

## SCHWETZINGEN PALACE AND GARDENS



### 👑🌿 OPENING TIMES

#### PALACE GARDENS

**SUMMER DAILY 9 AM – 7.30 PM**  
**WINTER DAILY 9 AM – 4.30 PM**

#### PALACE

*May only be viewed  
as part of a guided tour*

### 👑🌿 GUIDED TOURS

#### PALACE

##### SUMMER

#### GUIDED TOURS IN GERMAN

**MON – FRI HOURLY**  
**11 AM – 4 PM**

#### SAT, SUN AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**11 AM – 5 PM**

#### GUIDED TOURS IN ENGLISH

**SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**  
**2 PM**

#### WINTER

#### GUIDED TOURS IN GERMAN

**FRI 2 PM, SAT, SUN AND PUBLIC**  
**HOLIDAYS 11 AM, 2 PM AND 3 PM**

*Group tours, also in languages other  
than German, by arrangement;  
special tours as per schedule and  
by arrangement*

### 👑🌿 ADMISSION

#### PALACE AND GARDENS

· ADULTS	€ 9.00
· CONCESSIONS	€ 4.50
· FAMILIES	€ 22.50

**GROUPS OF MORE THAN 20**

· PER PERSON	€ 8.10
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#### 🌿 GARDENS

· ADULTS	€ 5.00
· CONCESSIONS	€ 2.50
· FAMILIES	€ 12.50

**GROUPS OF MORE THAN 20**

· PER PERSON	€ 4.50
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*Reduced admission during Winter*

#### SPECIAL TOURS

· ADULTS	€ 10.00
· CONCESSIONS	€ 5.00

#### SPECIAL TOURS INCLUDING PERFORMANCE

· ADULTS	€ 12.00
· CONCESSIONS	€ 6.00

*Additional tours for groups may be  
arranged by telephone*

#### PRICES PER PERSON AS ABOVE, BUT MINIMUM RATES APPLY:

· ADULTS	€ 180
· CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTIES	€ 120
· TOUR WITH COSTUMED GUIDE AND HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENTS	€ 216

### 👑🌿 DISABILITY ACCESS

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

### 👑🌿 CONTACT US

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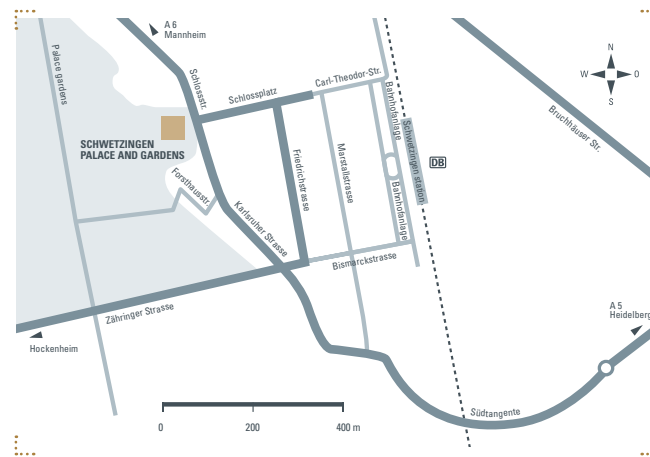
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### HOW TO FIND US



### GETTING THERE

*Schwetzingen Palace and Gardens is approximately 10 minutes' walk  
from Schwetzingen train station.*

