

## Town Hall

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The façade of the Aachen Town Hall bears witness to several centuries of the city's history. The Tower of Granus is a remnant from the time of Charlemagne. In the 14<sup>th</sup> century the people of Aachen built the Gothic Town Hall with the Coronation Hall on the first floor on the foundations of the remaining Carolingian Palace complex.

Today you can find an exhibition in the Town Hall that displays exact copies of the Imperial Regalia from the Vienna Worldly Treasury. Amongst other precious copies are the Imperial Gospel, which is a manuscript from Charlemagne's Court School, the Bag of St Stephen, the Sword of Charlemagne, the Imperial Crown, the Imperial Orb as well as various other swords. These exhibits remind us of 32 coronations that took place in Aachen between 813 and 1531. In the Imperial Hall there are also from the 19<sup>th</sup> century the largest historic frescos of the Romantic period. They are the works of the Aachen artist Alfred Rethel (1816-1859) with their legendary as well as historic scenes from Charlemagne's life. The windows of the Hall were designed by the sculptor Ewald Mataré (1887-1965) who was also born in Aachen. Other creations of Mataré are the St Mary Portal and the bronze doors of the Main Entrance. The richly decorated rooms on the ground floor herald the pride of the Free Imperial City of Aachen during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century, when the Town Hall was redesigned as a baroque city palace.

**Information:**

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Opening hours:

Mon – Sun 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Entrance fee 2.50 €, reduced 2.00 €

groups from 8 people 2.00 € per person

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