

Die großen Gärten

For many decades after World War II, the cross-border region east of Vienna, which had had a common cultural heritage, was divided for political reasons. This division was symbolised and embodied by the 'Iron Curtain' between Austria on one side and Hungary and Slovakia on the other. Since the opening of the borders, the neighbouring states have started to rediscover their common cultural roots. In the region there are many parks of outstanding significance in terms of garden history.

The EU-project 'Die Großen Gärten' ('The Great Gardens') has established a network of parks in order to support the conservation of historic gardens, develop a common tourism concept and a cross-border contribution to regional development.

Today 'The Great Gardens' include the the Esterházy Parks at Eisenstadt (Austria) and Fertőd (Hungary), 'Harrachpark' in Bruck/Leitha as well as the country house parks of Eckartsau, Marchegg (Austria), Rusovce, Malacky (Slovakia) and Krasków (Poland), representing different styles but similarly high garden culture.



Highlights you should not miss:

(The encircled symbols help you to find the features on the general plan inside)

The Palace

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One of the most magnificent Baroque–Rococo aristocratic residences in Central Europe, the palace reached its present form in 1778 after several phases of construction. Today the central part serves as a museum. The formal garden in the ceremonial court will be restored in the near future.



The Parterre

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The central and most spectacular part of the gardens.

The clipped, overgrown yew-cones that can be seen today are remains of a Neo-baroque scheme by Anton Umlauf from 1903.

The Pump House

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Constructed in 1906, this fine Neo-baroque building, ornamented with columns and a fountain, housed the pump that in the first half of the 20th century supplied the whole ensemble at Eszterháza with water from the 18th century well beneath. The balustrade on the top of the Pump House echoes that on top of the palace.



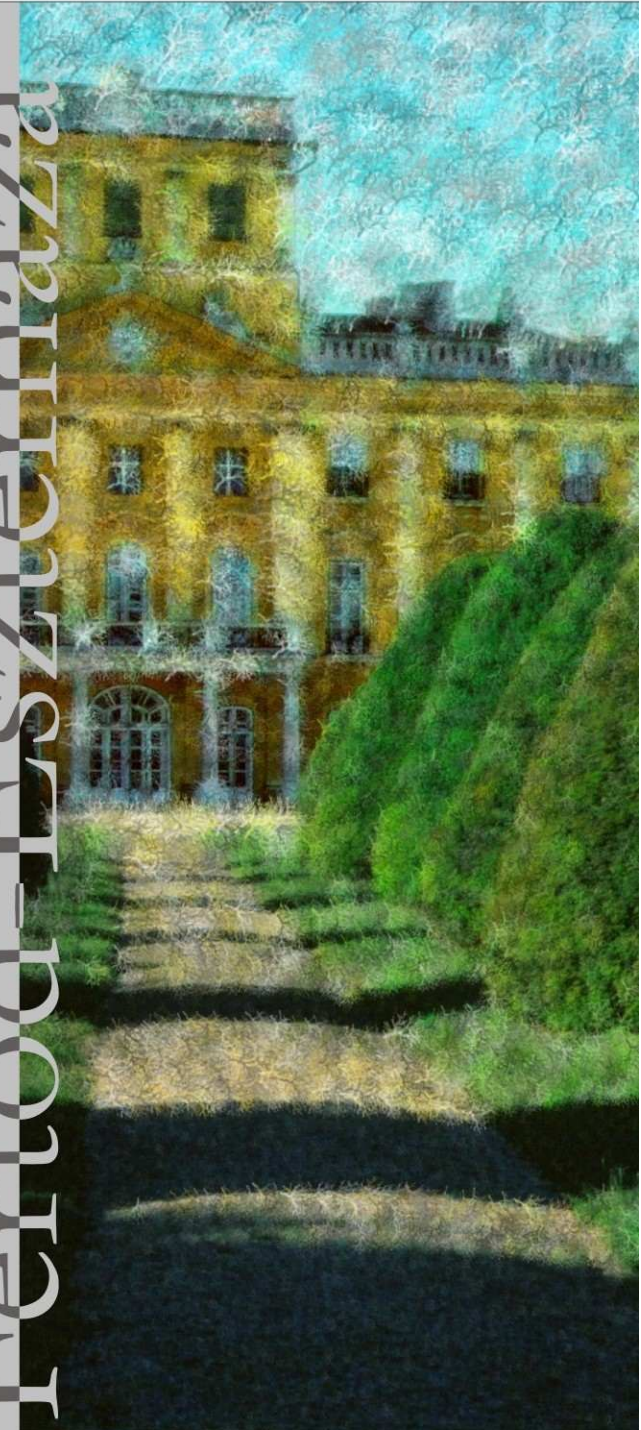
The industrial centre of the estate

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After 1900, when the economy of the whole estate began to be revived, a new industrial development was established near the Estate Office, where a spectacular water-tower, houses for workers and different industrial buildings were built.

Highlights

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