Season 2018

*Vive la France, vive l’Europe*

**The French Themed Area ‒ Shining with new Splendour**

***In the 2018 season, Germany's largest theme park will show its dedication to its beloved neighbour, France. After extensive modernisation, visitors to Europa-Park can look forward to a redesigned French themed area. With a fresh look, new attractions, and new gastronomic offerings, the Grande Nation will be the highlight of the coming season. Starting this summer, young and old alike will be able to look forward to the redesigned Eurosat – CanCan Coaster, including yet another Coastiality experience. From the start of the season, the new face of the former attraction Old 99 will thrill all as Michael Ende's Jim Button ‒ Journey through Morrowland. Also new is the arrival of the beloved bear Paddington to the English themed area, whereas in Greece, an entire ice show will be dedicated to the cuddly children's book figure. In addition to that, over 100 attractions across an area of 95 hectares and more than 23 hours of daily show programmes will be sure to get hearts racing. Then, once the whole family has explored 15 European themed areas and experienced various adventures, the five park-owned themed hotels invite guests to relax and unwind together.***

**New in 2018**

Europa-Park has made extensive structural changes to the French themed area. The refurbishment work has primarily focused on the 45-metre high dark rollercoaster, Eurosat. The tracks, alongside all technical aspects and theming, will be completely renewed and revised by the summer. From then on, the new Eurosat – CanCan Coaster by Mack Rides not only awaits its passengers to travel in newer, larger and more comfortable cars, but also offers a significantly improved riding experience. In addition to the redesign, visitors will also be able to look forward to an additional virtual reality experience from MackMedia. To make the innovative riding experience of Eurosat Coastiality possible, a separate station with track switches and its own carriages will be integrated for the first time worldwide. This means there will be two attractions in one ride. In memory of the inventor Franz Mack, and on request of the owners, the Mack family, the track layout will be inspired by the original design of the futuristic silver ball and will stay around 900 meters long. The entrance zone around the traditional landmark of the French themed area will also be given a new coat of paint during the course of the renovation: Traditional Parisian architecture, with a faithful replica of the Moulin Rouge variety theatre invites visitors to the belle époque of the capital. The attractive redesign takes visitors back to the 19th century and invites all to get in the mood for the Eurosat – CanCan Coaster, a special kind of night rollercoaster journey.

Another novelty is the world of Madame Freudenreich's Curiosités which showcases in a typical half-timbered style and replaces the previous attraction Universe of Energy. In addition to the entrance area to the redesigned coaster, visitors of all ages can look forward to various scenarios in the House of the Great Dinosaur Fans and discover plenty of relics from the giants of the past. After this adventure, the floating bistro boat ‘Liberté’ on the lake invites visitors to relax and revitalise on either of its two floors, but also to watch a spectacular water fountain show which is displayed several times per hour accompanied by traditional French music.

This season, the Mercedes-Benz Hall is once again a symbol for the fastest racing series in the world, after Mercedes-Benz winning the Formula 1 Double World Champion title for the fourth time in a row. The Formula 1-themed world MONACO is dedicated to the winning ‘Silver Arrows’, including their race drivers and full team.

In the adjacent German themed area, from the start of the season, a surprise comes in the form of a new theming for former popular family ride Old 99: To coincide with the cinema release of the live-action film adaptation of ‘Jim Button and Luke the Engine Driver’, which can be seen in German cinemas nationwide from 29th March 2018, even the youngest visitors can go on a great adventure at Europa-Park with Michael Ende's Jim Button ‒ Journey through Morrowland. The inclusion of this important piece of German culture in the heart of Europe's most popular theme park is made possible by a joint cooperation with Warner Bros., Rat Pack, Malao and the Michael Ende inheritance estate.

This winter season, Paddington has made himself at home in Germany's largest theme park. On Alpenexpress Coastiality in Austria, guests can travel with the popular children's book character and actively influence the journey by moving their heads. This spring, there will also be plenty to discover in the English themed area when it comes to this cute stuffed animal with the big button eyes. Arriving at the Paddington Station on the steaming Panorama Train, visitors can look for various small souvenirs in the new shop. The beloved bear will also welcome visitors to Europa-Park as the main character in the new ice show ‘Paddington on Ice ‒ The Marmalade Mission’. The 30-minute-long energetic and interactive show in the Greek themed area puts the cuddly bear and his favourite dish ‒ the marmalade sandwich ‒ in the centre and ensures the best in entertainment.

