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INDIA

Water Resources and Heritage Museum

Kozhikode

Executive director: Manoj P.Samuel





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INDIA Water Resources and Heritage Museum

The Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (CWRDM) has established a Water Heritage Museum in 2008, dedicated to showcasing the rich and diverse legacy of water conservation and management practices that have evolved over centuries in Kerala. It offers an insightful journey through the history of water in the region, from traditional methods rooted in indigenous knowledge systems to modern engineering marvels. Through a wide range of exhibitions, including historical photographs, informative panels, and detailed models, the museum vividly portrays Kerala's progress in water management. The museum tour in particular illustrates ancient river basin management practices, river navigation and hydraulic artefacts. There are indeed several working models, including the rain shed, the water wheel, a rainwater harvesting tank and also watershed models and the Idukki Dam model.











Lingqu Canal Museum

Xing'an

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CHINA Lingqu Canal Museum

The Lingqu Canal Museum is a non-profit cultural institution. The museum, located in Xing'an County, covers an area of 12,000 square meters and traces the relationship between humans and water that dates back more than 2,000 years ago.

The main building of the museum is inspired by the water of Lingqu, linking history, landscape, and architecture and has won the 34th World Architecture Award and the German National Design Award in 2021.

The Lingqu Canal Museum offers visitors a permanent exhibition entitled "Lingqu Canal Cultural Exhibition," which is divided into five galleries, illustrating the historical context of the construction of the Lingqu Canal, water management techniques, tangible and intangible cultural heritage and the protection and restoration of the Lingqu Canal.







UNITED KINGDOM

Royal Pump Room Museum

Harrogate

Senior Manager: May Catt





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UNITED KINGDOM Royal Pump Room Museum

Housed in the historic Royal Pump Rooms, the museum tells how Harrogate became one of Britain's leading spa towns. Since 1571 the spa developed to offer its huge variety of waters, the latest in health treatments and a lively social scene. Harrogate grew into an elegant destination, boasting fine examples of spa architecture to attract wealthy and aristocratic visitors who came to bathe and drink the mineral waters, including the strongest sulphur water in Europe.

The museum describes how activities such as bathing and drinking mineral waters were alleged to cure or alleviate a host of conditions.

Through narrative panels and video screens, the museum traces how Harrogate's status grew until it was competing with other European spa resorts for the lucrative patronage of wealthy and aristocratic visitors.







ITALY

Museum of Ancient Thermalism

Montegrotto Terme

Manager: Chiara Destro





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ITALY Museum of Ancient Thermalism

The Museum of Ancient Thermalism was created in the heart of Montegrotto Terme and unites two concepts: thermalism, as a millenary tradition of the Euganean area (Province of Padua), and territory, to illustrate the environmental and historical-cultural aspects of the zone.

The museum has specific features: it is interactive, immersive and customisable for a multidimensional visiting experience.

The exhibition area offers a tour not only through history and the nearby zone, but allows visitors to engage in a truly interactive, dynamic and multi-sensory journey through thermalism and its secrets.

An immersive room, an interactive map, installations and virtual recreations give to the visitor a complete and evocative experience.







ITALY



INFEA Network for Environmental Education

Messina

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ITALY INFEA Network for Environmental Education

The Messina INFEA Network (acronym for Information, Formation, Environmental Education) is a territorial environmental education centre promoted by the MASE and managed by ARPA Sicilia. It collaborates with the Metropolitan City to involve schools, organisations and associations.

It develops projects on biodiversity, sustainability and innovation, with a focus on young people. It's part of the regional INFEA network, contributing to environmental education policies. It has received awards, such as the Basile Prize since 2021. It collaborates with La.R.S.In.F.E.A. and other laboratories for integrated actions on the territory. Its logo symbolises encounter and knowledge. It promotes the link between citizens and the environment. It's also a reference point for local sustainable development and manages the Capo Peloro Lagoon Nature Reserve, where a Water Museum will be built.





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