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

***Fantastic worlds of adventure are awaiting the visitors in Germany's biggest theme park, which celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005: no other tourist destination in Germany offers as much fun and entertainment for all age groups. With more than 3,7 million visitors last year, Europa-Park is the market leader in Germany and the largest seasonal leisure park worldwide.***

***In twelve European themed areas the visitors of Europa-Park can become acquainted with the architectural diversity of Europe. New since the beginning of the season 2005 is the water coaster "Atlantica? SuperSplash in the Portuguese themed area. 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.***

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 areas. Approximately 150 artists from 22 countries perform great shows with dance, artistry and magic on numerous stages throughout Europa-Park.

Especially for its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Europa-Park has set 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,

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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.

Apart from the colourful European themed festivals such as the "Spanish Feria", the "Swiss Festival" or the "Italian Night", many big events, among them 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 until November 6<sup>th</sup> 2005 from 9 am until 6 pm, longer opening hours during peak season. Winter opening 2005/2006: November 26<sup>th</sup> 2005 until January 8<sup>th</sup> 2006 (except December 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>). For hotel reservations, please call +49 (0) 1805 / 86 86 20 (0,12€/min. for calls within Germany).*

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