

Your Tour of Bavaria for February and March 2013

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Notes:

If you don't like to drive into **Nürnberg** because of the fast traffic and rude German drivers, there is a great alternative: the train! All train stations that are part of the "Verkehrsverbund Großraum Nürnberg" = VGN ([English](#) and [German](#) homepage) offer special tickets. Click on [this interactive map](#) to see which locations are part of the VGN (only available on the German page). Amberg, Freihung and Vilseck are VGN train stations, for example. At the participating train stations, you can purchase a special VGN family ticket for regular trains that take you straight into Nürnberg city center / Hauptbahnhof = main train station.

In Nürnberg, the VGN ticket allows you to use all public transport - buses and S- and U-Bahnen (over- and underground trains) - within Nürnberg's city limits for free! This way you could visit the zoo in the morning and do some shopping in the afternoon, for example. And then comfortably travel back home without having to worry about traffic. But this isn't all: if you purchase a VGN ticket, [some establishments](#) offer you a reduced entry fare - including the Nürnberg zoo! Taking the train is definitely the best way to travel to Nürnberg.

Nürnberg has a lot of events, too many to list all here. Click [on this link](#) if you'd like to look yourself (only GE).

Another excellent overview of many large events is available [here](#) (only GE).

Maps of suggested car parks have been established for the following cities:

1. [Amberg city center](#). | 2. [Amberg Dultplatz](#). | 3. [Ansbach](#). | 4. [Bad Kissingen](#). | 5. [Kronach](#). | 6. [Regensburg](#).
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More maps will be added over time - watch this space!

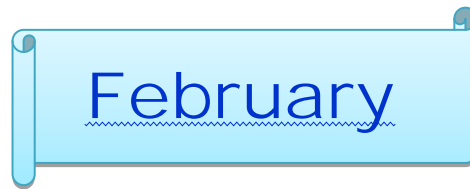
Any suggestions on how to improve this event calendar? [Please contact us!](#)

Silent Days: The Bavarian Government has also determined "silent days" when "public events not honouring the serious character of this day" are prohibited. It simply means that you will not find wild parties, fireworks, or fun fairs; usually there is even no dancing in clubs. These days are:

Ash Wednesday (Aschermittwoch). | Holy Thursday (Gründonnerstag). | Good Friday (Karfreitag) - today, ALL music is prohibited in all public locations where drinks of any kind are served. | Holy Saturday (Karsamstag). | All Saints Day (Allerheiligen). | National Day of Mourning (Volkstrauertag). | Totensonntag (the last Sunday before Advent on which the dead are commemorated). | Day of Prayer and Repentance (Buß- und Betttag). | Christmas Eve (from 2 p.m. on).

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Section 1



28 January - 03 February (Week 5)

Wednesday, 30 Jan.:

Concert: The Black Gospel Stars, 8 p.m., in 92318 Neumarkt, at the "Historischer Reitstadel" (historical stables and barn) on [Residenzplatz 3](#) (ca. 45 km / 28 miles west of Hohenfels).

Wednesday, 30 Jan. - Thursday, 07 Feb.:

Street Market: Lichtmess-Markt, 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., in 91054 Erlangen on [Schlossplatz](#).

A typical street market with all kinds of kitchenware, clothes, and bric-a-bracs.

Did you know that the dates for the street markets in Protestant Erlangen were initially chosen based on Catholic holidays honouring the Virgin Mary (Candlemas / Assumption of Mary)? In the surrounding Catholic provinces, all shops (or markets) were closed and farming activities other than milking cows or similar unavoidable things were also forbidden. So the Catholic farmers had a lot of free time on their hands to go shopping, for example. Therefore the smart Erlangen citizens held their markets on those holidays they were not celebrating, thus attracting a much larger crowd and increasing business! Nowadays, the Catholic holidays and the market days don't necessarily match anymore. Reduced opening hours on Sun, 03 Feb.: only from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday, 31 Jan. - Sunday, 03 Feb.:

Street Market: Lichtmess-Markt in 95448 Bayreuth, [Maximilianstraße](#).

Best location to park is in the [parking block](#) at the Rotmain-Center (shopping center) on Hohenzollernring 58. Cross the road via the little bridge to access the Rotmain-Center, pass through it (also gives you some great shopping opportunities), exit at the main entrance and cross the road to enter the Altstadt. Or just follow the crowds.

Friday - Sunday, 01 - 03 Feb.:

Country Music Fair in 10787 Berlin, at the Urania Berlin, [An der Urania 17](#), ph 030-218-9091. Three days of Country Music Madness! The performers have not been announced online yet but you will find them [listed here](#) - in English! Of course you will also be able to buy all the clothes and accessories you need at the fair. [Click here](#) for some photos from previous events (in EN). They even provide a [list of near-by hotels](#) (in EN) but of course you're not obliged to use them, you can find your own.

The location is near several hotels and halfway between underground stations Wittenbergplatz and Nollendorfplatz, serviced by train lines U1, U2, and U3.

But if Berlin is too far away for you, maybe you want to wait for the one in Nürnberg. The dates haven't been released yet but it will probably take place in October.

Saturday, 02 Feb.: Today is [Mariä Lichtmess](#) = Candlemas

Street Market: Lichtmess-Markt in 90518 Altdorf, on and around [Oberer and Unterer Markt](#) (ca. 25 km / 15 miles east of Nürnberg). The nearly 60 stalls offer anything you need: household wares, bric-a-bracs, toys, clothes, cleaning items, and of course there will be plenty of food and drink. Time has not been specified.

Concert: Schottenfest = Scottish Fest, 4 p.m., in 90763 Fürth in the [Grüne Halle, Krautheimer Straße 11](#) (ca. 10 km / 6 miles west of Nürnberg). With Highland dances, bagpipes, a Scottish whisky lounge, and a Scottish-German fashion show. Food will be offered as well: Lamm-[Schäufele](#) (roast of lamb shoulder), fish & chips, Scottish-

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Franconian smoked beer called "Smokey George" - and of course they will serve Haggis. Admission is 6.- Euros pp, children under 12 are free.

It is highly recommended you use their [public transport system](#) (only GE): Best use the Park-and-Ride car park "Hardhöhe" along Solderstraße / Gaußstraße. From here, the U-Bahn (underground) will take you to the city center in just four minutes. Exit either at "Rathaus" or "Fürth Hauptbahnhof". The P+R car park has 78 spaces, 2 of which are for handicapped; If you park there between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., you will not be charged for the first four hours. Parking in excess of four hours costs 1.50 Euros total for the whole day ("Tagespauschale"). You can reach the P+R car park from the B8 (Würzburger Straße) when you drive in the "Stadtmitte" (city center) direction, then turn right at Soldnerstraße and continue to corner Gaußstraße.

Concert: Night of Musicals, 8 p.m., in 96047 Bamberg, at the [Kongress- und Konzert-Halle, Mußstraße 1](#), ph 0951-964-7200. In this 2-hour show, international musical stars will perform the best-known songs from Sister Act, Tarzan, Dirty Dancing, Cats, The Lion King, Elisabeth, We Will Rock You, Phantom of the Opera, Mamma Mia, Rocky Horror Show, and many more. Tickets can be bought [online](#) (partly in English).

Fasching Party, 8:30 p.m., in [Sorghof](#) at the Wolfgangsheim next to the church (part of 92249 Vilseck, the village just outside of Vilseck's main gate).

Sunday, 03 Feb.: Today is **SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!!**

Street Market: Lichtmess-Jahrmarkt, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., in 92318 Neumarkt, [Volksfestplatz](#), Festplatz 1 (ca. 45 km / 28 miles west of Hohenfels).

Street Market and Open Stores: Lichtmess-Markt in 91275 [Auerbach](#) (ca. 26 km / 16 miles NW of Vilseck). Stores in the town center will open at 1 p.m.

Street Market and Open Stores: Lichtmess-Markt in 92237 [Sulzbach-Rosenberg](#) (ca. 20 km / 12.5 miles south of Vilseck). Stores will be open 1 - 5 p.m. [Click for a map](#) of car parks closest to the historic Altstadt.

Fasching Parade by the "Damische Ritter", 1 - 4 p.m., in 80333 München / Munich, from Sendlingerstraße via Marienplatz and Hofgraben to Sparkassenstraße and finally into Bräuhausstraße (where the Hofbräuhaus is located). The [Damische Ritter](#) (only GE) is the Carnival Club of Munich, and they're putting on a large parade with an expected 1,600 "Narren" and floats. This one will be big! [Click here](#) to see a map of the actual route, and a list of the roads they will pass through. The link is only in GE but that will not matter for the map and the road names. You can also join [their Event page](#) on FB (only GE) to keep up-to-date with the latest news.

Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (both links are in English), especially on days like these when traffic diversions will be in place.

Wedding Fair: "Just Married", 1 - 5 p.m., in 97421 Schweinfurt, at the Evangelisches Gemeindehaus, [Friedenstraße 7](#). [This is one](#) of the largest wedding fairs in Bavaria! (link only in GE.) Highlights will be the two fashion shows. Admission is 3.- Euros pp. Recommended parking: Ludwigstraße; Friedrich-Stein-Straße; Am Theater.

Party: Eisparty, 1 - 6 p.m., in 92249 Vilseck, at the Freizeitweiher (pond), am [Ziegelanger](#) next to the tennis courts (green arrow on the linked map). Park at the Ziegelanger car park, or at the Edeka store.

If the ice on the pond holds (!), the Ice Party will be held with music, Glühwein and Bratwürste. If the ice does not carry, the party will be postponed to a later date!

Fasching Parade, 2 p.m., in 92421 [Schwandorf](#) (ca. 45 km / 28 miles north of Regensburg).

This will be a huge Fasching parade where all the local clubs will participate. The party already starts at midday on Marktplatz (market place) with live music by the party band "Rotzlöffel", who will continue to play after the parade. But the big highlight will be the parade which starts at 2 p.m. in Wackersdorfer Straße at the Landratsamt (county commissioner's office). Then it continues to Wendelinplatz, into Pesslerstraße, and via Bahnhofsplatz, Bahnhofstraße and Friedrich-Ebert-Straße to Marktplatz.

[Click here](#) for suggested car parks.

04 - 10 February (Week 6)

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Monday, 04 Feb.:

Concert: Night of Musicals, 8 p.m., in 92637 Weiden, at the [Max-Reger-Halle, Dr.-Pfleger-Straße 17](#), ph 0961-48080. [Click for a map](#) of suggested car parks.

In this 2-hour show, international musical stars will perform the best-known songs from Sister Act, Tarzan, Dirty Dancing, Cats, The Lion King, Elisabeth, We Will Rock You, Phantom of the Opera, Mamma Mia, Rocky Horror Show, and many more. Tickets can be bought [online](#) (partly in English), or from newspaper "Der Neue Tag" ticket service, ph 0961-85550, or newspaper "Amberger Zeitung" ticket service 09621-306-230.

Wednesday, 06 Feb.:

Horse Market: Rossmarkt, 8 a.m., in 92334 [Berching](#), Altstadt (ca. 42 km / 26 miles west of Hohenfels)

The Rossmarkt in Berching is a long-standing tradition and has become a Winter Volksfest of sort. Every year on the Wednesday after Candlemas, over 150 horses are driven to the medieval town center in the early morning hours (i.e. at around 9 a.m.) with the intent to show and eventually sell them to potential buyers. Thousands of visitors come by to witness this spectacle and admire not only the beautiful horses and carriages, but also enjoy the market activities surrounding the event.

The Rossmarkt dates back to the year 1722. In those days the horses weren't sold, though, but instead had to be checked by the veterinarian for contagious diseases.

06 - 22 Feb.:

Astronomy: Best chance to see the planet Mercury. The planet Mercury will be far enough from the Sun's glare to be visible shortly after sunset. The best day to see this elusive planet will be 15 Feb.

Thursday, 07 Feb.:

Today is **Weiberfasching** (aka Unsinniger Donnerstag)! See trivia bit below for further explanation.

Chinese Fasching, 1:61 (!!) p.m., in 92345 [Dietfurt](#), city center (ca. 35 km / 22 miles SW of Hohenfels)

"A Chinese Carnival??" you might ask. Here's an explanatory article that can be found on Dietfurt's homepage:

"Did you know that there is a real "Chinese Empire" in Bavaria? Many of you have never heard of it and will probably wonder what it's all about. Well, this "Chinese Empire" is in fact our little town, Dietfurt on the Altmühl river, the "Town of the Seven Valleys", as we call it. Our nickname "the Chinese" has a historic origin: Our ancestors used to hide behind their strong city wall (as did the Chinese behind their famous wall) not letting in any strangers, not even the Official Receiver of the Bishops. So in a complaint, the bishop's assistant called the citizens of Dietfurt "Chinese". As a result of this nickname, a traditional Fasching parade with lots of Chinese costumes is celebrated every year, always taking place on the last Thursday of the Fasching season, on the so-called "Mad Thursday". After the parade, people in colourful fancy dress enjoy a long night out extending into the early hours of next morning.

In 1996, a delegation from Dietfurt had been invited by the Peking TV station BTV. The following year the Dietfurt carnival was visited by a high ranking delegation from Peking. Deng Xingzhou, the leader of the delegation and second chairman of the Board for International Culture Exchange, proposed a partnership between Peking and Dietfurt.

Fasching: Hexennacht = Witches Night, 5:30 - 11 p.m., in 92224 Amberg, on [Marktplatz](#).

The "witches" (ladies from the Seidl-Schwandner Dance School) will perform a special Witches Dance for children - and with children - at 5:30 p.m. From 6 p.m. on, "D' Quertreiber" will rock the Marktplatz.

[Best free parking lots](#) (click for map): at "[Auf der Wiesen](#)", the car park behind the Hotel Arcadia and the Kurfürstenbad (indoor swimming pool); the other one is the park block opposite [Sulzbacher Straße 5](#). Both parking areas are only a tiny walking distance from Amberg's city center.

Weiberfasching, 8 p.m. - 2 a.m., in 92249 Vilseck, at the [Burg Dagestein](#) castle, Schlossgasse 6 - 10; Zehentkasten (tithe barn). Please park on Marktplatz and walk the short distance to the castle. It's all about the girls today! But guys can participate too.

Trivia: Fasching - Carnival

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And what, you might ask, is the history of Fasching, or Karneval as Germans further north (and the English-speaking world) call it?

The word "Fasching" is thought to derive from the Middle High German "vaschanc" which means "Ausschenken des Fastentrunkes" (serving of the Lenting drink), while there are two versions of the origin of "Karneval": one theory traces the origins of the word back to the Italian "carni vale", which refers to the ban of eating meat during Lent. The other theory also goes back to Italy: Every year in spring, when ships were allowed to move again, the citizens of Venice celebrated this fact with costumes and a parade. A "ship on wheels" ("Carrus Navalis") was at the center of this parade. From Venice, the idea of celebration made its way to the court of the Medici's in Florence, then from Italy the festivities (and the expression "carnival") travelled to France and then to Germany (and the rest of the world). Mythological background: In Pagan belief, the personified seasons Summer and Winter fought each other every beginning of the year as to who would reign for the rest of the year. During these fights, evil spirits, death, and the unsteady souls of the deceased would rise, and people tried to prevent this by imitating the looks and the behaviour of these dark apparitions. Wild jumps and loud noises as well as the scary costumes donned by the locals were meant to scare off evil spirits. The fight between Summer and Winter (and Life and Death) would always end on Ash Wednesday.

Therefore Fasching/Karneval ends on Aschermittwoch (Ash Wednesday). Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. In the rituals of the Catholic Church, the ashes of the palm fronds from the Palm Sunday of the previous year are consecrated and applied to the churchgoers' foreheads in the form of a cross as a sign of their mortality. France is the original source of the "Artists' Ash Wednesday", which has become popular through television broadcasts with its religious service with readings and musical performances (also taking place in Vienna and Innsbruck, Austria). Outside the church, Ash Wednesday is emphasized as the end of the **Fasching** season (if you open the link, you can find some more information about Fasching) and features individual traditions such as:

- the "Heringschmaus" meal (a herring and mayonnaise salad), the culinary refinement of which hardly reminds us of its original meaning (fish as a food for the Lenten Fast);
- the "Faschingbegraben", a custom in which the carnival season is symbolically buried or drowned.
- In some areas the Fasching is also burnt: a straw puppet that usually had been on display at a guesthouse is burnt in public.
- Another custom is the "Geldbeutelwaschen", the washing of one's wallet on **Ash Wednesday**: The wallet has lost so much money during Fasching that people go down to a river or a pond or fountain. Then a "Gaudibursch" holds a speech saying that all money has been "guzzled away" and the wallet is empty now; therefore it should be "washed out" so that "better" money could replace the old money. The Geldbeutelwaschen can most famously be seen in Munich at the Fischbrunnen (at the Marktplatz): here the Lord Mayor of Munich washes his wallet every year to ask for more money for his city's empty treasury.

More locally, you can watch this tradition in the town center of 92287 [Schmidmühlen](#) on Wednesday, 13 Feb., at 1 p.m. (ca. 20 km / 12.5 miles NE of Hohenfels). Or go to 92345 [Dietfurt](#), where they will bury Fasching on Tuesday, 12 Feb., at 7 p.m. (ca. 35 km / 22 miles SW of Hohenfels). See there for more details.