#### MORE INFORMATION

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EXTRAORDINARY GARDENS OF EUROPEAN RENOWN

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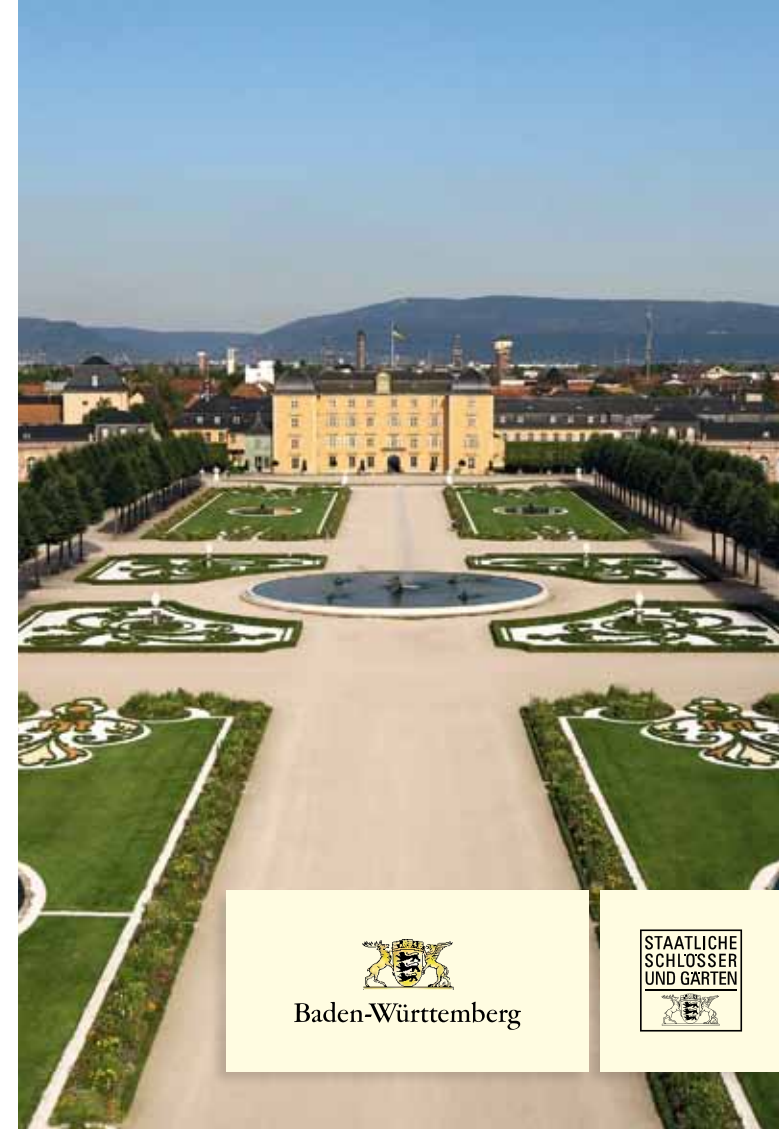


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Schwetzingen Palace is famous for the beauty and harmony of its gardens. Remarkably, the original design, in all its diversity, survives to this day.

The origins of Schwetzingen Palace (*Schloss Schwetzingen*) date back to 1350, when a small moated castle occupied the site. After an eventful history, Schwetzingen flourished under the Palatine Prince Elector Carl Theodor (1724–1799). The palace owes its current form to the Prince Elector Johann Wilhelm, who commissioned alterations in 1697. The addition of two wings significantly increased its size.

#### A WORK OF GENIUS

Schwetzingen Palace reached the height of splendour under the Prince Elector Carl Theodor. He instructed the leading landscape architects of the age to design the gardens, including Nicolas de Pigage and later Friedrich Ludwig von Sckell, with assistance from many renowned artists. From 1749 onwards, they created *a masterpiece of rare beauty* and rich variety. The central part of the gardens, including the *Zirkelbauten* (wings of the main building, which form a semi-circle), leafy avenues and a circular parterre, is laid out geometrically, with a focus on symmetry and order. In the late 18th



👑 *Stately and elegant: the formal French garden is Schwetzingen's centrepiece*

century, an English-style landscape park was added to the Baroque garden – the *Arboretum Theodicum*, as it is called, is one of the earliest of its kind in Germany.

#### THE EXOTIC AND ORNAMENTAL

Schwetzingen Palace Gardens are a cultural heritage site of European significance: *more than 100 sculptures* are scattered throughout this wonderful, and at times surprising, landscape. An assortment of whimsical buildings lend an exotic touch. The *Apollotempel*

(temple of Apollo), a small, round building, houses a statue of the ancient Greek god of light and the arts, playing the lyre. The *Badehaus* (bath house) is a summerhouse with its own garden, modelled on an Italian villa. And, most spectacularly, in the *Türkischer Garten* (Turkish gardens), there is a mosque designed by Nicolas de Pigage – the largest structure of its kind in a German garden. Ornamented with oriental details, the late-Baroque building was purely decorative and served no religious purpose.

#### A CULTURAL HIGHLIGHT

The palace's rooms contain furniture from the 18th and early 19th century. The *Rokokotheater* (Rococo theatre) in the north wing is a particular highlight. *It was the first theatre in Europe with galleries* – and it is still used as a venue for performances today.

👑 🏛️ *Attractions in the Zirkelbauten: the magnificent Rokokotheater and the lapidarium with the originals of the statues in the garden*

