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When the gladiators return to the "Colosseo": The year of fantastic weeks at Europa-Park

Experience magic moments and unforgettable highlights at Europa-Park, Germany's biggest theme park with 3.6 million visitors in 2003. No other tourist destination in Germany offers as much fun and entertainment for the whole family. In eleven European themed areas visitors can discover the architectural diversity of Europe, race down from dizzy heights on high-speed roller coasters, watch international shows with fascinating acrobatics and dance performances, dive into the world of our "Magic Cinema 4D" or take the little guests on numerous childrens' attractions to make sure that they have an unforgettable day.

New this year are the gladiators, back from Ancient Rome, live at Europa-Park: in the Gladiator-Show fascinating stunts thrill the visitors. In June, the largest Italian hotel outside of Italy - the "Colosseo" - opened its doors. And of course, also this year Europa-Park offers numerous special events and TV productions throughout the year with its different seasons.

On an area of 68 hectares, visitors can experience the architecture, vegetation and cultures of many European countries. Embedded into the different themed areas, the popular theme park offers over 100 attractions and fascinating shows. The "Festival of Fools" in the Shakespeare Theatre, the Gladiator-Stuntshow in the Spanish Arena, the gorgeous Ice-Show "Surprise", the Variety-Show "Colossal" and many entertaining kids' shows - approximately 140 international artists from 22 countries perform great shows with dance, artistry and magic on numerous stages the whole year round.

Go on a trip to the "Pirates in Batavia" or shoot down towards the ground in Europe's biggest roller coaster - the "Silver Star" - with a speed of 130 km/h, then dare an adventurous trip with the "Fjord Rafting" through Scandinavia, take a trip to the stars with "Eurosat" or ride leisurely in a boat - anything is possible at Europa-Park! In the "Magic Cinema 4D", visitors can dive into the depths of the ocean, discover the jungle or feel the iciness of Antarctica?

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New this year: the gladiators came back from Ancient Rome to Europa-Park. The ground trembles and 2000 visitors are thrilled, when watching spectacular stunts in the arena. The French artist and master of horsemanship Mario Luraschi, who has become famous with movies such as "Napoléon?", "Highlander III?" or "The Man in the Iron Mask?", has staged this world premiere. With over 22 artists and 10 horses, this show is one of the biggest and most costly shows ever produced at Europa-Park.

Highlight: On June 1st the largest Italian hotel outside of Italy - the "Colosseo?" - has opened its doors. It is designed in Roman-Italian style and amazes the guests with a southern flair amidst the impressive scenery of Ancient Rome. Apart from two themed bars and two restaurants, the new 4-star hotel also offers a Roman bath with original fresco painting and a thermal well.

But the Europa-Park Resort offers even more: After an adventurous day, also the two Spanish 4-star hotels "El Andaluz?" and "Castillo Alcazar?" offer overnight stays in a beautiful atmosphere. And those who prefer staying overnight in a more adventurous atmosphere can sleep in one of the 26 tents in the Tipi Village and feel as if being in the Wild West, while sitting near a big campfire. Camping fans can use Europa-Park's large caravan site.

A number of redecoration and renovation works have been completed until the beginning of the season 2004. Here, also suggestions of the park's visitors have been considered. New lasers and the new show "Time Travel?" in the Revolving Theatre, new decoration for the children's attraction "Ciao Bambini?" and a new entrance to the Flight Simulator are just some examples. Due to the great success, four new tents (each one for up to four persons) have been added to the Tipi Village. In addition, a new reception desk, a Western Saloon and a beach volleyball area have been added.

In 2004, Europa-Park is once again the setting for numerous special events: For example the European themed festivals, such as the "Spanish Feria?", a "European Week?" or the "Italian Summer Festival?", but also many big events such as the SWR3 Halloween-Party. In addition, various themed activities such as the Science Days are offered to the visitors of

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Also this year, Europa-Park sticks to its motto: a year full of fantastic weeks offers the visitors very special adventures during the different seasons: for example the nice and eerie Halloween-Weeks or the magical Winter-Weeks.

Europa-Park is open daily until November 7th, 2004 from 9 am to 6 pm, longer opening hours during the peak season. Winter 2004/2005 from November 27th, 2004 until January 9th (except December 24th/25th), 2005. For hotel reservations, please call +49 (0) 1805 - 86 86 20.

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