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BAROCKSCHLOSS RIEGERSBURG
Lower- Austria//Niederösterreich)

One of the most impressive and attractive Austrian Baroque stately home, is situated between Vienna and Prague, romantically situated next to lakes and is directly on the Czech and Austrian border, 8 km from the recently inaugurated Thayatal National Park and the famous Hardegg Castle.

It used to be the summer reception residence of a famous European dynasty: the Imperial Counts Khevenhüller und Aichelberg, later Princes zu Khevenhüller-Metsch, who were distinguished imperial civil servants, diplomats, historians, field-marshalls, governors, ministers, great chamberlains, nature researchers, Maecenases (patrons of the arts), imperial A.d.C. and dog-fanciers.

This masterpiece of Austrian architecture, built by Franz-Anton Pilgram, between 1731 and 1775 on an existing medieval fortress, is still the private property of their descendant, the Count Pilati von Thassul zu Daxberg.

The state rooms with noble interior decoration and splendidly equipped with family European furniture from the 18th to the mid 19th century and the historic estate kitchen still in use, are the main attraction of Riegersburg Baroque Palace, in the Waldviertel (forests part) section of Lower Austria.

Empress Maria-Theresia used to stop-over in Riegersburg Palace to take a rest, while travelling from Vienna to Prague.

The permanent exhibition „Aristocratic Country Life in the Baroque Period“ as well as the oldest private dog cemetery in the Moravian-Bohemian- Austrian area, offer an insight for visitors into times long past.

Almost every year, the Palace Management organizes changing special themes exhibitions on Art.

MUSEUM WITH PERMANENT EXHIBITION
„Aristocratic Country Life in the Baroque Period“

HOW TO REACH RIEGERSBURG PALACE.

CAUTION!: there are 2 places called Riegersburg in Austria, with each one castle/palace, both museums. The other one is in Styria, a medieval fortress on a peak.

WE ARE NEAR VIENNA, IN LOWER-AUSTRIA ON THE WAY FROM VIENNA TO PRAGUE!!!!

Riegersburg palace is situated in the village of Riegersburg, belonging to the municipality of Hardegg, in Lower-Austria (=Niederösterreich).

It is situated 95 km from Vienna and 178 from Prague (Czech Republic).

The next cities are: Brno (= Brünn - 78 km), Krems (76 km), Hollabrunn (50 km), Slavonice (40 km), Telc (45 km), Horn (29 km), Jemnice (25 km), Znojmo (=Znaim- 21 km) and Retz (= 20 kms).

= By car: drive from Vienna, direction PRAHA, road nr. B 22 via Stockerau, Hollabrunn, Retz, Niederfladnitz, Riegersburg.

Distance to the next borders to Czech Republic:

- 16 km to the border of OBERTHURNAU/VRATENIN (Drosendorf)
- 8 km to HARDEGG (restricted border for pedestrians or cyclists).
- 15 km to HNANICE/MITTER-RETZBACH .
- 22 km to CHVALOVICE/KLEIN HAUGSDORF.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION

= The only still functioning antique estate kitchen in Austria (Herrschaftsküche), on view at the permanent exhibition and museum guided tour.

Opening hours: from April 1st to 15th November, daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (and in July and August extended till 7 p.m.).

= Dogs' cemetery from the 19th century, in the park idyllic by the side of the lake.

Only princely dogs were buried there, „children substitutes“ for the Princess Edina and Prince Johann-Carl zu Khevenhüller-Metsch, A.d.C. to Emperor Maximilian of Mexico. Only accessible through the Cafèsalon. Visit only for museum or coffee-shop customers. No free entrance!

RENTING OF PREMISES

For:

- Concerts (Ball-Room or Sala Terrena or Court-yard)
- Balls.
- Weddings, Christenings and First Comunions in the consecrated Palace Chapel (room for about 80 people between the chapel itself and the Empora).
- Private receptions and family celebrations.
- Garden partys.
- Company events and incentives.
- Painting Exhibitions.
- Special theme Exhibitions.
- Lectures.
- Readings.
- Seminars and special courses.
- ..and more.

Total rooms capacity by seating in all the halls at most: 250 people

- 10 rooms for up to 20 people
- 4 rooms for up to 50 people
- 2 rooms for up to 100 people

Renting and catering prices, available on request.

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