

Discover the Royal  
City of Forchheim

# THE HEART OF THE CITY

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HISTORY & TRADITION



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Discover the Royal City with its great variety of delights, nature and history.

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# EXPERIENCE FORCHHEIM'S HISTORY

Forchheim, one of the oldest cities in Franconia, has preserved its medieval to Baroque appearance with its many half-timbered houses and fortress. Anyone who wanders along the cobblestone streets on the trail of the old kings can enjoy a close experience of the city's history, which goes back more than 1,200 years.

Archaeological excavations show that the Regnitz Valley, which surrounds Forchheim, was inhabited as long ago as prehistoric times. In the 7th century, the Franks established a small settlement here. Thanks to its transport-favourable location, it soon developed into an important centre of long-distance trade. The Königspfalz palace mentioned in historical writings was built during the reign of the Carolingian kings, but no trace of it has ever been found in the city.

In the 16th century, Forchheim developed into a powerful fortress town. Four bastions still stand as a reminder of this chapter in the city's history.

The Rathaus or Town Hall ensemble is a masterpiece of half-timbered construction and a trademark of the city. The famous Kaiserpfalz palace, which is actually a bishop's castle, and St. Martin's church with its Baroque high altar, have characterised the city centre for centuries.

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**01** The two-storey main building of the Forchheim Rathaus was built in 1402.

**02** At the beginning of the 13th century, people assumed that the city's name had derived from the Old High German word for trout. This led to the creation of Forchheim's coat of arms. **03** The Nürnberger Tor or Nuremberg Gate – the only remaining gateway of the early modern city wall.

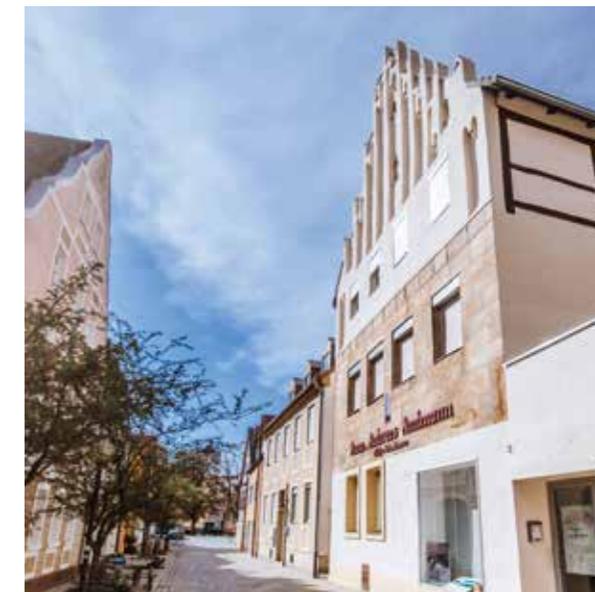


**THE NAME FORCHHEIM DATES TO THE MIDDLE OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> CENTURY AND DERIVES FROM THE OLD HIGH GERMAN WORD “FORA-HA“ (PINE).**

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Forchheim's tour guides can take you along on various tours for a unique journey through time in the historical Old Town, the casemates or up to the Kellerwald to visit the tradition-steeped beer cellars. Immerse yourself in Forchheim's impressive history and experience Franconian tradition between the past and the future!



## MILESTONES IN THE CITY'S HISTORY

In the Middle Ages, the eyes of the mighty were aimed particularly at Forchheim, for three kings were once elected here. Over the centuries, the city has developed from a Frankish royal court into one of the most important tourist centres in the Nuremberg metropolitan region. If you would like to create your own impression of Forchheim's historic past, here is a tip: the Porta Vorchheimensis, located in the pedestrian zone, gives an impressive, entertaining account of the city's history in 12 pictures. Naturally, our tour guides can tell you more about the venerable past of this Royal City.



**805**

Forchheim is mentioned by name for the first time as a stockyard and trade centre in the Capitulary of Diedenhofen.



**911**

Louis IV dies. Conrad I of the Conradine dynasty is elected as his successor in Forchheim.



**around 1200**

Forchheim is presumably granted town privileges in the 13th century. The oldest city seal dates to 1310 and shows a coat of arms featuring two trout. This is a "false-canting" coat of arms.



**1450**

Pope Pius II praises the city's bread. Forchheim is also known for its beer and good flour.



**1632**

Several times during the Thirty Years' War (1616-1648), the Swedes stand at the gates of Forchheim – without success, for the city is not taken.



**1802**

The ecclesiastical principalities are dissolved and incorporated into secular principalities. The Electorate of Bavaria is granted the Prince-Bishopric of Bamberg, including Forchheim Fortress, whose designation as fortress was lifted in 1838.



**1845**

The Ludwig-Danube-Main Canal and one of Germany's earliest railway lines, which ran between Nuremberg and Bamberg, introduce new transportation routes.



**2018**

Forchheim is distinguished by the Free State of Bavaria as one of 100 Bavarian centres of epicurean delights.

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21<sup>st</sup> cent.



**900**

Louis IV, also known as Louis the Child, is proclaimed king and crowned at the age of six in Forchheim. It is the first recorded royal coronation.



**1077**

Henry IV, excommunicated by the Pope, sets off for Canossa on a penitential journey. Rudolf von Rheinfelden, leader of an opposition group of anti-Salian princes, is elected as anti-king to Henry IV in the presence of two papal legates and several bishops in Forchheim. There are now two concurrent kings. Henry IV condemns Rudolf to death, and war ensues. The election of Rudolf is confirmed by the Pope in 1080.



