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Magic Moments at Europa-Park

With numerous winter attractions, festive decoration and a fascinating show programme, plenty of fun and entertainment are guaranteed in Germany's biggest theme park also during the cold time of the year. In its 35th anniversary year, Europa-Park opens its doors already for the 10th time during the winter season. From 27 November 2010 until 9 January 2011 (except 24/25 December), the beautifully decorated winter landscape of Europa-Park offers countless "magic moments".

New: The 55 metre high big wheel "Bellevue" in the Icelandic themed area offers a breathtaking view over the park's winter landscape, while this year's winter exhibition "Tomi Ungerer – the World of Animals" enchants all visitors inside the Mercedes-Benz Hall.

An adventurous winter journey through Europe

Many exciting rides and special winter activities are waiting for the whole family also during the cold time of the year. Whether a thrilling ride on the roller coaster Euro-Mir, a trip to the hibernal firmament with Eurosat or a leisurely ride together with the kids in the Sleigh Ride Snowflake – winter at Europa-Park leaves nothing to be desired! Moreover, many additional activities guarantee plenty of action: for example, plenty of winter fun for young and old alike is guaranteed on Snow Tubes and Children's Skibobs, in the Children's Ski School or on the large Ice-Skating Rink. In between, the visitors can enjoy ice-cold refreshments in a truly frosty ambience at the Ice Bar "Glaciar". All those who want to spend their day at Europa-Park at a more leisurely pace, can stroll across the festively decorated Winter & Christmas Market, where they are welcomed by the scent of mulled wine, Merguez sausages and hot chestnuts, enjoy a drink in the cosy ambience of the Après Ski Bar or watch Europa-Park's fascinating winter shows. Children's eyes sparkle with joy when they enter the Winter Wonderworld, which is transformed into a huge circus scenery this year. One of the highlights of the numerous hands-on activities is a new multimedia-show. The use of a special computer technology animates Euromaus in real time 3D, thus enabling the youngest visitors to ask

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Europa-Park's mascot all those things they always wanted to know.

New: One of this year's winter highlights is the big wheel "Bellevue". Located in the Icelandic themed area, the 55 metre high fairground attraction, which has 42 gondolas, offers the visitors an unforgettable view over the park with its beautiful winter decoration.

For the first time, also the overwhelming landscape of fire and ice is open during the winter time and offers additional attractions on an area of 30,000 m2. In addition to the big wheel, the visitors can have plenty of winter fun in "Whale Adventures – Splash Tours", on the playground "Lítill Island" as well as in the wintery decorated "GAZPROM Theme World – the Wonder of Energy".

Russian Christmas magic with Father Frost

During the winter season, the "GAZPROM Theme World – the Wonder of Energy" welcomes the visitors with Russian Christmas atmosphere. Especially the youngest guests can look forward to the visit of Father Frost and his lovely granddaughter Snegurochka. Russian "Fairy-Tales with Father Frost and Snegurochka" and little Christmas surprises invite the visitors to stay. Moreover, the guests can send Christmas E-cards to their friends and family from the GAZPROM photo-station. All junior equestrians can saddle up in front of the "GAZPROM Theme World" and enjoy pony riding in the Icelandic themed area.

Circus-Revue

Also this year, the original circus tent on Europa-Park's Festival Area opens its red curtain for the brilliant Circus-Revue with numerous international artists, which is choreographed by the popular stage director Joseph Bouglione. With artistic, acrobatic and "animalistic" performances, the ensemble of the first-class show takes the visitors into a world filled with circus magic.

Winter exhibition: "Tomi Ungerer – the World of Animals"

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With his sharp quill, Tomi Ungerer gives birth to merry pictures on paper sheets. His world of animals invites us to smile and lets us discover human attributes hidden in animal shapes. This year's art exhibition is a tribute to the world-famous Alsatian artist who is going to celebrate his 80th birthday in 2011. The exhibition shows original drawings, collages and objects from the artist's private collection as well as a series of works owned by collectors. A lot of those works have rarely or never been exhibited in public before. The visit of the exhibition "Tomi Ungerer – the World of Animals" is included in the park admission.

Magic moments by night

Approximately 3,000 colourfully decorated fir trees, sparkling fairy-lights and cosy fireplaces guarantee countless magic moments at Europa-Park during the winter season. And at nightfall, the show highlight "Luna Magica" takes the audience into a world of water and light, before the Parade of Lights makes its way through the park at the end of an adventurous day.

And for all those, who just can't get enough of the romantic atmosphere, the four 4-star themed hotels "Colosseo", "Santa Isabel", "El Andaluz" and "Castillo Alcazar" offer heavenly overnight accommodation in a wonderful ambience. Those who want to have sweet winter dreams will feel especially comfortable in one of the Christmas rooms, where young and old spend the night surrounded by festive atmosphere and Christmas decoration. And also the Camp Resort promises cosy nights during the cold time of the year. On select dates, all adventuresome guests can stay overnight in heated log-cabins and discover the most romantic side of winter - for example in the new chieftain suite "Winnetou's Honeymoon Suite", which opens at the beginning of the winter season and offers space for up to four persons.

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Feel-Good Weeks

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When the doors of Europa-Park are closed from 10 January until 8 April 2011, guests can enjoy the Feel-Good Weeks at the hotel "Colosseo" and on weekends also at the hotel "Santa Isabel". The redesigned and expanded wellness area at the "Colosseo" offers relaxation and recreation on an area of 215 m². And also the wellness & spa area on the fifth floor of the hotel "Santa Isabel" is all about relaxation. Afterwards, the guests can end the day in one of the hotel restaurants. Culinary delights, such as the "Candle-Light Dinner" or "Spring is in the Air" tickle the guests' palates on select dates.

During the winter season Europa-Park offers a reduced price of 29 € for adults and 26 € for children (4 – 11 years). Evening ticket (from 4 pm): adults: 16.50 €, children (4 – 11 years): 13.50 €. Opening times during the winter season: 27 November 2010 until 9 January 2011 (except 24/25 December), daily from 11 am to 7 pm.

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