

THINGS TO DO & PLACES TO GO



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**Schweinfurt: 100 km/60 mile Map
(Approximately 1 hour)**

Introduction

Living in the middle of Germany makes it fairly easy to travel to other European countries, such as France, Austria, Italy, Poland, and Czech. You should plan to visit these places while you're here, but they're not necessarily a quick afternoon's drive.

Fortunately, there are a lot of things to do and see much closer to Schweinfurt, from the quaint historic towns to the high-tech theme parks. Most of the destinations that are included in this guide are Family oriented and there is something for both adults and children to enjoy.

To make your vacation run smoothly, do some planning before you go on your trip. Travel guides to Germany will have more detailed information on larger cities and major attractions. Visit the ACS Travel Corner at the Commons, Ledward Barracks, Bldg 224 or the SFAC website <http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/sfac/schweinfurt/index.htm> for a lot of great information. Even though we've given driving directions for many destinations, a map is always helpful. You can get maps to local cities at the AAFES gas stations or at the Bookmark. The driving times we have given you are estimates based on good weather and traffic conditions, so be sure to take that into consideration.

The internet is a great resource for researching and planning for your excursion. We've listed websites for many destinations, and most of the sites have the option to be displayed in English. But even if they're only in German, you can still find useful information such as current operating hours, admission fees, and maps showing parking and pedestrian areas.

This list is by no means exhaustive, and you may find a favorite destination that's not listed. Please be sure and let us know about it for future editions!! Enjoy!



Water Parks

Geomaris in Gerolzhofen

Geomaris is one of the largest swimming parks in the Schweinfurt area. The 2000-square meter park includes a salt water pool, warm water pool, children's pool, whirlpool, steam grotto, giant slides, sun terrace, and a pool with underwater illumination. Plus, there's an outside beer garden, indoor restaurant, barbecue area, playground, table tennis, chess and volleyball area.

Hours:

Indoor Pool:

Mon. – Fri. 09.00 – 21.00

Sat., Sun., & German Holidays: 09.00 – 20.00

Outdoor Pool: Daily 09.00 – 21.00 (heated in winter)

Closed: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Rose Monday, and Shrove Tuesday.

Directions:

To get to this pool, take B 286 toward Gerolzhofen. Exit at Gerolzhofen Süd, take a right into Dingolshäuser Strasse and you will see Geomaris on your left.

Tel: 09382-261

Website: www.Geomaris.de

Fulda Rhön Therme

There are thirty-five hundred square meters of park area with several swimming pools, hi-tech giant water slides, indoor pools, a sauna, fitness area, restaurants, bistros and much more.

Hours:

Mon – Sat 10.00 – 23.00 Sun. & German Holidays 09.00 – 22.00

Directions:

Take A 7 toward Kassel and exit at Fulda-Künzell. Follow the signs to Rhön Therme.

Tel: 0661-34011

Website: info@rhoen-therme.de

Palm Beach Nürnberg

The twenty-five hundred square meters of Palm Beach offers a variety of recreational facilities. The highlight is a wave pool set amidst palms, orange, and banana trees. The swimming areas are open to the outdoors during the summer and are enclosed in the winter. There's a laser show over the water every night after dark. The Sauna Park is built with mountain crystals from Brazil, and the buildings at Palm Beach are modeled on the typical houses of Garmisch and Oberammergau in Upper Bavaria.

Hours:

Sun – Thurs 9.00 – 22.00 hrs, Fri. & Sat. 9.00 – 24.00 hrs

***Note: On Friday's at 1900 clothes free swimming**

Directions:

Take A 70 to Bamberg and then follow A 73 to Nürnberg, just over an hour drive. Leave A73 at junction Nürnberg-Westring Pfinzingstraße, Frankenschneidweg. Get onto Frankenschneidweg. Turn left into Schwabacher Straße and turn after 200m left into Hessestraße.