**1380**

Bishop Lambert von Brunn of Bamberg commissions the construction of a castle, now known as the Kaiserpfalz, as a second residence. The bishop, though politically successful, is not popular among his underlings due to his introduction of taxes on beer and wine.



**1552**

The Lutheran Albrecht II Alcibiades, Margrave of Kulmbach-Brandenburg, conquers Forchheim and briefly introduces the Reformation.



**1796**

After the outbreak of the French Revolution, Forchheim is occupied by French troops during the War of the First Coalition.



**1840**

Forchheim celebrates its first Annafest. In 2018, the festivities in the Kellerwald are distinguished with the Bavarian Homeland Award.



**1938**

On Wiesentstraße, the synagogue of the Jewish community is blown up by members of the SA during the November pogrom.



**01** Forchheim's oldest building dates to 1341 and stands on Hornschuchallee. **02** Extensive remains of the city wall can be seen in the Stadtpark. **03** A view of the fortifications from 1635 (Source: Municipal Archive).



## THE THREE OLDEST BUILDINGS IN FORCHHEIM ARE FROM THE 14<sup>th</sup> CENTURY.

### THE OLD TOWN

If you want to form an impression of Franconia, just take a stroll through the Old Town centre of Forchheim with all your senses alert. The typically Franconian half-timbering tucks itself away in corners and lanes, but proudly asserts itself on squares and streets. The city's history is reflected in the diversity of buildings from past centuries. In the pedestrian zone, Franconian bakers and butchers, small shops with an intimate atmosphere and speciality stores offer everything your heart desires. And for those who need a break during or after their shopping expedition, there are not only many restaurants with typically Franconian food and Forchheim beer, but also eateries featuring international cuisine.

### FORTIFICATIONS



The fortifications of the Prince-Bishopric were built in the old Italian style in 1552 after the capture of Forchheim in the Second Margrave War and proved their worth in the Thirty Years' War. The fortress was not completed

until the 18<sup>th</sup> century, by which time more bastions built on the French model were completed. The inclined ramparts were originally around 10 to 14 metres high. The north and northwest sides of the fortress are well-preserved. The Saltorturm tower beside the Kaiserpfalz dates to the 14<sup>th</sup> century and was thus part of the medieval fortifications.



### KAMMERERS MÜHLE

Kammerers Mühle stands on Wiesentstraße, which runs parallel to the arm of the river. This mill is a building from the Baroque period. The richly ornamented carvings in the framing timbers on the upper levels are well-preserved. Over the course of time, the mill has leaned towards the river, but has remained stable until today – like the Leaning Tower of Pisa.



## RATHAUSPLATZ

The large square in front of the Town Hall is one of the most beautiful in all of Franconia. It is dominated by the west wing of the imposing Town Hall. The Gothic main building was erected in 1402; the Magistrates' Hall to the west was built in the Renaissance style in 1535. The picturesque half-timbered façade and the slender bell

tower have been preserved. A closer look at the wood carvings in the timberwork of the front building, which were created by Forchheim carpenter Hans Ruhalm, reveals them to depict cryptic allegories – ironic, full of humour and innuendo. For instance, in one scene a bent-over figure uses both



## LITTLE VENICE/CORVES

The area between the Spitalkirche and the bridge on Vogelstraße is known as “Little Venice”. This 800-metre stretch is home to picturesque 16<sup>th</sup>-century buildings that stand directly adjacent to the river. Many of the balconies rest on 300-year-old piles that are anchored to the bottom of the Wiesent. The plane-tiled roofs of the corves form a row along the riverbank. They are used to house the well-fed carp that end up on the counter of the neighbouring delicatessen.



## KAISERPFALZ

To be precise, the “imperial palace” is actually a bishop’s castle built by the order of Prince-Bishop Lambert from Brunn around 1380. Recent research has shown that the bishop’s castle is not located on the remains of the royal palace. The location of the historical palace is still unknown. This castle has become an emblem of Forchheim. It is home to the Pfalzmuseum, which comprises four special museums, one of which is in the neighbouring casemate. Concerts, markets, special exhibitions and theatre performances regularly take place here as well.




  
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## GUIDED TOURS

It is important to us that you should have the most authentic, vivid experience possible of Forchheim and its history.

This is why we offer visitors a diverse programme of guided tours on a wide variety of topics. Ranging from a classic city tour, to a walk with our quaint Night Watchman, to a tour of Forchheim Fortress that we call “Impregnable Forchheim”, there is something for everyone.

The programme is complemented with seasonal guided tours, for instance the tour of the Anna-fest, an excursion to the Forchheim nativity scenes at Christmastime, or a tour to the magnificently decorated Osterbrunnen or Easter fountains of Franconian Switzerland.



» THE FRANKISH DUKE CONRAD WAS ELECTED THE FIRST GERMAN KING IN FORCHHEIM IN 911.



- 01 He takes visitors back to the distant past – the Forchheim Night Watchman.
- 02 The “Wall Shitter”, a cryptic carving on the front of the Rathaus.
- 03 A passageway leads through the interior of the city wall.





## EASTER

The custom of decorating fountains for Easter is a long-held tradition in Franconian Switzerland. Months in advance, people start blowing out, painting and preparing eggs. Traditionally, volunteers decorate the fountains of many towns with garlands of spruce and birch on Easter Saturday. The egg is a symbol of the mystery of life. The fountains and springs wear their colourful splendour for around two weeks. This tradition is meant to draw our attention to water and remind us that it is not an inexhaustible resource. In Forchheim, the decorated fountains are accompanied by a programme featuring an Easter-egg market, family tours and children's activities.



