



Junges Schloss – “Young Castle” The Children’s Museum in Stuttgart

A cultural experience for the entire family

Located in Stuttgart's city centre – inside the *Altes Schloss* (Old Castle) – the *Junges Schloss* is a destination to discover for both children and families. Since its founding in 2010 as an institution of the *Landesmuseum Württemberg* (Württemberg State Museum), this museum has developed into a true attraction. All together, more than 565.000 visitors, young and old, have visited the museum's nine participatory exhibitions.

The *Junges Schloss* is a place where children's dreams come true. Exhibitions that combine objects, interactive media stations, and adventure areas provide both a connection to the cultural history of the region of Württemberg as well as access to exciting subjects from farther afield. Children from the age of four are able to experience history in all its vitality. Ever-changing participatory exhibitions are designed to supplement the special exhibitions of the *Landesmuseum Württemberg*, and contain a variety of surprises: following on from the Celts, Romans and the “7 Super-Swabians”, Knights were given pride of place in the museum. In the participatory fashion exhibition “Ran an den Stoff!” the young visitors were able to creatively discover the world of clothing and textiles. When the “Garbage Monsters” invaded the museum, the subject turned to garbage and sustainability. After the “Räuber Hotzenplotz” was a guest at the *Junges Schloss* in 2018, the current exhibition “The Little Witch” invites visitors to immerse themselves in the world of a famous children's book by Otfried Preußler.

In the children's museum, topics from history and society as well as fictional worlds can be experienced with all the senses: the young visitors experience first-hand – also using original objects – what life was like in past cultures, but they also explore the inside of a garbage truck, for example, or feel roots and debris on a sensory trail through the forest.

A children's advisory board made up of young museum experts has contributed its ideas and wishes to the planning of many exhibitions. More recently, pupils from a class with a focus on visual impairment have played a special role in the topic of inclusion.

The *Junges Schloss* sees itself as a representative of children's interests and also takes their participation into account when designing its exhibitions. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child was ratified over 40 years ago. On this basis, the topic of

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children's rights has been made visible in the interactive exhibitions in relation to the respective topic since 2022.

For the large hands-on exhibition "The Little Witch", the *Junges Schloss* uses the large special exhibition area of the *Landesmuseum Württemberg* in the immediate vicinity of the children's museum. Several workshop rooms in the *Junges Schloss* are still available for workshops and activities.

The modular exhibitions can be adapted to different room sizes and – in the interests of sustainability – are designed to be passed on to other (museum) institutions.

Educationally trained staff welcome visitors to all exhibitions, provide support at the hands-on stations, answer questions and supervise open workshops. Each exhibition is accompanied by a range of mediation possibilities: workshop programs, readings, guided tours devoted to a certain subject, as well as special events and activity days. Kindergarten and school groups can book guided tours and workshops. The *Junges Schloss* is also a well-loved location for children's birthdays, offering a great collective experience.

The museum's children's club the "Schlossgespenster" ("castle ghosts") is available to children who are curious and wish to visit the museum more often. Members of this club (yearly fee of 18 € / 14 € for those eligible for a discount) are granted free entry into the museum, special offers, excursions and a chance to experience the museum behind the scenes.

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Opening hours

Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed on Mondays (with the exception of public holidays)

Booking time slot tickets

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