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Palace Day 2023 8th edition

Astronomy, astrology and mythology! These words will be the common thread for the 8th Palace Day on July 19, 2023!

If astronomy is a recognised scientific discipline based on the observation of the stars, astrology and mythology lie in the domain of beliefs, religions and legends. However, within European royal residences, this blurring of astronomy, astrology and mythology is used by Princes to illustrate their power, in an allegorical way.

Just entering in a royal residence, you are sure to find that stars, gods, symbols are everywhere! Let's take the example of the Palace of Versailles. Even before entering the castle, the image of Louis XIV as the Sun King adorns on the royal gate. Within the State Apartments, the Salons named after the Roman gods follow one another: Salons of Venus, Diana, Mars, Mercury, etc. By taking a detour to the Private Apartments, Louis XV's astronomical clock, known as Pendule de Passement after its designer, displays the astral time and the phases of the moon, as well as the time and date!

Another example, and not the least, is the Hall of Planets in the Castle of Eggenberg. The paintings of Hans Adam Weissenkircher represent this blur between astronomy, astrology and mythology, and the symbolism of numbers! The 12 signs of the zodiac rub shoulders with the 7 planets known at the time organized around the sun, as well as the representations of the four elements, water, fire, earth and air. The seven planets are associated with the seven days of the week, with the seven most important members of the Eggenberg family but also with other elements such as metals. It is the same for Palazzo Pitti, with the Apartment of the Planets designed by Pierre de Cortona between 1640 and 1647.

The residences of kings had to exhibit the power and superiority of their owner. The massive use of allegory in paintings and decorations served to highlight the monarch and his family. In this context, Greek and Roman mythology was often used, as well as other allegorical enigmas, as in the Galerie François Ist in the Palace of Fontainebleau. The king was often shown as Hercules, as at Vaux-le-Vicomte, or as Jupiter, god of the gods, or as Apollo, god of the arts, of beauty, of light. The members of the royal family were then represented by other deities. Louis XIV, in France, even decided to take the sun as his emblem. He would end up creating his own myth, casting himself as the "Sun King".

The development of sciences, and therefore of astronomy, was also a sign of power. In France, in the 17th century, astronomy was even known as the "Queen of Sciences"! Thus, Louis XIV founded the Paris Observatory where he invited the best European astronomers. New scientific tools were developed, always more precise, always more ingenious, allowing other scientific discoveries. The terrestrial and celestial globes ordered for the education of young princes, the new maritime charts, etc. attest to these scientific discoveries.

Mythology, astrology and astronomy were also among the favourite themes of artists working in European royal residences. In European gardens we find a whole statuary linked to mythology: Hercules, Venus, Diana, Apollo, Bacchus, etc. are often represented. The furniture and works of art depict constellations or scenes from mythology.

This July 19, 2023, we therefore invite the public, palaces, museums and all cultural institutions to discover the hidden symbols, decrypt the allegories, and share the mythological stories of palaces in Europe and around the world.

Partner 2023

International Committee for Historic House Museums





Some examples

How to address and highlight the 2023 theme? Here are few examples!

Astronomy, Queen of sciences

Scientific instruments such the armillary sphere, discovery of new planets, understanding of the world, European monarchs have often supported sciences

Allegories and symbols

Almighty King in Jupiter, King Protector of the Arts in Apollo, King of Commerce in Mercury, mythology is often used to represent the monarch. And the rest of the royal family too!

Astrology and zodiac

Royal astrologers, the reigning families consult the stars. Some become famous like Nostradamus or Cosimo Ruggieri, astrologer of Catherine de Medici

Representations

Art has always been inspired by myths! Statues, clocks, fountains, paintings, take up mythological stories and represent the constellations.



Passemant astronomical clock © Thomas Garnier, Palace of Versailles



Hall of Monstrosities @Carlo Böttger, Castle of Moritzburg



Planet Hall @ UMJ/Peter Gradischnigg, Eggenberg Castle



Neptune Fountain © Alexander Eugen Koller, Schloß Schönbrunn

JON THE EVENT

Why to join us?

From the beginning, the Palace Day has two major objectives:

- Promote cultural heritage
- Organize an event strengthening European and international cooperation

Each year, Palace Day reiterates its objectives and brings together more and more palaces and institutions on social networks to promote and celebrate a common cultural heritage.

Each cultural institution (museums, palaces, cultural spaces, libraries, etc) is invited to share pictures, tweets on its history, on its richness, etc on social networks to contribute to the success of Palace Day and to the enhancement heritage.