Tel: 0911/688 35-0

Website: www.kristall-palm-beach.de

Nautiland Würzburg

Here you can swim in a Mediterranean atmosphere. The outside pools are open all year around, with a warm water temperature of about 95 degrees Fahrenheit. Surrounded by palm trees and subtropical plants, you will find a variety of pools, including a wading pool for children, a 250-foot long water slide for adults, and a sauna. There's also a cafeteria.

Hours:

Mon – Fri 09.00 – 22.00 hrs, Sat., Sun&German holidays 08.00 – 21.00 hrs

Directions:

Take A 7 to Würzburg. Leave A7 at Würzburg Estenfeld (B 19). As you enter Würzburg, follow the signs to the Hauptbahnhof. At the traffic circle, continue toward Hauptbahnhof. Stay on the main road passing the Hauptbahnhof on your left, and take the right immediately before the bridge. At the Esso gas station take a left across the Main River and follow the signs to "Nautiland".

Tel: 0931-260260

Website: <http://www.stadtbau-wuerzburg.de/nautiland/>

Outdoor Swimming Pools



Silvana in Schweinfurt

Silvana (Schweinfurt)

Remodeled in 2005 with both outdoor and indoor pools. Includes a child's area, sauna, solarium, volleyball courts and snack bar.

Hours:

9:00 – 22:00 year round

Closed: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Rose Monday, and Shrove Tuesday

Address:

An der untern Eichen 1

97442 Schweinfurt

Tel: 09721-931-399

Website: www.silvana.de

Bad Kissingen Ballinghain

Ballinghain has several pools on its grounds, including an "action pool" with a 300-foot slide and a diving tower.

Hours:

Open from 15 May – 15 September

Kissinger Strasse 129, Bad Kissingen 97688, Germany

Directions:

Take B 19 toward Bad Kissingen. Take a right at the first Bad Kissingen sign on to B 286. Get on Ostring (B287) and turn left onto KG8 and follow the road until you get to the Hotel Am Ballinghain.

Bad Kissingen Terrassenschwimmbad

Hours:

Every Day 9.00 - 19.00 hrs and Weekends and Holidays 8.00 - 19.00 hrs.

Tel: 0971/807424

Directions:

Take B 19 toward Bad Kissingen. Take a right at the first Bad Kissingen sign on to B 286. Follow B 286 to the first intersection and take a right. The swimming pool will be on your right side.

Bad Kissingen KissSalis



Newly opened in March of 2004, KissSalis is a wellness oasis with over 1000 square meters of water area, including a variety of pools, wave pools, Turkish steam baths, and saunas. In their Wellness Pavilion, you can get a massage and a variety of other treatments for an additional charge.

Hours:

9:00 – 22:00 year round

Friday: 0900-2400

Closed: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day,

Tel: Telefon (0971) 826 - 600

Telefax (0971) 826 - 699

E-Mail: info@kissalis.de

Website: www.kissalis.de

Directions:

Coming into BK on B 19, take a left and drive until you come to the Westring. You will see a sign to KissSalis to your left.

Franken Therme, Bad Königshofen

Franken Therme is a relaxation area with several pools, a sauna, and a chance to get a massage.

Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday: 1000 – 2200 hrs

Tuesday and Friday: 1000 – 2400 (Tuesday's at 2130 clothes free swimming

Sunday and German holidays: 1000 – 2000 hrs

Directions:

From Ledward, take Niederwerrnerstrasse toward downtown Schweinfurt. Get on B 286 towards Haardt and follow B 286 until you can take a left at the traffic light (Deutschhöfer Strasse). Then stay on the priority road (S 2280). You will see signs to Bad Königshofen (about 20 km away).

Address:

Am Kurzentrum 1

Bad Königshofen

Website: <http://www.frankentherme.de/>

Erlebnisbad Hassfurt

The leisure and adventure pool Haßfurt with its various swimming pools and the spa promises fun. There is a float pool (25 meters long), a Springer pool, a multi-purpose pool with white-water canal, brine pool and a leisure pool with a 120-metre slide. The youngest enjoy themselves in the mother-child pool with shuttle channels and solar sails. The pool is equipped with handicap accessible changing rooms, table tennis, children's playground, restaurant and kiosk.

