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Europa-Park - fantastic adventures in Germany's biggest theme park

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On an area of 70 hectares, the visitors of Europa-Park in Rust near Freiburg can experience the architecture, vegetation and culture of many European countries. The popular leisure park, which is situated in the border triangle of Germany, France and Switzerland, offers more than 100 attractions and fascinating shows embedded into the different themed

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areas. Approximately 150 artists from 22 countries perform great shows with dance, artistry and magic on numerous stages throughout Europa-Park. Visitors can race down from dizzy heights on high-speed roller coasters, watch fascinating acrobatic performances in international shows, enter the depths of the ocean in the Magic Cinema 4D or spend an unforgettable day with the little ones in numerous children's attractions.

Especially for its 30th anniversary, Europa-Park sets sail with the spectacular new water coaster "Atlantica? SuperSplash. On this fast-paced roller coaster, visitors can follow in the footsteps of the most famous discoverers and experience an adventurous ride. But there's more to discover: A trip to the stars with the "Eurosat?", a visit to the "Pirates in Batavia? or racing down from a height of 73 meters in Germany's biggest and highest roller coaster "Silver Star? at a speed of 130 km/h. Afterwards an adventurous rafting tour in Scandinavia or watching the Gladiator-Stuntshow in the Spanish Arena - a short break destination, which offers fun and entertainment for everybody. In the Magic Cinema 4D, visitors can dive into the depths of the ocean, discover the jungle or feel the icy breeze of Antarctica - an experience for all senses.

The largest Italian hotel outside of Italy - the "Colosseo? - has opened its doors in 2004. Designed in Roman-Italian style, it creates a southern ambiance in the scenery of Ancient Rome. Apart from two themed bars and several restaurants, the 4-star superior hotel also features a Roman bath with original fresco painting and a thermal fountain. But also the Spanish 4-star resort hotels "El Andaluz? and "Castillo Alcazar? offer overnight stays in a beautiful ambiance after an eventful day at Europa-Park. Our more adventuresome guests can spend the night in one of the 26 tents in our Tipi Village and enjoy sitting near a campfire, feeling like real cowboys. All camping fans can use Europa-Park's large caravan site.

On the occasion of Europa-Park's opening on July 12th 1975, a spectacular birthday party will take place from July 9th - 17th. During this week, visitors of Europa-Park will be surprised with many fantastic highlights.

Also in 2005, numerous special events and TV-productions will take place at Europa-Park. For example, the popular TV-show "Deutschlands größte

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Hits? will be produced in May and June. And of course, "Immer wieder sonntags? will again be broadcasted live from Europa-Park in July and August. In addition to the colourful European themed festivals, such as the "Spanish Feria?", the "Swiss Festival? or the "Italian Night?", many big events, such as the Science Days, will be organized. Moreover, Europa-Park offers special seasonal highlights, for example the spooky Halloween-Weeks in autumn or the magical Winter Weeks from November until January.

Europa-Park is open daily from March 19th until November 6th 2005 from 9 am until 6 pm, longer opening hours during peak season. Winter opening 2005/2006: November 26th 2005 until January 8th 2006 (except December 24th/25th). For hotel reservations, please call +49 (0) 1805 / 86 86 20 (0,12€/min. for calls within Germany).

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