» **HALF A MILLION PEOPLE VISIT THE ANNAFEST EVERY YEAR.**

## TRADITIONAL EVENTS

In Forchheim, the festival year is replete with events, markets and concerts. In every season, you will have the possibility to immerse yourself in Franconian customs and traditions as well as those of other cultures. The seasonal opening of the beer cellars, the craft fair in the Kaiserpfalz, the ZirkArt acrobatic festival and Africa Culture Days are just a few examples. We would like to introduce you to Forchheim's highlights.

## ANNAFEST

The Annafest has several origins, some of which extend far into the past. As long ago as the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the shady Kellerwald or cellar forest, now the location of the festival grounds, served as a rest area for pilgrims who had come to honour St. Anne, the mother of the Virgin. When the main shooting party of the royally privileged marksmen's society took place annually on 26 July, the feast day of St. Anne, the event developed into the festival now known as the Annafest. Measuring around 20,000 m<sup>2</sup>, the Kellerwald offers enough space to accommodate up to 500,000 guests over the 11-day festivities. Visitors celebrate at more than 20 beer cellars, and you can enjoy cool beer from about 15 Franconian breweries. There are also Franconian and international specialities on offer, as well as many carnival rides and live music ranging from the traditional to the modern. The beer cellars are open daily from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. The festival starts at 1:00 p.m.



01 At Easter, the fountain on the Rathaus square is festively decorated. 02 At the opening of the Annafest, the mayor himself pitches in. 03 The Rathaus square becomes a magical Christmas world.



## CHRISTMAS

At Christmastime, the unique half-timbered ensemble of the Forchheim Rathaus is transformed into the world's most beautiful Advent calendar. Surrounded by around 25 small stalls, you can enjoy mulled wine and gingerbread or Franconian bratwurst in a cosy, historical setting. Children will be excited by horse-drawn carriage rides, the nostalgic carousel, the model railway exhibition and the living Nativity scene. In the evenings, there are daily live performances by bands and singers who spread a wonderful Christmas mood. At 6:30 p.m., the Forchheim Christmas Angel opens one window of the Advent calendar and solemnly recites the prologue. Every evening, a winner in the Christmas lottery is drawn. This lucky person can look forward to valuable prizes, including a brand-new car to be raffled on Christmas Eve. The Night Watchman closes the evening with an entertaining poem, and the children receive small presents from the Christmas Angel.



## PFALZMUSEUM

The so-called Kaiserpfalz or imperial palace stands at the heart of the historical Old Town. This Prince- Bishop's Castle was built by Bishop Lambert von Brunn of Bamberg in the late 14<sup>th</sup> century.



## » THE PFALZMUSEUM FEATURES THE OLDEST PRESERVED WALL PAINTINGS IN FRANCONIA.

In this unique monument of national significance, you can view precious, late-Gothic wall paintings and the Pfalzmuseum, which comprises three specialised museums:

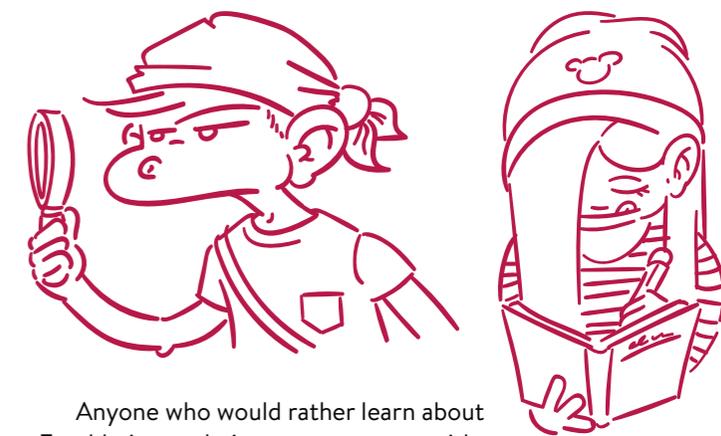
### Upper Franconian Museum of Archaeology, City Museum and Museum of Traditional Costume.

Next door, in the 16<sup>th</sup>-century casemate, you will have a close experience of fortress history in the Rote Mauer museum. Children and adults alike will learn about history and cultural history in the museum's education programmes. Special temporary exhibitions, events and markets, such as the craft fair and Africa Culture Days, round out the programme.



## FOR KIDS

Forchheim is a city for big and small discoverers. Along with the Königsbad aquatic park, the cinema, great playgrounds, indoor soccer, bowling, mini and adventure golf and many other sports and leisure activities for any weather, there is also a children's tour through the Old Town. Living history in a casual atmosphere, as well as the odd surprise, are guaranteed. A special highlight: a visit to the battlements of the old fortress.



Anyone who would rather learn about Forchheim on their own can set out with the children's city guide and solve puzzles. This flyer and other information are available at the Tourist Information Centre.





## EXPERIENCE THE DELIGHTS OF FORCHHEIM

Forchheim is located in the Upper Franconian culinary region, right among the world's greatest number of bakers, confectioneries, butcher's shops and breweries. With three world records in the realm of gastronomy, it is no wonder that the Royal City has been recognised as a Bavarian centre of epicurean delights since 2018.

Even in earlier times, Forchheim was known for its good beer and bread – and this is still the case today. Of the 38 original beer outlets, four family-run breweries still call Forchheim home. Altogether, they brew around 40 different types of high-quality beer. However, epicures sample beer not only in the historical Old Town, but in Forchheim's idyllic Kellerwald as well. Over an area of 20,000 m<sup>2</sup>, a selection of 23 traditional beer cellars are open. Naturally, apart from local beers, these cellars offer fine Franconian dishes ranging from the Kellerplatte or cellar platter to the "Schäuferla", which is meat from a pig's shoulder.



