



Community of Pöcking



Empress  
Elisabeth  
Museum

Elisabethweg

She ranked among the most beautiful women of her times, glorified as “Sissi” and “Sisi” through films and books even beyond her death. Elizabeth, Empress of Austria and Queen of Hungary was a liberal aesthete and an emancipated rebel of her era, artistic, political and athletic at the same time. Born on 24.12.1837 in Munich as the fourth child of Princess Ludovika of Bavaria, Duchess in Bavaria, and Duke Maximilian in Bavaria, she spent her happy childhood at the Munich Town Palace and the Castle of Possenhofen at Lake Starnberg.

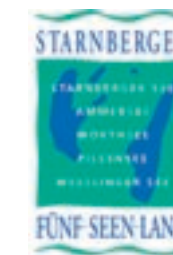
Possenhofen and the lake always remained a beloved place of refuge and relaxation even after her marriage with Emperor Franz Joseph I in 1854. Far away from the court ceremonial in Vienna, this is where she was able to take care of her body and mind. She enjoyed her freedom on horseback in the hilly countryside, on the enchanted Rose Island or at the ladies' bath of Hotel Strauch in Feldafing. 24 summers long Elizabeth found peace and relaxation at the hotel, which today has been named “Kaiserin Elisabeth” after her, and in the familiar surroundings. After her related soul mate King Ludwig II of Bavaria died in 1886 and the suicide of her son Archduke Rudolf in 1889, Elizabeth intensified her travelling activities which came to a sudden end when she was murdered in Geneva in 1898.



The Empress Elisabeth Museum at the historical Imperial Salon presents an overview of the empress' eventful life, from her childhood in Possenhofen to her glorious period as monarch up to her death at Lake Geneva. “Elisabethweg” starts at the suburban railway station Possenhofen (community of Pöcking) and follows Sisi's traces to the Castle of Possenhofen (10 min walk), Rose Island (about 30 min walk) and across Lenné Park to the Golf Hotel Kaiserin Elisabeth. From there the loop road leads across Wolfsschlucht back to the suburban railway station Possenhofen – or via a short cut back to the station of Feldafing.



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In the historical train station  
Possenhofen  
[www.kaiserin-elisabeth-museum-ev.de](http://www.kaiserin-elisabeth-museum-ev.de)

### Empress Elizabeth Museum

The Empress Elizabeth Museum is located in the former royal station of Possenhofen, today's suburban railway station Possenhofen (S6), exit east. It was founded in 1998 and is based on the collection of the Heinemann couple. Today it is owned by the community of Pöcking and it is part of the international Sisi's Road ([www.sisi-strasse.info](http://www.sisi-strasse.info)). Since its renovation in 2009/2010 the museum shines in new splendour. On the ground floor of the historical station of 1865 it presents two central topics:

### King Ludwig II

The ticket booth and a shop with souvenirs and specialist literature are located in the right part of the station. The exhibition area with a paper theatre and showcases is dedicated to the memory of King Ludwig II. Video presentations for children and adults with wireless headphones inform about the historical key facts. An extensive picture documentary on the empress' life enables private study.

