

## Empress Elisabeth, more commonly known as Sisi – Her Childhood and Summer Sojourns in the Much Longed-for 'Paradise' on Lake Starnberg

With our free audio tour you can enjoy **fascinating glimpses into the life of Empress Elisabeth, more commonly known as Sisi**. At nine different stops along Lake Starnberg ladies-in-waiting, a gendarme, Marie Valerie, one of her daughters, as well as many other contemporaries share anecdotes and historical information about her carefree childhood in her beloved Possenhofen and how later, during her years as Empress, Feldafing became her place of refuge.

Born in Munich, Elisabeth Amalie Eugenie in Bayern, later Empress Elisabeth of Austria and Queen of Hungary, was unquestionably one of history's best-known women. She attained mythical stature long ago and enchants us to this day, especially in the 'Sissi' films at Christmastime. She spent her childhood summers on Lake Starnberg and later, as Empress, a lot of time in the area.

But what tied her to this region? What was her childhood like? How was her everyday life influenced by the social norms of her time? How did she spend her time here?

Explore the past and the life of an empress who fascinated her contemporaries not only with her beauty and grace, but also by her curiosity and passion.

At the separate stops simply scan the QR code and off you go. Listen to historical facts, personal experiences and anecdotes about the Empress as you pass through their original settings, or make yourself comfortable at one of her favourite spots. The stops do not have to be visited in any fixed sequence and they are free of charge. From Starnberg to Possenhofen you can easily take an S-Bahn train or combine it with a boat trip. The tour is suitable for all ages.



**Welcome/introduction and all audio tracks**



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### Following in the footsteps of Empress Sisi and King Ludwig II in the StarnbergAmmersee region

Royal Highnesses, splendour and glory – the Lake Starnberg region has been witness to them all and has **many a story** to tell about Empress Elisabeth and King Ludwig II

Here you can discover more about the King and the Empress:



**Information relating to Sisi & Ludwig II in the StarnbergAmmersee region**

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**Additional audio tours in the region**

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# AUDIO TOUR

Following in the footsteps of 'Sisi', Empress Elisabeth of Austria and Queen of Hungary



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## Stops

**1 Possenhofen Station**  
**+ Empress Elisabeth Museum in the Historic Train Station**  
 The Empress and the Lake

**2 Possenhofen Castle**  
**+ The 'Muddled-up Family'**  
 Her mother, Ludovica, the Duchess of Bavaria, reminisces

**3 The Possenhofen Recreation Area**  
**+ Leaving 'Paradise' Behind**  
 Her mother-in-law, Archduchess Sophie, remembers

**4 Feldafing Lido**  
**+ 'Splashing' in the Lake and an Anchor Tattoo**  
 A gendarme reports

**5 Rose Island / Glockensteg**  
**+ Big Enough for Two Hearts**  
 Her daughter Marie Valerie relates

**6 Lenné Park / Feldafing Golf Course**  
**+ Riding and Striding through the Park of the Never-to-be-Built Castle**  
 The Empress's private tutor remembers

**7 Hotel Kaiserin Elisabeth**  
**+ Beauty Mania and Slimming Diets**  
 The Empress's companion and confidante, Ida Ferenczy, recalls

**8 The Church of St Peter and St Paul**  
**+ The Empress's Unfortunate Death**  
 Irma von Sztáray, a lady-in-waiting, in mourning

**9 Feldafing Station**  
**+ Arrival from Vienna by Special Train**  
 The stationmaster describes the scene

↔ roughly 4.5 miles / 7.3 km round trip including Feldafing Station by way of the Wolfsschlucht

🕒 roughly 2 hours\* without audio tracks  
 \* at an average pace of 3.1 miles / 5 km per hour

## Public transport

S-Bahn line S6: Starnberg ↔ Possenhofen  
 S-Bahn line S6: Possenhofen ↔ Feldafing

Boat trips: Starnberg ↔ Possenhofen (from April to October)  
 Crossing to the Rose Island from May to mid October



Route options, boat timetables, GPX-Track, public transport connections and general information