In addition, Palace Day is a unique opportunity for institutions to:

- Strengthen its links with its digital community and attract a new audience
- Strengthen its visibility by participating in an international event
- Disseminate information about your institution
- Get in touch with the Network of European Royal Residences

How to participate?

It's super easy! To participate, you just have to share your best pictures of royal residences on July 19th on social media with the **#PalaceDay**.

Some advises:

- Tag the official accounts of the event for a better visibility! @PalaceDay (Instagram) and
 @Palace_Day (Twitter)
- Do not forget to use the correct hashtag #PalaceDay
- Engage your community to create a dynamic exchange (you can even inform them in advance of the event)
- Do not hesitate to use English in your post, it's an international event!

Want to be more than a simple participant?

You are an institution and you want to actively be part of the Palace Day, do not hesitate to register by filling the Google form or by writing us!

- Google form: https://forms.gle/KxXnGmLi3ZQ28oFo6
- Mail: palaceday@hotmail.com

By registration, you could:

- Have the official logo of the event
- · Appear on the map of the event
- Be quoted in the minutes, press releases and other docuemnts produced by the Network
- Receive the information on the Palace Day each year



Social Media

All information are available on the social media of the event and the official social media of the Network of European Royal Residences

Social media of the event



https://twitter.com/Palace_Day



https://www.instagram.com/palaceday/



http://www.europeanroyalresidences.eu/palace-day/?lang=fr http://www.palaceday.com/

Social media of the Network



https://www.instagram.com/europeanroyalpalaces/



http://www.europeanroyalresidences.eu



https://www.linkedin.com/company/network-of-european-royal-residences

ABOUT US

Palace Day

Each 19th July, since 2016, the Network of European Royal Residences organizes the Palace Day. During one day, the #PalaceDay brings together Royal Residences, cultural and political institutions, public from all over the world, to share tweets and pictures of our common Heritage.

Origin

The Palace Day has been imagined during a technical meeting of the Network. In 2015, the digital teams of the members of the Network of European Royal Residences met in Italy, at La Venaria Reale, to discuss their respective digital strategies, their projects and the challenges they face on a daily basis. It was on this occasion that the idea of a common social event is born!

Development

Originally, the Palace Day was organized on Twitter. With the help of all the community managers working in the Royal Residences, and in particular thanks to the involvement of the Palace of Versailles's team, new social media have been used year after year, and parallel events have been organized by the Network and its members to celebrate the Palace of Day! Today, the Palace Day is on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook!

Simultaneous instruments, and concerts, are also organized during the day!

Each year, the Network selects a new theme in order to highlight and share the richness of our European cultural Heritage: Gardens, Music, Food and culinary traditions, etc, allow to discover Heritage by various and unusual ways!

Success

Year after year, the attachment and the involvement of institutions and the public to the Palace Day confirm! From the 2nd edition, the Palace Day crosses the border of Europe and become « international »! With 10 million of impressions of the #PalaceDay in 2018, the 3rd edition dedicated on food culture and gastronomy marked a real turning point in the event! From this edition, the Palace Day becomes an unmissable event! In 2019 and 2020, the #PalaceDay made 60 million of impressions.

The Network of European Royal Residences

Since 1995, the institutions in charge of the most prestigious Palace-Museums in Europe have come together to form the Network of European Royal Residences, registered as an association since 2001.

The Network of European Royal Residences is primarily a tool at the service of European palace-museum staff and experts, enabling them to meet and share their experience in the preservation, management and promotion of the rich cultural heritage in their care, to the benefit of the millions of visitors they receive each year.

Some numbers

- 30 active members
- more than 100 palace-museums
- 13 countries
- 10 000 professionals
- more than 43 million visitors per year



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Palace of Schönbrunn

Austria

Palace of Eggenberg

Austria

Coudenberg Palace

Belgium

The Royal Danish Collection

Denmark

Danish Agency for Culture and

Palaces Denmark

Frederiksborg Castle

Denmark

Prussian Palaces and Gardens of

Berlin-Brandenburg

Germany

Kulturstiftung Dessau-Wörlitz

Germany

State Palaces, Castles and Gardens

of Saxony Germany

Patrimonio Nacional

Spain

Palaces of Versailles and Trianon

France

Château of Chambord

France

Palace of Compiègne

France

Palace of Fontainebleau

France

Royal Palace of Gödöllő

Hungary

La Venaria Reale

Italy

Musei Reali Torino

Italy

Royal Palace of Caserta

Italy

Royal Palace of Monza

Italy

Royal Palace of Naples

Italy

Royal Palace of Milan

Italy

Historic Museum and Park of Miramare

Castle Italy

Prince's Palace of Monaco

Monaco

Paleis Het Loo

Netherlands

Museum of King Jan III's Palace at Wilanów

Poland

Royal Castle in Warsaw

Poland

Royal Łazienki Museum

Poland

Mafra National Palace

Portugal

Parques de Sintra-Monte da Lua

Portugal

Historic Royal Palaces

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- +5000 POSTS
- +2000 PARTICIPANTS
- +10M PEOPLE REACHED
- +50M VIEWS ON

