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Royal Gardens of Herrenhausen

The Splendour of Garden Art



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History and Garden Art

Enjoy a walk in the Royal Gardens of Herrenhausen, one of the most beautiful parks in Europe. Discover the various appearances of a stately home and diversified garden world combined with the history of garden art: The Museum Schloss Herrenhausen is to be found in the recently re-erected palace, which reveals a remarkable insight to the process of creation and evolution of Herrenhausen. The Grosser Garten impresses with its baroque ornaments and its splendid fountains. The Berggarten holds many botanical treasures including a wonderful collection of orchids and other exotic plants in the glasshouses. The Georgengarten, laid down in the 19th century, is a fantastic example of an idyllic landscape garden. Other attractions offer the visitor the chance of a full day of activities including a visit to the Wilhelm Busch Museum, the SEA LIFE Aquarium, a fascinating guided tour or a stop at one of the restaurants. Many special events leave a lasting impression of magic moments in the unique atmosphere.





Museum Schloss Herrenhausen

The exhibition in the Museum Schloss Herrenhausen – sponsored by the Land Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony) - focuses on an important period in the development of Northern German cultural history: In the eastern wing of the palace you can learn about the baroque princely-state of the Royal House of Hanover and at the same time get to know the most important personalities of the time, amongst others the polymath Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (1646-1716) and the Electress Sophie (1630-1714).

Then, as if transported back in time into a treasure trove, you will discover many fascinating requisites, which are witness to the style of everyday life in the baroque court of the time. Exhibitions in the west wing, which change from time to time, show, amongst other themes, the history and development of the palace and gardens right up to the present day. Guided tours through this fascinating historical epoch are available at all times with the use of an Audio guide.





Grosser Garten: The splendour of baroque

The Grosser Garten, virtually unchanged through the centuries, invites you to experience the stunning beauty of the flower bed layout interspersed with water cascades and an array of fountains as you meander your way through this spectacular setting. The Electress Sophie spoke of passionate love for the garden with the words „this garden is my life“. She oversaw the development of the garden between 1679 and 1714. The Palace, formerly summer residence of the Royal House of Hanover, was destroyed during the Second World War. It has been rebuilt in 2013 and houses a Congress Centre and museum. The architectural centre point of the gardens has been recreated to its former glory. The beautiful Galerie ballroom with its fresco paintings and the unique hedge garden theatre are witness to the glamorous court life in former days. An interpretation of art in the modern age is the Grotto designed by Niki de Saint Phalle. With sculptures and mosaics of glass and pebble stones the French artist has created a work of art, housed in three rooms, a place rich in colour and exuding happiness and joy.





Berggarten: Botanical Treasures

For garden lovers there is plenty to discover and to wonder in the Berggarten. Countless plants from around the world grow in this botanical garden, which also houses one of the world's largest collections of orchids. The Berggarten is divided into a variety of different landscapes such as prairie, perennial ground or the so called Paradise, to mention just a few, offering the visitor a very wide choice of attractions. Flowering Magnolia trees and Rhododendrons in the spring. Prairie perennials and many kinds of tall grasses in the late summer. In winter the bog land with its heath and ponds. These represent just some of the many beautiful features in this garden. In the glasshouses there are always up to 800 blooming orchids and other exotic plants from around the world. For over 300 years an avenue lined with linden trees leads to the royal mausoleum, the tomb from King Ernst August of Hanover erected for his consort Queen Frederika. The Electress Sophie and King George I. of Great Britain also found their last resting place here.







Events: Unforgettable experiences

For more than 300 years the Herrenhausen Gardens have been centre stage for prestigious events and glamorous occasions. Throughout the year the gardens are host to many classical concerts and various stage performances in the Galerie and the Orangerie. From May onwards, dressed anew in nature's green, the spotlight on events moves outdoors into beautiful garden scenery, where thousands of summer flowers and flowering shrubs in tubs add extra glamour to the events staged in the gardens. On many evenings during the summer months the gardens and fountains are illuminated.

A mystic light casts strange secretive shadows across the garden, the fountains are bathed in the light of the night and dance to the sound of baroque music, an experience which transports the visitor into a bygone age!

Highlights of the Summer Season:

KunstFestSpiele Herrenhausen – May

Garden Festival – Whitsun

International Firework Competition – from May until September

Kleines Fest im Grossen Garten – July

Summer Nights in Garden Theatre – August

An up to date list of events with dates can be found on our website: www.herrenhausen.de

Important Information for Visitors

Summer season: 1st of April until 31st of October

Winter season: 1st of November until 31st of March

Garden Opening Times:

Grosser Garten and Berggarten are open from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. during the period 1st of May to 31st of August, otherwise generally until sunset. During winter months and on the occasion of events opening times may be restricted or the gardens may be closed earlier. The Georgengarten is a public open space with free access.