Hours:

All summer until 15 September daily 0900 – 2000 hrs

Starting 16 Sep Sauna Monday – Thursday 1700 – 2200 hrs

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and German Holidays 1600 – 2200 hrs

Directions:

Go on B 26 to Hassfurt. As you enter the town, look for a turn-off to your left to the "Schwimmbad"

Tel: 09521 - 94570

Website: http://www.stwhas.de/fzz/bad_allq.html

Sinnflut, Bad Brückenau

Enjoy the “Tides”

Several amusement pools in the interior and exterior with a variety of attractions, a 60-meter tunnel giant slide and a water play garden for the youngest guarantee an experience for the whole Family. A few unique highlights include the professional climbing wall and sauna with individually designed landscape. The sophisticated design of the rest gallery, the large outdoor area and the sevens Temple invite you to linger and enjoy. Especially popular are the hourly changing aroma infusions in the large block house sauna.

Hours:

Daily 1000 – 2100

Closed on Christmas day and New Years

Address:

Am Gaensrain 2

97769 Bad Brückenau

Tel: 09741-911255

Website: www.badbrueckenau.de/erlebbad/erleb_quell.htm



Sinnflut

Indoor Swimming Pools

Therme Obernsee

This indoor and outdoor swimming pool also has a large sauna, a large wellness area including a cosmetic studio and beauty shop and offers massages.

Directions: Take A 70 toward Bamberg (B22). Go past Bamberg and take the exit Schesslitz toward Hollfeld. Stay on B 22 till you see a sign to Obernsee.

Address:

An der Therme 1
95490 Mistelgau-Obernsee
Tel: 09206-99300-0

Website: www.therme-obernsee.de

Email: info@therme-obernsee.de

Triamare, Bad Neustadt

Triamare offers several swimming pools for adults as well as children. The complete 2nd floor of the building includes several sauna gardens and a restaurant.

Directions: Take B 19 toward Bad Kissingen and stay on B 19 until you reach Bad Neustadt.

Tel: 09771-630995-0

Website: www.triamare.de

Muehlbacher Strasse
1597616 Bad Neustadt an der Saale

Sennfeld

Hours:

**Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 1500 – 2100 hrs, Thu 0800 – 1200 & 1500 – 2000 hrs
Sat 1300 – 1900 hrs, Sun 0930-1900**

Am Schwimmbad

Tel:09721- 68383

Bad Kissingen Indoor Pool

Hours:

Mon – Thu 1400 – 1900, Fri 1400 – 1830, Sat,Sun & Holidays 0900 - 1700

Reithausplatz 1

Tel: 0971-807425

Gochsheim

Hours:

Mon,Tue & Wed 1500 – 2000 hrs

Thu 1500-1800 hrs, 1800 – 2000 hrs Women only

Fri 1500 – 2100 hrs, Sat 1300 – 1700, Sun 0800 – 1200 hrs

Frankenstraße 1

97469 Gochsheim

Tel.: 09721 / 646135

Dittelbrunn

Hours:

Mon and Fri 1500 – 2000 hrs

Thu 1500 – 2130 hrs

Sam 1230 – 1800 hrs

Tannigweg 2

97456 Dittelbrunn

(0 97 21) 4 73 96 35

Werneck

Hours:

Mon & Tue 1600 – 2100 hrs, Wed 1500 – 2200 hrs, Thu 1500 – 2100,
Fri 1500 – 2200 hrs, Sat 1200 – 1800 hrs, Sun 0900 – 1600 hrs

Bühlweg

09722/9490315

97440 Werneck

Lakes

You will see many lakes in the area where people are sunbathing and swimming. Many of these lakes are off-limits to Americans, since they do not have a lifeguard on duty at all times. An information booklet on Bavarian Lakes is available in hard copy at ACS or electronically at the following website:
<http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/sfac/schweinfurt/leisure/Lakes.pdf>.

Golf

Maria Bildhausen

Golf club Maria Hausen eV offers a public 6-hole pay and play short course, an 18-hole championship course and driving range. With 140 hectares Maria Hausen is one of the most diverse and largest golf courses in Germany.