#PALACEDAY





ATH TRENDING TOPIC ON TWITTER FRANCE



TOP INFLUENCERS

- MOSCOW KREMLIN MUSEUMS
- CENTER FOR HISTORIC HOUSES (INDIA)
- PRUSSIAN PALACES (SPSG)
- PATRIMONIO NACIONAL
- PALACE OF VERSAILLES
- NATIONAL PALACE OF MAFRA



THE INSTITUTIONS ARE TAKING PART IN THE EVENT

- FRANCE DIPLOMACY
- FRANCE.FR
- UNESCO
- UK'S EMBASSIES
- ROYAL PALACE OF NAPLES
- CHÂTEAU DE CHAMBORD
- ROYAL PALACE OF WARSAW
- HERMITAGE MUSEUM
- ROYAL MUSEUMS OF TURIN



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY





Reggia di Venaria @ @LaVenariaReale -2 | The concert of the Ensemble L'Astrée @astree_! for @ _Day in the Cappella di Sant'Uberto this morning was incredible! 1/2 With: Stephanie Varnerin - soprano / Francesco D'Orazio - violin / Daniele Bovo - cello / Giorgio Tabacco - harpsichord #PalaceDay





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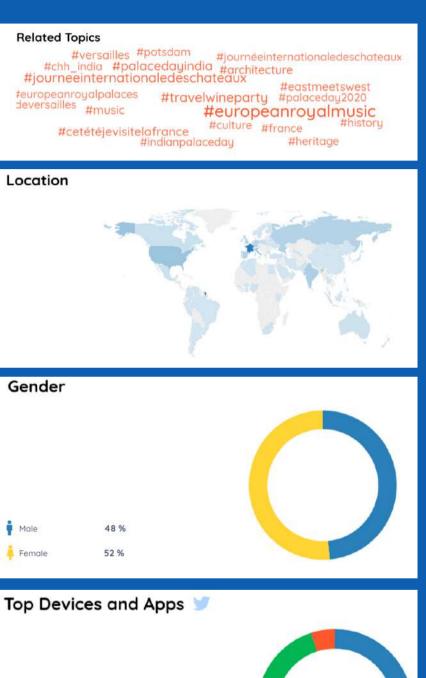


La France à l'UNESCO O @France_UNESCO · 1 j

À l'occasion du #PalaceDay qui s'est déroulé le 19 juillet, la délégation française auprès de l'@UNESCO vous propose une #PalaceWeek afin de mettre chaque jour à honneur l'un des magnifiques palais qui tiennent une place particulière au sein du patrimoine culturel français.



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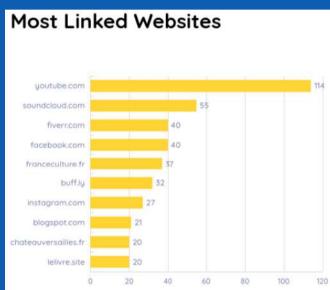
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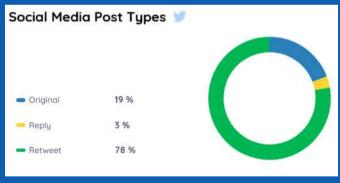
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To the people who have contributed, and contribute, to bring to life the Palace-Museums!





An international event







KEY FIGURES

- +3700 POSTS
- +1600PARTICIPANTS
- +7,7 M PEOPLE REACHED
- +35,5 M VIEWS ON

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The institutions are taking part in the event!

- Secrets d'Histoire
- Windows France
- German National Committee for Monument Protection (DNK)
- Europa Nostra
- Swiss Embassy in France



TOP INFLUENCERS

- Centre for Historic Houses India
- Moscow Kremlin Museums
- Parques de Sintra Monte da Lua
- · National Palace of Mafra
- Palace of Versailles
- · Patrimonio Nacional
- Palace of Fontainebleau

- Royal Castle in Warsaw
- Palace of Schönbrunn
- Palace of Chambord
- Prussians Palaces
- Vizcaya Museum



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY







HalaceDay To finish this day dedicated to the people who bring the Palace of Versailles to life, discover the sculpture restoration workshop youtube.com/watch?v=CgdzEP...

