

## The Legend is alive

In 1991, a century after the original train was built, Gottfried Rieck, an engineer with the Austrian Federal Railways, and his wife Sibylle, set out to realize their dream of rebuilding one carriage of this legendary train. Gottfried had worked for the railways for over twenty-five years, having begun his career shoveling coal on a steam locomotive. After many months, their dream became reality with the rebirth of the Salon I carriage, adapting the still existing original plans to meet strict modern safety requirements.

On May 19, 1998, the completed Majestic Emperor Train de Luxe, with its six carriages, was christened by Maria Christina Habsburg-Lothringen, the youngest direct descendent of the Emperor and Empress.