

## RASTATT RESIDENTIAL PALACE



**👑🌹 OPENING TIMES**  
**APRIL TO OCTOBER**  
**DAILY EXCEPT MONDAYS**  
 (OPEN ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)  
**10 AM – 5 PM**

**NOVEMBER TO MARCH**  
**DAILY EXCEPT MONDAYS**  
 (OPEN ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)  
**10 AM – 4 PM**

**👑🌹 GUIDED TOURS**  
 Tours every hour; Last tour one hour before closing time;  
 Group tours by arrangement with the visitors' centre;  
 Special tours as per schedule and by arrangement with the Information Centre

**👑🌹 ADMISSION**  
**COMBINED TICKET:**  
**RESIDENTIAL PALACE**  
 (BELÉTAGÉ, OR MAIN FLOOR) AND  
**MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM**

• ADULTS € 6.00  
 • CONCESSIONS € 3.00  
 • FAMILIES € 15.00  
**GROUPS OF MORE THAN 20**  
 • PER PERSON € 5.40

**COMBINED TICKET:**  
**RESIDENTIAL PALACE (BELÉTAGÉ),**  
**MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM**  
**AND FAVORITE PALACE**

• ADULTS € 10.40  
 • CONCESSIONS € 5.20  
**GROUPS OF MORE THAN 20**  
 • PER PERSON € 9.40

**SPECIAL TOURS**  
 • ADULTS FROM € 10.00  
 • CONCESSIONS FROM € 5.00

**👑🌹 DISABILITY ACCESS**  
 Information is available at  
[www.schloesser-und-gaerten.de/disabilityaccess](http://www.schloesser-und-gaerten.de/disabilityaccess)

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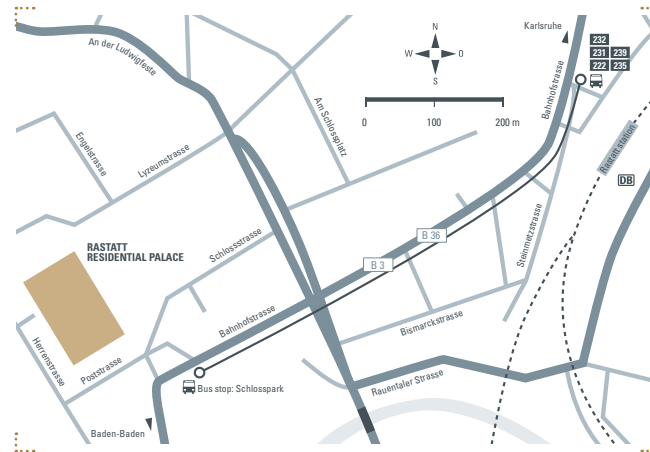
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THE FIRST BAROQUE RESIDENCE ON THE UPPER RHINE

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## HOW TO FIND US



## GETTING THERE

By public transport: from Rastatt train station, take bus lines 222, 231, 232 or 235 (or, from Monday to Saturday, line 239) to the stop Schlosspark. Alternatively, the palace is about 10 to 15 minutes' walk from the station.

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Rastatt Residential Palace is the oldest Baroque residence in the Upper Rhine Valley. The palace, gardens and town were planned as a whole, to create an impression of elegant, perfectly-proportioned uniformity – with the palace commanding pride of place at the centre.

In 1700, a few years after construction had started on a hunting palace at Rastatt, Margrave Ludwig Wilhelm of Baden-Baden decided that it should be expanded. Envisioning a grand residence modelled on Versailles, he commissioned an Italian architect, Domenico Egidio Rossi, who had previously worked for the Viennese nobility. After the margrave's early death in 1707, his young widow Sibylla Augusta took over the reins of government. During her 20 years in power, she oversaw the completion of the palace complex and its sumptuous interiors.

👑 *The 18th century interiors are remarkably well preserved, including some exquisite details*



#### SOVEREIGN SPLENDOUR

Rastatt Residential Palace is the epitome of a Baroque residence designed to display the might of an absolutist monarch: the visitor must first cross an expansive *cour d'honneur*, or grand courtyard, surrounded by an imposing three-wing complex. The roof of the main building, *the corps de logis*, is surmounted by a golden statue of Jupiter brandishing a thunderbolt. Decorated with plasterwork, the two staircases at the rear of the *court d'honneur* lead to the centrepiece of the extensive main building: the *Festsaal* (banqueting hall). On either side of the banqueting hall, overlooking the gardens, are the state rooms, which are lavishly embellished with *plasterwork and frescoes*.

#### TÜRKENLOUIS' ANCESTRAL HALL

The largest and most magnificent room is the *Ahmensaal* (ancestral hall). The many frescoes depict not only the margrave's ancestors, but also a host of captured Ottomans – commemorating the margrave's victories in the wars against the Ottoman Empire, which had also earned him the nickname *Türkenlouis* (Louis of the Turks – Louis being the French version of Ludwig). Rastatt Residential Palace offers fascinating insights into the portrayal of absolutist rulers and courtly pomp and circumstance.

The Baroque complex has withstood the test of time almost unscathed. Today, the palace gardens are open to the public, with a modern slant on Baroque garden design. The palace and gardens, the Military History Museum and the commemorative site for freedom movements in German history, which are both located in the palace, all make Rastatt Residential Palace well worth a visit.

👑 *The symbol of Rastatt: the original thunderbolt-wielding statue of Jupiter, formerly on the roof, now inhabits the staircase*

👑 *In the Ahmensaal, amongst his illustrious ancestors, the margrave could flaunt his standing as a military leader and monarch*