#palaceday2021 #JourneeInternationaledesChateaux @Palace_Day





In celebration of the annual #PalaceDay, our photograph curators would like to celebrate a predecessor, Leopold Cleave, who was Inventory Clerk and Photographer at Windsor Castle from 1891.

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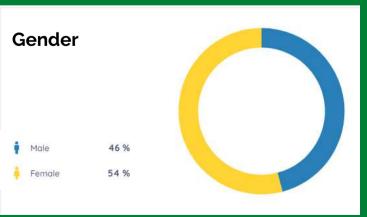
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KEY FIGURES

- +2,858 POSTS
- +1,297 PARTICIPANTS
- **+ 36,3 M** V I E W S O N

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TOP INFLUENCERS

- Parques de Sintra-Monte da Lua
- Museu Presidência da República of Portugal
- Estate of Chambord
- Palace of Versailles
- Patrimonio Nacional
- Colosseo-Foro Romano-Palatino

- Schloss Schonbrunn
- Reggia di Caserta
- Galleria degli Uffizi
- Castle of Montpoupon
- · Palace dhenkanal in India



The institutions are taking part in the event!

- Royal Collection Trust
- Republic of Poland
- Swiss embassy in France
- Association "REMPART"
- European regions and national tourist offices

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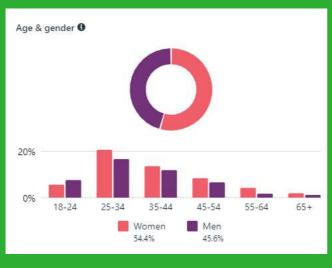


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Le 19 juillet célèbre chaque année les châteaux. Une journée pour prendre le temps de redécouvrir le patrimoine et surtout, visiter des lieux emblématiques au frais. Suivez le guide.

Versailles, Chambord, Giverny, le Haut-Koenigsbourg...Chaque région a ses merveilles de pierre. Le Languedoc-Roussillon ne fait pas exception, même Montpellier dispose de son château.

La Mogère a été bâtie au 18e siècle par Jean-Antoine Giral. Ses jardins à la française invitent à la flânerie entre les buis. Pour crapahuter dans les ruines, d'autres ouvrages existent dans le Languedoc.

Peyrepertuse, l'incontournable du pays cathare

Les vestiges de Peyrepertuse dominent la plaine audoise sur leur colline. La vue panoramique qui s'y dégage se mérite! Un sentier rocailleux et grimpant d'une vingtaine de minutes mène à l'entrée du château...où un peu d'histoire attend les visiteurs.

Jusqu'en 1500, le château avait un fonction militaire capitale.

Peyrepertuse perd toutefois de son importance dans la seconde moitié du siècle et son entretien en souffre. En 1597, les États de Languedoc demandent la réparation des châteaux qui tombent en ruine sur la frontière espagnole.

En état de semi-abandon, le site semble ne pas avoir eu de rôle militaire pendant la conquête du Roussillon par Louis XIII. Avec le traité des Pyrénées signé en 1659 et le nouveau tracé de la frontière, le château de Peyrepertuse perd tout intérêt pour le roi de France.

Depuis 1907, l'édifice est classé monument historique. Il appartient à la commune de Duilhac sous Peyrepertuse (153 habitants) qui après plusieurs campagnes de fouilles archéologiques a décidé son ouverture au public en 1973.



Les vestiges de Peyrepertuse dominent la plaine audoise sur leur faloise calcaire. • © STEPHANE DE SAKUTIN / AFP

Sommières, la forteresse millénaire

Les premières pierres du Château de Sommières, dans le Gard, auraient été posées au 11e siècle.

La tour Bermond qui domine aujourd'hui la ville date de la fin 12e, début 13e siècle. Bermond VII est alors le seigneur de Sommières. Cette tour romane culmine à 25 m de hauteur.

Au 13e siècle, le château devient le symbole du pouvoir seigneurial, dominant le bourg et ses habitants. Puis au 16e siècle, Sommières devient une place forte militaire, un théâtre au cœur des guerres de religion.



A la Révolution française, le château tombe en ruine et quelques années plus tard, en 1809, le préfet ordonne le démembrement et la vente de ses murs. Il a fallu attendre les années 1960 pour que Sommières soit réhabilité et les années 2000 pour l'accueil du public.