**DID YOU  
KNOW THAT  
FORCHHEIM  
HAD 38 BEER  
OUTLETS IN  
1852?**



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Homemade specialities or international cuisine – with its many restaurants, butcher's shops and bakeries, Forchheim is justifiably known as a Bavarian centre of epicurean delights. The best spots are only a few minutes' walk apart: from the coffee roastery in the heart of the Old Town, to a fishmonger's with its own pond cultivation, to the local horseradish farmer, no culinary desire is



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**01** Enjoying beer is a long-held tradition here.  
**02** On the Day of the Open Breweries, you will meet Forchheim's Beer Queen and the legendary Beer King, Gambrinus.

left unfulfilled. You can become acquainted with Forchheim's local products in various ways, for instance at a roasting demonstration, as part of a gastronomic tour or during a culinary beer tasting. Let yourself be whisked away to a unique, Franconian world of epicurean delights and get to know Forchheim from its tastiest side!

BREWERIES



**BRAUEREI EICHHORN** since 1783

Brauerei Eichhorn, which is at Bamberger Straße 9, is now the smallest of the remaining four breweries in Forchheim. In 1935, Konrad Greif acquired the brewery, bringing along the name Eichhorn from the inn that he had previously operated.



**Types of beer**

Hell | Braun's Achhörnla | 1. Forchheimer Leichtbier | Annafestbier | Weihnachtsfestbier

**BRAUEREI GREIF** since 1848

The Brauerei Josef Greif was established at Sattlertorstraße 18 in 1848. It was first brewed at the old community brewery on Wiesentstraße. In 1952, brewing operations were moved to Serlbacher Straße 10, outside the old city centre. Since the renovations of 2017, the storage cellar has had enough space for 300,000 litres of beer.



**Awards**

**World Beer Award 2017** > Festbier (gold), Lager (gold), Weisse Dunkel (bronze) Hell, (bronze)

**European Beer Star 2017** > Festbier (gold), Weisse Dunkel (silver), Hell (bronze)



**Types of beer**

Hell | Zwickl | Schlöberla | Edelpils | Lager | Leichtbier | Weizen leicht | Hefeweizen Hell | Bernstein Weizen | Weisse Dunkel | Capitulare | Hopfstar | Greif Bock | Annafestbier | Weihnachtsfestbier | Hefeweizen Hell (non-alcoholic)



**BRAUEREI NEDER** since 1554

Brauerei Neder, located at Sattlertorstraße 10, is the oldest existing brewery in Forchheim. The pub, which features an original wood-plank ceiling from the 16<sup>th</sup> century, is open 365 days a year. Over the past few years, the brewery has won many international beer awards.



**Awards**

**European Beer Star** > Premium-Pils (silver), Klassik Hell (bronze), Braunbier (bronze)

**Craft Beer Award** > Braunbier (gold)



**Types of beer**

Schwarze Anna | Klassik Hell | Export | Kellerbier | Premium-Pils | Anna-Weisse | Braunbier | Anna Festbier | Weihnachts Festbier | Gregori Bock

**BRAUEREI HEBENDANZ** since 1579

The Heabendanz family lived in the “stone house” at Hauptstraße 28. They brewed at the Untere Kommunbrauhaus (community brewery). Since 1882, the beer has been brewed at the current location: Sattlertorstraße 14. As far back as the 1920s, this brewery produced bottled beer and delivered it to the surrounding villages.



**Awards**

**German Agricultural Society prize-winning beers**



**Types of beer**

Export Hell | Edel Pils | Posthalter Lager | Bächla Leicht | Märzen Gold | Erstes Forchheimer Exporthefeweißbier | Jubelfestbier (year-round) | Annafestbier | Winter Zauber Festbier | Bockbier



## THE KELLERWALD

With 23 beer cellars distributed over an area of 20,000 m<sup>2</sup>, Forchheim's Kellerwald is described as the world's largest beer garden for good reason.

For more than 400 years, an underground labyrinth comprising kilometres of passageways has served as a place to age and store "barley juice". With modern brewing techniques, the rock-cut cellars have lost their original significance as beer storage. Nowadays, the 20-odd cellars are no longer used to age the beer, but have become beer outlets. It was once recommended that guests drink the beer in the same place it had been stored. Tables and benches were set up in the Kellerwald, and the cellar pubs were created.



**IN THE CELLARS, THE BEER IS STORED AT A CONSTANT TEMPERATURE OF 6-10° C.**



Most of the time, a pub was set up above the cellar, which led to the expression "going on the cellar". Today, these cellars offer Franconian delicacies and beers year-round from breweries in Forchheim and other regions. Cellar culture achieves its high point at the annual Annafest.