A special day during the Fasching season is "Weiberfasching" (Women's Carnival Day). This is the day when from early in the morning on, the streets are alive with ladies in fancy dresses on their way to their place of work or to the shops, and from 10 a.m. they all usually head towards the town center or town hall to "take over the city"! It is also the day when traditionally, women cut off all men's ties they can get a hold off.

On this day women assume complete power for the day. Any man foolish enough to wear a tie on this day runs the risk of having it cut off just below the knot. In the evening countless parties and masked balls are held and men are, of course welcome to join the celebrations provided they foot the bill for all the women's drinks.

A **very unique tradition** is the [Fasenickl](#) (only GE). He is the typical Fasching character in the Kipfenberg / Kinding / Enkering area (ca. 65 km / 40 miles SE of Nürnberg). He wears a [unique costume](#) with a facemask, and he is known for the tradition of cracking whips ("schnalzen") and giving out Brezen (soft pretzels) and Guatln (sweets). The origins of this character are not completely clear. He will appear in the various Fasching parades this coming weekend / Monday / Tuesday.

If you're interested in the customs of Fasching, you can find lots of information in English [here](#) and [here](#).

With the "Crazy Days" (= Fasching / Carnival) reaching their peak, please be aware of traffic diversions, parking restrictions, and a slower-paced traffic flow in the various towns. Also, there is a chance that smaller stores will be closed coming Monday and/or Tuesday afternoon.

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Thursday, 07 - Tuesday, 12 Feb.:

Fasching Party "Six Crazy Days = Sechs tolle Tage" in 95448 Bayreuth, on Marktplatz along [Maximilianstraße](#). Carnival madness all around Bayreuth's historical city center! Why not dress up in a costume yourself and join the fun? Plenty of booths offer food and drinks. Highlight is a Fasching parade on Sunday, 10 Feb. Best location to park is in the [parking block](#) at the Rotmain-Center (shopping center) on Hohenzollernring 58. Cross the road via the little bridge to access the Rotmain-Center, pass through it (also gives you some great shopping opportunities), exit at the main entrance and cross the road to enter the Altstadt. Or just follow the crowds.

Saturday, 09 Feb.:

Fasching: Rock'n'Roll Boogie Woogie, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Donau-Einkaufszentrum shopping mall, 93055 Regensburg, [Weichser Weg 5](#) (large exhibit area on the 3rd floor). Free live music and dance performances for all shoppers!

Pyro Games on Snow, 6 p.m., in 82467 Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Partenkirchen subdivision, at the Olympia Ski Stadion on [Karl-und-Martin-Neuner-Platz 3](#). Parking is available on-site.

This [fireworks show](#) (only GE) is a stunning mixture of fire, laser, light, and music, where the best pyro professionals from all over Europe are competing with each other for the best display. It is a family-friendly event with live music and scrumptious food. Prepare for lots of "AWWWWs" and "AAAAAHs". Tickets can be bought [online](#) (option to change language to English in the bottom left corner, translates part of the site); or you can call 0180-504-0300.

Multimedia Show in German: 12 Months to the End of the World, 7 p.m., in 92637 Weiden, at the [Max-Reger-Halle, Dr.-Pfleger-Straße 17](#), ph 0961-48080. [Click for a map](#) of suggested car parks.

The presenters took their old-timer truck from Amberg all the way to China. In 12 months, they travelled through 17 countries, including Turkey, the deserts in Iran, further along the Silk Road, all the way to Mongolia and China. In this presentation, they will talk about their breath-taking experiences with new cultures. Enjoy stunning photos and sound. Tickets can be bought in advance from newspaper "Der Neue Tag" ticket service, ph 0961-85550.

Fasching Party: Lumpenball, 9 p.m., in 92637 Weiden, at the Mehrzweckhalle, [Am Langen Steg](#) (where the flea markets are being held, near the hospital). Don your crazy Fasching costumes and join the party! Admission is 8.- Euros pp at the door, or 7.- Euros if bought [in advance](#) (only GE). Doors open at 7:30 p.m. No admission for anyone younger than 16! Please have identification on you, they will be checked.

Sunday, 10 Feb.:

Tradition: Metzgersprung/Fahenschwingen, 10 a.m. - midday, in 5010 Salzburg (Austria), in the courtyard at the [Stiftskeller St. Peter](#) Restaurant, [Bezirk 1/4](#), ph 0043-662-841-2680 (from Germany).

This is a tradition whose origin is not a hundred per cent clear but seems to have started in Munich. It was and in Austria, still is the end of a butcher apprenticeship. On this day, the butcher apprentices are ceremoniously given their diplomas and receive a "clean-washing" of all sins (interpret that as you like) by jumping into a large barrel filled with water! It is a bit like a Christening, indeed. [Click here](#) for a clip on YouTube to see what it's like. Prepare to get wet when you visit!!

The festivities start at 9 a.m. with a festive Mass in the Franziskanerkirche (church) at [Franziskanergasse 5](#); followed by the "Metzgersprung" (the jump into the barrel) at 10 a.m., Fahenschwingen (flag throwing), and presentation of the diplomas at the Stiftskeller. Of course there will be plenty of food, catered by the butcher guild.

They also have created [an event](#) on Facebook (at the time of writing this document, it still showed 2012 info); you can also find an entry on [Wikipedia](#) but both links are only in German.

Model Car Exchange, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., in 90473 Nürnberg, at the Gemeinschaftshaus, [Glogauer Straße 50](#), ph 0911-9898-763. Free entry! The [Modell-Auto-Club Franken](#) (only GE but links to photos) holds regular exchanges four times a year. Entry is free!

Fasching Happenings:

- Parade, 1 p.m., in 91171 [Obermässing](#) (ca. 55 km / 34 miles west of Hohenfels).
- Parade, 1 p.m.: in 90403 Nürnberg, around the city center. The organizers claim this to be the oldest Fasching parade in the world! It was first established in 1397. See tips for travelling to Nürnberg at the very beginning of this document.

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- Parade, 1:30 p.m.: in 85125 [Kinding](#), Stadtmitte = inner city (ca. 62 km / 38 miles SE of Nürnberg). The traditional [Fasenickl](#) (only GE) will feature here too - see explanation in the Fasching Trivia bit above. After the parade, the party will continue in the Stadtmitte and surrounding pubs, inns, and guesthouses.
- Children's Fasching Party, 1:30 p.m., in 92637 Weiden, at the Mehrzweckhalle, [Am Langen Steg](#) (where the flea markets are being held, near the hospital). Let your children join in with the crazy fun! Admission is 1.50 Euros per child, 2.- Euros per adult.
- Parade, 2 p.m., in [92249 Vilseck](#) on [Marktplatz](#) (market square).
- Parade, 2 p.m.: in 92660 Neustadt a.d. Waldnaab, on and around [Stadtplatz](#). This Neustadt is just north of Weiden. The parade in little Neustadt is one of the biggest in Northern Bavaria. Come and join the fun! You can find the latest updates on their Fasching activities on [their FB page](#) (only in GE).
- Parade, 2 p.m.: in 96114 Hirschaid (ca. 15 km / 9.5 miles SE of Bamberg). The parade starts in Sassanfahrt (just SW of Hirschaid) and goes into Hirschaid's town center / [Rathausstraße](#) and Bamberger Straße.
- Parade, 2 p.m., in 92253 [Schnaittenbach](#) town center (ca. 27 km / 17 miles south of Grafenwöhr).
- Parade, 2 p.m., in 92256 [Hahnbach](#) along Hauptstraße and on Marktplatz (ca. 12 km / 7.5 miles south of Vilseck).
- Parade, 2 p.m., in 92242 Hirschau, [Hauptstraße](#) (ca. 14 km / 9 miles SE of Vilseck).
- Parade, 2 p.m.: in 92286 [Rieden](#), around the city center (ca. 26 km / 16 miles north of Hohenfels). They will start from Hirschwalder Straße at the Eisenbahnbrücke = railroad bridge (Disco Rockhaus).
- Parade, 2 p.m.: in 92355 [Velburg](#) in the town center (ca. 18 km / 11 miles west of Hohenfels).
- Parade, 2 p.m.: in [Lupburg](#) (subdivision of 92331 Parsberg, ca. 13 km / 8 miles SW of Hohenfels).
- Parade, 2 p.m., in [Töging](#) (part of 92345 Dietfurt, ca. 35 km / 22 miles SW of Hohenfels).
- Parade and party, 2 p.m. - 2:30 a.m., in 92363 Breitenbrunn, on and around the [Marktplatz](#) = market place (ca. 27 km / 17 miles SW of Hohenfels).
- Parade, 2 p.m., in 92334 Berching, on and around [Reichenauplatz](#) (ca. 42 km / 26 miles west of Hohenfels). A Disco Tent will be put up on Marktplatz. The party goes on until late at night (then usually inside the guest houses).
- Parade, 2 p.m., in 92242 Hirschau, [Hauptstraße](#) (ca. 14 km / 9 miles SE of Vilseck).
- Parade, 2 - 4 p.m.: in 85095 Denkendorf, on and around [Hauptstraße](#) (ca. 70 km / 45 miles SE of Nürnberg). Denkendorf might be a small town but it puts out one of the biggest Fasching parades in Bavaria! Over 40 floats and more than 10,000 visitors are expected. And of course the [Fasenickl](#) will make an appearance too - see explanation in the Fasching Trivia bit above.
- Party, 6 p.m. - 2 a.m., in 92249 Vilseck, at the Sportheim (sports club), [Am Sportplatz 8](#). Put on your best costume and join in the crazy season! Live music with the band "Keine Ahnung".

Sunday - Tuesday, 10 - 12 Feb.:

Fasching Party: "München Narrisch" in 80331 München / Munich, around the pedestrian zone and at the [Viktualienmarkt](#) (food / produce market, link in EN), [Viktualienmarkt 6](#). Music, masked folks, costumes and dancing - the fun can hardly get any bigger than at this party. You might also find quite a few restaurants in the pedestrian zone that offer a special "Weisswurst-Frühstück" ([Weisswurst](#) breakfast) on Monday, 20 Feb., between 9 a.m. and midday - for only 1 Euro! The best highlight will be the "Tanz der Marktfrauen" (Dance of the Merchant Women) on Tuesday at 11 a.m., see there for details.

11 - 17 February (Week 7)

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Monday, 11 Feb.: Faschingsmontag = Pancake Monday or [Shrove / Merry Monday](#).

Fasching: Grand Show Dances, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., at the Donau-Einkaufszentrum shopping mall, 93055 Regensburg, [Weichser Weg 5](#) (large exhibit area on the 3rd floor). Free performances of typical Fasching dances for everyone!

Large Fasching Parade for Children, 12:30 p.m., in 90402 Nürnberg, around the [St. Lorenz](#) church, [Lorenzer Platz 10](#) (where the Christkindlesmarkt is held), ph 0911-2446-990. Everyone can participate! Meet at 12:30 p.m. in front of the church.

Fasching Parade and Party, 1:30 p.m., in [Enkering](#), all around the town center (subdivision of 85125 Kinding, ca. 60 km / 37 miles SE of Nürnberg). The [Fasenickl](#) will be there too - see the Fasching Trivia bit above for further explanation. After the parade, the whole town center will turn into a big party zone.

Fasching Parade for Children, 2:30 p.m., in 91522 Ansbach, [Martin-Luther-Platz](#). Your kids will love this afternoon! The children's parade starts at 2:30 p.m., they will be supported by percussion band "Streetbeat". At around 3 p.m., after the parade, join them in the Onoldia-Saal for a fun party with games, dance-alongs, face-painting, and much more. Highlight will be the "best-mask competition", with a lovely award for the winner. [Click for a map](#) of suggested car parks.

Party: 60s Revival Party, 8 p.m., in 92637 Weiden, at the [Max-Reger-Halle](#), [Dr.-Pfleger-Straße 17](#), ph 0961-48080. [Click for a map](#) of suggested car parks.

A great party with the music and the fashion of the 1960s! The three live bands, "Back Beat", "Connection2Rock", and "Lower Market" will keep you entertained with music from the 60s, 70s, and even the 50s. There will also be a raffle, first prize is a flight to London for two. Tickets cost 15.- Euros pp and can be bought [online](#) (only GE) or at the door.

Monday, 11 Feb. - Thursday, 14 Feb.:

Street Market: Fastnacht-Jahrmarkt in 91522 [Ansbach](#), on Schlossplatz, Karl-Burkhardt-Platz, Reitbahn and at the Schlosstor (palace gate), as well as around the Gumbertuskirche church. Opening hours: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., but only until 4 p.m. on the last day. [Click for a map](#) of suggested car parks.

Monday, 11 Feb. - Friday, 15 Feb.: Winter break for German schools in Bavaria. [Click here](#) (EN) for school holidays in other German states. These dates do not apply to DoDDS schools, of course.

Tuesday, 12 Feb.: Faschingsdienstag = Pancake / Fat / [Shrove Tuesday](#), and [Mardi Gras](#).

Tradition: Tanz der Marktweiber = Dance of the Merchant Women, 11 a.m., in 80331 München / Munich, at the [Viktualienmarkt](#) (food / produce market, link in EN), [Viktualienmarkt 6](#). Every year, the actual merchant women get together and perform some dances in typical Fasching costumes. [Click here](#) for lots of photos and a clip of the event (only GE but you'll get a good impression). In the afternoon between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., the dance instructor of the Marktweiber, will teach a couple of moves to the eager audience. You can also enjoy the live music played on several stages, and savour the Bavarian delicacies on sale. The Marktweiber are also on [Facebook](#) (only GE).

Fasching Ski Jump, 2 - 5 p.m., in 82467 Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Partenkirchen subdivision, at the Olympia Ski Stadion on [Karl-und-Martin-Neuner-Platz 3](#). Parking is available on-site.

The complete youth team will compete - all dressed up as girls for a good laugh. Excellent photo opportunity!

Fasching Parades and Parties in the locations:

- "**Fasenickl**" **Parade**, 1:30 p.m., in 85110 Kipfenberg, all around the [Marktplatz = Market Place](#) (near Ingolstadt; ca. 70 km / 43 miles SE of Nürnberg). Have a look at the Fasching Trivia bit above for an explanation of Fasenickl

- Party, 1:30 - 10:30 p.m., in 91074 Herzogenaurach, [Marktplatz](#) (ca. 30 km / 20 miles NW of Nürnberg). Live music with "Die Nachtschicht", tons of food and sweets, and a parade complete this mad party.

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- Parade, 1:30 p.m., through 91275 [Auerbach](#), followed by a party on Marktplatz (ca. 26 km / 16 miles NW of Vilseck).
- Parade, 1:33 p.m., in 91567 Herrieden, in the city center and around the [Rathaus](#) (town hall, link in EN) (ca. 13 km / 8 miles SW of Ansbach). Herrieden is a very pretty city very [rich in history](#) (in EN); always worth a visit.
- Party, 1:45 p.m., in 92637 Weiden, all around the [Altstadt](#) = old city. [Click for a map](#) of suggested car parks.
- Parade, 2 p.m., in 92287 [Schmidmühlen](#) (ca. 20 km / 12.5 miles NE of Hohenfels). Followed by a big party and "Kehraus" celebrations (end of Fasching).
- Parade, 2 p.m., in 91171 [Greding](#) (ca. 55 km / 34 miles west of Hohenfels).
- Parade, 2:30 p.m., in 96047 Bamberg. Several tens of thousands of people are expected to line the streets and have a good time. The motto this year: "Ritter, Drachen, Burgfräulein – in Bamberg tanzt der Bär" = "Knights, Dragons, Damsels - Bamberg's going crazy".
The route: Markusplatz – Kapuzinerstr. – Am Kranen – Lange Str. – Schönleinsplatz – Willi-Lessing-Str. – Luitpoldbrücke – Luitpoldstr. – Obere Königstr. – Kettenbrücke – Hauptwachstraße – Maxplatz – Fleischstr. towards Kapuzinerstr./Markusplatz where it all ends again.
- Party: Haberfeldtreiben und Kehraus, 3 - 10 p.m., in 92363 Breitenbrunn, [Marktplatz](#) = market place (ca. 27 km / 17 miles SW of Hohenfels). With a mocking speech about everything that's gone wrong last year in Breitenbrunn. After that, "wild men" will chase the "sinners" into the "Haberfeld".

Fasching Tradition: Kehraus = burial of Fasching, 7 p.m., in 92345 [Dietfurt](#), inner city (ca. 35 km / 22 miles SW of Hohenfels). In Dietfurt, the Kehraus has [its own history](#) (only GE): for forty (!) years, until 1961, barber Xaver Tischler ended Fasching in a funny and original way. In the early evening hours, he would dress up as a "Leichbitterin" and walk from inn to inn to invite all carnivalists to the burial of Fasching. [In the days of old, a "[Leichbitterin](#)" (only GE) was a woman (no men) who would walk from house to house to inform the residents of the deceased person's name and the day of his or her funeral service; for this information she would receive 50 Pfennig.] Xaver Tischler would re-appear just before midnight, this time dressed up as the night-watchman, to personally "blow out" and bury the madness of Fasching.

Still today, a "Klageweib" ([Keener](#)), played by a guy named Christian Linz (it *is* Fasching, after all!), walks through the streets at around 7 p.m. with the "Trauerzug" (cortège). Fasching is "carried" in a wooden coffin from inn to inn where its "infamous actions and scandals" are announced again. At around 11:30 p.m., the carnivalists meet on the "Scheippl-Bruck" (bridge) to say a last farewell to Fasching.

