



MYTHS & LEGENDS TRAIL



The State Bedroom

These two paintings are of the goddesses **Diana** and **Venus**.

Diana is the Roman goddess of the hunt and also the moon. She fell in love with the handsome shepherd Endymion, who used to sleep on a mountain. Diana asked Jupiter if Endymion could sleep forever, as he was so beautiful.

In Greek mythology, Diana was known as Artemis.



Venus is the Roman goddess of love and she fell in love Adonis, whom she sheltered as a new-born baby.

She entrusted him to Proserpina, the queen of the underworld, but she too fell in love with Adonis and refused to give him back to Venus.

The dispute between the goddesses was settled by Jupiter: Adonis was to spend one third of the year with each goddess and the last third wherever he chose. He chose to spend two thirds of the year with Venus.