

The Grandeur of Interior Designing at Versailles Palace

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Abstract

Versailles palace, located in the Ile-de-France region of France, is one of the most iconic buildings in the world. The palace was the primary residence of the French kings and queens during the 17th and 18th centuries. The palace's interior design is a perfect example of the opulence and extravagance of the baroque style, which dominated the European architecture and art scene during that time. In this article, we will explore the interior designing of Versailles palace, its key features and the influences that shaped its creation.

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Introduction

The hall of mirrors, undoubtedly the most famous room in the palace, is a magnificent example of the French baroque style. The hall is a long corridor with 17 arched windows on one side, overlooking the gardens and 17 mirrors on the opposite side, reflecting the light and creating an illusion of endless space. The hall of mirrors was designed to impress and reflect the king's power, who would use the hall to receive his guests and hold court. The hall's decoration includes frescoes and gilded sculptures, alluding to the king's military victories and the magnificence of France.

Description

The Royal Chapel

The Royal Chapel, located on the first floor of the palace, is a grand example of the French baroque style, with its ornate decoration, grandeur and symmetry. The Chapel was designed to accommodate 500 people, and it was where the royal family attended mass. The Chapel's design features marble columns, frescoes and sculptures, depicting scenes from the bible and the saints. The Chapel's dome is a highlight of the palace, with its painted fresco representing the assumption of the Virgin Mary.

The king's grand apartment

The king's grand apartment, located on the first floor of the palace, is a set of seven rooms that include the salon of Hercules, the abundance salon, and the salon of war. The apartment was designed for the king's personal use, and it was where he conducted his daily activities, such as receiving his advisors and ministers. The grand apartment's decoration features gilded woodwork, frescoes and paintings, alluding to the king's power and authority.

The queen's grand apartment

The queen's grand apartment, located on the second floor of the palace, is a set of seven rooms that include the salon of Venus, the salon of mercury and the salon of Mars. The apartment was designed for the queen's personal use, and it was where she conducted her daily activities, such as receiving her ladies in waiting and attending private events. The grand apartment's decoration features pastel colored woodwork, frescoes and paintings alluding to the queen's femininity and elegance.

The gardens

The palace's gardens, spanning over 800 hectares, are a perfect example of the French baroque style, with their geometric patterns, fountains and sculptures. The gardens were designed to complement the palace's grandeur and provide a space for the king and his courtiers to relax and enjoy nature. The gardens include the famous orangery, the Grand Canal and the Bosquet de la Reine.

The palace of Versailles is not only a masterpiece of interior design, but also a reflection of the political and social history of France. The opulence and grandeur of the palace were intended to symbolize the power and wealth of the French monarchy, while the gardens were designed to showcase the country's artistic and cultural achievements.

Conclusion

The interior designing of Versailles palace was influenced by a variety of factors, including the king's desire to demonstrate his power and prestige, the French baroque style and the palace's history. The palace's chief architect, Jules Hardouin-Mansart, was inspired by the palace of Vaux-le-Vicomte, which he had previously designed for the king's finance minister, Nicolas Fouquet. The palace's decoration was also influenced by the king's personal tastes, as well as the work of the palace's chief.

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