Accompanied by humorous speeches, a life-size straw puppet representing Fasching is set alight at the Chinesenbrunnen (fountain). At midnight, Fasching is finally "buried", with lots of singing and "lamenting", and the Chinesenhymne ("Chinese hymn") is sung one last time. Afterwards, everyone joins up in the various Gasthäuser (inns) to welcome Ash Wednesday and Lent by the traditional Fischessen (eating of fish).

Also celebrated today: Biikebrennen: From [Wikipedia](#): "At Biikebrennen, nearly all North Frisian towns, and many isolated farmhouses as well, light their own bonfires, the biike, at or shortly after sunset. In many places, additional traditions have developed over time. [...] The origin of Biikebrennen is unclear. The observation that in some places a straw man symbolizing the winter is burned, is likely to lead one to the conclusion that the celebration dates back to a pre-Christian midwinter feast or light fest. A connection with the medieval habit of 'waking up the earth' with torches lies at hand. An often-heard alternative account for the origin of Biikebrennen is related to the festivity's name. As the Frisian word biike means beacon, the bonfires may well have derived from light beacons set out for North Frisian whale catchers during the 17th and 18th centuries." In some villages, a straw puppet is being burnt at the center of the fire, sometimes also a wooden barrel or even just a bucket. Their burning symbolizes the end of winter. Nowadays, the Biike fire is fuelled by old Christmas trees and/or wreaths / arrangements that are kept until this day. After the celebrations, everyone enjoys a hearty meal that always contains kale.

Wednesday, 13 Feb.:

Today is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, and [Be Humble](#) Day. Think, and be humble! It is also one of the [Silent Days](#) where no music, dancing, fireworks or similar is allowed.

End of Fasching: Fischzug, 1 p.m., in 92287 [Schmidmühlen](#) (ca. 20 km / 12.5 miles NE of Hohenfels). A parade "mourning" the end of Fasching will go through the town center, followed by a funny, satirical look-back on goings-on in the past year.

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Trivia: Aschermittwoch - Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, the time of Lent has started. For the next 40 days, people are encouraged to remember the life and the suffering of Jesus. The idea of fasting goes back to the 40 days of fasting and praying that Christ adhered to after his christening in the river Jordan. Historically, the time of preparation for Easter can be dated back to the 4th century. In the old church, people avoided meat and wine, and later also milk, butter, cheese, and eggs and only had one meal a day in the evening. Only Sunday was an exception to this rule. Nowadays it is not really expected anymore to abstain from eating and drinking but one shall give thought to a sensible use of God's gifts to us, and how to live a responsible life. But many people still voluntarily relinquish meat or candy or even refrain from eating for one complete day per week. Traditionally there are no festivities during the time of Lent, not even weddings. One other tradition has been established, though, and that is the drinking of "Starkbier", also named "Bockbier", or strong beer. Starkbier was introduced during Lent in 1651 by the beer-brewing monks because they and the farmers didn't have enough strength to complete their arduous work if they didn't eat - the beer was (and still is) considered to be "liquid bread". But in the beginning, the monks were in doubt whether it would right to drink beer during Lent. So they sent one barrel of their beer to the pope in Rome for approval. During the transport over the Alps, the barrel was shaken a lot and warmed by the hot Italian Sunday When they finally arrived in Rome, the pope tried one sip of the beer and felt sick immediately - the beer had turned sour. The pope, not aware of this, didn't think long and decided that it would be a good idea to drink this beer as penance. And ever since then, Starkbier has been very popular.

Thursday, 14 Feb.: Today is [Valentine's Day](#). It's always difficult to come up with creative ways to celebrate this day, the internet offers many (clean) ideas: try [here](#), [here](#) or [here](#), for example; but there are many more. Many restaurants will offer special meals but remember to reserve your table early!

Friday, 15 Feb.: Today is a USAREUR training holiday. Please check locally for changed operating hours at all access gates to the garrisons.

Today, Asteroid 2012DA14 will pass by "close" to Earth but don't worry, it is still a safe 36,000 kilometers (22,000 miles) distance away from us. [Click here](#) for more interesting details.

Friday - Sunday, 15 - 17 Feb.:

International Motorcycle Show (IMOT) in 80939 München-Freimann, in the Munich Order Center (M.O.C.) at [Lilienthalallee 40](#), ph 089-323-530. Open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on all three days

Due to VERY restricted parking, it is highly recommended you park your car or motorcycle at the "Parkhaus P3" (parking block P3) at the nearby "Allianz Arena" (soccer stadium), and use the IMOT shuttle bus from there. Follow the signs "IMOT-Parken" from the Autobahn to the parking block.

The vendors present at this show will be announced on 01 Feb. on [the IMOT homepage](#) (link only in GE). [Click here](#) for photos from 2012. Admission is 12.- Euros pp. Children 12 - 18 pay 4.- Euros, children under 12 are free. From 4:30 p.m. on, the price is reduced to 5.- Euros pp. Dogs are not allowed at the show.

Saturday, 16 Feb.:

Moto Ski Races: Snowhill Race and Skier Cross, 9 a.m., in 82467 Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Partenkirchen subdivision, at the Olympia Ski Stadion on [Karl-und-Martin-Neuner-Platz 3](#). Parking is available on-site.

This will be a breath-taking event: Four motorcycles will make their challenging way up the steep mountain. Once the first one reaches the goal (and raking in points), his skiing team mate and the skiers from the other three teams start a downhill "four-cross" race. Speed is king once more!

Magic Show: Hans Klok – "The Houdini Experience", 8 p.m., in 90478 Nürnberg, at the [Meistersingerhalle, Münchener Straße 21](#), ph 0911-231-8000. Tickets can be bought [online](#) (partly in EN).

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mind-blowing tricks and illusions, such as his guillotine and his under-water acts.

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Sunday, 17 Feb.:

Model Train and Toys Market, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., in 90469 Nürnberg-Gartenstadt, at the Gesellschaftshaus, [Buchenschlag 1](#). Find new and used model trains, cars, accessories, literature, and many other things at [this market](#) (only GE). It is the largest model toy market of its kind in Franconia. You can sell here too, just contact the organizer at ph 0733-230-89989 (you'll probably need to speak German to them, get a German friend to help you out).
Upcoming markets at this locations: Sunday, 17 Mar. | Sunday, 14 Apr. | Sunday, 12 May. | Sunday, 09 June. | Sunday, 29 Sep. | Sunday, 27 Oct. | Sunday, 24 Nov. | Sunday, 22 Dec. 13.

Wedding Fair: "Hochzeitswelt", 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., in 97209 Veitshöchheim, at the Mainfrankensäle, [Mainlande 1](#) (ca. 9 km / 5 miles NW of Würzburg). This [wedding fair](#) (video clips and photos, page only GE) is held every year, and offers everything you can dream of for your wedding.

The location is easy to reach as it's right next to the port where the ships from Würzburg arrive. So why not take a little boat trip from Würzburg to Veitshöchheim? [The boat](#) (only GE) departs at Würzburg's "[Alter Kranen](#)" every full hour between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (from Easter to end of October). Departure from Veitshöchheim "[Mainlande](#)" back to Würzburg every 20 minutes before the full hour, starting at 10:40 a.m. (changes in the late afternoon to full hours, i.e. 4 p.m., 5 p.m., and NLT 6 p.m.). Round trip tickets cost 9.- Euros for adults; 5.- Euros for children aged 4 - 12; or 24.- Euros for a family ticket (parents and their children aged 4 - 12).

If you have enough time, you could also visit the **Rokokogarten = Rococo or Court Garden** on [Echterstraße 10](#), ph 0931-91582 - it's right behind the location! Just like the Eremitage in Bayreuth, the [Court Garden](#) (in EN) with its water displays, small maze and hidden little beauty spots is more spectacular than the [residence](#) (in EN) it surrounds.

Opening times: all year round until nightfall (max. 8 p.m.). Entry is free!

Closest car parks to the departure point in Würzburg are [Talavera](#) (underneath the Friedensbrücke bridge), and at the Congresszentrum (at [Pleichertorstraße 5](#)).

18 - 24 February (Week 8)

Monday, 18 Feb.:

Today is [Washington's Birthday](#) aka Presidents Day, a federal U.S. holiday. All DACs and LNs will be off, and all non-mission-essential offices on-post will be closed. Please check locally for changed operating hours at your dining facilities, shopping facilities, gas stations, and access gates to the garrisons.

Incidentally, there is no apostrophe in [Presidents Day](#) (see para 3.24 of the link). The U.S. Government Printing Office's [Style Manual](#) provides great help with correct spelling.

Wednesday, 20 Feb.:

Today is [Love-Your-Pet](#) Day. Be a responsible person and take good care of your pet. **Before** you get a pet, think it through whether you really are able to give it as much time, love and care as it deserves and needs. They are living, breathing things, and they need a lot more than just daily feeding.

Thursday, 21 Feb.:

Jazz Concert: The Tarfala Trio, 8 p.m., in 92421 Schwandorf, at the "Oberpfälzer Künstlerhaus" at [Fronberger Straße 31](#); ph 09431-9716 (ca. 45 km / 28 miles north of Regensburg).

The Künstlerhaus (artisans house) as such is open every Wednesday and Thursday midday - 6 p.m., and every Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday, 22 Feb.:

Magic Show: Hans Klok – "The Houdini Experience", 8 p.m., in 93053 Regensburg, at the Donau-Arena,

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Walhalla-Allee 21. Tickets can be bought [online](#) (partly in EN).

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Concert: Dreams of Musical, 8 p.m., in 92318 Neumarkt, at the "Historischer Reitstadel" (historical stables and barn) on [Residenzplatz 3](#) (ca. 45 km / 28 miles west of Hohenfels). This will be a great performance with all the famous songs from the best-loved musicals, such as Sister Act, Evita, Phantom of the Opera, Starlight Express, Cats, Blues Brothers, Grease, Mamma Mia, and many more! Tickets can be bought from the Neumarkt Tourist Info, ph 09181-255-125.

Friday + Saturday, 22 + 23 Feb.:

The Original Cuban Circus, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., in 93053 Regensburg, at the University's Auditorium Maximum, [Albertus-Magnus-Straße 2](#). Street parking is available. The only show on Friday takes place at 8 p.m.

Many of the fantastic artists from various German circuses come from Cuba, and they teamed up to form The Original Cuban Circus. Their breath-taking skills will captivate you from the first moment to the last. They will be supported by the excellent live band "Aire Concierto" who won the Joven Jazz Festival Awards 2010 in Havanna.

You can buy your tickets [online](#) (only GE) or by calling 0180-530-1070 (14ct/min, more expensive from cell phones).

Friday, 22 Feb. - Sunday, 24 Mar.:

Culinary Weeks: "Kulinarischer Frühling" in 92339 [Beilngries](#) at various restaurants (ca. 45 km / 28 miles SW of Hohenfels). The participating restaurants will be announced [here](#) (only GE but with map); they are:

"Die Gams" at Hauptstraße 16. "Fuchsbräu" at Hauptstraße 23. "Gallus" at Neumarkter Straße 25. "Goldener Hahn" (aka Schattenhofer) at Hauptstraße 44. And "Zur Krone" at Hauptstraße 20. (Participants subject to change.) You can obtain more information from the Beilngries Tourist Info at ph 08461-8435.

Saturday + Sunday, 23 + 24 Feb.:

Building Fair: Baumesse "Planen - Bauen - Wohnen", 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. both days, in 92224 Amberg, in the Amberg Congress Center (ACC) at [Schießstätteweg 8](#), ph 09621-49-000.

This fair will provide you with all the important information if you are planning on building or refurbishing your house. It also shows you the latest trends in décor and furniture. And they offer free child care for parents during their visit.

This location is next to the indoor swimming pool and the large car park. [Best free parking lots](#) (click for map): at "[Auf der Wiesen](#)", the car park adjacent to the ACC.

Sport: "No Guts, No Glory" Contest at the Gut Matheshof / Ostbayernhalle in [Kreuth 2](#), part of 92286 Rieden; ph 09624-9190 (ca. 25 km / 16 miles NW of Hohenfels). This competition is not for the squeamish: you run over rough terrain, have to find your way through mud, water holes and over (or under) obstacles. There are three different runs you can sign up for: the Chicken Run (5 km, with relatively easy obstacles); the All4One Run (a relay race with teams-of-four that goes well into the night, every member runs ca. 4 km); and the No-Way-Out Run (12 km - ALL obstacles must be conquered). Start and end is the Festhalle Rieden. If you want to participate in this challenge, you need to register before 22 Feb. It is also possible to register late just before the race. Registration is available [online](#), and it's even in English (for the most important parts).

You can get all the details from and/or send further inquiries to info@sog-events.de or call 08141-228-5440. If you can read German, you can find the details on [their homepage](#) (see links right above the photos).

Wedding Fair: "Hochzeitswelt", 90478 Nürnberg, at the [Meistersingerhalle](#), [Münchener Straße 21](#), ph 0911-231-8000. This [wedding fair](#) (video clips and photos, page only GE) is held every year, and offers everything you can dream of for your wedding.

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Esoteric Fair, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., in 90478 Nürnberg, at the [Meistersingerhalle](#), kleine Halle = small hall, [Münchener Straße 21](#), ph 0911-231-8000. [This fair](#) (only GE) will offer everything for helping you on your spiritual way: Feng Shui products, incense, Ayurveda products, vegetarian food, organic cosmetics, astrology, symbols, runes, tarot cards, oils

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and essences, meditation music, books (in German), gems and jewels, and much more.

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Sunday, 24 Feb.:

Artisan Easter Market, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., in 95463 Bindlach, in the Bärenhalle, [Hofackerstraße](#) (ca. 7 km / 4 miles north of Bayreuth). Local artisans sell their exquisite goods, made from a large variety of materials, as well as dolls, teddy bears, homemade jams and liqueurs. In addition, extremely delicious cakes and Torten are being sold, and many activities for children and adults will keep you entertained.

25 February - 03 March (Week 9)

Wednesday, 27 Feb. - Sunday, 03 March:

Travel and Leisure Fair: "Freizeit-Messe" in 90471 Nürnberg, at the [Messezentrum](#) on [Karl-Schönleben-Straße](#), ph 0911-860-60. Find at [this fair](#) (GE) information about travel (often at reduced fares!), camping, various sport activities, gardening, and even motorbikes, bicycles and cars (although those are not the main focus). Admission is € 10.50 pp, € 8.- for children, or € 23.- for a family ticket (2 adults and max. 3 children under 16).

Saturday + Sunday, 02 + 03 Mar.:

Easter Egg Market: Ostereier-Markt, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. both days, in 91054 Erlangen, at the Redoutensaal (next to the "Markgrafen-Theater"), [Theaterplatz. 1](#) (between Nürnberg and Bamberg). This is the second-oldest Ostereier-Markt in Germany! 40 artists from all over Germany and beyond will display and sell their beautifully hand-painted Easter eggs, as well as other Easter decoration. Have a look at the photos on [their German website](#) (no need to understand the text) - click on "Weiter mit dem Rundgang" at the bottom right to continue to the next two pages.

Gems, Minerals, Fossils and Jewelry Fair, 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. both days, in 90762 Fürth, at the [Stadthalle, Rosenstraße 50](#), ph 0911-749-120 (ca. 10 km / 6 miles west of Nürnberg). **On sale** (only GE) are beautiful minerals, fossils, gems and jewellery. Admission is 4.- Euros pp, children 12 or older 3.- pp; children under 12 are free. It is highly recommended you use their [public transport system](#) (only GE): Best use the Park-and-Ride car park "Hardhöhe" along Solderstraße / Gaußstraße. From here, the U-Bahn (underground) will take you to the city center in just four minutes. Exit either at "Rathaus" or "Fürth Hauptbahnhof". The P+R car park has 78 spaces, 2 of which are for handicapped; If you park there between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., you will not be charged for the first four hours. Parking in excess of four hours costs 1.50 Euros total for the whole day ("Tagespauschale"). You can reach the P+R car park from the B8 (Würzburger Straße) when you drive in the "Stadtmitte" (city center) direction, then turn right at Soldnerstraße and continue to corner Gaußstraße.

Sunday, 03 Mar.:

Street Market: Mittefastenmarkt, 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., in 92637 Weiden, [Altstadt](#) (historic city center) / Fußgängerzone (pedestrian zone). [Click for a map](#) of suggested car parks.

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Saturday + Sunday, 02 + 03 Mar.:

Easter Egg Market: Ostereier-Markt, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. both days, in 91054 Erlangen, at the Redoutensaal (next to the "Markgrafen-Theater"), [Theaterplatz 1](#) (between Nürnberg and Bamberg). This is the second-oldest Ostereier-Markt in Germany! 40 artists from all over Germany and beyond will display and sell their beautifully hand-painted Easter eggs, as well as other Easter decoration. Have a look at the photos on [their German website](#) (no need to understand the text) - click on "Weiter mit dem Rundgang" at the bottom right to continue to the next two pages.

