The Pearl in Saxony’s Crown

This castle is surprising! In Saxony’s presumably most beautiful valley – as once rapturously described by King John of Saxony – you will have an unexpected view of this splendid and impressive ensemble with its crooked passageways. There is nothing as it seems. Did you know that Weesenstein Castle was built upside down? The cellar and the medieval castle can be found at the top, with the Baroque manorial residential rooms below. And a rustic brewery cellar is waiting behind the imposing walls. Have a closer look as soon as you stand in the enchanting castle park: some of the windows have merely been painted onto the castle façade.

The castle once belonged to the Saxon king. It is a stroke of luck that the furniture and interior from royal times still exist. So, during a visit of Weesenstein Castle, you will be extraordinarily lucky to learn how His Majesty used to reside. Discover the castle and its history, enjoy superb events and exhibitions, indulge in fine Saxon cuisine and explore the magnificent park of Weesenstein. You might also want to host a wedding reception or your family function there or give your conference a stage amidst its charming historical ambience. Located only a few kilometers to the south-east of Dresden, Weesenstein Castle is magnificently suited for that.

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The Versailles of Saxony

The view is just breathtaking! When you enter the Grosssedlitz Baroque Garden, you can let your eye wander across the entire estate – wide flights of stairs, numerous trick fountains, exotic plants, more than 60 Baroque sculptures in sandstone and almost 400 potted plants and bitter orange saplings decorate a magnificent Baroque park estate, majestically nestling between two opposing hills. The Baroque garden is impressive for its collection of bitter orange trees, one of the largest in the German-speaking region. Once, up to 1,250 orange saplings survived the winter in the Grosssedlitz orangeries. Today, there are still more than a hundred of the trees with their golden fruit bearing witness to the Saxon culture of orangeries. The rulers of bygone times gathered exotic plants as a symbol of their power and glamor – an invitation to take a pleasurable stroll. This is where the French and Italian Baroque are uniquely linked. The Baroque garden has fundamentally not changed since 1732, and what we see today is only about a third of what had originally been planned. From mid-May to September, bitter lemon trees adorn the garden – an unparalleled experience of fragrance. Lined up precisely, they highlight the Baroque architecture of the garden. During the summer months, guests favor the Upper Orangery as a location for weddings and other celebrations.

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