### Empress Elizabeth collection

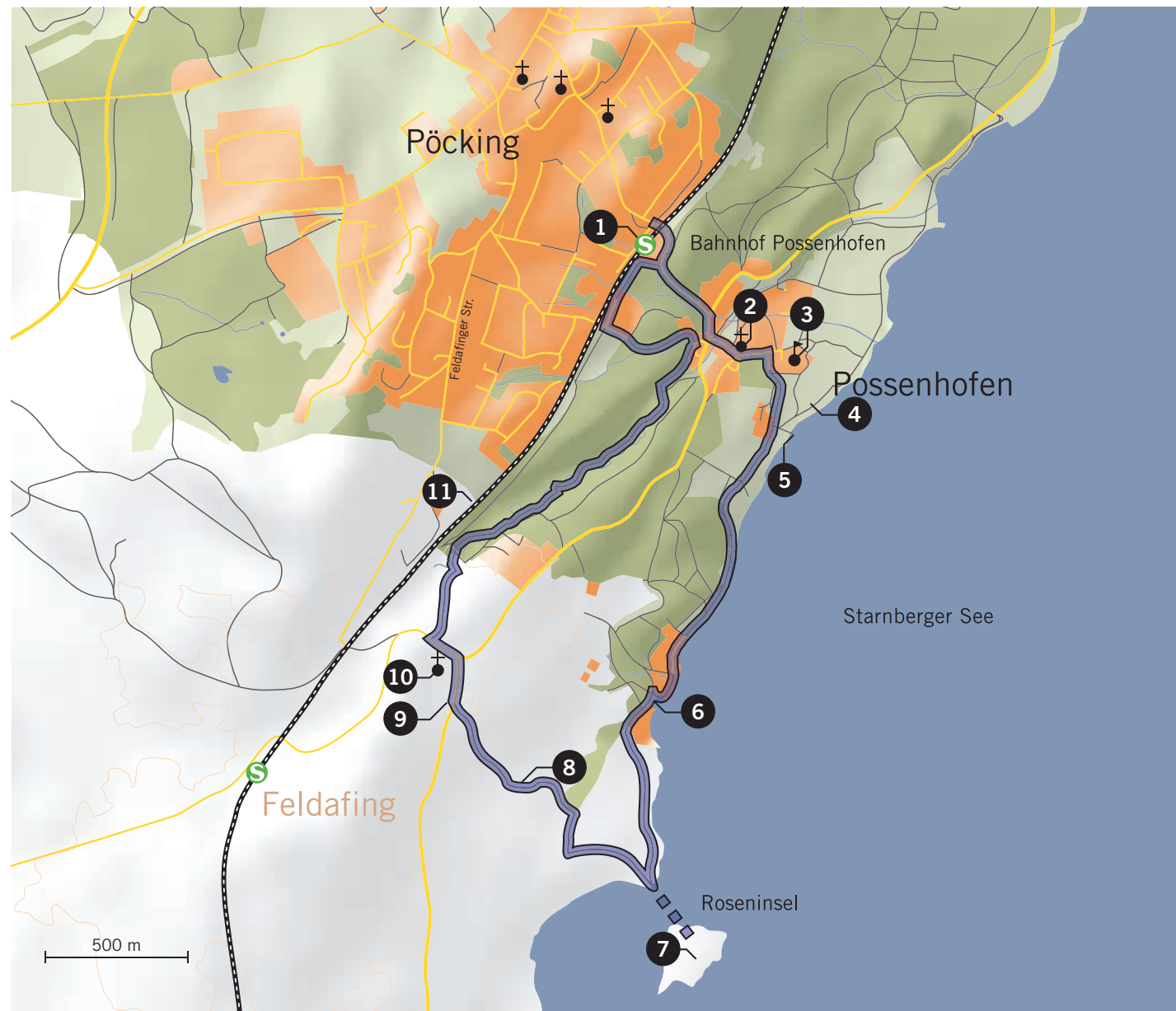
The collection is presented in the stylishly decorated waiting salon and the connected anteroom as a permanent exhibition. It comprises souvenirs of the empress as well as documented image material of the imperial couple. Pictures and sculptures show Empress Elizabeth and her family in different stages of their lives. This small Empress Elizabeth Museum, which is unique in Germany, especially distinguishes itself by means of the voluntary guides who accompany individual visitors or groups with their substantiated knowledge. In this way they also turn the visit to the museum into an enriching experience.

### Temporary exhibitions

A separate room is dedicated to changing related topics. You will find current information at: [www.kaiserin-elisabeth-museum-ev.de](http://www.kaiserin-elisabeth-museum-ev.de)  
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### Opening hours

May to mid-October, Friday – Sunday, public holiday 12.00 to 18.00 and for groups by arrangement all year round



### 1 Possenhofen station

Urban train station Possenhofen and Empress Elizabeth Museum

### 2 Fishers' chapel

Fishers' chapel from the 17th century

### 3 Castle of Possenhofen

Castle of Possenhofen (today it is private property), place of Sisi's childhood

### 4 Castle park »Paradise«

Communal swimming and recreational area with a bathing beach as well as sports and recreation facilities

### 5 Steamboat landing-place Possenhofen

Regular steam boat cruises from Easter to October. Path south to the ferry of Rose Island, north to the Empress Elizabeth Museum (suburban train station Possenhofen)

### 6 Bathing beach Feldafing

Former ladies' bath of Hotel Strauch and Empress Elizabeth who resided there, today it is a traditional bathing beach

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### 7 Rose Island

Idyllic island with a mansion, the so called »Casino«, and the rose garden designed by Peter Joseph Lenné. Former favourite place of King Ludwig II and Empress Elizabeth. Ferry service from Easter to October (tel. 08158-906430)

### 8 Lenné Park

Landscaped park between Rose Island and Feldafing. Designed by Peter Joseph Lenné by order of King Maximilian II of Bavaria in 1853, construction by Carl von Effner

### 9 Golf Hotel Kaiserin Elisabeth

Traditional hotel and summer residence often visited by Empress Elizabeth, hotel with a »Sisi« suite and »Sisi« menus from the empress' menu book as well as a terrace and stables of that time

### 10 Church St. Peter and Paul

Parish church with glass windows in memory of Empress Elizabeth, donated by Emperor Franz Joseph I of Austria

### 11 Wolf's valley

1.5 km long forest and nature trail along Starzenbach from Feldafing to Possenhofen

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