Gems, Minerals, Fossils and Jewelry Fair, 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. both days, in 90762 Fürth, at the [Stadthalle](#), [Rosenstraße 50](#), ph 0911-749-120 (ca. 10 km / 6 miles west of Nürnberg). [On sale](#) (only GE) are beautiful minerals, fossils, gems and jewellery. Admission is 4.- Euros pp, children 12 or older 3.- pp; children under 12 are free. It is highly recommended you use their [public transport system](#) (only GE): Best use the Park-and-Ride car park "Hardhöhe" along Solderstraße / Gaußstraße. From here, the U-Bahn (underground) will take you to the city center in just four minutes. Exit either at "Rathaus" or "Fürth Hauptbahnhof". The P+R car park has 78 spaces, 2 of which are for handicapped; If you park there between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., you will not be charged for the first four hours. Parking in excess of four hours costs 1.50 Euros total for the whole day ("Tagespauschale"). You can reach the P+R car park from the B8 (Würzburger Straße) when you drive in the "Stadtmitte" (city center) direction, then turn right at Soldnerstraße and continue to corner Gaußstraße.

Sunday, 03 Mar.:

Street Market: Mittefastenmarkt, 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., in 92637 Weiden, [Altstadt](#) (historic city center) / Fußgängerzone (pedestrian zone). [Click for a map](#) of suggested car parks.

04 - 10 March (Week 10)

Wednesday - Saturday, 06 - 09 March:

Street Market: Mittefastenmarkt in 96047 Bamberg, on [Maximiliansplatz](#). Open Wednesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday + Sunday, 09 + 10 March:

Fair: Bike & Fun in 90762 Fürth, [Stadthalle](#), [Rosenstraße 50](#), ph 0911-749-120 (ca. 10 km / 6 miles west of Nürnberg). Opening hours Saturday 1 - 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is 5.- Euros pp.

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This annual fair offers everything that a biker's heart desires: motorcycles, accessories, custom bikes, quads, clothes - even a raffle and a flea market for used motorcycles and accessories!

It is highly recommended you use their [public transport system](#) (only GE): Best use the Park-and-Ride car park "Hardhöhe" along Solderstraße / Gaußstraße. From here, the U-Bahn (underground) will take you to the city center in just four minutes. Exit either at "Rathaus" or "Fürth Hauptbahnhof". The P+R car park has 78 spaces, 2 of which are for handicapped; If you park there between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., you will not be charged for the first four hours. Parking in excess of four hours costs 1.50 Euros total for the whole day ("Tagespauschale"). You can reach the P+R car park from the B8 (Würzburger Straße) when you drive in the "Stadtmitte" (city center) direction, then turn right at Soldnerstraße and continue to corner Gaußstraße.

Saturday, 09 - Sunday, 17 March:

Street Market: Frühlingsmarkt = Spring Market in 90762 Fürth, around the [Fürther Freiheit](#) (ca. 10 km / 6 miles west of Nürnberg). It is a typical [street market](#) (only GE) where you can find all things necessary and unnecessary for everyday life. There will also be lots of entertainment and a few rides for the kids. On Sunday, 10 March, stores will be open in the afternoon.

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Sunday, 10 March:

Street Market: Frühjahrsmarkt, in 91567 Herrieden, at the [Rathaus](#) (town hall, link in EN), [Herrnhof 10](#), ph 09825 8080 (ca. 13 km / 8 miles SW of Ansbach). Start time has not been specified. Herrieden is a very pretty city very [rich in history](#) (in EN); always worth a visit.

Easter Market, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., in 92670 Windischeschenbach, at the Mehrzweckhalle (~ community hall), [Kerschensteiner Straße 3](#) (ca. 20 km / 13 miles north of Weiden). Around 50 local artisans will display and sell their works.

Street Market and Open Stores, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., in 93149 Nittenau, on [Hauptstraße](#) and adjacent Kirchplatz and Marktplatz (ca. 30 km / 20 miles NE of Regensburg). Opening hours for stores have not been specified. A large, central car park is located on [Jahnstraße](#).

Easter Market: "Ei-Zeit", 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., in 92334 Berching, Europahalle, [Schlesierstraße](#) (ca. 42 km / 26 miles west of Hohenfels). This Easter Market is always held three Sundays before Easter Sunday. It is a show and sales market of Easter articles and ornaments. Coffee and cake on sale. Admission 1.- Euro pp.

Easter Street Market and Open Stores, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., in 91161 Hilpoltstein, [Altstadt = old city / Christoph-Sturm-Straße](#) (ca. 35 km / 22 miles south of Nürnberg). Stores will open 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Artisans Market, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., in 91180 Heideck, in the Stadthalle on [Festplatz](#) (ca. 72 km / 45 miles west of Hohenfels). Free entry.

Easter Market in 92277 Hohenburg, at the Rathaus = town hall, [Marktplatz 19](#). Hours have not been specified. Hohenburg borders onto the northern end of Hohenfels Training Area. It is ca. 30 km / 18 miles north of Hohenfels if you drive around the HTA, via Schmidmühlen.

11 - 17 March (Week 11)

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Until Sunday, 17 March:

Street Market: Frühlingsmarkt = Spring Market in 90762 Fürth, around the [Fürther Freiheit](#) (ca. 10 km / 6 miles west of Nürnberg). It is a typical [street market](#) (only GE) where you can find all things necessary and unnecessary for everyday life. There will also be lots of entertainment and a few rides for the kids. On Sunday, 10 March, stores will be open in the afternoon.

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Thursday, 14 March:

Magic Show: Hans Klok – "The Houdini Experience", 8 p.m., in 96050 Bamberg, [Stechert-Arena, Forchheimer Straße 15](#), ph 0951-23-837. Tickets can be bought [online](#) (partly in EN).

Hans Klok, famous for having Pamela Anderson in his Las Vegas show, is on tour with a big show that includes his Las Vegas dancers, Variété acts, and his gorgeous assistants. It is an homage to his idol, Harry Houdini, and sees some mind-blowing tricks and illusions, such as his guillotine and his under-water acts.

Due to the difficult parking situation, it is highly recommended you take the train into Nürnberg. See the tips on the first page of this document.

Friday + Monday, 15 + 18 March: Both days are USAREUR training holidays. Please check locally for changed operating hours at all access gates to the garrisons.

Friday, 15 March - Monday, 01 April:

Easter Market in 90403 Nürnberg, on [Hauptmarkt](#). Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday and Easter Monday 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Closed on Karfreitag (Good Friday)!

Sunday, 17 March:

Model Train and Toys Market, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., in 90469 Nürnberg-Gartenstadt, at the Gesellschaftshaus, [Buchenschlag 1](#). Find new and used model trains, cars, accessories, literature, and many other things at [this market](#) (only GE). It is the largest model toy market of its kind in Franconia. You can sell here too, just contact the organizer at ph 0733-230-89989 (you'll probably need to speak German to them, get a German friend to help you out).

Upcoming markets at this locations: Sunday, 14 April | Sunday, 12 May. | Sunday, 09 June. | Sunday, 29 Sep. | Sunday, 27 Oct. | Sunday, 24 Nov. | Sunday, 22 Dec. 13.

Easter Market, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., in 92224 Amberg, at the [Stadtmuseum](#) (city museum), [Zeughausstraße 18](#), ph 0962-110-284.

Opening hours of the museum: Tuesday - Friday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and German holidays: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oct. Admission is 3.- Euros pp; children over 6 pay 1.- Euro. One adult with at least two children pay 4.- Euros, a family ticket (2 adults with at least 2 children) is 7.- Euros. Tickets to exhibitions might cost a little extra.

[Best free parking lots](#) (click for map): at "Auf der Wiesen", the car park behind the Hotel Arcadia and the Kurfürstenbad (indoor swimming pool); the other one is the park block opposite [Sulzbacher Straße 5](#). Both parking areas are only a tiny walking distance from Amberg's city center.

Spring Market and Open Stores, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., in 96114 Hirschaid, [Nürnberger Straße](#) (ca. 15 km / 9.5 miles SE of Bamberg). Stores will open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Market Day in 92676 Eschenbach on [Marktplatz](#) (ca. 8 km / 5 miles NW of Grafenwöhr). No further details are listed online.

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18 - 24 March (Week 12)

Thursday, 21 March - Friday, 12 April:

Culinary Weeks: Have a Fish Dish, in 92237 [Sulzbach-Rosenberg](#) (ca. 20 km / 12.5 miles south of Vilseck). [Click here](#) for car parks closest to the historic Altstadt.

These [participating restaurants](#) (only GE) will offer delicious dishes, each with a different focus:

Hotel-Gasthof "[Zum Bartl](#)", Glückaufstraße 2, ph 09661-876-150 (link only in German).

Hotel-Restaurant "[Bayerischer Hof](#)", Luitpoldplatz 17, ph 09661-876-010 (link in English).

Ristorante "[Imperatore](#)", Rosenberger Straße 22, ph 09661-3755 (link only in German).

Hotel-Restaurant "[Am Sportpark](#)", Schießstätte 29, ph 09661-52-111 (link only in German).

Hotel-Gasthof "[Am Forsthof](#)", Forsthof 8, ph 09661-87-570 (link only in German).

Hotel-Gasthof "[Zum Wulfen](#)", Neukirchner Weg 1, ph 09661-87-150 (link only in German).

Brauerei-Gasthof und Flair-Hotel "[Sperber-Bräu](#)", Rosenberger Straße 14, ph 09661-87-090 (link only in German).

Landhotel "[Neukirchner Hof](#)", in 92259 Neukirchen, Hauptstraße 4, ph 09663-91-410 (link only in German).

Hotel-Gasthof "[Café zur Post](#)", in 92281 Königstein, Marktplatz 2, ph 09665-91-550 (link only in German).

Landhotel "[Weißes Ross](#)", in 92278 Illschwang, Am Kirchberg 1, ph 09666-1334 (link only in German).

Friday, 22 March:

Easter Market 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., in 91074 Herzogenaurach, on [Marktplatz](#) and in the courtyard of the Schloss (ca. 30 km / 20 miles NW of Nürnberg). Bring your children along, they might just be able to catch a glimpse of the Easter bunny.

Saturday, 23 March:

Model Train Exchange, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., in 93051 Regensburg, at the Sporthalle, [Dechbettener Brücke 2](#).

Sale and barter of model trains and equipment for all track gauges. Consultation and advice available from the organizers, [Eisenbahnfreunde RSWE](#), and you can even test all models before buying them.

Admission: 2.50 Euros per adult; 1.50 Euros per child.

[Closest free car parks](#) (click for map) are "Dultplatz" ([Am Protzenweiher/ Oberpfalzbrücke](#)); adjacent "Protzenweiher" (opposite [Protzenweiher 27](#)); neighbouring "Wöhrdstraße" (at [Wöhrdstraße 18](#)); and adjacent "Unterer Wöhrd" ([Wöhrdstraße 60/62](#)). There is also the "Donaumarkt" parking lot ([Donaumarkt 1](#)) which is "a walk across the bridge" closer than the "Wöhrdstraße" car park, but it's not free-of-charge, and it's blocked on Saturday mornings for the Regensburg produce market. From any of these car parks it's only a very short walk across one of the bridges, and you're there. BTW, did you know you can get a map of Regensburg's city center from the Tourist Info for free? Go to the "Altes Rathaus" (old city hall) as directed by the brown signs, and ask for a copy.

Concert: Night of Musicals, 8 p.m., in 92224 Amberg, in the Amberg Congress Center (ACC) at [Schießstätteweg 8](#), ph 09621-49-000. This is next to the indoor swimming pool and the large car park.

In this 2-hour show, international musical stars will perform the best-known songs from Sister Act, Tarzan, Dirty Dancing, Cats, The Lion King, Elisabeth, We Will Rock You, Phantom of the Opera, Mamma Mia, Rocky Horror Show, and many more. Tickets can be bought [online](#) (partly in English), or from newspaper "Der Neue Tag" ticket service, ph 0961-85550, or newspaper "Amberger Zeitung" ticket service 09621-306-230.

[Best free parking lots](#) (click for map): at "[Auf der Wiesen](#)", the car park behind the Hotel Arcadia and the Kurfürstenbad (indoor swimming pool); this car park is adjacent to the ACC.

Saturday + Sunday, 23 + 24 March:

Grand Opening of the Season at the Pullman City Fun Park in 94535 Eging am See, [Ruberting 30](#) (ca. 100 km / 62 miles SE of Regensburg). This is the official Grand Opening! Watch the large parade on Saturday afternoon with all of the show teams, the board of management, the breweries, all supporters, all animals, and so on! Of course there will be an amazing show program to accompany this big event. Plus gold panning, horseback riding, cart and horses, bull riding, and especially for kids, a kiddies train. Live music on Saturday by "The Greyhound Doctors", and on Sunday by "Lorenz Reichelt" (both start at 8:30 p.m.). [Click here](#) for some lovely photos from the 2012 Grand Opening.

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Admission (only GE): Adults: 13.- Euros. | Children 4 - 16 years: 7.- Euros. | Children under 4 if accompanied by their parents: free. | Family ticket (2 adults + 2 children under 16): 29.- Euros. | Dogs on a leash: 1.- Euro. | Visitors dressed in historical Western costumes (representing ca. 1740 - 1880) get in for free!

Outside their opening season you can access the premises for free but there will be no shows or other entertainment.

Sunday, 24 March: Palmsonntag

Street Market and Open Stores: Oster-Jahrmarkt, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., in 92318 Neumarkt, on [Volksfestplatz](#), Festplatz 1 (ca. 45 km / 28 miles west of Hohenfels). In the adjacent Kleine Jurahalle, you can find a high-quality artisans market. Stores in the town center will be open 1 - 5 p.m.

Sunday, 24 March - Sunday, 05 May:

Holocaust Exhibition: "Eine Oase des Friedens" in 91438 Bad Windsheim, at the museum "[Kirche in Franken](#)", [Rothenburger Straße 16](#), ph 09841-401-858 (ca. 35 km / 22 miles NW of Ansbach).

It was a unique school in a time of turmoil, the Jewish Girls School in Wolfratshausen (a city about half-way between Munich and Garmisch). Initially, the school taught its students how to lead a Jewish household according to traditional rituals, and it aimed to prepare the girls for their working life. But during the NS regime, the school became a safe-haven for many girls and young women from all over Germany (hence the name of the exhibition: "An Oasis of Peace"). Here they were protected from abuse and segregation, and they were able to prepare for their emigration. The education they received at the school was crucial for getting visas allowing them to travel to safe countries. This exhibition recounts the stories of Jewish families from the points-of-view of women and children. Surviving students - who are now living in Israel, the USA, England, and Canada - have been filmed as they recalled their memories. Their stories give us a very personal, very touching impression of this atrocious past. There is also a special commemoration for all the students who were murdered by the National Socialists.

[This exhibition](#) (only GE) aims to educate young students about the atrocities committed by the Nazis. Special material for schools is being provided.

Good to know: Osterbrunnen (Easter Wells)



In some parts of Germany it is customary to decorate the wells and fountains during Eastertide. Typically, evergreen branches, yellow and purple ribbons, and painted eggs are used in the lovely and sometimes very elaborate Easter wells. Decorating the wells seems to have originally been done in conjunction with an annual spring-cleaning of the

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wells for health purposes. However, "Osterwasser" (Easter Water) drawn from the depths of the well was especially prized by the village girls for improving their complexions as well as protecting livestock from illness. Babies baptized with Osterwasser were said to become extremely intelligent.

There are countless Easter wells in Franconia and the Oberpfalz. The Amberg-Sulzbach county offers [this interactive map](#) - it's only in German but if you click on the city names, it provides you with the addresses of the fountains and some restaurants as well.

But there are also Easter wells in [Marktreuditz](#), in [Schönsee](#), in nearly every town in the Fränkische Schweiz (e.g. Muggendorf, Streitberg, Ebermannstadt, Wellerstadt near Baiersdorf), .. the list goes on. You can see a comprehensive listing of all Osterbrunnen in the Fränkische Schweiz on [this German page](#) (all the names in italics) - with a map! Alternatively, copy the respective city name and paste it into Google Maps or Bing Maps. Beneath the map, you'll find a list of Easter wells in the Fürth area (no map) and numerous photos.

24 March, 2 p.m.: Decorating of the fountain in 85110 Kipfenberg, on Marktplatz = Market Place (near Ingolstadt; ca. 70 km / 43 miles SE of Nürnberg). It will remain decorated until 14 April

In general, Easter Wells stay decorated from Good Friday (Karfreitag) until about two weeks after Easter.

25 - 31 March (Week 13)

Monday, 25 March - Friday, 05 April: Easter break for German schools in Bavaria. [Click here](#) (EN) for school holidays in other German states. These dates do not apply to DoDDS schools, of course.

Thursday - Saturday, 28 - 30 March: [Silence Days](#).

Please be aware that the three days before Easter Sunday are strict silence days: Holy Thursday (Gründonnerstag). | Good Friday (Karfreitag) - today, ALL music is prohibited in all public locations where drinks of any kind are served. | Holy Saturday (Karsamstag). The link will take you to the beginning of this document where you can find further explanation.

Friday, 29 March:

Karfreitag = Good Friday = German holiday. All German stores and authorities off-post are closed, as are all on-post facilities (non-food) with a predominantly local national workforce.

