

# **Europa-Park – Germany's fastest theme park**

In the 2009 season, Europa-Park will be turned upside down for the very first time: the spectacular new "Blue Fire Megacoaster" will whisk intrepid visitors off on a breathtaking roller coaster ride. Travelling through a rugged Icelandic landscape, passengers will not only loop the loop but also hurtle through topsy-turvy thrills galore! On a total area of 85 hectares, guests can wander through 13 European themed areas offering over 100 attractions and international shows. Fantastic worlds of adventure offer an unparalleled range of leisure opportunities for all the family in Germany's biggest theme park.

### A world turns upside down in the new "Blue Fire Megacoaster"

A spectacular journey past rugged rock formations and stunning landscapes awaits visitors from the 2009 season onwards! In just 2.5 seconds, the passengers on the new "Blue Fire Megacoaster" will be catapulted from 0 to 100 km/h as they race through spectacular figures, skimming right past the fissured rocky landscape of Iceland. Again and again, the train winds past rough stony walls and forces its way underground through the rock, before twisting through the highest loop of any catapult roller coaster in Europe. Corkscrew track formations with many more head-over-heels elements will have guests struggling to tell their tops from their tails. Apart from a break-neck ride in the new "Blue Fire Megacoaster", the new themed area also boasts an Icelandic village with bright fishermen's cottages lined by unique rock formations.

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### Explore the whole of Europe

There is a great deal more besides to discover in Germany's biggest theme park! 13 different European themed areas displaying typical national architecture, vegetation and culture are spread across the





85-hectare site. In Greece, guests can take off on a thrilling ride between sky and sea in the "Poseidon" water roller coaster while, right alongside, the youngest visitors can experience what could well be their first roller coaster ride on the "Pegasus" YoungSTAR coaster. In the Swiss themed area, the "Matterhorn-Blitz" twists through tight curves around mountains and valleys. And the French section has an exceptional adrenalin kick in store, with the "Silver Star", which reaches speeds of up to 130 km/h. And what better way to cool down than the aquatic "Fjord Rafting" ride in Scandinavia or the "Atlantica SuperSplash" water roller coaster before the imposing backdrop of a Portuguese galleon. All in all, ten roller coasters offer plenty of thrilling adventures at Europa-Park. Anyone who prefers to take things at a slower pace can look forward to the excellent show programme including an ice-skating show, variety performances, knights' contests and a host of unforgettable moments. The expansive green landscape of the castle park and the lovingly cultivated "Magical Garden" next to "Balthasar Castle" are perfect for a leisurely stroll.

**New feature:** In the "Magic Cinema 4D", visitors can accompany two delightful turtles on an unusual voyage through the oceans. Revolutionary 4D technology plunges viewers right into the middle of the exceptional story "Sammy's Great Adventures" – a spectacular experience for all the senses!

Another new offer for Europa-Park's visitors is the exhibition "75 Years Silver Arrow: The Colour of Success". In the Mercedes-Benz Hall the guests can learn more about the history of the Silver Arrows from 1934 until 2009. Several originals, such as the MP4-14 from 1999 or the W 165 from 1939 are some of the highlights to be discovered by the guests.

### Celebrations all the year round

Europa-Park offers its visitors a wealth of unparalleled events throughout the season. Alongside European themed festivals, including a Swiss and an Italian festival, there will also be unique party highlights to look forward to, for example the SWR3 Party-Night on 18 April, or cultural events, such as the unique Chagall exhibition. The sporting highlights on the programme include the FC Bayern Football Camp and a big sports weekend, staged as part of the "Deutschland bewegt sich" (Germany on the Move) campaign.

What's more, in Europa-Park, the changing seasons of the year offer a great deal of variety. At the start of the 2009 season in spring, new

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features will abound. In summer, cooling down will be quite an adventure, with all the wild water attractions and summer highlights. In autumn, Germany's biggest theme park will be transformed into a spine-chilling playground for monsters and spooks, featuring creepy decorations and countless Halloween specials such as the Halloween Festival or the Terenzi Horror Nights. And finally, the cold season will offer a host of magical moments when Europa-Park transforms itself into a glittering winter wonderland with thousands of decorated Christmas trees, sparkling fairy lights, a Christmas market and numerous winter attractions. Here, Christmas cheer is sure to warm the heart of every visitor!

### **Creative working**

Anyone wishing to combine business with pleasure will find a wide range of options for their event in the Europa-Park Confertainment portfolio. 24 conference and events venues are available to guests, along with an ideal fringe programme and a perfect evening event. The highlights on offer include the "Cirque d´Europe" dinner show, with exquisite cuisine and more than 30 world-class artists, or the pirates´ spectacle "Indonesia Malam".

### A blissful stay

As the ultimate ending to an exciting day, the Europa-Park Hotel Resort promises blissful moments in a Mediterranean atmosphere: in the 4-star superior hotels "Colosseo" and "Santa Isabel" as well as the 4-star themed hotels "Castillo Alcazar" and "El Andaluz", guests will not only appreciate the inviting beds, but also Italian dolce vita, Spanish temperament or monastic Portuguese charm. And outdoor types will love the Tipi Village with its Native American tents, log cabins and chuck wagons along with a camp site right next to the main entrance.

Opening hours: Summer season 2009: 4 April to 1 November, daily from 9 am to 6 pm (extended opening hours in the peak season). Winter season 2009/10: 28 November 2009 to 10 January 2010 (except 24/25 December), daily from 11 am to 7 pm. Information hotline: +49 (0)1805 / 77 66 88 (14 cent/min. for calls from the German landline network, prices for mobile and international calls may differ). Further information is also available on www.europapark.de.

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