



The Altes Museum (Old Museum)

Karl Friedrich Schinkel's Altes Museum, created from 1823 to 1830, is among the most important examples of Neoclassical architecture. The wide atrium with 18 Ionic columns is reminiscent of Greek temple architecture. The inscription above the portico reads: "Friedrich Wilhelm III founded this museum in 1828 for the study of all antiquities and the free arts". After striding through the atrium the central cupola room inside is surprising: it is the rotunda adorned with antique statues of gods. It is inspired by the Pantheon in Rome. The light cascading through the skylight gives the room a special atmosphere.

Today the museum houses the Antikensammlung [Collection of Classical Antiquities], which features its permanent exhibition on the art and culture of the Greeks, Etruscans and Romans. The Münzkabinett [Numismatic Collection] completes this overall view of classical antiquity with its ancient objects.

Exhibitions

The main floor provides a chronological tour through the art of ancient Greece from the 10th up to the 1st century BC. Stone sculptures, vases and statuettes made of bronze and clay are exhibited in thematic references. Highlights are the statue of the "Berlin Goddess" with the original colour coat, the "Praying Boy" or the Cup of the potter Sosias. Precious jewellery works made of gold and silver, carved stones and 1,300 ancient coins complement the presentation.

On the upper floor, the art and culture of the Etruscans and the Roman Imperial Period is on display. The Etruscan Collection is one of the largest outside Italy. It includes rare works such as grave goods from the warrior grave of Tarquinia and the clay tile from Capua. In addition to statues and sarcophagi, the collection of Roman art presents the Hildesheim Silver Treasure, mummy portraits and the famous portrait busts of Caesar and Cleopatra. Ancient erotic art is exhibited in the "Garden of Delights".



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