Saturday - Monday, 30 March - 01 April:

Easter Fountain Fest in 92237 Sulzbach-Rosenberg, at the fountain "[Mutter-Kind-Brunnen](#)", Rosenberger Straße corner Theodor-Heuss-Straße (opposite the Rewe and BayWa stores, ca. 20 km / 12.5 miles south of Vilseck). The Easter fountain will be decorated, and you can watch while having a snack and listening to the music - or participate! An inflatable jumping castle will be put up for the children.

Saturday, 30 March - Sunday, 07 April:

Fun Fair: Spring Volksfest in 95448 Bayreuth, [Volksfestplatz](#), Friedrich-Ebert-Straße.

Two fest tents, around 50 rides and lots of activities like fireworks on the first and last days, a family day, a "Miss Volksfest" pageant, or even a boxing event make this [Volksfest](#) (only GE) a great attraction for the whole family.

Sunday, 31 March:

Sport: Second cut-off for registering for the **Regensburg Marathon**. The actual marathon will take place on Sunday, 12 May, 8:30 a.m., in 93047 Regensburg; starting and end point is the Infineon car park, [Wernerwerkstraße](#) / corner Messerschmittstraße. There will also be a trade fair in the large tent at the car park.

[Click here](#) for all pertinent information in English, and [here](#) to register (also in English). You can register for a full

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marathon, a half-marathon, or a quarter-marathon (starts at 11:30). Registration cut-offs and entry fees:

~~First cut-off: 31 Dec. 12. 35 Euros (full) / 25 Euros (half) / 15 Euros (quarter).~~

Second cut-off: 31 March. 40 Euros (full) / 28 Euros (half) / 17 Euros (quarter).

Final cut-off: 05 May. 49 Euros (full) / 34 Euros (half) / 21 Euros (quarter).

Late / last registration: 11 May. 59 Euros (full) / 44 Euros (half) / 26 Euros (quarter).

Sunday + Monday, 31 March + 01 April:

Easter Family Special at the Pullman City Fun Park in 94535 Eging am See, [Ruberting 30](#) (ca. 100 km / 62 miles SE of Regensburg). On Sunday, there will be a large Easter egg hunt for children: THREE THOUSAND eggs are hidden in the fun park, all waiting to be found. In addition, there will be a big show program, to include an American History Show, a Native-American Stunt show, and a Magic Show with Doc Magic Guiseppe and Big Joe.

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Section 3



Every Wednesday:

6 a.m. - 4 p.m.: in 90443 **Nürnberg**, in the large car park on [Kohlenhofstraße](#). Organizer: [Bogner Team](#), ph 0171-794-1826 and 0173-357-6877. If you are using public transport (highly recommendable, see [Notes](#) at the beginning of this document), the Straßenbahn (street car) stops just around the corner, at "Steinbühl".

8 a.m. - 2 p.m., in 96052 **Bamberg**, Hallstadt subdivision, in the car park of the Marktkauf store, along [Laubanger road](#). Organizer: Das Bamberger [Flohmarkt-Team](#), ph 0151-1789-4782.

Every Thursday:

8 a.m. - 3 p.m., in **Bamberg**, in the car park of the Real store, [Kirschäckerstraße 11](#). Organizer: Das Bamberger [Flohmarkt-Team](#), ph 0151-1789-4782.

Every Saturday:

6 a.m. - 4 p.m., in 93059 **Regensburg** inside the building at [Am Protzenweiher 27](#), ph 0941-82-933. The market will not take place on German holidays.

7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., in 74564 **Crailsheim**, [Hofwiesenstraße](#), car park 2 (ca. 50 km / 32 miles west of Ansbach). This is the largest flea market in the area and takes place in the halls at the shopping complex between Möbel Böhn furniture store, Aldi and Media Markt. Organizer: [Enkler](#), ph 0177-678-9351.

Every first Saturday of the month:

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: in 92318 **Neumarkt**, [Volksfestplatz](#) and Jurahallen, Festplatz 1 (ca. 45 km / 28 miles west of Hohenfels). A large selection of everything you do and don't need: toys, antiques, collectibles (coins, stamps etc.), clothes and much more. Kids can enjoy themselves on the inflatable jumping castle during the summer months (April - Oct.), but only when the weather is good! Upcoming [dates](#) in 2013: 02 Feb. | 02 March | 06 April | 04 May. | 01 June | 06 July | None in Aug. | 07 Sep. | 05 Oct. | 02 Nov. | 07 Dec.

Every first Sunday of the month:

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: in 93055 **Regensburg**, in front of the Globus Baumarkt (DITY store), [Sulzfeldstraße 3](#) (next to the Ikea and Hiendl furniture stores). Organizer: [Redas](#), ph 0175-794-4267 (during the event). Next dates in 2013: 06 Jan. | 03 Feb. | 03 March | 07 April | 05 May.

Every second Saturday of the month:

6 a.m. - 3 p.m.: in 90443 **Nürnberg**, [Großsparkplatz](#) (large car park) on Gugelstraße, corner Humboldtstraße.

Every third Sunday of the month:

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: in 93073 **Neutraubling** (next to Regensburg), at the "Globus" store, [Pommernstraße 4](#). Organizer: [Redas](#), ph 0175-794-4267 (during the event). Dates in 2013: 17 Feb. | 17 March | 21 April | 19 May | 16 June | 21 July | 18 Aug. | 15 Sep. | 20 Oct. | 10 Nov. (exception) | 15 Dec.

If you used to go to the Festplatz in Weiden: the site will remain unavailable until further notice.

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Saturday, 02 Feb.:

6 a.m. - 2 p.m.: in 92637 **Weiden**, at the [Spielvereinigung](#) ("Am Langen Steg" subdivision, near hospital). Organizer: [Edenhofner](#), ph. 09676-923-789.

7 a.m. - 4 p.m.: in 91054 **Erlangen** on [Bohlenplatz](#) (between Bamberg and Nürnberg). You can also find the dates on their [Homepage](#) and on their [Facebook page](#) (both only GE).

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6 a.m. - 3 p.m.: in 90449 **Nürnberg**, in the large car park on [Rothenburger Straße](#) / corner Gerbersdorfer Straße.
Organizer: [Bogner Team](#), ph 0171-794-1826 and 0173-357-6877.

Sunday, 03 Feb.:

10 a.m.: in 91522 **Ansbach**, in front of the Media Markt store, [Rothenburger Straße 15](#). Organizer: [Enkler](#), ph 0177-678-9351.

10 a.m.: in 90469 **Nürnberg**, Langwasser subdivision, in the car park of the Aldi store, [Zollhausstraße 22](#). Organizer: [Enkler](#), ph 0177-678-9351. Incidentally, this location is adjacent to the gingerbread producer Lebkuchen Schmidt.

no time specified: at the Autohof (service station) in 91637 **Wörnitz**, [Bastenaue Straße 10 - 12](#), ph 0986-898-940 (ca. 30 km / 20 miles west of Ansbach). Their [Homepage](#) also gives you a listing of the specialty menus being served.

Saturday, 09 Feb.:

9 a.m.: in 92224 **Amberg**, in the car park of the Kaufland store, [Am Bergsteig 1](#). Organizer: [Enkler](#), ph 0177-678-9351.

Sunday, 10 Feb.:

8 a.m.: in 91054 **Erlangen** at the large car park on [Parkplatzstraße](#) along Frankenschnellweg. Organizer: [Bogner Team](#), ph 0171-794-1826 and 0173-357-6877.

10 a.m.: in 91567 **Herrieden**, at the Autohof = service station along the A6, [Am Eichelberg 2](#) (ca. 10 km / 6 miles west of Ansbach). Organizer: [Enkler](#), ph 0177-678-9351.

10 a.m.: in 91257 **Pegnitz**, in the car park of the Kaufland store, [Nürnberger Straße 22](#) (ca. 35 km / 22 miles west of Grafenwöhr). Organizer: [Enkler](#), ph 0177-678-9351.

Saturday, 16 Feb.:

6 a.m. - 2 p.m.: in 92637 **Weiden**, at the [Spielvereinigung](#) ("Am Langen Steg" subdivision, near hospital). Organizer: [Edenhofner](#), ph. 09676-923-789.

Sunday, 17 Feb.:

10 a.m.: in **Ansbach**, in the car park of the Rewe / Attracta stores on [Meinhardswindener Straße](#). Organizer: [Enkler](#), ph 0177-678-9351.

Saturday, 23 Feb.:

7 a.m. - 2 p.m.: in 92224 **Amberg**, Dultplatz, [Bruno-Hofer-Straße](#). Organizer: [Edenhofner](#), ph. 09676-923-789.

Sunday, 24 Feb.:

10 a.m.: in 91732 **Merkendorf**, in the car park of the Rewe store, [Am Wiesengrund 100](#) (ca. 17 km / 11 miles SE of Ansbach). Organizer: [Enkler](#), ph 0177-678-9351.

10 a.m.: in 91541 **Rothenburg**, in the underground car park at the Kaufland store, [Bahnhofstraße 15](#). Organizer: [Enkler](#), ph 0177-678-9351.

----- March -----

Saturday, 02 March:

6 a.m. - 2 p.m.: in 92637 **Weiden**, at the [Spielvereinigung](#) ("Am Langen Steg" subdivision, near hospital). Organizer: [Edenhofner](#), ph. 09676-923-789.

7 a.m. - 4 p.m.: in 91054 **Erlangen** on [Bohlenplatz](#) (between Bamberg and Nürnberg). You can also find the dates on their [Homepage](#) and on their [Facebook page](#) (both only GE).

Sunday, 03 March:

10 a.m.: in 90518 **Altdorf** near Nürnberg, in the [Innenstadt](#) = city center (ca. 45 km / 28 miles west of Amberg). Organizer: [Enkler](#), ph 0177-678-9351.

no time specified: at the Autohof (service station) in 91637 **Wörnitz**, [Bastenaue Straße 10 - 12](#), ph 0986-898-940 (ca. 30 km / 20 miles west of Ansbach). Their [Homepage](#) also gives you a listing of the specialty menus being served.

Saturday, 09 March:

7 a.m. - 2 p.m.: in 92224 **Amberg**, Dultplatz, [Bruno-Hofer-Straße](#). Organizer: [Edenhofner](#), ph. 09676-923-789.

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Saturday, 16 March:

6 a.m. - 2 p.m.: in 92637 **Weiden**, at the [Spielvereinigung](#) ("Am Langen Steg" subdivision, near hospital). Organizer: [Edenhofner](#), ph. 09676-923-789.

no time specified: in 92249 **Vilseck**, at the Mehrzweckhalle (community hall at the Volksschule, the German elementary school), [Am Schnellweiher 2](#).

Saturday, 23 March:

10 a.m.: in 92421 **Schwandorf**, [Festplatz](#), [Angerring](#) / Nürnberger Straße (ca. 45 km / 28 miles north of Regensburg). Organizer: [Edenhofner](#), ph. 09676-923-789.

Saturday, 30 March:

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.: in **Raigering** just outside of 92224 Amberg, car park at the "Sterk" brewery, [Hofmark 2](#). Organizer: [Edenhofner](#), ph. 09676-923-789.

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Farmers Markets

If any of the regular days is a German holiday, the markets are usually held the day prior.

In 92224 **Amberg**: every Wednesday and Saturday, 7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., on [Marktplatz](#) in front of the historical city hall. Click for [suggested free car parks](#)

In 91522 **Ansbach**: every Wednesday and Saturday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., on [Martin-Luther-Platz](#).

In addition to the regular fresh produce markets, local farmers offer their fresh goods every first and third Saturday of the month at the farmers market on Johann-Sebastian-Bach-Platz (same opening hours). Great opportunity to buy seasonal produce as fresh as it gets!

In **Bamberg**: Monday thru Saturday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., on [Maxplatz](#). Closed on Sundays and German holidays.

In 92339 **Beilngries**: Farmers market ("Bauernmarkt") held every Saturday between 9 a.m. and midday, on [Kirchenvorplatz](#).

In addition, they have a "Waren- und Krammarkt" every *other* Tuesday from 8 a.m. to midday on [Ringstraße](#).

Dates in 2013: 12 + 26 Feb. | 12 + 26 March | 09 + 23 April | 14 + 28 May. | 11 + 25 June. | 09 + 23 July. | 13 + 27 Aug. | 17 Sep. only. | 08 + 22 Oct. | 12 + 26 Nov. | 10 Dec. 13 only.

In 92234 **Berching**: a "Warenmarkt" every *first and third* Tuesday of the month, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Dates in 2013: 05 + 19 Feb. | 05 + 19 March | 02 + 16 April | 07 + 21 May. | 04 + 18 June. | 02 + 16 July. | 06 + 20 Aug. | 10 + 24 Sep. | 01 + 15 Oct. | 05 + 19 Nov. | 03 + 17 Dec. 13.

In 92345 **Dietfurt**: every *other* Thursday, 2 - 5 p.m., on [Hauptstraße](#) around the Rathaus (town hall).

Dates in 2013: 07 + 21 Feb. | 07 + 21 March | 04 + 18 April | 02 + 16 May. | 13 + 27 June. | 11 + 25 July. | 08 + 22 Aug. | 05 + 19 Sep. | 17 + 31 Oct. | 14 + 28 Nov. | Only on 12 Dec. 13.

In **Erlangen**: Monday thru Saturday, on [Marktplatz](#). Opening times not specified online.

In addition to the regular fresh produce markets, local farmers offer their fresh goods every Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the farmers market on Rathausplatz.

In 90762 **Fürth**, every Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., on [Waagplatz](#) (ca. 10 km / 6 miles west of Nürnberg).

In 91171 **Greding**: every Friday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., on [Marktplatz](#).

In **Neumarkt**: every Thursday and Saturday, in [Untere Marktstraße](#). Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

In **Parsberg**: every Wednesday and Friday on [Stadtplatz](#). Wednesday 7 a.m. - midday, Friday 2 - 6 p.m.

In **Regensburg**: every Saturday 7 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the [Donaumarkt](#) (right next to the Eiserne Brücke / Iron Bridge).

Closest car parks are "Wöhrdstraße" (at [Wöhrdstraße 18](#)); and adjacent "Unterer Wöhrd" ([Wöhrdstraße 60/62](#)). From either it's just a short walk along the Danube and across the Eiserne Brücke / Iron Bridge.

In **Schweinfurt** every Tuesday and Friday, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., on [Marktplatz](#).

In 92637 **Weiden**: every Wednesday and Saturday 7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Oberer and [Unterer Markt](#) / all around the Altes Rathaus (historical city hall, pedestrian zone).

In 97070 **Würzburg**: Monday thru Saturday, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m., on [Rathausplatz](#). Closed on Sundays and German holidays.

Section 4

Ir-/Regulars

Until Sunday, 17 Feb. 13:

Holocaust Exhibition: "Eine Oase des Friedens" in 97631 Bad Königshofen im Grabfeld, at the museum "[Die Schranne](#)" (GE), [Martin-Reinhard-Straße 9](#), ph 09761-397-9011 (ca. 37 km / 23 miles NE of Schweinfurt). [Click here](#) for a map of suggested car parks around the city center.

It was a unique school in a time of turmoil, the Jewish Girls School in Wolfratshausen (a city about half-way between Munich and Garmisch). Initially, the school taught its students how to lead a Jewish household according to traditional rituals, and it aimed to prepare the girls for their working life. But during the NS regime, the school became a safe-haven for many girls and young women from all over Germany (hence the name of the exhibition: "An Oasis of Peace"). Here they were protected from abuse and segregation, and they were able to prepare for their emigration. The education they received at the school was crucial for getting visas allowing them to travel to safe countries. This exhibition recounts the stories of Jewish families from the points-of-view of women and children. Surviving students - who are now living in Israel, the USA, England, and Canada - have been filmed as they recalled their memories. Their stories give us a very personal, very touching impression of this atrocious past. There is also a special commemoration for all the students who were murdered by the National Socialists.

[This exhibition](#) (only GE) aims to educate young students about the atrocities committed by the Nazis. Special material for schools is being provided.

Approx. End of January to Mid-March:

Astronomy: Best time to see **Zodiacal Light** in the night sky some time after sunset. [Zodiacal light](#) is sunlight reflected back to Earth from interplanetary dust particles. It's best seen about an hour after the sun has set (i.e., when it's dark) before the Spring equinox, and again in the very early morning hours (as much as one to three hours before the actual sunrise) from approx. mid-September to late November / after Autumnal equinox. [Click here](#) for some tips on how to best see and photograph this phenomenon.

Friday, 22 Feb. - Sunday, 24 Mar.:

Culinary Weeks: "Kulinarischer Frühling" in 92339 [Beilngries](#) at various restaurants (ca. 45 km / 28 miles SW of Hohenfels). The participating restaurants will be announced [here](#) (only GE but with map); they are: "Die Gams" at Hauptstraße 16. "Fuchsbräu" at Hauptstraße 23. "Gallus" at Neumarkter Straße 25. "Goldener Hahn" (aka Schattenhofer) at Hauptstraße 44. And "Zur Krone" at Hauptstraße 20. (Participants subject to change.) You can obtain more information from the Beilngries Tourist Info at ph 08461-8435.

Friday, 15 March - Sunday, 05 May:

Orchid Show on the Isle of [Mainau](#) (78465) in the Bodensee (Lake Constance). Beautiful orchids are on display in the Palmenhaus. This show traditionally starts of the tourist season on the isle. While you're there, why not have a stroll around the Easter market inside the Schloss (palace)? It is timed to coincide with the Orchid Show and is open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. And don't miss the Spring Flower Show in the palace church.