Museum Opening Times:

Summer Mo.- Su. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Winter Thu.- Su. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ticket Prices:

Combined ticket Grosser Garten/Berggarten/Museum..... 8 Euro

Group with 15 or more Pax 7 Euro

Berggarten 3,50 Euro

Children up to 12 years..... free

Children from 12 up to 17 years 4 Euro

Annual Season Ticket (Gardens) 25 Euro

Each garden and museum may be visited on separate occasions. For information concerning price reductions please look at our homepage: www.herrenhausen.de

Fountains:

In summer season, daily from: 10 - 12 a.m. and 3 - 5 p.m.

Weekends and Bank holidays:..... 10 - 12 a.m. and 2 - 5 p.m.

Guided Tours:

For information regarding guided tours please see our homepage:
www.herrenhausen.de

Museum: An audio guide is available in several languages.

Shops:

Palace Shop Corresponding to museum opening times

Infopavillon..... Summer season 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.



Breaks for Refreshment:

Schlossküche Herrenhausen, Phone +49 (0) 511 2794940

Visitor Information / Group Service:

Summer season 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., Phone +49 (0) 511 168-47743

Congress Centre in the Palace:

Schloss Herrenhausen Veranstaltungs- und Betriebs GmbH

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Other Interesting Attractions:

Wilhelm Busch Deutsches Museum für Karikatur & Zeichenkunst
located in the Georgengarten, www.karikatur-museum.de

Sea Life Hannover in the Berggarten: www.sealifehannover.com

General:

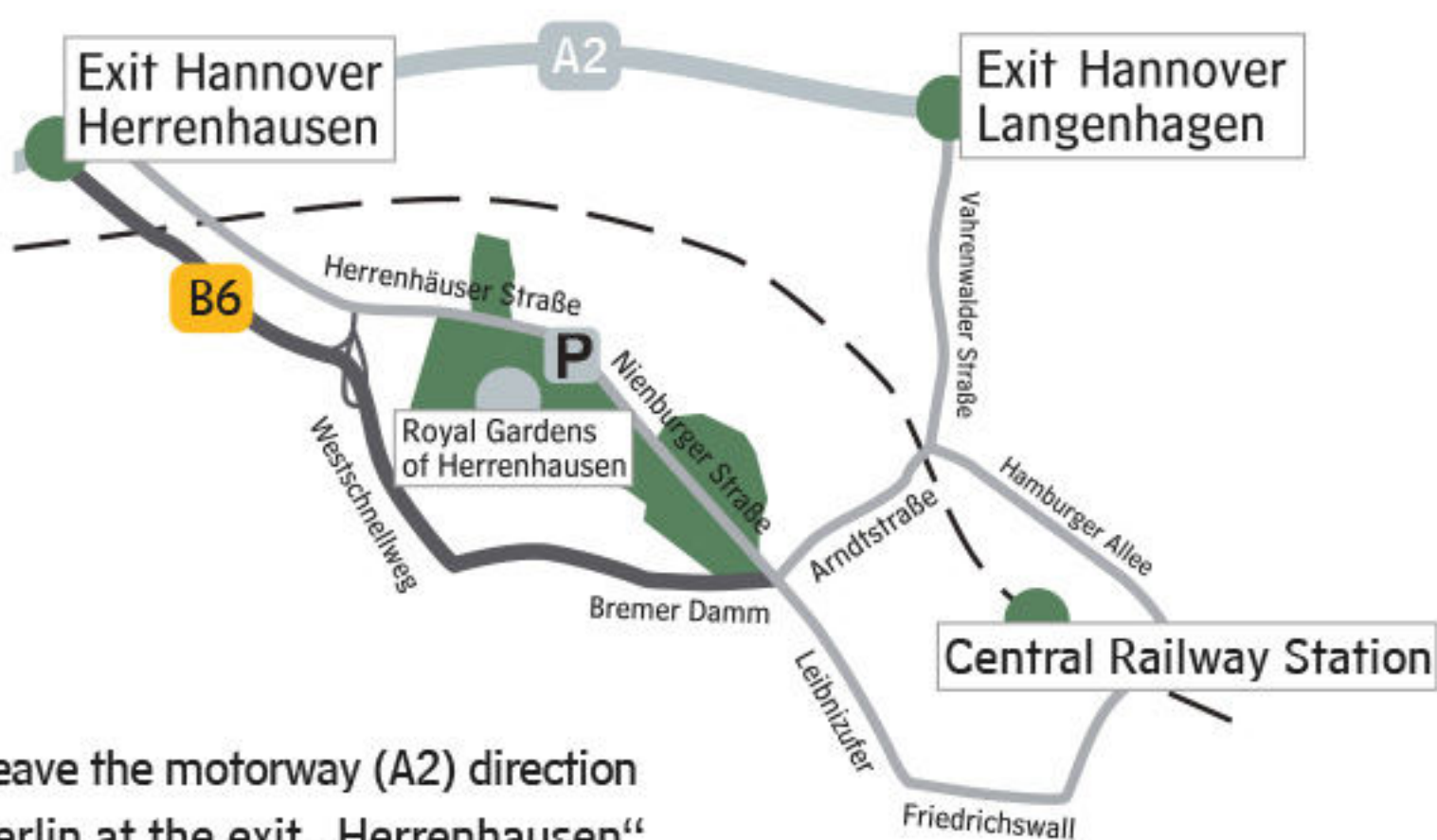
The Herrenhausen gardens are mostly accessible, the Museum Schloss Herrenhausen is completely accessible for handicapped persons. Wheelchairs can be rented, E-Scooters also but subject to the payment of hourly rental fees. Advance reservations recommended on: Phone +49 (0) 511 168-34000.

