

able enough to deserve a visit. It takes about 1½ hours to drive there, The castle was built by the Elector Maurice 1542 on a small island in the middle of a lake, with park and gardens adjoining. It was much enlarged and embellished by subsequent princes, especially by the two Augustus. The interior may be inspected on applying to the Steward who resides in the groundfloor. It contains 236 apartments, all furnished in the style of bygone ages and decorated with tapestries of gilt leather. The tapestry of one room is particularly remarkable for its being woven of the feathers of American birds. Portions of the hangings, not exposed to the sun, still bear traces of the original splendour of the colours. Sportsmen will be pleased with the rich collection of antlers, trophies of the chase, preserved here. The subjects of the paintings, with which the rooms are adorned, are mostly taken from scenes of the hunt. One of the pictures, containing 40 figures which are so many portraits of persons present at the hunting party, has been done by Lucas Cranach. A walk through the park, and the pheasant-preserve, to the new castle will agreeably complete this interesting excursion.

**Weesenstein** is another interesting drive of about 1½ hours. This castle, the private property of the king, is most charmingly situated on the slope of a rocky hill, from which a portion has been cut out to gain room for a part of the building the construction of which is of a most