The isle is open from sunrise to sunset but the exhibits (museum in the palace, butterfly show, etc.) won't open until 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. respectively.

Although the Bodensee is a bit far from Northern Bavaria (i.e., on the Swiss border), it's certainly worth the trip. While you're in the area, why not visit the "Pfahlbauten-Museum" ([Lake Dwelling Museum](#)) in Unteruhldingen on [Strandpromenade 6](#) (part of 88690 Uhldingen-Mühlhofen)? Dive into the mysterious world of farmers, fishermen, and brass founders of the Stone Age 6000 years ago, and be a witness to the lifestyle of the Bronze Age 3000 years ago. You can find all [pertinent information](#) on their excellent [English website](#).

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Thursday, 21 March - Friday, 12 April:

Culinary Weeks: Have a Fish Dish, in 92237 [Sulzbach-Rosenberg](#) (ca. 20 km / 12.5 miles south of Vilseck). [Click here](#) for car parks closest to the historic Altstadt.

These [participating restaurants](#) (only GE) will offer delicious dishes, each with a different focus:

Hotel-Gasthof "[Zum Bartl](#)", Glückaufstraße 2, ph 09661-876-150 (link only in German).

Hotel-Restaurant "[Bayerischer Hof](#)", Luitpoldplatz 17, ph 09661-876-010 (link in English).

Ristorante "[Imperatore](#)", Rosenberger Straße 22, ph 09661-3755 (link only in German).

Hotel-Restaurant "[Am Sportpark](#)", Schießstätte 29, ph 09661-52-111 (link only in German).

Hotel-Gasthof "[Am Forsthof](#)", Forsthof 8, ph 09661-87-570 (link only in German).

Hotel-Gasthof "[Zum Wulfen](#)", Neukirchner Weg 1, ph 09661-87-150 (link only in German).

Brauerei-Gasthof und Flair-Hotel "[Sperber-Bräu](#)", Rosenberger Straße 14, ph 09661-87-090 (link only in German).

Landhotel "[Neukirchner Hof](#)", in 92259 Neukirchen, Hauptstraße 4, ph 09663-91-410 (link only in German).

Hotel-Gasthof "[Café zur Post](#)", in 92281 Königstein, Marktplatz 2, ph 09665-91-550 (link only in German).

Landhotel "[Weißes Ross](#)", in 92278 Illschwang, Am Kirchberg 1, ph 09666-1334 (link only in German).

Friday, 22 Mar. - Thursday, 25 Apr.:

Art Exhibition of the Kunstkreis Jura in 92318 [Neumarkt](#) at the bank "Raiffeisenbank", Untere Marktstraße 11, ph 09181-2330 (ca. 45 km / 28 miles west of Hohenfels). You can visit during the bank's regular opening hours.

Sunday, 24 Mar. - Sunday, 05 May:

Holocaust Exhibition: "Eine Oase des Friedens" in 91438 Bad Windsheim, at the museum "[Kirche in Franken](#)", [Rothenburger Straße 16](#), ph 09841-401-858 (ca. 35 km / 22 miles NW of Ansbach).

It was a unique school in a time of turmoil, the Jewish Girls School in Wolfratshausen (a city about half-way between Munich and Garmisch). Initially, the school taught its students how to lead a Jewish household according to traditional rituals, and it aimed to prepare the girls for their working life. But during the NS regime, the school became a safe-haven for many girls and young women from all over Germany (hence the name of the exhibition: "An Oasis of Peace"). Here they were protected from abuse and segregation, and they were able to prepare for their emigration. The education they received at the school was crucial for getting visas allowing them to travel to safe countries. This exhibition recounts the stories of Jewish families from the points-of-view of women and children. Surviving students - who are now living in Israel, the USA, England and Canada - have been filmed as they recalled their memories. Their stories give us a very personal, very touching impression of this atrocious past. There is also a special commemoration for all the students who were murdered by the National Socialists.

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Every Saturday:

Hispanic / Latin Nights, 7 p.m. - 3 a.m., in 92655 Grafenwöhr, Afterlife Lounge & Cocktail Bar, Alte Amberger Straße 21, ph 0170-213-9835. Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, Reggaeton, Samba - y mucho mas! You don't know how to Salsa? No problem! Starting Saturday, 05 Feb.11, there are Salsa classes with Ray for only 5.- Euros per person for 2 hours. Find out more at ph 0170-213-9835, Spanish speakers welcome! :)

Every Sunday:

International Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., in 90762 Fürth, at the Kofferfabrik, [Lange Straße 81](#), ph 0911-706-806 (ca. 10 km / 6 miles west of Nürnberg).

Every Sunday, the Kofferfabrik offers a delicious brunch buffet, ranging from "normal" Continental / German breakfast to international brunch specialties. The [theme country](#) (only GE) changes every week, offering you a great opportunity to taste different cuisines. As they are very busy, they ask you to make table reservations either by calling or by using their [online request form](#) (GE). Cost is 13.90 Euros pp. Children under 3 are free, then it's 1 Euro per year-of-age.

The next countries coming up:

03 Feb.: Malaysia.

10 Feb.: Chile.

17 Feb.: Vietnam.

24 Feb.: Turkey.

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03 March: Columbia.
10 March: Madagascar.
17 March: Franconia.
24 March: Italy.
31 March: Thailand.

It is highly recommended you use their [public transport system](#) (only GE): Best use the Park-and-Ride car park "Hardhöhe" along Solderstraße / Gaußstraße. From here, the U-Bahn (underground) will take you to the city center in just four minutes. Exit either at "Rathaus" or "Fürth Hauptbahnhof". The P+R car park has 78 spaces, 2 of which are for handicapped. If you park there between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., you will not be charged for the first four hours. Parking in excess of four hours costs 1.50 Euros total for the whole day ("Tagespauschale"). You can reach the P+R car park from the B8 (Würzburger Straße) when you drive in the "Stadtmitte" (city center) direction, then turn right at Soldnerstraße and continue to corner Gaußstraße.

Every Sunday Until 31 May:

Family Days at the swimming pool, 91171 Greiding, [Am Hallenbad 1](#), ph 08463-1265 (ca. 55 km / 34 miles west of Hohenfels). The indoor swimming pool in Greiding ("[Hallenbad](#)", link only in GE) offers special family days **every Sunday** from 01 October till 31 May, with an increased water temperature of 31°C (88°F).

Every first and second Sunday of the month:

La Statione - Model Train Exhibition, 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., in 95469 Speichersdorf, [Kemnather Straße 7](#), ph 0171-772-1151 (ca. 26 km / 16 miles NW of Grafenwöhr). 220 model trains on 1,000 m²! Closed during May and September!! Admission: 6.- Euros pp, 3.50 Euros per child. Tickets include a 50 cent coupon for the on-site Café Termini. The photos on [their homepage](#) give you an impression of the goings-on.

Classic Cars Exhibition at the "Museum für historische Maybach-Fahrzeuge" (Museum for Classic Maybach Vehicles) in 92318 [Neumarkt](#) (ca. 45 km / 28 miles west of Hohenfels), Holzgartenstraße 8. The [museum](#) (only GE) is open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. except for Mondays and these annual German holidays: 24 + 25 December; 31 December; 1 January.

Various dates throughout the year:

Equestrian events at [Gut Matheshof](#), Kreuth 2, 92286 Rieden - [see here](#) for information in English. All dates and activities are only on the [German calendar](#).

Various dates throughout the year:

Pub Quizzes throughout Middle and Lower Franconia.

"Big Kev Murphy" (actually: Kevin Dardis) is an Englishman who has successfully introduced the ever-so-popular pub quizzes in Franconia. He travels regularly to Nürnberg, Fürth, Erlangen, Ansbach and other places, asking wild and interesting questions in the pubs. Check out his [English homepage](#) for all details as to when, where and what, and give it a try! Or like [his Facebook page](#) (in EN).

Permanent Exhibition:

Harry Potter Studio Tour in the UK, at the Warner Bros. Studios in Leavesden near London, on [Studio Tour Drive](#), WD25 7LR. Leavesden lies 20 miles to the north-west of London. The Warner Bros. [homepage](#) gives you many helpful tips on how to get there. The exhibition is open all year from 10am, except Christmas Day and Boxing Day (25 + 26 Dec.).

This is [an amazing exhibition](#) with many of the film sets we know so well from the Harry Potter films. An absolute must for muggles! Fans can get a better impression and find out more via: [BBC's clip](#) with Rupert Grind (Ron). [Absolute Radio's clip](#) with Tom Felton (Draco). Clip and amazing photos of the Hogwarts model in the [Mail Online](#). Report on [Entertainmentwise.com](#) with more photos. Report in [The Star](#) with a summary of visiting facts at the bottom. (All links are in English.)

Important: All tickets must be bought in advance, they **CANNOT** be bought at the attraction. Please

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ensure you arrive 20 minutes before the time stated on your ticket! [Click here](#) to purchase your tickets, and for other FAQs.

Any Day of the Year:

Geocaching - a GPS Treasure Hunt. Ever heard of [Geocaching](#)? It's the latest craze where you try to find a hidden "treasure" with the help of a GPS system, be it a hand-held GPC device or your mobile phone (with the right software). Watch [this short clip](#) in English that explains everything you need to know. Various websites provide maps with locations - try [Opencaching.de](#) (in EN, GPS coordinates visible beneath "OSM" as you move your mouse), or [Geocaching.com](#) (in EN, not quite so user-friendly but with more locations). You may need to create a free account, though, to receive the actual GPS data. At any rate, searching for the hidden "treasures" is great fun for the whole family, especially the kids. Do give it a try!

Special Days of the Year

Every day is dedicated to a special feature, yet most of us do not know about it. Did you know that February 3rd is [Bubblegum Day](#), and March 1st is [Pig Day](#), for example? Or that January 16th is Appreciate-a-Dragon Day? You can stay up-to-date with all the fun via [Days of the Year](#) on Twitter.

Fußball? Football? Soccer? Ramble!!

Are you looking for an interesting, alternative, and funny round-up of international soccer? Try the [Football Ramble](#) podcast! They are four English soccer fans: [Luke Moore](#) with his incredible knowledge of the game (supports Portsmouth); wacky radio DJ [Pete Donaldson](#) (supports Newcastle); comedian [Jim Campbell](#) (supports Arsenal); and the Christian with the velvet voice, [Marcus Speller](#) (supports Fulham and Hearts). Naturally, as Brits they use the term "football" instead of "soccer".

They always start with an overview of the goings-on in Old Blighty but then spread out and cover the rest of the world's soccer shenanigans, including [Major League Soccer](#) (MLS), La Liga, South American football, and the Bundesliga. Their podcasts regularly reach no. 1 in the sports section on iTunes! And it's a fun way of getting used to some English accents, too. ☺

On their [homepage](#) you'll find their [podcasts](#); the occasional [live transmission](#) of the actual Ramble recording (the time will be announced via Twitter and FB); [a forum](#); and very [informative blogs](#). These excellent blogs are written by outstanding experts such as [Rupert Fryer](#) who is an authority on [South American football](#), BBC's [Andy Brassell](#) (both he and Fryer also write for [Fox Soccer](#)), [James Appell](#) who specializes in Russian and Eastern European football; and [Chris Nee](#) who covers the MLS.

For all of us who are not the biggest soccer fans, there are absolutely crazy, hilarious video clips on [their YouTube channel](#), like the [Rio Ferdinand's Street Soccer Enthusiast](#) (starring the Ramblers), the brilliant [Sportsy Channel](#) (which will have you in stitches), [Bath time with the Ramblers](#), and several other clips for your amusement.

Please be aware that in true British style, some of the language in the pods and on the website is a bit crude at times. If you are interested in watching or even going to a Bundesliga game, you can find the match days and tournaments on [the English Bundesliga homepage](#).

Beyond the Horizon

Do you love looking to the sky and admire the stars but don't know what you're actually looking at? [EarthSky](#) will give you *daily* information in English about what interesting and special conjunctions are happening above us. For an overview of astronomical happenings in 2012, click the [SeaSky Astronomy Calendar](#). And [Astronomy Picture of the Day](#) provides daily amazing photos from space with explanations provided by astronomers, as well as many interesting links. If there are things you don't understand, you can even [Ask A Space Scientist!](#) If you still want more, try [Space.com](#) and the [Hubble Site Gallery](#) which both are excellent in explaining complicated science to the interested layman.

Guided Tours:

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Daily at 1 p.m.: Walking Tours of Nürnberg in English

Nuremberg was once an imperial residence, powerful free imperial city and international trading center. The prosperous city provided the ideal basis for an active cultural and intellectual life and the arts: Even today numerous buildings, monuments and artworks still reflect its former importance. The [guided tour](#) through the Old Town offers information and insights on the castle, the fountains and wells, churches and art as well as the city itself past and present.

Meeting point: Tourist Office at the Main Market Square ([Hauptmarkt](#)). Duration: approx. 2 ½ hrs. Price: 9.- Euros per person, plus price of admission to castle (2.- Euros pp). Children under 14 free in the company of their parents.

Daily at 2 p.m.: Guided Tour of 91541 Rothenburg in English, of the most important sights in the historical district
Meeting point: Market Square. Duration: ca. 90 minutes. Fee: 6.- Euros per person, payable cash to the tour guide

Daily: Guided Tour in English of 91541 Rothenburg, with "The Executioner". Meet on [Marktplatz](#), no prior booking required. The tours take place every day and cost 7.- Euros per person. Children under 12 are free. There are tours [in German](#), starting at 9:30 p.m., and also [in English](#), starting at 7 p.m. If you click in the link and scroll down, you can watch a 5-minute promo clip for the executioner's tour (in English but with a lovely Franconian accent). The clip shows some interesting hidden places that you normally don't get to see. [Click for a map](#) of car parks around the historical Altstadt.

Between 12 January 2013 and 09 March 2013, the tours will only take place Saturdays and Sundays! Then it will return to a daily schedule again. No tours on 24 and 31 December.

Every Wednesday and Saturday 1:30 p.m.: Guided Tour of Regensburg, in English - "Experience a Historical City"

In the course of this individually accented tour you get to know the Old City, with its patrician towered houses, the cathedral, the Old City Hall (all from the outside), the Stone Bridge and the Porta Praetoria. Our well-versed guides will be glad to answer any special questions you have, based on your own personal interests.

Fees: Adults 8.- Euros, Reduced 5.- Euros, Families 12.- Euros. Duration: 1.5 hours.

Meeting point: Tourist-Information - Altes Rathaus, [Rathausplatz](#), 93047 Regensburg, ph. 0941-507-4410.

[Closest free car parks](#) are "Dultplatz" ([Am Protzenweiher/ Oberpfalzbrücke](#)); adjacent "Protzenweiher" (opposite [Protzenweiher 27](#)); neighbouring "Wöhrdstraße" (at [Wöhrdstraße 18](#)); and adjacent "Unterer Wöhrd" ([Wöhrdstraße 60/62](#)). There is also the "Donaumarkt" parking lot ([Donaumarkt 1](#)) which is "a walk across the bridge" closer than the "Wöhrdstraße" car park, but it's not free-of-charge, and it's blocked on Saturday mornings for the Regensburg produce market. From any of these car parks it's only a very short walk across one of the bridges, and you're there. BTW, did you know you can get a map of Regensburg's city center from the Tourist Info for free? Go to the "Altes Rathaus" (old city hall) as directed by the brown signs, and ask for a copy.

Every Friday 7 p.m.: The Nuremberg Nightwatch Tour, in English - with the [night watchwoman](#)

Re-live history through original, funny and exciting stories with the historian Dr. Ute Jaeger aka the night watchwoman. Discover the traditional parts of Nürnberg and enjoy its most beautiful sights! Meeting Point is the fountain "Schöner Brunnen", Am [Hauptmarkt](#), 90403 Nürnberg (in the pedestrian zone). Fees are 9.- Euros pp.

Every Saturday, 1 p.m.: Guided Tour of 97070 Würzburg in English

Your stroll starts at the Falkenhaus (location of the Tourist Info, ph 0931-372-398) with its elaborate Rococo facade, followed by a visit to the Marienkapelle (St. Mary's Chapel) featuring sandstone sculptures by Tilman Riemenschneider. Other highlights include the historical town hall building and the Romanesque cathedral "St. Kilian". From the bridge Alte Mainbrücke, you can enjoy fantastic views of the fortress Marienberg, the pilgrimage church Käppele and the famous vineyards. Tour lasts around 1.5 hrs, tickets cost 6.- Euros per adult. Between 07 May and 29 October, additional English tours are held every Friday at 1 p.m.

Every Saturday, 2 p.m.: Guided Tour in English of Albrecht Dürer's House in Nürnberg's historical city center, [Albrecht-Dürer-Straße 39](#) (in the pedestrian zone). Admission is 5.- Euros (normal), 2.50. Euros (reduced)
Famous painter Albrecht Dürer lived in Nürnberg (1471 – 1528) – you might know him best for his "[Praying Hands](#)" –, and his original residence in Nürnberg's pretty city center has been converted to a museum. Every Saturday, an

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actress in historical gowns offers guided tours of the house in English, telling its history from the viewpoint of Dürer's wife Agnes.