For additional information please call the office Monday – Sunday 0900-1800 hrs

Tel: 09766-1601

Website: www.maria-bildhausen.de/

Rindhof 1

97702 M ünnerstadt



Golf club Maria Hausen eV

Golfclub Hassberge Steinbach

The golf course opened in Spring 2003, and is located on the edge of the nature park "Hassberge" above the vineyards. The ancient oak trees add to the harmony and the plateau opens to a magnificent view of the Main River.

Tel: 09522-7085500

Website: www.golfclub-hassberge.de/

**Hainach – Neue Laube 1
97500 Ebelsbach**

Golfclub Bad Kissingen e.V.

The golf club is located in a fascinating and magnificent park system along the Fränkische Saale river.

For information please call:

Tel: 0971-3608

Website: www.golfclubbadkissingen.de/

**Euerdorferstrasse 11
97688 Bad Kissingen**

Golf Club Schweinfurt e.V., Löffelsterz



Northeast of Schweinfurt, the course offers a far view to the Steigerwald and the Hassberge. The 18 holes are situated in a very quiet location. The course is open to golfers almost throughout the whole year. Four large water hazards, numerous bunkers and three long Par-5 holes add to the difficulty of the course.

Tel: 09727-5889

Website: <http://www.1golf.eu/en/club/golf-club-schweinfurt-ev/>

Ebertshäuser Str. 17

97453 Löffelsterz

Golfclub Steigerwald

Friedrichstrasse 10

96160 Geiselwind

Tel: 09556-1484

info@golfclub-steigerwald.de

Golfclub Kitzingen

Larson Barracks

97318 Kitzingen

Tel: 09321-4956

Golfkitzingen@aol.com

Horse-Draw Coach Rides

(for groups)

Leiterwagen mit Pferdegespann

Verkehrsamt Gerolzhofen

Tel: 09382-903512

No Website available

Silke Nicklause

Loeffelsterzer Steige 6

97453 Schonungen-Maarksteinarch

Tel: 09727-1019

G. Seufert

Heinrichweg 597456 Hambach

Tel: 09725-71710

Otto Dertinger

Pfarrgasse 1

97508 Grettstadt-Obereuerheim

Tel: 09729-1571

Horse Riding

Reitverein Schweinfurt

AM Hainig 2

97422 Schweinfurt

Tel: 09721-84494

Reithalle Gerhard Rudolph

97499 Donnersdorf-Pusselsheim

Tel: 09528-1441

Reitschule Steigerwald

97499 Donnersdorf-Pusselsheim

Tel: 09528-1035

Reitbetrieb Stefan Heimrich

Muehlstrasse 1

97529 Sulzheim

Tel: 09382-3537

Seufert's Ranch

Heinrichweg 5

97456 Hambach

Tel: 09725-71710

Ice Skating & Roller Skating

Ice-Dome

Willi Kaidel Strasse

97424 Schweinfurt

Tel: 09721-796720

No Website available

Miniature Golf

Minigolf an der Maxbruecke

97424 Schweinfurt

Tel: 0171/5241156

No Website available

Wildpark an den Eichen

97424 Schweinfurt

Tel: 09721-51500



Theaters

DisHarmonie

Jazz, pop, comedy, classical, folk, experimental. See the website for the performance schedule.

Gutermannpromenade 7

97421 Schweinfurt

Tel: 09721-28895

Website: <http://www.disharmonie.de/>

Theater Schweinfurt

The city theater features touring shows, dance, musicals, and concerts.

Roßbrunnstrasse 2

Ticket office: T, W, F, Sa 0930-1330; Th 1400-1800

Tel: 09721-51475

Website: <http://www.theater-schweinfurt.de>



Cities, Castles, & Cathedrals

For a full listing of castles, and cathedrals in Bavaria pick up a hard copy of the Bavarian Castles booklet at ACS or electronically at the following website:
<http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/sfac/schweinfurt/leisure/Lakes.pdf>

Bamberg

This 1000-year old imperial city is the biggest Old Town in Germany to have survived intact through the centuries. It's full of historic buildings and monuments, as well as unusual stores and many excellent antique shops. Don't miss the ornate Rathaus (town hall) that sits on its own little island in the middle of the river. Every year on German Reunification Day (03 October), the Bamberg Antique and Flea Market attracts sellers and buyers from all over the continent.

