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## ALBRECHTSBERG CASTLE

The people of Dresden obviously adopted the art of throwing parties from the baroque era. On Albrechtsberg Castle – the one of the three elbe castles closest to the city and also the most beautiful – they do it particularly well. The Roman bath is located below the castle but yet well above the river Elbe. With its semicircular walking area and the row of columns around the water basin it is destined for Italian moments on the Elbe. Actually the fame of the building didn't start that Mediterranean: a Scottish Lord, the 7th Earl Findlater bought the area in 1803 and built an extraordinary villa on it. 1850 the prince of Prussia, Prince Albrecht, bought part of Findlater's vinery – he had to leave Prussia because he had married a woman that didn't suit his stand... He asked the architect Adolf Lohse, a disciple of Schinkel, to build him a 3-story villa in the style of the late Berlin classicism. The cost of 3.5 million Marks was worth the investigation...

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