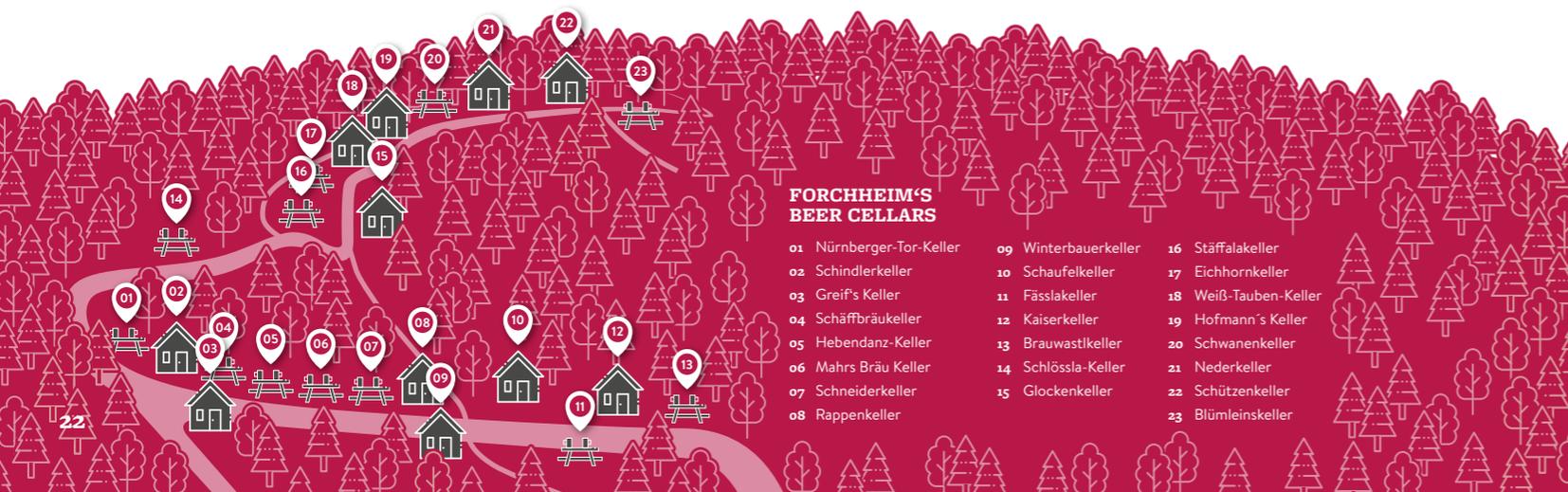


**THE FIRST UPPER FRANCONIAN BEER QUEEN WAS CROWNED IN FORCHHEIM IN 2005.**



## THE BEER QUEEN

Since 2005, the City of Forchheim has elected its own Beer Queen every two years. She represents local breweries and the city at various events and trade fairs. Naturally, these include the opening of the beer-cellar season and the Annafest.



## GASTRONOMIC EVENTS

The Franconian culinary year is marked by many events for epicures. Starting with the annual seasonal opening of the beer cellars in April, to the traditional Wine Festival on the Rathaus square, to the Festival of Delights and the renowned Annafest, there is something for everyone.



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01 Every year, the cellars are opened in a celebration. 02 On the Day of the Open Breweries, the brewmasters lead visitors through their premises. 03 Wine is highlighted at the Wine Festival on the Rathaus square. 04 The high point of Forchheim's festival season: the Annafest.



» **UPPER FRANCONIA IS HOME TO THE WORLD'S GREATEST NUMBER OF BAKERIES, CONFECTIONERIES, BUTCHER'S SHOPS AND BREWERIES.**

## GASTRONOMY & REGIONAL PRODUCTS

Forchheim's Old Town leaves no culinary desire unfulfilled. You can enjoy typical Franconian fare, fine German cuisine, Italian, Greek, Thai and Japanese food and many other specialities! All the restaurants are just a few minutes' walk apart.

But the wide gastronomic range is not limited to restaurants and pubs: our markets and local shops will also allow you to discover the finest regional delicacies, from typical Franconian "Urrädla" (round, fried pastry) to spicy horse-radish. Most businesses that produce and sell local products are still traditional, family-run operations.





**>> DID YOU KNOW THAT BEER HAS 10 TIMES MORE FLAVOURS THAN WINE?**

### EPICUREAN TOUR

Get to know our Royal City from its culinary side. We connect gastronomy with culture, garnished with a pleasant stroll through our Old Town with appetising stops along the way. Fish specialities, Franconian pastry or bratwurst – you will love Forchheim's treats! Interesting facts about the history of Forchheim and a visit to the Kaiserpfalz round out the tour.

### GASTRONOMIC OFFERS

Form your own impression of Forchheim's gastronomic world: our culinary tours are an experience for all the senses. The Gambrinus tour devoted to Forchheim's brewing culture, the epicurean beer tasting and the WALK OF BEER are examples of our selection.



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### EPICUREAN BEER TASTING

Black beer, pilsner, wheat beer, bock – Forchheim has many types of beer! Learn from the pros how the individual types differ, how to degust good beer and which beer goes with which food. You can taste selected beers from Forchheim's four breweries. You will also learn interesting facts about the history of beer in Forchheim and the production of beer. Expect an exciting taste sensation!

**01** Testament to Forchheim's ancient connection to fishing: the corves. **02** The WALK OF BEER is personally christened by our brewers.



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**>> THE KELLERWALD HAS EXISTED SINCE THE 16<sup>th</sup> CENTURY. 23 BEER CELLARS HAVE BEEN PRESERVED.**

### WALK OF BEER

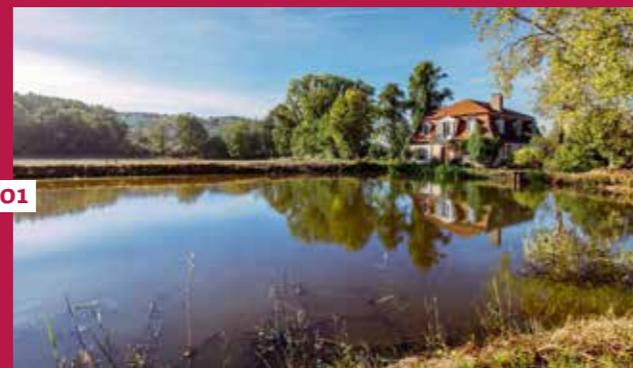
On Hollywood's Walk of Fame, the stars stand for legendary stars; the Forchheim equivalent is devoted to breweries. You will see a WALK OF BEER star in front of each of the four breweries – Hebandanz, Neder, Eichhorn and Greif – and at the edge of the Kellerwald. Best of all: you can take this tour on your own, at your own speed and whenever you like. Each star has a QR code that lets you use your smartphone to retrieve further information about the breweries.



