



Castle

Middachten was first mentioned in the year 1190, and although the castle dates from the early middleages, the current house was built towards the end of the 17th century. It is unique in that it is still a real, working estate. Besides the castle, park and gardens, the estate also includes farms, woods and agricultural land.

Middachten has never been sold but has always passed from one generation to another. As a result of this, the interior of the castle is complete and still has many of the original household effects, including a large collection of portraits and much 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th century furniture. The castle also has the original cupboards filled with collections of china, silver and glass-wear, and antique linnen. The management of the estate is in the hands of the 24th Lady of Middachten, Isabelle Countess Ortenburg van Aldenburg Bentinck.

Weddings

Your wedding at Middachten Castle would be an unforgettable experience for you and your guests. You would be welcomed at the steps of the castle from where you would be led though the vestibule with its beautiful staircase to the great hall. Here, an official from the Rheden Borough Council would conduct the civil wedding ceremony. The gardens around the castle form a wonderful location for your wedding photographs.

Bed & Breakfast

There are three stylish double rooms, each with its own character. Each of the rooms has its own bathroom and has a view which looks out over the castle courtyard. Breakfast is served in the former coachman's room or on the terras with a view of the beautiful gardens. Many of the products used for breakfast come from the immediate surroundings of the estate



Castle Open to the Public

The castle is open to visitors every Sunday in July and August when you are welcome to wander around inside. You can also visit the exhibition "The Family and their Garden". The castle is also open during the "Walk around a country estate" day on 22nd April; "Outdoor Gelderland" (an equestrian event and castle fair); Rose Day; Open monumentendag (a national day when historic places are open); and during a week in December when there is a Christmas market. Throughout the whole year it is possible for groups to apply for organised visits to the castle..

Guided Tours of the Castle and Gardens

Would you like to know everything about the castle and gardens? On application to the castle office, arrangements can be made for you to have a guided tour under the leadership of experienced guides. The guided tours are for a minimum of 25 people and can be reserved via info@middachten.nl. If you wish you can also order a picnic to be eaten in the gardens.

The Year of the Country Estate

The year 2012 has been designated nationally "The Year of the Country Estate". This will certainly not go unnoticed at Middachten. Many activities will be organised, such as a spring walk with a concert on 22nd April, a summer evening garden opening, the exhibitions, "Siebolds flower garden" and "The Family and their Garden", guided theme tours and the extra summer opening of the castle on Sundays in August.



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Three Centuries of Garden Culture

In the gardens surrounding the castle you can find examples of 300 years of garden styles. During these 300 years, generations of the owners have set their own stamp on the formation of the gardens, at the same time respecting what their predecessors had done. Also anno 2012, the purpose of the management of the gardens is not to stand still, but to develop the gardens in a natural way, still also with an eye to the future.

History

The Middachten gardens came into existence at the beginning of the 18th century. Shortly after the rebuilding of the castle was completed in 1697, a formal baroque garden was laid with boxhedge parterres. In the second half of the 18th century fashions and the taste of the inhabitants changed and the gardens were altered. The parterres gave way to slopes and winding paths. At this time the English Landscape style was in fashion. The gardens as you see them now came into being around 1900 when the garden architect, Hugo Poortman, brought back into the landscaped gardens elements of the former baroque style.

Become a donor?

There is a charitable foundation which helps with the management and maintenance of the gardens. As you may imagine, there are enormous costs involved in this work, and we want to keep the gardens in the highest state of preservation possible.

For a minimum of 25 euros per year you can become a donor. This entitles you to free entry to the gardens, together with one guest, during the published opening times. In this way you will help us to preserve this historic inheritance for generations to come.



Further Information

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Look also at our website: www.middachten.nl

Charges

Admission	
Gardens (inclusive exhibition in orangerie)	€ 6,00
Castle and gardens	€ 9,00

Events

Exhibition of horns and antlers	free
Castle Fair	€ 12,50
Summer concerts incl. admission gardens	€ 11,00
Christmas opening	€ 9,00

Guided Tours for groups (min.25 people)

Castle incl. coffee/tea and cake	€ 13,00
Castle and gardens incl. coffee/tea/cake	€ 15,50
Gardens, incl. coffee/tea/cake	€ 8,50
Picnic basket	€ 11,00

Children 4-12 years half all admission charges.



castle and gardens
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Events 2012

"Outdoor Gelderland" (Equestrian event) and Castle Fair
 From 30th May to 3rd June, incl. (10.00-20.00) In these summer days you can experience outdoor life on a real country estate. There are countless demonstrations and, naturally, the horses may not be forgotten. There is also much attention given to craft and biological products. You can find more information on www.kasteelfairmiddachten.nl



Exhibitions

This summer, in connection with "The Year of the Country Estate" there will be two special exhibitions to visit. During the times that the gardens are open, an exhibition of Sybold's botanical drawings can be seen in the orangery. The relationship between Japan and The Netherlands will be highlighted here. During the summer opening of the castle, the exhibition on "The Family and their Gardens" can be visited. The visitor gets a snapshot insight into the personal preferences of family members and the developers of the gardens and park.

Summer Concerts

Every Sunday in July at 11.30 a.m. you can enjoy a concert in the "green theatre" in the garden. Following these concerts, the castle is open from 1.00 p.m. for you to visit. The complete programme is to be found on www.middachten.nl

Christmas Opening

From Tuesday, 11th to Sunday, 16th December, incl. from 11.00-19.00, you are very welcome to come and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere at Middachten Castle. The rooms are beautifully decorated with flowers and greenery. As twilight falls the castle becomes fairy-like as hundreds of candles are lit in all the windows. For young and old there is an exciting lighted walk in the dark through the gardens. In the outhouses you can visit the Christmas market with stalls selling hand-made Christmas presents and decorations.

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■ Saturday, 31st March: Horn and Antler exhibition



■ Sunday, 22nd April [10.30-16.30] spring concert and walk around the estate.

■ Tuesday, 16th May [10.30-16.30] opening of castle gardens to visitors.

□ The castle gardens are open to the public up to and including 15th September, from Sunday to Thursday [10.30-16.30].

■ Saturday, 16th June, evening opening of the gardens.

□ 25th May up to and including 15th September, exhibition "Sybolds Flower Garden", showing the work of botanic artists.

■ Wednesday, 30th May up to Sunday, 3rd June, incl. Castle Fair and "Outdoor Gelderland" (equestrian event).

■ Sunday, 24th June, [10.30-16.30] Rose day with activities on the theme of the Rose.

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Every Sunday in July and August [14.00] guided tours of the garden, castle open [from 13.00], exhibition "The Family and their Garden".

■ July: every Sunday: garden concert in the "green theatre", [11.30 a.m.]

■ Sunday, 5th August: guided garden tour with the theme "Trees"

■ Sunday, 12th August: guided garden tour with the theme "Herb Garden" [14.00]

■ Sunday, 19th August: guided tour: "A walk around the country estate" [14.00]

■ Sunday, 26th August: guided tour with the theme "Espalier fruit" [14.00]

■ Sunday, 9th September: National Open Day for Historic places [10.30-16.30], with amongst other things, Big Band, directed by Guus Tangelder in the green theatre.

■ Saturday, 27th October: Night of the Night Walk [20.00]

■ Tuesday, 11th to Sunday, 16th December, incl. [11.00-19.00] Christmas opening: castle open; castle and forecourt decorated for Christmas; Christmas market in the outbuildings.

Dates, times and prices are provisional: see www.middachten.nl for up to date information.

Wedding photographs

By appointment you can take wedding photographs in the gardens. We are pleased to give you information about this: please contact us on 0044 (0)26 495 4998.