

Guided Tour National Park Exhibit DonAuräume

Come visit us to learn more about the fascinating world of the Danube wetlands. In our hands-on "DonAuräume" exhibit, National Park rangers will accompany you through the history and creation of this unique riverine landscape and the National Park itself.

In the Baroque "Au-Theatre", take a journey back in time and shape your own wetlands landscape. Get a bird's eye perspective on the special things to be discovered in this region. And listen for the siren songs of the Danube mermaids, who have many fascinating stories to tell about the wetlands and the National Park.

DonAuräume Guided Tours & Schlossinsel Tours

National Park rangers are your guides on the "DonAuräume" tours taking place daily at 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. **Please note that the "DonAuräume" may only be visited as part of a guided tour.**

Prior reservations are not required. The Schlossinsel and castle tower exhibitions may be visited without a guide.

- T** schlossORTH National Park Centre foyer
- ⌚** approx. 2 ½ hours
- €** Adults: € 11
Children and teens from 6 to 19 years, students (up to 27 years) and apprentices: € 6
Seniors: € 9
Family Pass (2 adults, 2 children): € 23
Season Pass: € 20
Family Season Pass: € 40
- i** schlossORTH National Park Centre
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www.donauauen.at

Discounts available for: Aktiv plus-Seniorenkarte, ARBÖ, Club Ö1, Emy-Kinderclub, Hunger auf Kunst & Kultur, IKEA family Card, Kulturpass, Neusiedlersee-Card, Referat Generationen, Steirischer Familienpass

Welcome to the Donau-Auen National Park National Park Lounge

Take a journey of discovery – admission is free! The exhibition in our lounge offers fascinating new perspectives. Glimpse the huge gravel dunes that wander along the Danube's bed. Go below the surface to spot the rare nase, a fish species which thrives in the current and among the stones. The nase is a model flagship species for our vision of a free-flowing Danube.

The Castle Courtyard – the Event Location

There's always something happening in the courtyard of the schlossORTH National Park Centre! The season starts with our popular spring family events in which flora, fauna and nature conservation alternate as main themes. Our numerous visitors enjoy other exciting events held throughout the year, such as Orth's Wild Garlic Days, summer holiday programmes for children, concerts and plays. Hikers meet here before heading out on walking tours in the National Park.

For more information and upcoming event dates:
www.donauauen.at

museumORTH – Life on the River

The museumORTH focuses on historic ways of life and culture in the Danube region and presents a new themed exhibition each year.

21 March – 30 September: daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
1 October – 1 November: daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- €** Adults: € 6.50
Discounts available: € 5.50
Family Pass (2 adults, 2 children): € 13
Season Pass: € 10
Family Season Pass: € 20

museumORTH: Tel. +43(0)676 564 27 67, www.museum-orth.at

Event Facilities

Facilities in the museum's west wing may be booked throughout the year for various types of events.

Event Centre Orth/Donau:

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e-mail: info@orth.at, www.orth.at

schlossORTH National Park Centre Opening Hours:

21 March to 30 September: daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
1 October to 1 November: daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Please note that we are closed for the winter from 2 November to 20 March. For information and bookings, please contact us by phone Mondays to Fridays between 9:00 and 1:00 p.m.

The schlossORTH National Park Centre and the Schlossinsel are wheelchair accessible (with the exception of the lookout point).

How to get here:

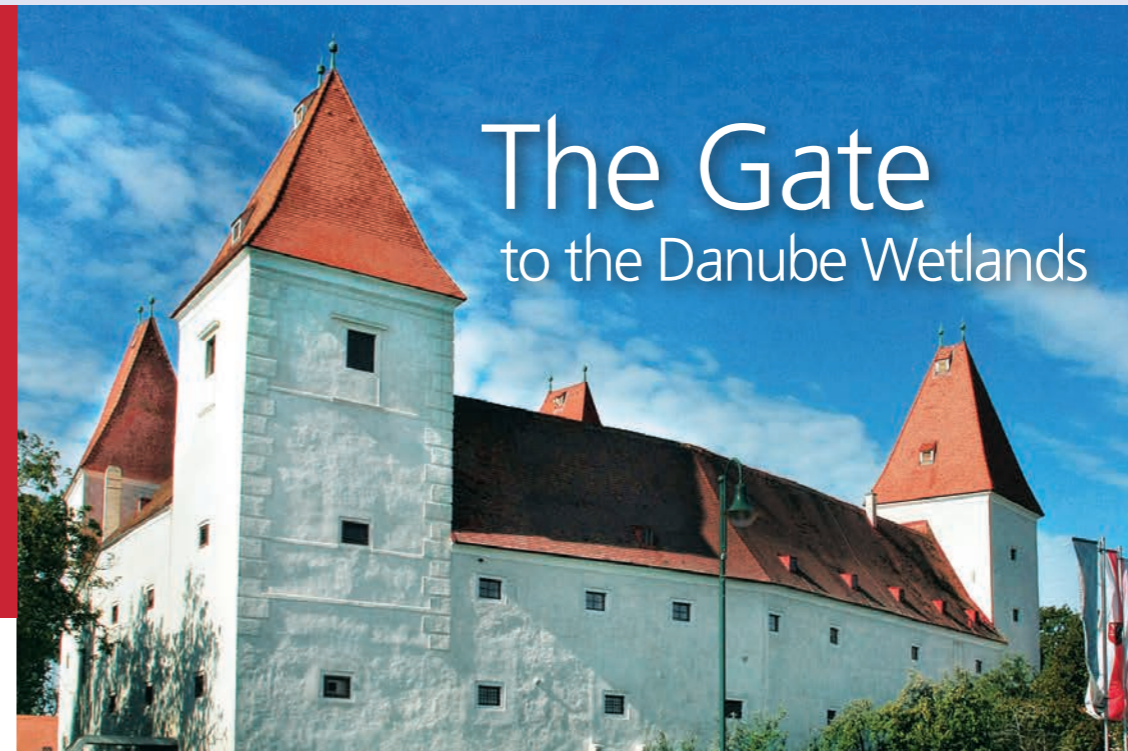
- By car: take the B3 to Orth/Donau
- By rail: take S7 express train to Haslau, then passenger ferry to Orth/Donau and continue on foot
- By bus: take the "Postbus" from Kagran in Vienna's 22nd district (call +43 (0) 1 711 01)
- By taxi: share a taxi from Gross-Enzersdorf ("Sammeltaxi AST" on +43 (0) 810 810 278)
- By bicycle: take the "Donauradweg" (Danube cycling path); junction is 5 minutes away

