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Schönbrunn INFO

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Top 10

1 Schönbrunn Palace

If you are interested in history, splendor and imperial lifestyle you should not miss this opportunity. You can choose out of three chargeable tour possibilities. The State Apartments Tour takes approx. 25 minutes, the Imperial Tour takes usually 40 minutes. The Grand Tour is an excellent choice if you have more interest. At this tour you can explore 40 rooms in around 60 minutes. The best time for a tour through Schönbrunn Palace is usually between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm and from 4:00 pm because at these times the rush subsides a bit.

Normally open daily.

Photo Tip: Directly at the palace on the gardens side, steps lead onto a terrace.

2 Gloriette

The Gloriette was constructed in 1775 and is located in the south side of the park on a hill. In the middle of the Gloriette, which was already glazed on behalf of Maria Theresa, a coffee house with terrace is located nowadays. There are stairs which lead up to the viewing platform at the roof of the Gloriette. For the viewing platform you need to buy a ticket.

The **Viewing Platform** is usually only open from April until the end of October.

3 Tiergarten

More than 700 animal species are kept at approximately 17 hectares. Among the most popular animals you can find the meerkats, which always are quite active, the red pandas, which like to climb around in their enclosure, the tigers, which from time to time take a bath in their basin, the cute giant pandas, which spend plenty of time by eating bamboo.

Normally open daily.

4 Neptune Fountain

The massive building with a total length over 100 Meter shapes an imposing scenery in front of the hill with the Gloriette. Larger-than-life statues of the Greek mythology with Neptune, the sea good at the top, are displayed at a podium with some rocks.

Daily accessible via palace gardens.

Photo Tip: Two viewpoints directly on the back side of the Neptune Fountain.

5 Maze

The maze is quite sure one of the Top 10 target that is very well received especially by the young visitors. There is only one entrance fee for the three sections Maze, Labyrinth and Labyrinthikon playground.

The **Maze** is usually only open from April until the end of October.

6 Desert House

Animals and plants of the desert region are presented here in a demonstrative way. For this reason a path leads through a tenderly designed landscape with plants and animals of dry habitats from different continents.

Normally open daily.

7 Palmenhaus

In this 111m long construction with more the 2500m² footprint you can gaze at numerous plants from three different climate zones. That includes various palms, orchids, camellias and the probably biggest water lily in the world.

Normally open daily.

8 Roman Ruin

The Roman Ruin is one of the Top 10 destinations which can be visited without an entrance fee. It was erected as a ruin building in the year 1778. At that time this was a liked design element and served to accomplish the romantic scenery in the gardens.

Daily accessible via palace gardens.

9 Obelisk Fountain

The Obelisk Fountain is located in the eastern area of the palace gardens and can be visited free of charge. At the top of the obelisk stands an eagle on a sun ball. It is assumed that this monument in Vienna should symbolize the permanent claim of the Habsburger onto the crown.

Daily accessible via palace gardens.

10 Crown Prince Garden

The name originated by an apartment, which was created around the year 1870 at this side of the palace for Crown Prince Rudolf. The baroque design from the 18th century is reproduced in the current garden. An admission fee is required for the Crown Prince Garden

The **Crown Prince Garden** is usually only open from April until the end of October.

Palace Gardens

Normally **open daily** with **free admission**.

Arrival to Schönbrunn by Car

If you arrive in Vienna by car it is advisable to use a Park-and-Ride garage and to continue your trip by metro. The parking situation around the palace gardens is quite critical. Free parking possibilities are available at weekend. A payable parking area is located in the Schönbrunner Schloßstraße.

Tip for Public Transportation

Those who want to avoid the climb up to the Gloriette can come with the bus 8A to Schönbrunn. The bus departs from Meidling and stops at the station Stranitzkygasse. This station is located in the Hohenbergstraße, which leads directly to the Maria Theresia gate. The gate is on the same height level as the Gloriette.

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