Every Saturday, 3 p.m.: Guided Tour in English of the Church of St. Jacob's in 91541 [Rothenburg](#).

A public and free tour in English of the famous St.-Jakobs-Kirche (church). You only pay the entrance fee for the church: 2.- Euros for adults; 0.50 Euros for students, pupils; groups from 10 person: 1.50 Euros. No reservation necessary! Duration: ca. 45 minutes. Meeting Point: front row inside the church.

Every Saturday, 8 p.m.: Guided Tour in English with the Night-Watchman in 91541 Rothenburg on [Marktplatz](#)

= Market Place. Starting 14 Jan. 2012, you can take a walk back in time with the Night-watchman through the romantically-lit streets of Rothenburg. Meeting point is on Market Square, the tour lasts about 60 minutes. Fee is 7.- Euros per person, payable in cash to the Night-watchman.

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Tickets to nearly all concerts and performances mentioned below can also be bought here:

Amberg: newspaper "Amberger Zeitung" - ticket service 09621-306230

Nürnberg: Kultur-Information at the Nürnberg-Info, Kopfbau, Königstraße 93, 90402 Nürnberg, Ph 0911-231-4000
Theater- und Concertkasse Karstadt, Königstraße 14, Ph 0911-213-2050

Online: [Oberpfalzkarten](#) (more local events)
[Eventim](#) (Germany-wide, partly in English)
[Argo-Konzerte](#) (many events in Franconia but not restricted to this area)
[TicketOnline](#) (Germany-wide)
[Mittelbayerische](#) (Germany-wide)
[Konzertkarten](#) (Germany-wide)
[Der Kartenvorverkauf](#) (Regensburg)
[Tickets Concertbüro Franken](#) (many events in Franconia)

Weiden: newspaper "Der Neue Tag" ticket service, ph 0961-85550

If you don't like to drive into **Nürnberg** because of the fast traffic and the rude German drivers, there's a great alternative: the train! All train stations that are part of the "Verkehrsverbund Großraum Nürnberg" = VGN ([English](#) and [German](#) homepage) offer special tickets. Click on [this interactive map](#) to see which locations are part of the VGN (only available on the German page). Amberg, Freihung and Vilseck are VGN train stations, for example. At the participating train stations, you can purchase a special VGN family ticket for regular trains that take you straight into Nürnberg city center / Hauptbahnhof = main train station.

In Nürnberg, the VGN ticket allows you to use all buses and S- and U-Bahnen (over- and underground trains) within Nürnberg's city limits for free! This way you could visit the zoo in the morning and do some shopping in the afternoon, for example. And then comfortably travel back home without having to worry about traffic.

But that's not all: if you purchase a VGN ticket, [some establishments](#) offer you a reduced entry fare - including the Nürnberg zoo!

Most of the links below are in English wherever possible. **If you want to order a ticket online and the provided link defaults to German, please change the language to "Germany - English" in drop-down menu in the top right corner.**

24 Jan. - 19 Apr.: The Ten Tenors on tour. [Tour overview](#).

For many years, the Ten Tenors (TTT) have captured audiences around the world with their unique show, excellent voices, and a boyish charm. Their repertoire includes modern pop songs in their classical repertoire and encourage the whole audience to dance along to their songs! More about the artist: [Homepage](#). [YouTube](#). [MySpace](#).

Saturday 02 Feb., 8 p.m., in 93053 Regensburg, at the Auditorium Maximum, [Albertus-Magnus-Straße 2](#). - [Tickets](#).

Tuesday, 05 Feb., 8 p.m., in 68161 Mannheim, at the Rosengarten (Mozartsaal), [Am Rosengartenplatz 2](#), ph 0621-41060. - [Tickets](#).

Sunday, 01 Mar., 7 p.m., in 65929 Frankfurt am Main, at the Jahrhunderthalle, [Pfaffenwiese 301](#), ph 069-360-1222. - [Tickets](#). - Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#) (interactive map and links, text only GE), and using the [public transport system](#) (in English).

Wednesday, 20 Mar., 8 p.m., in 70469 Stuttgart, at the Theaterhaus am Pragsattel, [Siemensstraße 11](#). - [Tickets](#).

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Friday, 05 Apr., 8 p.m., in 74072 Heilbronn, at the Festhalle Harmonie, [Allee 28](#), ph 0713-187-955 (ca. 115 km / 70 miles west of Ansbach). - [Tickets](#).

Saturday, 13 Apr., 8 p.m., in 80335 München / Munich, at the Circus-Krone-Bau, [Marsstraße 43](#). - [Tickets](#). - Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (both links are in English).

Friday + Monday, 01 + 04 Feb.: Cosmo Jarvis. [Tour overview](#).

Friday, 01 Feb., 9 p.m., in 91054 Erlangen, at the [E-Werk](#), [Fuchsenwiese 1](#), ph 09131-80-050 (ca. 23 km / 15 miles north of Nürnberg). - [Tickets](#).

A large car park is located at [Parkplatzstraße](#) (surrounded by Friedrich-List-Straße / 2240, and Münchener Straße). This is directly opposite the Hauptbahnhof (main train station) and only yards away from the Altstadt (city center), the Schloss (mansion), and the Botanic Garden.

Monday, 04 Feb., 8:30 p.m., in 81373 München / Munich, at the Feierwerk / Kranhalle, [Hansastraße 39](#). - [Tickets](#).

Wednesday + Friday, 06 + 08 Feb.: Hits from the 60s and 70s. With Dozy, Beaky, Mick & Tich; and Middle of the Road. [Tour overview](#).

Wednesday, 06 Feb., 8 p.m., in 94315 Straubing, on the fest site [Am Hagen](#) along the Westtangente road (ca. 44 km / 28 miles SE of Regensburg). - [Tickets](#).

Friday, 08 Feb., 8 p.m., in 90478 Nürnberg, at the kleine [Meistersingerhalle](#), [Münchener Straße 21](#), ph 0911-231-8000. - [Tickets](#). - Due to the difficult parking situation, it is highly recommended you take the train into Nürnberg. See [the tips](#) on the first page of this document.

Tuesday, 12 Feb., 7:30 p.m.: Fun Fasching with Blechschaden in 81667 München / Munich, at the Philharmonie im Gasteig, [Rosenheimer Straße 5](#). Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (both links are in English). - [Tickets](#).

Tuesday, 12 Mar., 8 p.m.: Jessye Norman in 81667 München / Munich, at the Philharmonie im Gasteig, [Rosenheimer Straße 5](#). Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (both links are in English). - [Tickets](#).

19 - 25 Mar.: Gretchen Peters. [Tour overview](#).

Wednesday, 20 Mar., 8:30 p.m., in 81667 München / Munich, at the Muffathalle, [Zellstraße 4](#). - [Tickets](#). Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (both in English).

Sunday, 24 Mar., 8 p.m., in 90441 Nürnberg, at the [Hirsch](#), [Vogelweiherstraße 66](#), ph 0911-429-414. - [Tickets](#). Due to the difficult parking situation, it is highly recommended you take the train into Nürnberg. See [the tips](#) on the first page of this document.

Monday, 25 Mar., 9 p.m., in 60313 Frankfurt am Main, at the "Nachtleben", [Kurt-Schumacher-Straße 45](#). - [Tickets](#). Again, please consider parking your car in [P+R car park](#) (interactive map and links, text only GE), and using the [public transport system](#) (in English).

Thursday, 21 Mar., 8 p.m.: Jamie Lidell in 81667 München / Munich, at the Ampere / Muffathalle, [Zellstraße 4](#). - [Tickets](#). - [Tour overview](#). Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (both links are in English).

Friday + Thursday, 22 + 28 Feb.: Coppelius. [Tour overview](#).

Friday, 22 Feb., 8 p.m., in 80639 München / Munich, at the "Backstage Werk" (aka "Soul City" and BR-Studio 1), [Reitknechtstraße 6](#), ph 089-1266-100. Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (both links are in English). - [Tickets](#).

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Thursday, 28 Feb., 8 p.m., in 90441 Nürnberg, at the [Hirsch, Vogelweiherstraße 66](#), ph 0911-429-414. - [Tickets](#).
Due to the difficult parking situation, it is highly recommended you take the train into Nürnberg. See [the tips](#) on the first page of this document.

05 - 19 Mar.: Joe Bonamassa. [Tour overview](#).

Saturday, 09 Mar., 8 p.m., in 70174 Stuttgart, at the Liederhalle (Beethovensaal), [Berliner Platz 1-3](#), ph 0711-202-7710. - [Tickets](#).

Monday, 11 Mar., 8 p.m., in 90478 Nürnberg, at the kleine [Meistersingerhalle, Münchener Straße 21](#), ph 0911-231-8000. Due to the difficult parking situation, it is highly recommended you take the train into Nürnberg. See [the tips](#) on the first page of this document. - [Tickets](#).

Tuesday, 12 Mar., 8 p.m., in 80809 München / Munich, at the kleine [Olympiahalle, Spiridon-Louis-Ring 21](#) / Eingang Ost (east entrance). The only car park is located at the Olympiapark: 80809 München, Olympiapark Parkharfe, [Spiridon-Louis-Ring 100](#). It is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#). - [Tickets](#).

Thursday, 14 Mar., 8 p.m., in 44139 Dortmund, at the Westfalenhalle 1, [Rheinlanddamm 200](#) (ca. 100 km / 60 miles NE of Cologne). - [Tickets](#).

Sunday, 17 Mar., 8 p.m., in 20355 Hamburg, at the CCH, Am Dammtor. - [Tickets](#).

Again, it is highly recommended you use the [public transport system](#) (in EN), as parking is a nightmare in Hamburg, you get towed in no time at all, and towing charges are incredibly high. The "Dammtor (CCH/Messe)" S-Bahn = overground train station is right in front of the CCH.

28 Mar - 06 Apr.: Justin Bieber.

Thursday, 28 Mar., 6:30 p.m., in 80809 München / Munich, at the [Olympiastadion, Spiridon-Louis-Ring 21](#) / Eingang Ost (east entrance). The only car park is located at the Olympiapark: 80809 München, Olympiapark Parkharfe, [Spiridon-Louis-Ring 100](#). It is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#). - [Tickets](#).

Sunday, 03 Mar., 6:30 p.m., in 10243 Berlin, at the o2 World, [O2-Platz 1](#), ph 030-2060-7080. - [Tickets](#).
As with all big cities, it is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN).

Tuesday, 02 Apr, 6:30 p.m., in 22525 Hamburg, at the o2 World, [Sylvesterallee 10](#), ph 040-88-1630. - [Tickets](#).
Again, it is highly recommended you use the [public transport system](#) (in EN), as parking is a nightmare in Hamburg, you get towed in no time at all, and towing charges are incredibly high.

Wednesday, 03 Apr., 6:30 p.m., in 60325 Frankfurt am Main, at the Festhalle / Messe, [Ludwig-Erhard-Anlage 1](#). - [Tickets](#).

Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#) (interactive map and links, text only GE), and using the [public transport system](#) (in English).

Friday, 05 Apr., 6:30 p.m., in 44139 Dortmund, at the Westfalenhalle 1, [Rheinlanddamm 200](#) (ca. 100 km / 60 miles NE of Cologne). - [Tickets](#).

Saturday, 06 Apr., 6:30 p.m., in 50679 Köln = Cologne, at the Lanxess-Arena, [Willy-Brandt-Platz 3](#), ph 0221-8021. - [Tickets](#).

It is highly recommended you park your car on a [P+R car park](#) (in EN) on the city's outskirts and use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN).

05 Apr. - 16 May: Eros Ramazzotti. [Tour overview](#).

Friday + Saturday, 05 + 06 Apr., 8 p.m., in 80809 München / Munich, at the [Olympiahalle, Spiridon-Louis-Ring 21](#) / Eingang Ost (east entrance). The only car park is located at the Olympiapark: 80809 München, Olympiapark Parkharfe, [Spiridon-Louis-Ring 100](#). It is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#). Tickets for [Fri](#) / [Sat](#).

Tuesday, 23 Apr., 8 p.m., in 50679 Köln = Cologne, at the Lanxess-Arena, [Willy-Brandt-Platz 3](#), ph 0221-8021. - [Tickets](#).

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Thursday, 25 Apr., 8 p.m., in 90471 Nürnberg, at the [Arena, Kurt-Leucht-Weg 11](#), ph 0911-9889-7280. - [Tickets](#). Due to the difficult parking situation, it is highly recommended you take the train into Nürnberg. See [the tips](#) on the first page of this document.

Saturday, 04 May, 8 p.m., in 60325 Frankfurt am Main, at the Festhalle / Messe, [Ludwig-Erhard-Anlage 1](#). - [Tickets](#). Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#) (interactive map and links, text only GE), and using the [public transport system](#) (in English).

Sunday, 05 May, 8 p.m., in 70327 Stuttgart, at the Porsche-Arena (aka Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Halle), [Mercedesstraße 69](#). - [Tickets](#).

Thursday, 16 May, 8 p.m., in 10243 Berlin, at the o2 World, [O2-Platz 1](#), ph 030-2060-7080. - [Tickets](#). As with all big cities, it is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN).

06 - 25 April: Lana del Rey. [Tour overview](#).

Saturday, 06 Apr., 8 p.m., in 22525 Hamburg, at the o2 World, [Sylvesterallee 10](#), ph 040-88-1630. - [Tickets](#). Again, it is highly recommended you use the [public transport system](#) (in EN), as parking is a nightmare in Hamburg, you get towed in no time at all, and towing charges are incredibly high.

Monday, 15 Apr., 8 p.m., in 10407 Berlin, at the Velodrom, [Paul-Heyse-Straße 26](#), ph 030-443-045. - [Tickets](#). As with all big cities, it is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN). The S-Bahn station Landsberger Allee is about 200 yards away, serviced by overground trains S8, S41, S42, and S85.

Thursday, 25 Apr., 8 p.m., in 80939 München - Freimann, at the [Zenith, Lilienthalallee 29](#). Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (both links are in English). - [Tickets](#).

11 - 23 Apr.: Anastacia.

Thursday, 11 Apr., 8 p.m., in 70174 Stuttgart, at the Liederhalle (Beethovensaal), [Berliner Platz 1-3](#), ph 0711-202-7710. - [Tickets](#).

Wednesday, 17 Apr., 8 p.m., in 10963 Berlin, at the Tempodrom, [Möckernstraße 10](#), ph 030-747-370. - [Tickets](#). As with all big cities, it is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN).

Monday, 22 Apr., 8 p.m., in 60313 Frankfurt am Main, at the Alte Oper, [Opernplatz](#), ph 069-134-0215. - [Tickets](#). Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#) (interactive map and links, text only GE), and using the [public transport system](#) (in English).

Tuesday, 23 Apr., 8 p.m., in 81667 München / Munich, at the Philharmonie im Gasteig, [Rosenheimer Straße 5](#). - [Tickets](#). Please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (links in EN).

12 Apr. - 26 May: Joe Cocker. [Tour overview](#).

Friday, 12 Apr., 8 p.m., in 80809 München / Munich, at the [Olympiastadion, Spiridon-Louis-Ring 21 / Eingang Ost](#) (east entrance). The only car park is located at the Olympiapark: 80809 München, Olympiapark Parkharfe, [Spiridon-Louis-Ring 100](#). It is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#). - [Tickets](#).

Saturday, 13 Apr., 8 p.m., in 90471 Nürnberg, at the [Arena, Kurt-Leucht-Weg 11](#), ph 0911-9889-7280. - [Tickets](#). Due to the difficult parking situation, it is highly recommended you take the train into Nürnberg. See [the tips](#) on the first page of this document.

Monday, 22 Apr., 8 p.m., in 50679 Köln = Cologne, at the Lanxess-Arena, [Willy-Brandt-Platz 3](#), ph 0221-8021. - [Tickets](#). It is highly recommended you park your car on a [P+R car park](#) (in EN) on the city's outskirts and use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN).

Wednesday, 24 Apr., 8 p.m., in 60325 Frankfurt am Main, at the Festhalle / Messe, [Ludwig-Erhard-Anlage 1](#). - [Tickets](#). Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#) (interactive map and links, text only GE), and using the [public transport system](#) (in English).

Thursday, 25 Apr., 8 p.m., in 10243 Berlin, at the o2 World, [O2-Platz 1](#), ph 030-2060-7080. - [Tickets](#). As with all big cities, it is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN).

Sunday, 28 Apr., 7 p.m., in 68163 Mannheim, at the SAP Arena, [Xaver-Fuhr-Straße 150](#). - [Tickets](#).

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Saturday, 04 May, 8 p.m., in 70327 Stuttgart, at the Porsche-Arena (aka Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Halle), [Mercedesstraße 69](#). - [Tickets](#).

Wednesday, 08 May, 8 p.m., in 22525 Hamburg, at the o2 World, [Sylvesterallee 10](#), ph 040-88-1630. - [Tickets](#).
Again, it is highly recommended you use the [public transport system](#) (in EN), as parking is a nightmare in Hamburg, you get towed in no time at all, and towing charges are incredibly high.

Tuesday, 16 Apr., 8 p.m.: Black Veil Brides in 80639 München / Munich, at the "Backstage Werk" (aka "Soul City" and BR-Studio 1), [Reitknechtstraße 6](#), ph 089-1266-100. - [Tickets](#).

Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (both links in EN).