Collioure, les ruines vue sur mer

A Collioure, dans les Pyrénées-Orientales, impossible de rater la grandeur du château. Les murs de pierres dominent la ville et les ruelles du centre-ville. Classé monument historique en 1922, l'édifice date d'une période bien plus lointaine. Il a été aménagé entre 1276 et 1344 sur le site d'un camp fortifié romain par les Comtes du Roussillon et les Rois d'Aragon.

Il a même accueilli les rois de Majorque pour leurs vacances... et quelques décennies plus tard, le maître français des châteaux : Vauban. L'architecte élève l'enceinte extérieure de la bâtisse au 17e siècle.

En 1939, la forteresse est transformée en prison. Aujourd'hui, elle accueille les curieux du Moyen-Age.

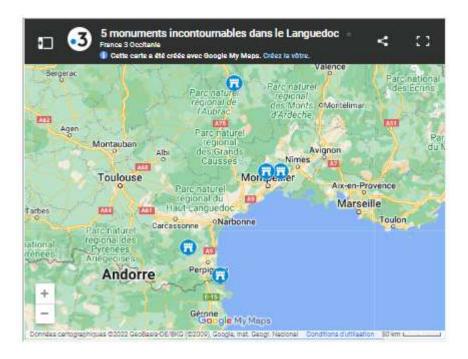


Le château royal de Collioure entre port de pêche et plage. • © RAYMOND ROIG / AFP

Apcher, le Moyen-Age en Lozère

En Lozère, entre Saint-Chély-d'Apcher et Prunières, se trouve un porte d'entrée...vers le Moyen-Age. Ce site médiéval est l'ancien chef-lieu de la baronnie d'Apcher, occupé dès le 10e siècle. Puis le site est abandonné au 17e siècle.

Les traces du passé subsistent toujours : un donjon, des vestiges de logis et une chapelle. Le tout est classé monument historique et se visite!



Montferrand, une randonné chatelaine dans l'Hérault

A Saint-Mathieu-de-Treviers, dans l'Hérault, il est possible de se balader dans les pas du Moyen-Age. Quelques ruines du château de Montferrand subsistent après une heure d'effort pour les randonneurs.

Construit à 400 mêtres d'altitude, sur l'arête d'un éperon calcaire du pic Saint-Loup et perché dans la forêt, il n'est accessible qu'à pied.

Depuis les décombres de pierre datant du 12e siècle, la vue est splendide : les sommets cévenols, le mont Hortus...et la mer !



La cité de Corcassanne déjà inscrite au patrimoine mondial de l'Unesco depuis 1997, Son château le serat t-il bientât aussi 7 • © GEORGES GOBET / AFP

Les châteaux de la région font aussi parler d'eux au-delà de la journée internationale. Sept châteaux de montagne audois ainsi que le château de la cité de Carcassonne sont en lice pour entrer au patrimoine mondial de l'Unesco. Autant de bâtisses à ajouter à la liste des incontournables dès l'an prochain!

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WhatsApp Facebook Twitter Email Print. Una campagna social che riunisce Residenze Reali per condividere online il loro Patrimonio.

Quando si parla di Residenze Reali, generalmente si pensa a un grande palazzo pieno di dipinti, sculture e artigianato di lusso. (Caserta Web)



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La notizia riportata su altri media

E saltata leri alla Reggia di Caserta la serata inaugurale del Reggia Festival -Visioni Reali, evento organizzato da Confcommercio con il patrocinio del ministero della Cultura che prevedeva un incontro con l'attore casertano Toni Servilio e la prolezione del film del regista Mario Martone "Qui rido lo". (La Repubblica)

Al momento la serata di domenica è annullata ma si lavora per recuperaria compatibilmente con gli altri impegni dell'ospite d'onore Toni Servillo Serata sospesa e tutti a casa tra le proteste, l'indignazione e le critiche aspre sui social. (Caserta News)

A stento la Cappella palatina, che ospitava gli incontri, riusciva a contenere le centinala di appassionati che accorrevano ad ogni appuntamento. Proprio per questo, intorno all'evento, era nata una grande aspettativa: era il tanto atteso ritorno al grande cinema d'autore arricchito da incontri con gli stessi protagonisti. (limattino.it)



Toni Servillo alla Reggia di Caserta, salta il film e centinala urtanez «Vergogna»

La serata inaugurale del Film Fest di Caserta è stata rinviata quando il pubblico si era già accomodato: gli spettatori hanno protestato vibratamente. (Cronache della Campania)