## ACTIVE EXPERIENCES IN FORCHHEIM

Forchheim lies in one of the most beautiful areas of Germany. Situated in the southern part of Upper Franconia, the city of 32,000 is framed by the Steigerwald forest and Franconian Switzerland. But Forchheim is not just for nature lovers and excursionists: the historical city centre offers many guided tours and activities for young and old alike.

“The gateway to Franconian Switzerland” – this is what Forchheim is called both inside and outside the city walls. And no wonder, for the Royal City is the perfect starting point for hiking, cycling, canoeing and climbing excursions. Picturesque hills, characteristic cliff formations and kilometres of crystal-clear rivers make Franconian Switzerland a perfect holiday destination for adventurers and families. But it is not only the unique natural setting, but also the many caves, castles and ruins that draw visitors from around the world to Upper Franconia every year.



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Forchheim itself is not only the perfect starting point for tours and excursions, it also offers visitors an impressive array of guided tours and activities. Starting with walking tours around the city



### >> THE LEISURE AREA KNOWN AS THE “SPORT-INSEL” MEASURES 21 HECTARES.

centre, to Segway tours of the historical Old Town, to fascinating museum visits and a stop at the Königsbad aquatic park, which is open year-round, there is something for everyone. Those who wish to escape the bustle and relax amid the greenery will enjoy the idyllic Stadtpark and the Sportinsel, an area devoted to nature and leisure. We invite you to explore

Forchheim, discover the city on foot or experience it with open eyes and at your own pace.

01 The region is known for its idyllic fishing ponds. 02 A popular nearby destination: Forchheim's Sportinsel. 03 An extensive network of hiking paths leads to areas of natural beauty.





## THE KÖNIGSBAD

Forchheim's Königsbad aquatic park is the ideal destination for the whole family and a first-class wellness spa. A rustic in-ground sauna, a herbal sweathouse and an adventure shower are just a few of the attractions you can try out here. The large indoor adventure pool and extensive outdoor pool park promise year-round bathing enjoyment fit for a king.



**THE LONGEST  
WATERSLIDE AT  
THE KÖNIGSBAD  
IS 135 METRES  
LONG AND IS  
SURE TO MAKE  
YOU TINGLE  
ALL OVER.**



The sauna world – from the classic Finnish sauna to our event sauna with changing infusions, the sauna facility at the Königsbad offers unforgettable, natural and relaxing wellness enjoyment. Two sauna cabins of Arctic kelo wood will make your visit something special.

The sauna offers many events devoted to diverse subjects and special highlights. In the Mediterranean atmosphere of the sauna bar, you can be pampered in style during your wellness experience.

**01** Thrilling speed for young and old: the adventure waterslides. **02** Changing infusions make a visit to the event sauna an unforgettable wellness experience. **03** Sauna cabins of Arctic kelo wood.

