The German Steam Locomotive Museum in Neuenmarkt is supported by joint local association comprising:

- District of Upper Franconia
- Kulmbach Administrative District
- Neuenmarkt Municipality

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Opening times
Summer (16.03 – 01.11)
Tues-Sun 10:00–17:00
Winter* (02.11 – 15.03)
Tues-Sun 10:00–15:00

*With the exception of the Bavarian autumn and Christmas holidays when the summer opening times apply. We are closed on Mondays, on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve, New Year’s Day and Shrove Tuesday.

Entrance fees per person

- Adult .......................................................... 7,00 €
- Adult groups of 15 or more, visitors with a tourist card, children and youths aged 6–16, schoolchildren, students and disabled persons with appropriate ID, honorary ticket holder ............................................................. 5,00 €
- Family ticket
  Parents or parent with own children ...................................... 15,00 €
  Schoolchildren, groups of 15 or more ...................................... 4,00 €
- Special entry (e.g. holiday pass) ............................................. 4,00 €
- Guided tour
  Registration at least one week in advance ................................ 50,00 € for each additional person ...................................................... 2,50 €

Note: These prices do not apply for special events (e.g. Whitsun Steam Days)

You can also support the German Steam Locomotive Museum by becoming a member of the Friends of the German Steam Locomotive Museum (Verein der Freunde des Deutschen Dampflokomotiv Museum).

Experience history. Marvel at feats of engineering. Discover new things!
Neuenmarkt was established over 600 years ago. Originally a small settlement, it became an emerging location during the industrialisation of the 19th century – not least because of its close links with the history of steam engines. Formerly a predominantly agricultural area, Neuenmarkt grew in importance with the construction of the Ludwig South-North Railway between 1844 and 1848 and the Schiefen Ebene incline. This led to a large influx of new workers, and a subsequent boom in the population of Neuenmarkt. Consequently, new structures had to be constructed to cope with this growth. Many buildings from this era have been preserved in Neuenmarkt. Of particular note and in close proximity to the museum, are the two churches built for railway workers.

The new loop trail through the railway village of Neuenmarkt will take you to the most important buildings in the town associated with its railway history. Along with the public nature trail in Kohlenhof of the former Neuenmarkt engine shed, visitors can enjoy an impressive insight into how the railway workers and their families lived and worked.

The railway village

The Museum

Following a remodelling period, which lasted more than 2 years, the German Steam Locomotive Museum has been enjoying a completely new look since May 2013, with comprehensive upgrades to its educational aids and technology.

The approximately 100,000 square metres of exhibition space in the newly renovated engine shed and the 15-position roundhouse with its functioning segment turntable are used to house more than 30 steam engines for current and future generations. The locomotive engines are exhibited in historical and vibrant railway surroundings. Interactive media stations and installations impart knowledge and inspire fascination about the era of steam and the work carried out in the engine shed.

One particular highlight of the museum is the 10 242 dining car. Used for over 50 years by German political leaders, including Adolf Hitler, it has witnessed many significant events in German history. You can relive these moments by watching the accompanying documentary film. In an exhibit measuring 42 square metres, a model railway also depicts faithful representations of the first steep railway incline in Europe, the Schiefen Ebene. The wonder of steam engines comes to life on the footplate of engine 89 6024 or with a ride on the narrow-gauge railway around the grounds of the museum.

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The Schiefe Ebene incline

One of the most famous sections of railway in Germany is the Schiefe Ebene incline between the stations of Neuenmarkt-Winsberg and Marktschorgast. On this first steep railway incline in Europe dating back to 1848, an elevation difference of 158 metres must be negotiated over a distance of approximately 8 kilometres with a gradient of 1:40 – without additional assistance. Because of its numerous retaining walls, cuttings and stone walls, the route is considered an engineering masterpiece for its time.

On selected days, you can enjoy a trip under the slogan ‘from railway heaven to beer paradise’ on a railcar running up the Schiefe Ebene and on to the Kulmbacher Mönchshof brewery. And during the traditional Whitsun Steam Days at the German Steam Locomotive Museum and on special occasions, a particular highlight is to journey via steam locomotive from Neuenmarkt up the Schiefe Ebene to Marktschorgast station and back.

Curious?
You can find further information and much more on our website: www.dampflokmuseum.de
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