Directions:

Take A 70 to Bamberg, a 45-minute drive.

Website: <http://www.stadt.bamberg.de/> Click on "Tourismus" and then select the English version.

Nürnberg

Nürnberg is a combination of a modern town with a lovely medieval city center, with much of the medieval wall intact. Great shops, beautiful old churches and a fortress, as well as many world-famous museums and a great zoo make this town well worth the visit.

Directions:

Take A 70 to Bamberg and then follow A 73 to Nürnberg, just over an hour drive.

Website: <http://www.nuernberg.de/> and click on the English icon.

Coburg

Apart from a beautiful downtown area, this town has a fortress that is over 935 years old. In it you will see magnificent historical rooms as well as an art collection of international importance. For doll collectors, there's a wonderful doll museum in Coburg with over 900 antique and art dolls.

Directions:

Take A 70 towards Bamberg. Exit at Schonungen/Coburg and follow the signs to Coburg. It is about 1 1/2 hours by car.

website: <http://www.coburg-tourist.de/> and select the International Home Page for a variety of English language links.

Bayreuth

Apart from being the town where the famous "Richard Wagner Festspiele" takes place every year, this university town has an ornate Baroque castle and one of the nicest historic opera houses in Germany.

Directions:

Take A 70 to Bamberg and continue on A 70 until you see the exit for Bayreuth.

Website: <http://www.bayreuth.de> In German only.

Würzburg

The great medieval fortress of Marienberg dominates the Würzburg skyline. It overlooks the beautiful old town with architectural masterpieces from many different time periods. The Residenz Palace in downtown Würzburg is one of the UNESCO World Heritage sites, and the most important work of Southern German baroque style along with the Court Church and Court Gardens.

Directions:

Take A 7 in the direction of Würzburg. Exit on B19 and follow it into town. It's a 30 minute drive from Schweinfurt.

website: <http://www.wuerzburg.de> and select the English version.

Bad Kissingen



Bad Kissingen is only about 35 km away and is home to many of the famous health spas of Germany. Enjoy the generously dimensioned buildings and parks while strolling through the downtown area and visit the famous Kurgarten, as well as the Kurhalle. The Tourist Information Office at the Kurgarten can give you information on getting a relaxing massage. At the entrance of the Kurpark, you can catch a ride to the “Klaushof”. For a few Euros, a small blue train will take you to a forested area where you can spend hours watching and feeding European deer and birds. Another way to escape modern day stress is to take a ride on the Bad Kissingen Post Coach. This is a stagecoach from the Biedermeier times, pulled by 4 horses. The stagecoach driver blows his horn as you go from Bad Kissingen to Bad Bocklet or Bad Aschach and back. The Post Coach runs from the beginning of May to middle of October. Tickets are sold at the counter of the Bundespost, Münchener Strasse 1, Bad Kissingen.

Directions:

Get on B 19 and follow the signs to Bad Kissingen, a half-hour drive.

Website: www.badkissingen.de The site is only in German. Click on “tickets” to find the hours of major attractions. Click on “kultur” (culture) for details on museums and concerts.

Rothenburg ob der Tauber



“Ob der Tauber” means “Above the Tauber.” You will be charmed by this medieval town, perched on the hills over the Tauber River. You can walk around the whole city on the medieval town wall with its towers and gates. The Tourist Information Center is next to the city hall, on the Marktplatz in the center of town. Rothenburg has several impressive churches and interesting museums. In the evening, you can take the “Night Watchman’s Tour” of the town and learn about medieval life in Rothenburg. Shoppers will not want to miss Käthe Wohlfahrt’s “Weihnachtsdorf in Herrengasse”, a Christmas Village that’s open all year round with Christmas items from all over the world. Several times during the year, historical plays are performed, like the Shepherd dance, the Meister Trunk and the Hans Sachs Festival. These date back to events from the Middle Ages. For information on times and prices call 09861/404-92.

