

# Reborn city of Emperors

Carnuntum, city of emperors, has been reborn. Uniquely throughout the world, the basic types of architecture in a Roman city quarter have been reconstructed in Carnuntum in their historical context: a citizen's house, a splendid city mansion and public baths. The reconstructions are not fictitious sets or museum objects, but buildings that can be lived in. This means that all the buildings have been equipped with Roman underfloor heating systems and fully-functioning kitchens, and all the rooms are furnished. All layouts and decorative details refer to a single era, as does the level of the streets in the city quarter. Thus a unique time frame is opened in the first five decades of the 4<sup>th</sup> century AD.

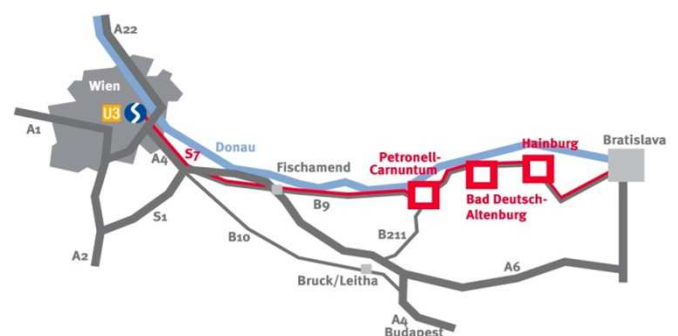
Just as if time had stood still 1700 years ago, when Carnuntum was the scene of an event that was to change the world permanently.

On 11 November 308 AD three Roman emperors decided the future of the Roman Empire. The results of this Emperors' Conference were partly responsible for the triumphal progress of Christianity and thus our western culture. Even before this event Carnuntum was at the centre of world politics time and again. Hadrian, Marcus Aurelius or Septimius Severus – they all influenced the history of this city of emperors.

More than 100 years ago a treasure house for the witnesses of this great past was erected – the Museum Carnuntinum, Austria's largest and undoubtedly loveliest Roman museum. Built in the style of a Roman country villa, the elegant structure houses the treasures of more than 400 years of Roman life in Carnuntum.

A visit to Carnuntum brings the Romans back to life: architectural masterpieces, romantic ruins and valuable treasures – and all this only half an hour by car from Vienna and Bratislava.

**The Romans have never been so close!**



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# Elegant settings for your event

## Villa urbana – a splendid city mansion

The *villa urbana* was a splendid city mansion and impressively shows the lifestyle of the Carnuntum upper classes. Those who could afford it tried to bring Rome's standard of living to the farthest provinces. The *villa urbana* in Carnuntum was probably inhabited by a very wealthy citizen. Even the steps flanked by pillars that lead up to the main entrance demonstrate the status and self-confidence of its former owner.

However, the finding of about 30 sq. metres of luxurious wall paintings was remarkable. They were restored to their original appearance after years of meticulous detailed work. The splendid result can be admired in the main hall of the *villa urbana*, together with the reconstructed stone semi-dome. In the fully-functioning kitchen the Roman oven awaits the preparation of a creative banquet.

In addition, the Mediterranean-style garden is a peaceful oasis that can be used for cocktails, stand-up receptions, or mild summer evenings.

**Capacity: 45 persons**

## Römische Therme – a Roman public bathing complex

So that they did not have to forego Rome's luxuries, the Romans erected public bathing establishments in the farthest towns – as in Carnuntum. The **reconstructed public baths** here were one of several such establishments in Carnuntum. The public baths were constructed as a public building, probably shortly after the civil settlement was raised to the status of *Municipium Aelium Karnuntum* around the year 124 AD, similar to being raised to the status of a municipality.

The public baths cover an area of around 1,500 sq. metres, and about 1,200 cubic metres of material were used to rebuild the stone walls. All the work was carried out by hand. The greatest challenge was the reconstruction of the Roman heating system and supplying the pools with water. Attempts at heating on a smaller scale in Lucius' house and in the *villa urbana* brought practical experience as to how the Roman hypocaust heating system worked. However, there was no experience whatsoever of construction projects of this size.

The reconstruction of the water supply was even more complicated. This project broke completely new ground. This has resulted in the only fully-functioning Roman public baths in the world so far being erected on the original site using ancient building technology.

**Capacity: 120 persons**

## Modern location for your presentation/seminar!

The **seminar room** in the Visitor Centre has modern equipment and offers the ideal venue for seminars, product presentations, etc., for up to 80 persons.

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