ticket (redeemable once while the ticket is valid).



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Educational programme

The Lower Austria State Exhibition can best be experienced through our educational programmes. Guided tours offer ample opportunity for joint reflexion and individual exploration.

Guided tour

"MARCHFELD Secrets"

10:30 am, 2 pm, 4 pm, daily
Duration: ca. 75 mins

Nature tours

"The Realm of Storks" (26 Mar to 15 Aug)
"The Realm of Trees" (16 Aug to 13 Nov)
3 pm, daily
Duration: ca. 45 mins

Guided family tours

"MARCHFELD Secrets"

On Saturdays, Sundays
and bank holidays: 2:30 pm
Duration: ca. 60 mins

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Exhibition. Visit www.noe-landesausstellung.at
to book admission tickets or guided tours.



MARCHFELD
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wächst!“

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