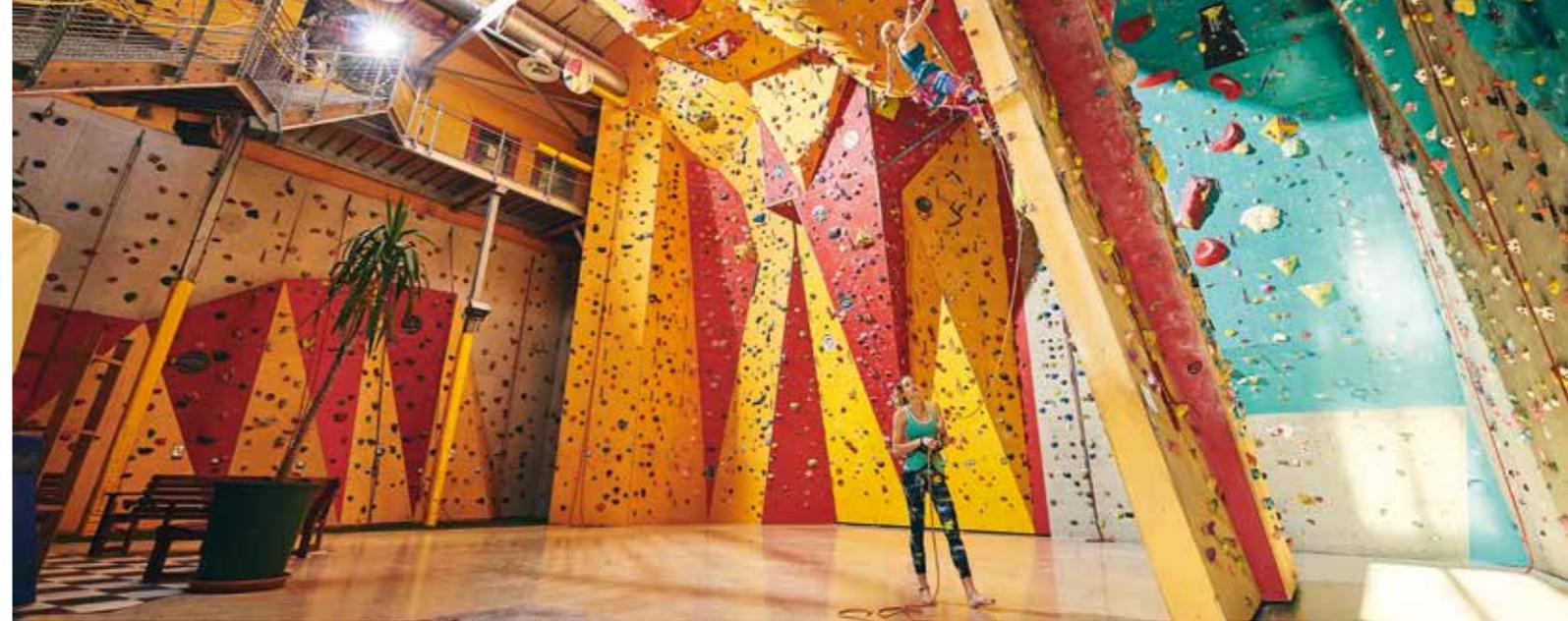


## THE STADTPARK

Forchheim's Stadtpark is an idyll in the middle of the city; it has a magical attraction not only for walkers and picnickers, but stirs the hearts of botanists as well. The 100-year history of the park, which was designed in 1920 by senior horticulturalist Hugo Post, can be felt with every step. Post's ideas brought a generous touch of the exotic to the Franconian Royal City that continues to characterise our green lung. Its splendid trees, lush shrubbery and diverse plants invite locals and visitors alike to relax, take a stroll, breathe freely and discover.



»» **SOME OF THE TREES  
IN THE STADTPARK  
ARE MORE THAN 100  
YEARS OLD.**



## THE MAGNESIA CLIMBING HALL

The MAGNESIA climbing and rope adventure park in Forchheim has been an established destination for professional and amateur climbers from Franconian Switzerland and beyond for more than 15 years. Visitors can look forward to 1,400 m<sup>2</sup> of climbing area, 200 m<sup>2</sup> of bouldering space, a rope garden, a climbing shop, a cosy bistro and training rooms where many events and presentations take place. At MAGNESIA, hobby and fitness climbers, as well as Europe's climbing élite, feel equally at home. The 180-200 exciting, regularly changing routes leave nothing to be desired.



Photos: Christian Seitz



»» **THE MAGNESIA CLIMBING  
HALL OFFERS 1,400  
SQUARE METRES OF  
CLIMBING AREA.**

## CYCLING

Discover Forchheim and Franconian Switzerland by bicycle or e-bike! Forchheim is located directly on the interregional Franconian RegnitzRadweg cycling path and is an ideal starting point for cycling tours to Franconian Switzerland. Moreover, the city lies on the Burgenstraße castle route, which leads 770 km from Mannheim to Bayreuth via Nuremberg and Bamberg, making it the best-known west-east holiday route in Central Europe. On the other hand, we recommend a tour of breweries and beer cellars to anyone who prefers to combine an enjoyable cycling trip with Upper Franconia's great variety of beers and beer traditions.



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» **THE AREA OFFERS 70 DIFFERENT CYCLING TOURS WITH DIFFERENCES IN ALTITUDE OF UP TO 200 M.**



