

PILLNITZ CASTLE

The Castle of Pillnitz is an example of how people imagined China in a time where hardly anyone was there: imaginative exotic.

For August the Strong it was the *Indian start* for his idea of 24 castles of amusement for the Saxonian court.

For August's former mistress Countess Cosel the (forced) moving from the inner-city Taschenberg Palace to Pillnitz Castle was in 1713 the beginning of the long end at Stolpen castle.

Reminding of August is the gondola which he used when approaching Pillnitz via the river Elbe. Nothing reminds of his mistress though.

The park of Pillnitz offers some surprises. Part of it follows the strict rules of the baroque era, part of it is created as an English garden – and then, of course, there is the camellia. It is said to be the oldest camellia in Europe and has been in bloom between February and April for 222 years now with 35000 carmine rose-like flowers that indicate the beginning of spring.