Please keep in mind that dogs are not allowed on the Schlossinsel or in the exhibit "DonAuräume".



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schlossORTH Donau-Auen National Park's Visitor Centre



The Schlossinsel Wetlands Grounds

Tour the Schlossinsel grounds and discover up close the characteristic flora and fauna of the wetlands with all your senses. Observe the European ground squirrel and the Pond Turtle as well as various snake species. In and on the water, spot amphibians and see the lively dragonflies and moths. Listen for the various bird calls, and discover the rare aquatic plants, colourful wildflowers and majestic native trees which grace the grounds.



The walk-in underwater observatory makes it possible to glimpse the huge variety of aquatic life in a Danube backwater. Native fish species may press up against the glass, and a variety of mussels and other aquatic species can also be observed in their natural habitat. There are many places to sit, relax and enjoy the idyllic atmosphere. For children, the Schlossinsel features a suspension bridge, a short nature path as well as an oversized bird's nest to play in.

Explore the Schlossinsel (without a guide)

- ⌚** approx. 1 hour
- €** Adults: € 4.50
Children and teens up to 19 years, students (up to 27 years) and apprentices: € 3
Groups (10 or more): € 4 per person
Family Pass: € 9
Season Pass: € 10
Family Season Pass: € 20

The Austrian National Forests (ÖBf) have put the Schlossinsel grounds at our disposal at no cost.



Schlossinsel Guided Tours on Special Themes

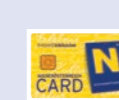
Once a month, tours focussing on special themes take place on the Schlossinsel. With National Park rangers as your guides, learn valuable and occasionally astonishing facts about the plant and animal kingdom of the Danube wetlands. The theme depends on the season: from bird calls in the spring to wild fruits and berries in the autumn; or how animals raise their young during the warmer months, to underwater organisms in their aquatic environment.



Tours take place once a month. Please go to www.donauauen.at for dates and themes.

- ⌚** approx. 1½ hours
- €** Adults: € 6.50
Children and teens from 6–19, students (up to 27 years), apprentices and seniors: € 4
Visitors with Lower Austrian pass (NÖ-Card): € 2.50

Prior reservations are not required.



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Welcome to the schlossORTH National Park Centre!

Orth Castle, or Schloss Orth, looks back on a long and rich history. Built in the 12th century as a medieval moated castle and opulently fitted out in Renaissance style in the 16th century, Orth Castle was also one of Crown Prince Rudolph's favourite hunting grounds. The castle was used for a long time for agricultural purposes until its conversion in 1957 to a museum.

After extensive refurbishment and retrofitting it was re-opened to the public in 2005 as the schlossORTH National Park Centre. Ever since, the site has been home to the National Park Visitor Centre, the museumORTH, and the Event Centre of Orth/Donau. The Marchfeld region is rich in castles, culture, history and nature. The schlossORTH National Park Centre is part of the broader Marchfeld "Schlösserreich" regional offering.

We look forward to welcoming you here!



The castle courtyard features a monument in the form of a life-sized sturgeon.



The lookout point on the tower is the ideal place to get to visit the temporary exhibitions and catch a glimpse of storks, jackdaws, kestrels and their nests.



The Schlossinsel showcases the habitats, flora and fauna of the National Park.



Our lounge offers new perspectives on the National Park.



The Event Centre offers ample space for all types of events such as seminars, concerts, parties and even weddings.



The museumORTH offers interesting information about the history of schlossORTH and life on the river.



The "DonAURäume" exhibit (note: the exhibit's name is a play on words combining "Danube Spaces" with "Au", the German word for wetlands) will motivate visitors to explore wetlands nature in the National Park.



The National Park Centre is the main information and booking point for excursions and tours.

Only 15 km from Vienna city limits!