

The Eagles Nest



Since 1960, the Eagle's Nest has been managed by the Berchtesgaden tourist board and run by a local concessionaire as a mountain top restaurant.

The impressive edifice with its meter thick walls is situated atop the Kehlstein mountain offering guests a breathtaking view over the Berchtesgaden area.



The theatrical aspects of the project are already encountered with the 124 m (406 ft) marble-like stone tunnel that leads to a splendid brass elevator.

In only 41 seconds, the lift travels another 124 meters into the Eagle's Nest building itself.

History

The Eagle's Nest was designed as a birthday present for Adolf Hitler's 50th birthday by Martin Bormann on behalf of the NSDAP (Nazi Party). Hitler in fact seldom visited the Eagle's Nest. The allied bombing of World War II did not damage the Eagle's Nest and thanks to the intervention of former Governor Jacob, the Eagle's Nest was spared being blown up after the war.



Today the Eagle's Nest remains in its original state. In 1960, on the occasion of the 150th celebration of Berchtesgaden's incorporation into Bavaria, the Bavarian government relinquished its control of the building to a trust that ensures that the proceeds are used for charitable purposes.

The Königssee

Like a fjord lined with mountain faces

Bavaria's deepest lake (192 m from the surface to the bottom!) never fails to entrance visitors. There it is, nestling in the valley between the Watzmann, Jenner and Hagen mountains. Rare species of fish swim about in its emerald green waters. Go for a ride on one of the electric passenger boats and glide past listed boathouses, roaring waterfalls and lofty mountain faces.



Those who want to visit the little pilgrim church, dedicated to the holy Bartholomäus with the claret onion towers from the 17th century, has to make a boat trip. Also the hunting lounge that is next to the pilgrim church is worth seeing. The former royal summer residence is a restaurant today that presents sorts of bavarian delicacy in a beautiful beer-garden.



National park Berchtesgaden

the national park Berchtesgaden invites you into his fascinating world of mountains, characterized by jagged steep faces, inviting alpine pastures and varied animal- and plant world. In 1978 the Bavarian government has founded the „Alpennationalpark Berchtesgaden“ including an area of 210 km². Since that time, the protection of the whole nature, research, education on environment and relaxation is their primary mission.

Stone eagles:

If stone eagles tear their circles over the valleys of the national park or he is hunting in glide at the steep faces, then you can see a tremendous experience. In the last years there lived up to 6 breeding pairs in the national park and around, Since 1994 the stone eagle has been special monitored by a project of the Allianz-foundation „protection of the stone eagles in the alps“

Characteristics: spread span up to 2 m,
Feathers mostly dark brown



Edelweiss:



The edelweiss is made of small, yellow buds that are surrounded by white downy leaves in form of a tongue. The hairs help the plant to reduce the evaporation when the solar radiation is high. In former times the edelweiss was a part of the lawn over the alpine tree line. Today you can find it rarely in lean lawn and crevices that are difficult to reach.