

PRESS RELEASE

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2016 Lenné anniversary in Berlin – one of the 16 international travel highlights of the year**Travel site <http://www.traveller.com.au> publishes a list of the best events of 2016**

The 2016 Lenné anniversary – which will celebrate 200 years of Park Glienicke, situated next to the bridge of the same name – has been selected as one of the world's 16 best events for tourists in 2016. The list was compiled by the well-known Australian travel site www.traveller.com.au and published in December 2015. Further highlights on the list include the Olympic Games in Brazil, the 400th anniversary celebrations for Shakespeare in the UK, the 90th anniversary of Route 66 in the USA and the 2016 UEFA European Championship in France. An overview can be found at: <http://www.traveller.com.au/the-2016-hotlist-the-16-biggest-events-in-2016-gl9sf4>. The Lenné anniversary is the only German project on the list.

“We are delighted about this news,” said Prof. Dr Michael Rohde, Director of the Garden Department at the Prussian Palaces and Gardens Foundation Berlin-Brandenburg. “By celebrating the 200th anniversary of Park Glienicke we aim to commemorate not just the park, but also its creator, the exceptional garden designer Peter Joseph Lenné, since he furthered the profession, established garden design as an art form and a heritage-related task, and founded and shaped the cultural landscape of Potsdam and Berlin as a whole, which has been a World Heritage site for 25 years.”

Over 30 events for people of all ages will ensure that Peter Joseph Lenné (1789-1866) and his work become better known in 2016. The year of anniversary celebrations will begin with a morning concert and ceremony at Glienicke Palace on 23 January 2016, 150 years to the day that Lenné died. The keynote speaker will be Prof. Dr Michael Rohde. The programme also includes Lenné-themed walking tours in Park Glienicke, plus lectures and talks about Lenné and his work in Berlin and Potsdam. The Lenné anniversary will be rounded off with an awards ceremony for the Peter Joseph Lenné Prize of the State of Berlin on 25 November 2016 at the Academy of Arts, Hanseatenweg. Further Lenné anniversary events are listed on the **Lenné website** <http://www.peter-joseph-lenne.de> and in the brochure “Glienicke, mein Augapfel – Peter Joseph Lenné 2016, 200 Jahre Park Glienicke” (available in German only), which can be downloaded from the website. On 23 January 2016 the **Lenné app** will be unveiled. It will then be available for download – free of charge – from the App Store and the Google Play Store.

The patron of the 2016 Lenné anniversary celebrations is Dr Barbara Hendricks, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety. The event partners are the Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum Berlin, the Deutsche Bundesgartenschau Gesellschaft mbH, the EBC University Campus Berlin, the Senate Department for Urban Development and the Environment / Grün Berlin GmbH (awarding authority of the Peter Joseph Lenné Prize), Kulturmanagement Berlin, Lenné-Akademie für Gartenbau und Gartenkultur e.V., the Peter Lenné School (Oberstufenzentrum Natur und Umwelt), Peter Lenné (Essen), the Stabsstelle für Denkmalschutz und UNESCO-Welterbe / Senate Department for Urban Development and the Environment, the Prussian Palaces and Gardens Foundation Berlin-Brandenburg and VisitBerlin. The Lenné anniversary events were initiated by the district of Steglitz-Zehlendorf in cooperation with Regionalmanagement Berlin SÜDWEST.

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