Directions:

Get on A 7 toward Würzburg, and drive until you see the Rothenburg exit, then follow signs to Rothenburg. You will have to park outside of town walls at one of several city parking lots. From there it’s a short walk into the historic town. Drive time is about 1 hour.

Website: www.rothenburg.de and select the English version.

München

The Munich mix of big-city style and rural charm is what makes Bavaria’s state capitol so fascinating. Historic sights include the Nymphenburg Palace, the Residence Palace and the Rathaus (City Hall) with its world-famous Glockenspiel (mechanical clock) as well as many art museums. Those interested in technology should visit the Deutsche Museum and the BMW Museum.

Directions:

Get onto A 70 toward Bamberg and turn off onto A 73. Follow A 73 to Nürnberg and get on A 3 until you see A 9 which will take you to Munich. Before you leave the Autobahn, you will see a tourist information center where you can stop if you need more information.

Website: <http://www.muenchen.de/> and select English.

Erfurt

The 1260 year old town in the State of Thuringia is like a picture book of German history. The Petersburg Citadel is the only preserved baroque town fortress in Central Europe. A Citadel torchlight tour is just one of the many ongoing events that you can take part in.

Directions:

Take A71 toward Erfurt.

Information: 0361-66400

Website: Go to <http://www.erfurt.de> and select the English home page.

Eisenach

Founded in the 12th century, Eisenach has always played a very special role in German culture and history and is associated with the lives of many famous figures. The city is below the Wartburg, the castle where Martin Luther translated parts of the Bible into German. The beautiful countryside invites hikers and cyclists.

Directions:

Take B 19 toward Bad Kissingen and follow it all the way to Eisenach .

Website: <http://wwweisenach.de> In German only.

Ludwigsburg

Ludwigsburg's Residenzschloss (Residential Palace) is one of the biggest Baroque palaces in Europe. The "Swabian Versaille" is surrounded by a permanent, "Blooming Baroque Garden Show". The castle, the Garden Show, and a Fairy Tale Garden (with many rides and a children's area) make visiting this city a treat for the whole family.

Directions: Take A 7 past Würzburg, and then the A 3 towards Frankfurt. After circling Würzburg take the turn-off for A 81 toward Stuttgart. About 50 km before you get to Stuttgart, you will see the exit to Ludwigsburg.

Website: [http:// www.Ludwigsburg.de](http://www.Ludwigsburg.de) and select the English version.

Stuttgart

Stuttgart is in one of the most beautiful settings in Europe. The city is surrounded by a panorama of rolling hills, forests and vineyards. Among the many interesting sights in Stuttgart are two city palaces (Stadtschloesser), the

state art gallery, and Wilhelma Zoo and botanical gardens. Auto buffs will want to visit the Porsche and Mercedes-Benz museums.

Directions: Take A 7 past Würzburg, and then A 3 towards Frankfurt. After circling Würzburg, you will come to the A 81 turnoff towards Stuttgart.
Website: www.stuttgart.de and select English.

Fulda

Fulda is only an hour's drive from Schweinfurt and is famous for its Baroque quarters. Start your tour with the City Palace (1701-1721), which was the former residence of Prince-Abbots and Prince-Bishops. It is surrounded by the Palace Gardens, a combination of Baroque garden architecture and English style landscape. In the northern part of the gardens there's a historic sculpture collection. The Cathedral, across from the palace, is one of the few cathedrals where the interior is built from black marble with white statues and figurines.

Directions:
Take B 303 from Schweinfurt through Euerbach to the Autobahn entrance for A 7 toward Kassel. Follow A 7 to the Fulda Süd exit, and follow the signs to Fulda. Once in Fulda, follow signs to "Barockviertel" (Baroque Quarter) to get to the historic part of the town.

Website: <http://www.tourismus-fulda.de> and select the English version.

