

Therme București

The New Action and Wellness Temple in Romania's Capital

Following a construction period of almost two years, January 2016 witnessed the opening of Therme București, the largest thermal bath operation in Romania, near the southern European metropolis Bucharest. Although adapted to the local conditions, the design of this gigantic thermal bath complex was inspired by Germany's Badeparadies Schwarzwald, one of five thermal bath complexes successfully operated by Wund Unternehmensgruppe. The Therme in Bucharest however is not a Wund group project, but is instead funded and operated by Austria's A-Heat investor group.

This impressive complex is sectioned into three areas with different admission prices. The access control systems were supplied by Gantner/HKS and



Die Kinderrutschen Saturn, Jupiter, Neptun, Mercur und Venus starten von derselben Ebene. Im Hintergrund der blaue Auslauf der XTube „Andromeda 9000“.

work on the basis of a chip wristband. Guests use it to trigger access to the different areas, to pay electronically at the facility's restaurants and to lock the changing room lockers.

Tumultuous water fun is on hand in the "Galaxy" area, the only area in the complex that is also open to children aged between 3 and 16.

The centerpiece of this wooden bathing hall is the L-shaped wave pool with swimmer lanes and six wave programs that are available for guests. Behind this, there is a large quiet zone with palm trees and a small children's pool. The Galaxy area is also home to a large outdoor pool including a grotto and a pool bar for year-round outdoor bathing enjoyment.



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Quasar, die rote Trichterrutsche, bietet eine gute Startgeschwindigkeit, so dass man einige Runden drehen kann, bevor es in den Schlussabschnitt geht.

before leading them into another pipe toward the end of the ride.

Switzerland's Klarer company is also represented in the Galaxy area with a 107 meter long Racer Slide called "The Racer", the longest Racer Slide Klarer has ever supplied.

The remaining two areas in the complex offer guests relaxation in a luxurious atmosphere. Like in the Wund group thermal bath operations, Terme București also houses a large palm oasis ("The Palm"). The approximately 500 palm trees were planted by the Dutch company Fachjan.

"The Palm" boasts a large thermal pool surrounded by innumerable orchids. The thermal pool runs into the outdoor area where guests will find a flow channel, a variety of dousing showers and underwater massage recliners.

Therme București's third large area is the "Elysium" sauna section. As is the custom in many eastern European countries, this sauna area requires clothing throughout. Six saunas in all await the guests. Designed in the form of a glass cube, the "Amazon" tropical sauna offers space for up to 45 persons. Guests in the "Hollywood" sauna can enjoy watching a film. The "Alhambra" sauna has an oriental flair and the "Bavaria" sauna features a rustic hut atmosphere typical of southern Germany. The "Provence" sauna is a special highlight featuring a temperature ranging from 75° to 90° C and special zâmbbru wood. The final sauna is the pleasantly mild "Himalaya" sauna fitted with an array of salt stones and crystals.

Therme București's recognition value and affordable prices have made the facility highly popular throughout the greater Bucharest region and among its population of some two million residents. It will be interesting to see if the Wund concept is also implemented in other countries in the future.

The 16 water slides in the Galaxy area are a guarantee for fun for guests of all ages. Only one of the slides was not manufactured by Germany's Wiegand-Maelzer company. The complex's youngest guests can look forward to their own slide area with a total of seven stainless steel slides: three pipe slides including one with lighting effects, two wide slides, one box-wave slide and as a special highlight one very steep freefall slide to help kids become accustomed to the thrill of larger high-speed slides.

But the real eyecatcher in the slide hall is the gigantic stainless steel boomerang slide called "The Galaxy 1C101", cloaked in a bright, neon-yellow exterior. This 89 meter long slide starts at a height of twelve meters from directly underneath the ceiling. Bathing guests first slide through a roundabout and are then accelerated down a huge drop, only to immediately swing up onto the opposite side of the half-pipe. After reaching the highest point, guests then speed back downwards again before reaching a braking hill to slow their

entry into the landing pool. For safety reasons, guests are only permitted to use this slide in single tubes. Wiegand-Maelzer also supplied three other stainless steel slides consisting of one tumblewave slide, one speed slide and one classic open slide.

A number of fiberglass slides are also on hand in the Galaxy area, including the 95 meter long tube slide "Pulsar 716". The slide is painted white on the inside, accentuating the colorful LED effects which guests can interactively influence using a touchscreen at the start of the slide. The oval "Andromedar 9000" family twister tube slide is Therme București's longest slide at almost 155 meters. It features two uphill sections where guests sitting in their tubes are transported upwards via water pressure.

Another of the Galaxy area's longest slides is the 153 meter long whitewater canal known as "Sky River".

The slide portfolio is rounded out by the cherry-red "Quasar" funnel slide with a pipe length of almost 40 meters fitted with daylight effects. This slide's highlight is the large open-topped funnel element where the accumulated speed spins bathing guests around in a series of rotations

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