Hambach Castle, a monument to democracy, presents a number of attractive offers for individuals, families, groups, and schools:

How to find us:
VRN Bus and train: From the main railway station Neustadt an der Weinstraße, take bus line 502 to the Hambacher Schloss bus stop. (for timetables, see www.vrn.de)

By car: Take the A 65 or the B 37 and exit at „Neustadt a.d. Weinstraße Süd“ to the B 39. Then follow the signs to Hambach and the castle. Parking is available.

Opening times:
April through October: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
November through March: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission fees:
• Adults € 5,50
• Pupils/Students € 2,50
• Disabled people € 3,50
• Families € 12,00
• Groups of 10 or more adults € 4,50 p.p.
• Groups of 10 or more pupils/students € 1,50 p.p.
• Admission is free for children under the age of 6.

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Audio guide:
An audio guide to accompany the exhibition is available in four languages (German, French, English and Polish).

Group tour:
A variety of English spoken tours and workshops are available for groups.

Schools:
Schools can also book specially themed tours through our permanent exhibition.

Restaurant 1832
We will also be happy to reserve a table for you in our Restaurant 1832 at the Hambach Castle for the time of your visit to the exhibition (tel.: 0 63 21 / 95 97 88 0).

Information and opening times:
www.hambacherschloss.eu
tel.: 0 63 21 / 959 78 80
The exhibition gives a survey of the development of democracy up to the present day – by means of five exciting theme islands:

Europe in political unrest – on the way to Hambach Festival

The events in Hambach have a long history. So the French Revolution, the defeat of Napoleon, and the following new political and territorial organization of Europe after the Congress of Vienna 1814/15 play an important role. The political dissatisfaction, an ardent desire of freedom, and economical problems of the population led to the first important step on the way to German democracy – the Hambach Festival.

Black, red, gold – symbol of freedom and unity

Numerous flags in black, red, and gold, cockades and sashes put their stamp on the image of the Hambach Festival. A special attraction is the „first mother“ of the actual German flag – the original flag which was carried up the hill at the head of the procession and was raised on the tower.

Since 1832 black, red, and gold have stood as the German colours, and have survived an eventful history through the Weimar era, National Socialism, and the divided Germany, right up to the sea of German flags during the World Football Championship in 2006.

Freedom of opinion and censorship – the fight for freedom of press and of speech

One of the key demands of the Hambach Festival was freedom of opinion and of the press. The representation of the development of democracy up to our time emphasises the lasting importance of the pursuit of democratic principles and shows that the struggle for democracy remains an ever-vital duty.

Up and onwards to the castle!

The exhibition Hinauf, hinauf zum Schloss! is your invitation to join in the procession. Five fictitious participants in the celebration will call upon you to take part in an encounter that will give you the opportunity to learn about the festival, who participated in it, and what motivated them to do so. What were the consequences of the Hambach Festival at the time and what are its effects in the present day? A number of exciting media and interactive stations have been set up to entice people of all ages to comprehend, to learn, and to experience.

Revolution, parliament, constitution – from Hambach to Francfort

But what were the immediate results of the Hambach Festival? Did it bring about the transformations it demanded, and how is it connected with the events of 1848/49 and the convening of the Francfort Parliament in the Paulskirche? These and other questions, such as the role played by women in the democratic movement, the exhibition seeks to answer.

Basic rights, freedom, peace of nations – the long way to democracy and to Europe

One of the most important achievements in the development of democracy was the constitution and the manifestation of basic rights. The course of this development - beginning with the first definition of basic rights in 1776 and continuing today in the pursuit of a European Constitution - is vividly brought to life.

The European Heritage Label is a new initiative of the European Union. The aim is to strengthen, particularly among young people by means of common values and elements of the history of Europe and the cultural heritage, the sense of belonging of the citizens to the European Union, to raise the value of national and regional pluralism, and to promote the intercultural dialogue. Hambach Castle was awarded the European Heritage Label in 2015 by the European Commission because of its important role in history and culture.