



Rastatt Favorite Palace

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Favorite Palace (Schloss Favorite) is a nearly perfectly preserved jewel. The sumptuous decor, the extensive ceramic and glass collections, and its idyllic setting make it an artistic synthesis of European importance.

This enchanting Baroque summer residence and hunting palace was built between 1710 and 1729 by the young Margravine Sibylla Augusta von Baden-Baden. At Favorite Palace, which is just a short carriage ride from Rastatt Residential Palace, the court met for festivities such as hunting, concerts and banquets.

A stylish extravaganza

No expense was spared on the palace interiors, which are replete with all forms of 18th century craftsmanship: Floors of stucco marble, or scagliola, walls of glazed earthenware tile, richly decorated stuccoed and frescoed ceilings, majestic wall hangings with the most delicate embroidery, and exquisite furniture show both Sibylla Augusta's exquisite taste and serve as self-representation for the art-loving princess. In particular, the *Florentine cabinet*, completely original and singular in Europe, overwhelms visitors with the perfection of its craftsmanship: 758 extravagantly worked illustration panels made of semi-precious stones and other materials adorn these walls with lush brilliance.



Precious even to the smallest detail: The Florentine cabinet is a stunning sight

Exceptional porcelain collection

Sibylla Augusta brought together one-of-a-kind Asian and European porcelain, glass and glazed earthenware collections to embellish her rooms. The collection, which has survived to this day, was already highly regarded by her contemporaries. It includes *the world's largest collection of Meissen porcelain from the early period at its historic exhibition site*. On a visit to Favorite Palace, visitors can learn about the different kinds of "Chinoiserie." Textiles, lacquer and ceramics bear witness to early 18th century Europe's penchant for all things

The sala terrena extends through every floor in the palace – an unusual ceremonial hall





Asian. Favorite Palace and its characteristic Baroque decor has survived to this day, making it a singular cultural monument of the highest caliber. The palace is surrounded by an *idyllic park in the English style*. During the margravine's time, the garden was defined by avenues, symmetrical parterres with water features, and orange-ries. Some of these Baroque garden features have survived, making for a delightful stroll through the park. Situated somewhat off the beaten path, the Hermitage, with its unique decor was a modest hideaway that Sibylla Augusta used for prayer and atonement.

Unique: the porcelain collection of the margravine.
It has been a part of Favorite Palace for 300 years



Visitor information

Opening hours and guided tours

Palace Open on a seasonal basis;
Viewing only possible on a tour

Palace garden Open free of charge all year round during the day

Please check our website or call our hotline on +49 7251 74-27 70 before your visit to find out current opening and closing times.

Our website also provides information on accessibility, discounts, special tours and other important details relevant to your visit.

Current information



At a glance

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www.schloss-favorite-rastatt.de/en/visitor-information

Contact and information

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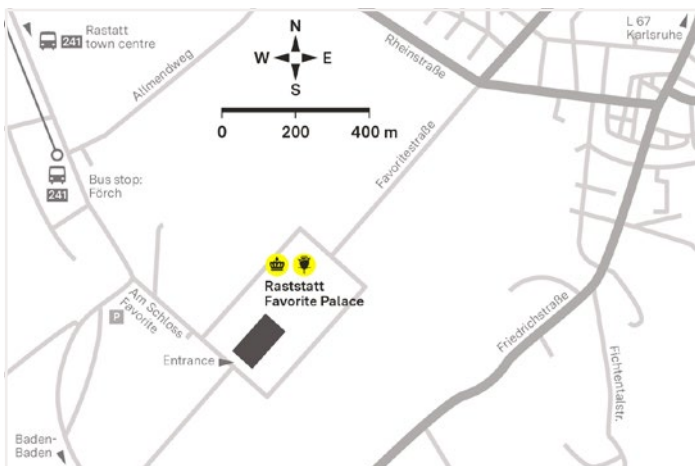
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