Friday, 19 Apr., 8 p.m.: Helloween in 96160 Geiselwind, at the Eventzentrum Autohof Strohofer, [Scheinfelder Straße 21](#) (ca. 70 km / 43 miles NE of Nürnberg). - [Tickets](#). - [Tour overview](#).

Sunday, 28 Apr., 8 p.m.: Ellie Goulding in 81671 München, at the Theaterfabrik, [Friedenstraße 10](#). - [Tickets](#).

Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (both in English).

03 - 26 May: Ian Anderson from Jethro Tull. [Tour overview](#).

Tuesday, 07 May, 8 p.m., in 10963 Berlin, at the Tempodrom, [Möckernstraße 10](#), ph 030-747-370. - [Tickets](#).

As with all big cities, it is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN).

Sunday, 12 May, 8 p.m., in 74072 Heilbronn, at the Festhalle Harmonie, [Allee 28](#), ph 0713-187-955 (ca. 115 km / 70 miles west of Ansbach). - [Tickets](#).

Wednesday, 15 May, 8 p.m., in 80335 München / Munich, at the Circus-Krone-Bau, [Marsstraße 43](#). - [Tickets](#).

Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (both in English).

Thursday, 09 May, 8 p.m.: Feuerschwanz in 91054 Erlangen, at the [E-Werk](#), [Fuchsenwiese 1](#), ph 09131-80-050 (ca. 23 km / 15 miles north of Nürnberg). - [Tickets](#).

A large car park is located at [Parkplatzstraße](#) (surrounded by Friedrich-List-Straße / 2240, and Münchener Straße). This is directly opposite the Hauptbahnhof (main train station) and only yards away from the Altstadt (city center), the Schloss (mansion), and the Botanic Garden.

18 May - 22 June: Bon Jovi.

Saturday, 18 May, 6 p.m., in 80809 München / Munich, at the [Olympiastadion](#), [Spiridon-Louis-Ring 21](#) / Eingang Ost (east entrance). - [Tickets](#). - The only car park is located at the Olympiapark: 80809 München, Olympiapark Parkharfe, [Spiridon-Louis-Ring 100](#). It is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#).

Tuesday, 18 June, 6 p.m., in 14053 Berlin, at the Olympiastadion at [Olympischer Platz](#). - [Tickets](#).

As with all big cities, it is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN).

Friday, 21 June, 6 p.m., in 70372 Stuttgart, at the Cannstatter Wasen (fest site) along [Mercedesstraße 32](#). - [Tickets](#).

Saturday, 22 June, 6 p.m., in 50933 Köln = Cologne, at the RheinEnergie-Stadion on Aachener Strasse 999. - [Tickets](#). It is highly recommended you park your car on a [P+R car park](#) (in EN) on the city's outskirts and use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN). The "RheinEnergie-Stadion" and "Junkersdorf" U-Bahn stations (Underground station) are just a few yards away from the stadium, both on U-Bahn line 1.

26 May - 07 July: Bruce Springsteen. [Tour overview](#).

Sunday, 26 May, 7 p.m., in 80809 München / Munich, at the [Olympiastadion](#), [Spiridon-Louis-Ring 21](#) / Eingang Ost (east entrance). - [Tickets](#). The only car park is located at the Olympiapark: 80809 München, Olympiapark Parkharfe, [Spiridon-Louis-Ring 100](#). It is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#).

Tuesday, 28 May, 7 p.m., in 30169 Hannover, at the AWD Arena, [Arthur-Menge-Ufer 5](#), ph 0800 520-2010. - [Tickets](#).

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Friday, 05 July, 7 p.m., in 41179 Mönchengladbach, at the Borussia-Park, [Hennes-Weisweiler-Allee 1](#) (ca. 75 km / 45 miles NW of Cologne). - [Tickets](#).

Sunday, 07 July, 7 p.m., in 04105 Leipzig, at the Zentralstadion (aka Red Bull Arena), [Am Sportforum 3](#) (ca. 260 km / 160 miles north of Weiden). - [Tickets](#).

29 May - 18 June: Eric Clapton. [Tour overview](#).

Wednesday, 29 May, 8 p.m., in 60325 Frankfurt am Main, at the Festhalle / Messe, [Ludwig-Erhard-Anlage 1](#). - [Tickets](#). Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#) (interactive map and links, text only GE), and using the [public transport system](#) (in English).

Thursday, 30 May, 20:00, in 10243 Berlin, at the o2 World, [O2-Platz 1](#), ph 030-2060-7080. - [Tickets](#). As with all big cities, it is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN).

Saturday, 01 June, 8 p.m., in 22525 Hamburg, at the o2 World, [Sylvesterallee 10](#), ph 040-88-1630. - [Tickets](#). Again, it is highly recommended you use the [public transport system](#) (in EN), as parking is a nightmare in Hamburg, you get towed in no time at all, and towing charges are incredibly high.

Sunday, 09 June, 20:00, in 80809 München / Munich, at the [Olympiastadion](#), [Spiridon-Louis-Ring 21](#) / Eingang Ost (east entrance). The only car park is located at the Olympiapark: 80809 München, Olympiapark Parkharfe, [Spiridon-Louis-Ring 100](#). It is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#). - [Tickets](#).

Wednesday, 12 June, 8 p.m., in 70327 Stuttgart, at the Porsche-Arena (aka Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Halle), [Mercedesstraße 69](#). - [Tickets](#).

Saturday, 15 June, 8 p.m., in 50679 Köln = Cologne, at the Lanxess-Arena, [Willy-Brandt-Platz 3](#), ph 0221-8021. - [Tickets](#). It is highly recommended you park your car on a [P+R car park](#) (in EN) on the city's outskirts and use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN).

Tuesday, 18 June, 8 p.m., in 90471 Nürnberg, at the [Arena](#), [Kurt-Leucht-Weg 11](#), ph 0911-9889-7280. - [Tickets](#). Due to the difficult parking situation, it is highly recommended you take the train into Nürnberg. See [the tips](#) on the first page of this document.

Friday + Saturday, 31 May + 01 June: David Guetta. Unfortunately he's nowhere near Bavaria.

Friday, 31 May, 6 p.m., in 41179 Mönchengladbach, at the Warsteiner Hockey-Park, [Am Hockeypark 1](#), ph 02161-3077-2450 (ca. 75 km / 45 miles NW of Cologne). - [Tickets](#).

Saturday, 01 June, 7:30 p.m., in 30539 Hannover, [Expo Plaza 1](#), ph 0511-860-2949 (ca. 160 km / 100 miles south of Hamburg). Tram lines 6 and 16 stop at station "Messe Ost" which is adjacent to the site. - [Tickets](#).

01 June - 05 July: Depeche Mode. [Tour overview](#).

Saturday, 01 June, 8 p.m., in 80809 München / Munich, at the [Olympiastadion](#), [Spiridon-Louis-Ring 21](#) / Eingang Ost (east entrance). - [Tickets](#). - The only car park is located at the Olympiapark: 80809 München, Olympiapark Parkharfe, [Spiridon-Louis-Ring 100](#). It is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#).

Monday, 03 June, 7:30 p.m., in 70327 Stuttgart, at the Mercedes-Benz-Arena, [Mercedesstraße 87](#). - [Tickets](#).

Wednesday, 05 June, 8 p.m., in 60528 Frankfurt, at the Commerzbank-Arena, [Mörfelder Landstraße 362](#). - [Tickets](#). The arena is near the Frankfurt airport, and the "Waldparkplatz" car park is right next to it. Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#) (interactive map and links, text only GE), and using the [public transport system](#) (in EN).

Wednesday + Friday, 03 + 05 July, 8 p.m. both days, in 40474 Düsseldorf, at the [LTU-Arena](#) (partly in EN), [Arenastraße 1](#), ph 0211-1598-1200 (ca. 40 km / 25 miles north of Cologne). - Tickets for [Wednesday](#) and [Friday](#).

04 - 16 June: Alicia Keys. [Tour overview](#).

Tuesday, 04 June, 8 p.m., in 60325 Frankfurt am Main, at the Festhalle / Messe, [Ludwig-Erhard-Anlage 1](#). - [Tickets](#). Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#) (interactive map and links, text only GE), and using the [public transport system](#) (in English).

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Wednesday, 05 June, 8 p.m., in 50679 Köln = Cologne, at the Lanxess-Arena, [Willy-Brandt-Platz 3](#), ph 0221-8021. - [Tickets](#). It is highly recommended you park your car on a [P+R car park](#) (in EN) on the city's outskirts and use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN).

Monday, 10 June, 8 p.m., in 22525 Hamburg, at the o2 World, [Sylvesterallee 10](#), ph 040-88-1630. - [Tickets](#). Again, it is highly recommended you use the [public transport system](#) (in EN), as parking is a nightmare in Hamburg, you get towed in no time at all, and towing charges are incredibly high.

Sunday, 16 June, 8 p.m., in 80809 München / Munich, at the [Olympiastadion](#), [Spiridon-Louis-Ring 21](#) / Eingang Ost (east entrance). The only car park is located at the Olympiapark: 80809 München, Olympiapark Parkharfe, [Spiridon-Louis-Ring 100](#). It is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#). - [Tickets](#).

06 - 09 June: Bobby McFerrin.

Thursday, 06 June, 8 p.m., in 44135 Dortmund, at the Konzerthaus, [Brückstraße 21](#), ph 0231-226-960 (ca. 100 km / 60 miles NE of Cologne). - [Tickets](#).

Saturday, 08 June, 8 p.m., in 97070 Würzburg, Congress Centrum, Franconia Saal, [Pleichertorstraße](#). - [Tickets](#).

Sunday, 09 June, 8 p.m., in 81667 München / Munich, at the Philharmonie im Gasteig, [Rosenheimer Straße 5](#). - [Tickets](#). Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (both links in EN).

20 June - 01 July: Crosby, Stills & Nash. [Tour overview](#).

Sunday, 23 June, 8 p.m., in 68163 Mannheim, at the SAP Arena, [Xaver-Fuhr-Straße 150](#). - [Tickets](#).

Wednesday, 26 June, 8 p.m., in 91183 [Burg Abenberg](#), Burgstraße 16 (ca. 30 km / 19 miles south of Nürnberg). - [Tickets](#).

Friday, 28 June, 8 p.m., in 10437 Berlin, at the Max-Schmeling-Halle, [Falkplatz 1](#), ph 030-443-045. - [Tickets](#). As with all big cities, it is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN).

Saturday, 29 June, 7 p.m., in 22303 Hamburg, at the Stadtpark Freilichtbühne, [Saarlandstraße 71](#) / corner Jahnring. Again, it is highly recommended you use the [public transport system](#) (in EN), as parking is a nightmare in Hamburg, you get towed in no time at all, and towing charges are incredibly high. - [Tickets](#).

Monday, 01 July, 7 p.m., in München / Munich, as part of the Tollwood Festival. Details see there. - [Tickets](#).

20 June - 02 July: Joe Satriani. [Tour overview](#).

21 - 23 June: Southside Festival in 78579 Neuhausen ob Eck, "[take-off](#)" [Gewerbepark](#) (ca. 230 km / 145 miles west of Munich; or 135 km / 85 miles south of Stuttgart). They are twinned with the Hurricane Festival (see next para). The two festivals offer a truly mind-blowing Line-Up: Rammstein (!!!), Queens of the Stone Age, Arctic Monkeys, The Hives, The Gaslight Anthem, NOFX, Danko Jones, Of Monsters and Men, [and many more](#) (in EN). You can buy your Tickets from [Eventim](#) or via [their Homepage](#). Their homepage also provides you [directions](#) (shuttle buses will run from the train station!) and [camping tips](#), along with much other information. All links are in English!

21 - 23 June: Hurricane Festival in 27383 Scheeßel, Eichenring / [Scheeßeler Straße](#) (ca. 75 km / 47 miles SW of Hamburg). Twinned with the Southside Festival (see para above), they feature the same confirmed acts: Rammstein, Queens of the Stone Age, Arctic Monkeys, The Hives, The Gaslight Anthem, NOFX, Danko Jones, Of Monsters and Men, [and many more](#). You can buy your Tickets from [Eventim](#) or via [their Homepage](#). Their homepage also provides you [directions](#) and [camping tips](#), along with much other information. All links are in English!

Friday, 06 July: Booboo's Soul Shack in 92237 Sulzbach-Rosenberg, at the "Historische Druckerei Seidel", [Luitpoldplatz 4](#) (ca. 20 km / 12.5 miles south of Vilseck). [Click here](#) for car parks closest to the historic Altstadt. They call their music "Soul Jazz", and it is rooted in the cool Jazz sounds from the 60s and the funky Jams of the 70s.

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The band's virtuosity enables them to play classics like Herbie Hancock, Bill Withers, Marvin Gaye, Otis Redding, Spyro Gyra, as well as many other less well-known artists such as Freddy Cole. A unique Jazz evening awaits you!

Monday, 15 July, 8 p.m.: Diana Krall in 81667 München / Munich, at the Philharmonie im Gasteig, [Rosenheimer Straße 5](#). Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (both links are in English). - [Tickets](#).

19 - 28 July: Foreigner on tour, but unfortunately not in Bavaria. [Tour overview](#).

Wednesday, 21 Aug., 4 p.m.: Chiemsee Rocks in 83236 Übersee (at the Chiemsee), Festival-Gelände (fest site), [Almfischer 11](#) (ca. 100 km / 66 miles SE of Munich). Tickets can be bought via [their homepage](#) (only GE) or [from Eventim](#) (partly in EN).

A Rock festival at the beautiful Chiemsee lake - what could be more perfect? More acts will soon be announced. Confirmed acts so far: The Beatsteaks - originally a punk band, they have ventured out into other musical styles which has made them very popular (More about the artist: [Homepage](#) (in English, with the option to select another language). [YouTube](#). [Facebook](#) - only GE).

11 - 19 Oct.: Peter Gabriel on tour. [Tour overview](#).

Sunday, 13 Oct., 7 p.m., in 70327 Stuttgart, at the Porsche-Arena (aka Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Halle), [Mercedesstraße 69](#). - [Tickets](#).

Friday, 18 Oct., 8 p.m., in 22525 Hamburg, at the o2 World, [Sylvesterallee 10](#), ph 040-88-1630. - [Tickets](#). Again, it is highly recommended you use the [public transport system](#) (in EN), as parking is a nightmare in Hamburg; you get towed in no time at all, and towing charges are incredibly high.

Saturday, 19 Oct., 8 p.m., in 10243 Berlin, at the o2 World, [O2-Platz 1](#), ph 030-2060-7080. - [Tickets](#). As with all big cities, it is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN).

Saturday, 12 Oct., 8 p.m.: Doro Pesch in 80639 München / Munich, at the BR-Studio 1), [Reitknechtstraße 6](#), ph 089-1266-100. Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (both links are in English). - [Tickets](#).

25 Oct. - 15 Nov.: Die Happy. [Tour overview](#).

Friday, 25 Oct., 8 p.m., in 80639 München / Munich, at the BR-Studio 1, [Reitknechtstraße 6](#), ph 089-1266-100. - [Tickets](#). Again, please consider parking your car in a [P+R car park](#), and using the [public transport system](#) (links are in EN).

Wednesday, 06 Nov., 8 p.m., in 90441 Nürnberg, at the [Hirsch](#), [Vogelweiherstraße 66](#), ph 0911-429-414. - [Tickets](#). Due to the difficult parking situation, it is highly recommended you take the train into Nürnberg. See [the tips](#) on the first page of this document.

22 - 29 Nov.: Katie Melua. [Tour overview](#).

Friday, 22 Nov., 8 p.m., in 20355 Hamburg, at the CCH, Am Dammtor. - [Tickets](#). Again, it is highly recommended you use the [public transport system](#) (in EN), as parking is a nightmare in Hamburg, you get towed in no time at all, and towing charges are incredibly high. The "Dammtor (CCH/Messe)" S-Bahn = overground train station is right in front of the CCH.

Monday, 25 Nov., 8 p.m., in 10963 Berlin, at the Tempodrom, [Möckernstraße 10](#), ph 030-747-370. - [Tickets](#). As with all big cities, it is highly recommended you use the excellent [public transport system](#) (in EN).

Friday, 29 Nov., 8 p.m., in 90478 Nürnberg, at the [Meistersingerhalle](#), [Münchener Straße 21](#), ph 0911-231-8000. - [Tickets](#). Due to the difficult parking situation, it is highly recommended you take the train into Nürnberg. See [the tips](#) on the first page of this document.

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Various Dates throughout the Year: Opera Performances in 90443 Nürnberg, at the [Opernhaus / Staatstheater, Richard-Wagner-Platz 2](#) (U-Bahn stop "Opernhaus"), ph 0911 - 231-3575

This year, the Nürnberg Opera House has again been able to arrange excellent performances of famous operas. [Here](#) you can find an overview (only in GE), sorted by the first day of performance. Simply click on the name of the opera you want to find out more about or order tickets for, and you will see all details and further dates of performance.

Tickets can be bought at the evening counter an hour before the show, or at one of the [advance ticket counters](#) (only GE but with all necessary phone numbers). It is highly recommended you use the excellent public transport system as the ticket includes the fare for one round-trip on the day of performance. This allows you to use public transport beyond Nürnberg's city limits - for FREE! You can use your tickets starting three hours before the show until 3 a.m. on the day of the show.

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