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## **CAR & TRACTOR MUSEUM**

### **Fascinating time travel through 100 years of urban and rural life**

The CAR & TRACTOR MUSEUM is an exciting museum with a total of 350 automobiles, motorcycles and tractors. The vehicles are integrated in a collection of number exhibits representing the development of country and town life in the last 100 years. Tools, technical implements, household appliances, doll's houses and also various workshops give visitors the feeling of stepping back in time. Different epochs in the last 100 years are shown with typical features in the areas of craft trades, agriculture, automobile and living.

Visitors experience a fascinating journey through a 100 years of urban and rural life. The CAR & TRACTOR MUSEUM is an impressive experience for young and old, male and female.

### **Life in the country**

In the country life department, visitors can have an interesting stroll through an old farming village, past blacksmiths, shoemakers and barrel makers, to name but a few of the crafts, just as they existed in the past in every village. Of course the village also has an old school, a toyshop or a household goods shop with the first mechanical domestic aids such as the first pressure cookers or automatic apple peelers. The 200 tractors are the central theme in the exhibition. The complete history of tractors is shown chronologically interspersed with rare, exotic exhibits and models that have become legendary.

### **Town life**

In the town life department, the tour takes visitors past well over 150 automobiles and motorcycles. As is generally known, the first vehicles looked like horse-drawn carriages. They were then followed by the elegant, large limousines of the 1920s and 1930s. The post-war period was characterised in particular by compact cars such as the Isetta or Goggomobil, which were then displaced in the 1960s and 1970s with increasing prosperity by larger vehicles. Visitors walk through the town past typical various typical businesses offering furs, hats or food supplies etc. Furthermore, every now and again visitors can peer into a living room from the respective era. From Wilhelminian style to living rooms of the 1960s, complete with kidney-shaped table and tulip lamps. "Things designed to bring the



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spirit of the time for the respective vehicle nearer" stresses Gerhard Schumacher, owner and operator of the Museum.

### **Collection of Fritz B. Busch**

Since spring 2017, the unique collection of Fritz B. Busch has been integrated in the CAR & TRACTOR MUSEUM. Fritz B. Busch was also Germany's best know car tester as well as a pioneer among automobile journalists. He published several books and has been writing about car tests since 1958 in specialist publications like "Auto, Motor, Sport" and in "Stern" magazine. In 1973, Busch founded the first private automobile museum in Wolfegg in Upper Swabia. Since the death of Fritz B. Busch in 2010, the museum has been run by his daughter Anka Busch. For age-related reasons in autumn 2016, she decided to give her father's lifework a new lease of life in the CAR & TRACTOR MUSEUM. This is how the Wolfegg collection to Uhldingen-Mühlhofen at Lake Constance to its new home.

### **From a hobby to his own company**

Gerhard Schumacher was already active as a child in the yard of his grandparents in Stuttgart. Even as a youngster he discovered an enthusiasm for technology. He pursued his passion for tinkering and supplemented his pocket money by repairing tractors or mopeds. Again and again he searched for cars or tractors that he could put back into a good technical shape. He even chugged along to school in his tractor.

In 2013, Gerhard Schumacher opened his TRACTOR MUSEUM in the former Gebhardsweiler estate beside Uhldingen-Mühlhofen at Lake Constance on an area of more than 10,000 square metres. In March 2017, the popular museum was extended to a CAR & TRACTOR MUSEUM. The 200 tractors from around the world were complemented by 150 automobiles and motorcycles.

Important for the museum owner: where possible, the exhibits should be displayed in a historical environment. Accordingly, 50 tractor-trailers, for example, were acquired with matured timber and hand-painted bricks for façades and buildings. Schumacher also shows how the workshops of the wainwrights, coopers and blacksmiths looked in the olden days – including original tools that he collected all by himself.



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The CAR & TRACTOR MUSEUM now has over 100,000 visitors per year. It is a popular destination for groups, families, vintage/veteran car enthusiasts and car fans. Children can also zoom through the exhibition on pedal tractors. The CAR & TRACTOR MUSEUM as well as the JÄGERHOF RESTAURANT are completely barrier-free. Dogs are also allowed. In the peak season from May to October, the museum is open daily from 09.30 am to 5.30 pm. In the off-season, Tuesday to Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm.

### **Enjoyable moments in the neighbouring JÄGERHOF RESTAURANT**

The adjoining JÄGERHOF RESTAURANT with seating for around 200 guests is located in the unique surroundings of an old farmyard. In summer, the spacious patio offers a splendid view of Lake Constance, the idyllic surrounding countryside and the famous Birnau pilgrimage church.

The JÄGERHOF RESTAURANT offers seasonal dishes that will tempt any person's palate. Conference and events facilities are available for large groups.

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