Dogs and bicycles are not allowed
to enter the gardens and the museum.





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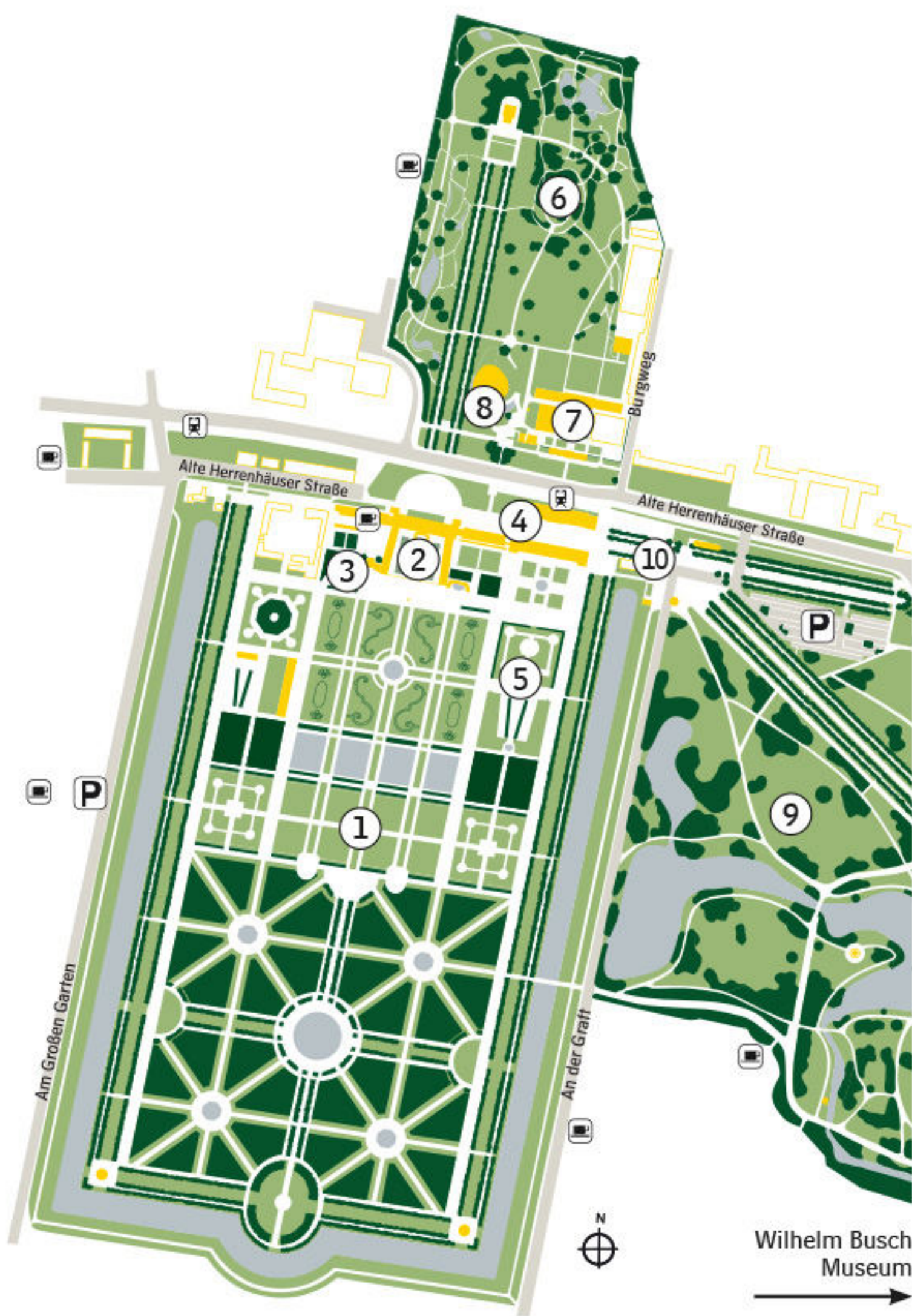
Leave the motorway (A2) direction Berlin at the exit „Herrenhausen“ onto the B6 in the direction of Hannover. The way to the gardens is well signposted.

For navigation systems:
Herrenhäuser Straße 3c,
30419 Hannover

Tram line 4 or 5, bus line No. 136,
bus stop at:
„Herrenhäuser Gärten“

The Herrenhäuser Gärten lie within the inner Environmental Zone from Hannover. Only vehicles displaying a special green sticker are allowed into this area. Further information under: www.hannover.de

Search under: „Umweltzone“, also
„P + R Parkplätze“



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