



Moritzburg Castle

& Moritzburg Little Pheasant Castle



A fairy-tale castle and its treasures

Adventurous guided tours of the cellars, a feisty Cinderella and one of Europe's largest collections of hunting trophies – all this and more can be explored at Moritzburg Castle. In 1723, major reconstruction works started to convert the Renaissance building into a Baroque hunting lodge and pleasure palace. This was where Elector Augustus the Strong intended to host his extravagant festivities and hunts. It was his dream to erect a »Temple of Diana«, surrounded by exotic animal enclosures with lions, cheetahs and European bison. Lavish banquets and a variety of events were staged here as a matter of course. Architect Matthaeus Daniel Poepelmann was commissioned to undertake the project. The best craftsmen and artists of Saxony contributed to the interior decoration of the seven halls and more than 200 rooms. Today's visitors can marvel at around 25 of these halls and rooms. The entire work of art has great architectural clarity and is in harmony with the surrounding landscape. Nowadays Moritzburg is a well-known meeting point for lovers of the Saxon Baroque and of Meissen porcelain.



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Paradise in a nutshell

What a place for a party! Hidden away in an idyllic setting of meadows and forests lies Moritzburg's Little Pheasant Castle. Whether you arrive on foot or by horse-drawn carriage you can look forward to experiencing the real paradise created here by the Saxon court. An artificially laid out seascape, a miniature harbor and Saxony's only historical lighthouse are part of it, as is an aviary for breeding pheasants. This Rococo gem was used by princes and kings as a site for hunting and water festivals as well as a retreat for the royal family. The Little Pheasant Castle is regarded as the last Saxon palace preserved in the original Dresden Rococo style. The architect, Johann Daniel Schade, managed to create a masterpiece in an area of just 180 square meters. The exotic and unique wall coverings made from feathers, straw, glass beads and embroidered chinoiserie were painstakingly and fully restored between 2010 and 2013 with the support of the World Monument Fund and the East German Savings Bank Foundation. The Little Pheasant Castle now ranks high among the most precious and significant monuments in German art history.

Visits to the Little Pheasant Castle are by guided tour only in groups of up to 10 people. Advance booking is recommended.

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