In addition to the VR experience with Paddington waiting from the start of the season on the Alpenexpress Coastiality, there is yet another adventure. Thanks to toy manufacturer Simba-Dickie and MackMedia working together, passengers can also take a journey with the ‘Alpha Mods P.D.’ and accompany the four boys on an exciting chase. Additionally, the toy line will be available in the new Majorette Factory feat. Alpha Mods P.D. in the Russian themed area, where fans can put together their own unique toy car.

Afterwards, the new snack bar ‘CMAK Russian Food & Burger’ will be the perfect place to fortify. If visitors are more in the mood for Mediterranean cuisine, they can grab pasta to go at ‘Pastaria di Enzo’ in the Italian themed area, starting from Pentecost.

**Rulantica ‒ The New Europa-Park Water World**

Construction work is in full swing at the gates of the best theme park worldwide. In September 2017, Europa-Park laid the foundation for Rulantica and the first signs of the new water world can already be seen. By the end of 2019, the gigantic, 450,000-square-metre water themed resort extension will shine in full glory. Alongside Europe's most popular theme park, a sensational water world will await guests all year round. An elaborate Nordic theme and 25 exciting water attractions guarantee an unforgettable adventure for the whole family. After an eventful day, the new adventure hotel Krønasår invites all creatures of the water, big and small, to dream and relax.

In the former Historama in the Luxembourg themed area, visitors can also look forward to the Journey to Rulantica from the start of the season. The exhibition provides the first exciting insights into the new water world. In the baroque Europa-Park Teatro in the Italian themed area, there will also be a sneak peek of the upcoming big attraction from the 28th of April with ‘Rulantica ‒ The Musical’, which tells the moving story of the discovery of Rulantica and the power of true love.

**Across Europe**

In the heart of the border triangle, between the Black Forest and Vosges, lies the best theme park worldwide. Whether Ireland, France or Spain ‒ 15 European themed areas with exemplary architecture, gastronomy, and vegetation are waiting to be discovered by visitors from around the world, embarking on a journey of discovery through Europe with over 100 attractions and shows and the promise of lots of fun and adventure for the whole family. Buckle up and get ready for departure is the motto of the Voletarium in the German themed area. The largest flying theatre on the continent takes passengers on a breathtaking flight over Europe and into the fascinating world of aviation pioneers Kaspar and Eckbert Eulenstein. Fans of high speeds can board one of the 13 spectacular rollercoasters at Europa-Park. In Iceland, the 110 km/h wooden rollercoaster WODAN ‒ Timburcoaster or the catapult rollercoaster blue fire Megacoaster powered by GAZPROM, which accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in 2.5 seconds, attract daredevils. Adrenaline enthusiasts will also get their money's worth with a ride on the high-speed rollercoaster Euro-Mir in Russia or with a go on the 73-metre-high Silver Star in the French themed area. But Germany's largest theme park is not just a place for brave rollercoaster fans. Calmer minds can also find what their hearts desire: in Italy, guests float gently through the air with ‘Volo da Vinci’. There is also Grimm's Enchanted Forest, popular with all ages, where fabulous creatures such as Mother Hulda, Rapunzel, and Cinderella and their lovingly-staged stories wait behind every corner. On particularly warm summer days, the family-friendly Tirol Log Flume in Austria or the water rollercoaster Poseidon in Greece provide a welcome respite.

**Shows**

There are also over 23 hours of daily entertainment to enchant and inspire. In the Globe Theatre in the English themed area, visitors can look forward to ‘Times ‒ The Show’, a fantastic acrobatic journey through time from Shakespeare to Sherlock Holmes to modern day. Lasting around 4.5 hours, from the start of the season visitors both young and old can experience what is possibly the longest show in the world at Bamboe Baai with ‘The House of Chinese National Circus – The never ending performance’. Alongside all that, Germany's largest amusement park offers numerous event highlights throughout the year.

**Leisure Fun in Every Season**

For over 15 years, Europa-Park has welcomed visitors in four beautifully decorated seasons. While spring is all about new attractions and shows, summer promises great refreshment with sparkling attractions. Gloomy characters arrive on Halloween and 180,000 pumpkins bathe the best theme park in the world in bright orange. Then, just in time for the winter opening, Europa-Park transforms into a dreamlike winter wonderland with 2,500 Christmas trees, millions of lights and a fantastic show line-up.

*Europa-Park is open daily during the summer season from 24th March 2018 until 4th November 2018 from 9am to 6pm (longer opening hours during peak season).* *For further information call: +49 7822 / 77 66 88 or visit* [www.europapark.de](http://www.europapark.de) *|* [@EuropaParkUK](http://www.twitter.com/europaparkuk)