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» **THERE ARE 4,000 KM OF MARKED HIKING TRAILS AROUND FORCHHEIM.**

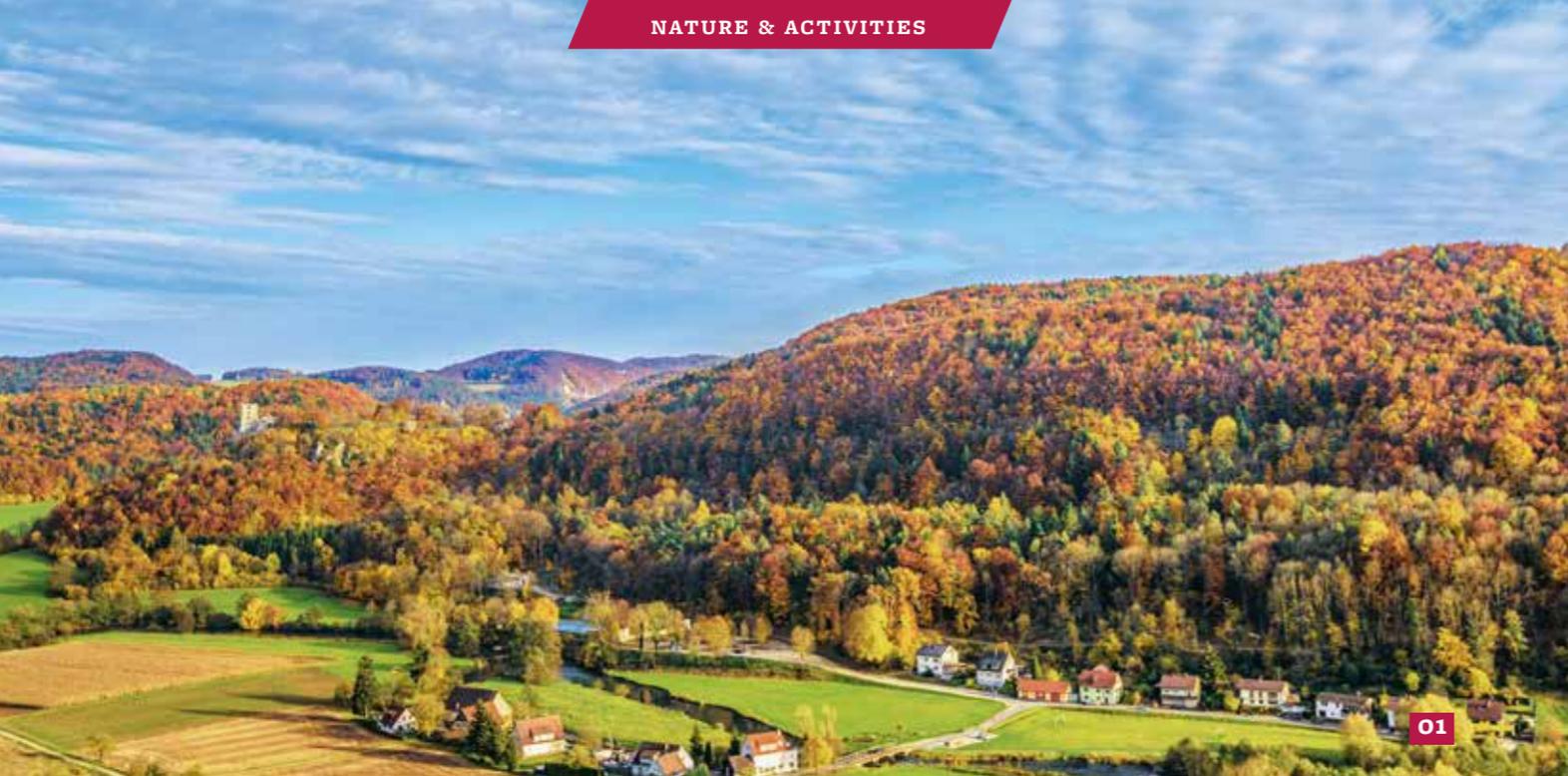


## HIKING

The hiking area around Forchheim brings nature lovers, touring pros and epicures together. In the Kellerwald, which is the starting point for the various hiking routes surrounding the Royal City, you can enjoy a close experience with Franconian tradition right from the start of your excursion. The trails will lead you through the forest, over meadows and fields and all the way to nearby towns. At the end of the tour, Forchheim's cellars offer a wide variety of resting points where you can fortify yourself with Franconian specialities and beers; you can also relax and enjoy the end of your hike. In the summertime, you can sit outside in the shade of the trees. In the winter, stay warm and cosy at the tiled stove in a rustic cellar cabin. Whatever the season, the region is a special highlight that you must see with your own eyes.



01 Franconian Switzerland offers touring cyclists unique experiences of nature.  
02 This striking plateau is a Franconian landmark: the Walberla by Forchheim



## FRANCONIAN SWITZERLAND

As the northern part of the Franconian Jura, Franconian Switzerland covers the districts of Bamberg, Bayreuth and Forchheim. The area is also called “the land of castles, caves and delights” and offers nature lovers, hikers, motorcyclists and those seeking to relax a wide selection: canoeing on the Wiesent, tours in the many climbing areas, picturesque cycling and hiking trails and much more.

Pottenstein, Muggendorf, Waischenfeld and the natural landscapes surrounding these towns are among the most popular excursion destinations.




**THE MOST STRIKING OF THE MANY MOUNTAINS IN FRANCONIAN SWITZERLAND IS THE EHRENBÜRG, POPULARLY KNOWN AS THE “WALBERLA”.**



**01** The Wiesent Valley offers unique panoramic views. **02** The historical castle of Pottenstein in Franconian Switzerland. **03** An unforgettable view from the Walberla. **04** A popular photo subject: the cliffs of Tüchersfeld.

# FROM CARAVAN TO LUXURY HOTEL: STAYING IN FORCHHEIM



## BE WELL-RESTED WHEN YOU START OUT ON YOUR CITY TOUR!

Forchheim offers many forms of accommodation, from hotels to holiday apartments and restaurant-cum-hotels, to camping and caravan sites.

Reserve your accommodations now! You will find our current index of hosts at [www.forchheim-erleben.de](http://www.forchheim-erleben.de) and the usual **online booking portals**.

Do you have questions about the accommodations in Forchheim and the surrounding area? The team at the **Tourist Information Centre** will be happy to help.

## FORCHHEIM IS IN OUR HEARTS

Forchheim is our home and we are proud to live in a place where you would like to enjoy a holiday. We will be happy to show you all the wonderful facets of our city.



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The team at Forchheim's Tourist Information Centre will be happy to advise you before your trip and in person.

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**Summer season  
(April - October)**  
Monday - Friday  
09.00 a.m. - 05.00 p.m.  
Saturday  
10.00 a.m. - 01.00 p.m.

**Winter season  
(November - March)**  
Monday - Friday  
09.00 a.m. - 05.00 p.m.



As the gateway to Franconian Switzerland, the Upper Franconian city of Forchheim is conveniently located between Bamberg (approx. 23 km to the north) and Nuremberg (approx. 30 km to the south).

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# WELCOME TO FORCHHEIM

Dive into the Royal City's more than 1,200 years of history and experience true Franconian delights.

A good beer can be brewed only when experience, artisanship and the finest ingredients come together. The same can be said of Forchheim: Franconian tradition, a lively culture, international gastronomy and proximity to nature are our secret recipe for a city that simply must be enjoyed.

Forchheim is wonderfully easy to discover on foot. Let yourself drift along and get a close sense of our tradition-steeped history, whether you are in the Kellerwald or the historical Old Town. We wish you an unforgettable visit and great experiences.



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