Una bella rassegna serale gratulta nel cortili della Reggia di Caserta ci propone la prolezione del più bel film "made in Campania" e incontri con registi, attori, sceneggiatori. I link per la prenotazione on line verranno pubblicati periodicamente sulla pagina ufficiale facebook Reggia Festival – Visioni Reali dove troverete tutte le informazioni e gli aggiornamenti. (Napoli da Vivere)

Dopo l'incontro con l'attore casertano Toni Servillo ci sarebbe stata la visione del film di Mario Martone "Qui rido io". Anche se l'ingresso era gratuito (con prenotazione on line o ritiro di ticket negli ersercizi pubblici) centinala di spettatori si sono sentiti ugualmente presi in giro (ilmattino.it)











The Print « Palace Day : Centre for Historic Houses, others appeal to not demolish but preserve Sultan Palace

https://theprint.in/india/palace-day-centre-for-historic-houses-others-appeal-to-not-demolish-but-preserve-sultan-palace/1046509/



Centre for Historic Houses (CHH), part of a leading private university in India, issued a fervent appeal to the authorities to preserve and restore the 1922-built palace in the heart of the Bihar capital, saying the very thought of demolition is "beyond numbing".

"We brought Palace Day to India in 2020 and Sultan Palace was celebrated on social media through our platform. It is distressing to learn that the government has proposed to demolish it for constructing a high-rise glass and concrete five-star hotel. Sultan Palace is a priceless treasure, and it should be preserved not just for attracting tourists, but for everyone. And, locals must enjoy it equally," Esther Schmidt, director of CHH at the OP Jindal Global University in Sonipat, told PTI.

Schmidt said she is currently in Udaipur, along with a CHH colleague and four Oxford University students, who are in India as part of an internship programme offered by the Centre.

"We are staying at the nearly 450-year-old City Palace in Udaipur. We had come here to mark the Palace Day as part of our first on-site event. In 2020, about 40 heritage properties had participated in it, and last year the number had grown to 90. The idea is to celebrate architectural icons across India, whether they are serving as homes or luxury hotels, and Sultan Palace is perfect for a heritage stay that will bring more tourists. Demolishing it would squander away a priceless treasure of Patna and of India," she said.

The Nitish Kumar government recently announced that the state cabinet had given its nod to build three five-star hotels in Patna, including one at the site of the 100-year-old Sultan Palace on Beer Chand Patel Road.

Advertisement

The palace, located on the historic Gardiner Road (now Beer Chand Patel Road), was built in 1922 by the legendary barrister of Patna, Sir Sultan Ahmed, who also briefly served as a judge in the Patna High Court and as the first Indian vice-chancellor of the Patna University from 1923-30

The Bihar government's proposal to demolish the historic palace has shocked historians, conservationists and ordinary citizens too, who have vehemently opposed the decision and appealed for preserving and restoring the "architectural icon" instead of razing it.

On Tuesday, some of the staffs of luxury heritage hotels PTI spoke to, described the move as "unwise" and "myopic".

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Schmidt said she is currently in Udaipur, along with a CHH colleague and four Oxford University students, who are in India as part of an internship programme offered by the Centre.

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The palace, located on the historic Gardiner Road (now Beer Chand Patel Road), was built in 1922 by the legendary barrister of Patna, Sir Sultan Ahmed, who also briefly served as a judge in the Patna High Court and as the first Indian vice-chancellor of the Patna University from 1923 to 1930.

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Currently, the association has 30 members, representing 90 residences in 15 countries. Royal Residences that celebrate Palace Day in Poland include Royal Castle, Royal Łazienki Park, and the Palace in Wilanów,



The royal residences protect a diverse, rich and precious flora and fauna. Kings and Queens of Europe brought exotic plants for their gardens and wild animals for their "menagerie" and have contributed to the diversity of species.

Indeed, when we think of palaces and palace-museums, we usually think of large luxurious buildings, full of ornaments, paintings, and sculptures, we are looking for a throne, a royal room, or a sumptuous gallery. But we often forget the complexity of these places with their parks and gardens, and in particular the richness of the biodiversity that surrounds them and that institutions are anxious to protect! Huge wooded parks, English gardens, French gardens, ponds, and canals. Species of rare trees and flowers, wild animals but also domestic animals, the European royal residences shelter a real natural heritage to observe and preserve. These parks and estates are indeed home to fauna and flora of unsuspected diversity and richness. Today, the museums and palaces offer free tours as part of the event.









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