Schlitz

The town of Schlitz is unknown to most tourists, but well worth a visit. The old part of the town is built on a hill and is surrounded by a city wall with five fortresses (not open for tours). The village has many charming old buildings and a brewery tour.

Directions:
Follow the directions for Fulda (above) and continue on A 7 one more exit past Fulda to Schlitz.
Website: <http://www.hessennet.de/schlitz/> has extensive information about the town, but only a limited English section.

Aschaffenburg

The town is located about 40 km before you get to Frankfurt on the autobahn. It has many attractions including a marvelous Renaissance palace, Schloss

Johannisburg, and gardens. It makes a nice day trip or can be combined with a visit to Hanau or Frankfurt.

Directions:

From Würzburg take Autobahn 3 toward Frankfurt and you will see the exit Aschaffenburg.

Website: <http://www.Aschaffenburg.de>

Mespelbrunn Castle

Mespelbrunn Castle, surrounded by a moat in a wooded valley, and has little changed from the 15th century. The castle escaped damage from the many wars that have swept through Germany over the centuries. Still owned by the same family, it is open for tours and you can see the centuries-old furnishings used by the order of Knights that once lived there.



Directions:

From Würzburg take Autobahn 3 toward Frankfurt. Exit for Mespelbrunn and follow the signs several kilometers to the town, and from there follow signs to the Schloss (castle). It's a 10 minute walk through the woods from the parking area to the castle.

Website: <http://www.touristik-mespelbrunn.de>

Tauberbischofsheim

Tauberbischofsheim, only about a 25 minute ride from Würzburg, is a small but lively town located along the Tauber River that offers much to see and do. There is evidence of prehistoric inhabitants as early as 2000 B.C. in the region, making it one of the oldest settlements on the Tauber River. This village is a perfect place to rent a bike and ride through the scenic medieval areas of the town and along stretches of fields, flowers, and farms.

Directions:

From Würzburg, take B 19 all the way to Bad Mergentheim.

Website: <http://www.badmergentheim.de>

Bad Mergentheim

This little health spa city is only 44 km from Würzburg and is a great place to spend a day if you are interested in German churches, architecture and history. The spa park

behind the castle garden has numerous walking paths, beautiful gardens, fountains, and a running track.

Directions:

From Würzburg, take B 19 all the way to Bad Mergentheim

Website: <http://www.badmergentheim.de>

Berchtesgaden and the Eagle's Nest



Berchtesgaden is a picturesque town in the Bavarian Alps and the starting point on to visit Hitler's Eagles Nest. Along with the many specialty and antique shops, you can take an underground tour of a salt mine, which has been in use for over 300 years. To get to the salt mine, turn off the main road at the Schwimmbad (swimming pool) and follow the signs to Salzbergwerk.

To get to the Eagles Nest, follow the signs to Kehlsteinhaus (Eagles Nest). Park at the parking lot and walk to the bus stop. Purchase your ticket at the ticket office (approx 3 euro) for the ride up to the Eagle's Nest and the admission. The ticket will be for a specific time and bus. At the bus stop before your ride up check the schedule for the busses coming down. Upon arrival at the top go to the ticket window and have them stamp your ticket with your return time.

Directions: From Schweinfurt take A 70 to Bamberg and A 73 to Nürnberg. Then take A 3 to A9 to Munich and A 99 around Munich and take A 8 in the direction of Salzberg. Take the Bad Reichenhall exit and follow the signs to Berchtesgaden.

Website: www.berchtesgaden.de

Neuschwanstein & Hohenschwangau Castles

Neuschwanstein, the castle that Disney copied for its Cinderella Castle, is located in the Southern part of Germany and its setting could not be more idyllic. It is one of the castles built by King Ludwig II. Today Neuschwanstein is



one of the most popular of all the palaces and castles in Europe. At the same time, you can also tour Hohenschwangau Castle, King Ludwig II's boyhood home, which is just across the valley from Neuschwanstein. Both castles have tours in English throughout the day. There are also numerous hiking trails through the mountains and lakes in the region.

Directions: Take the A 7 motorway (direction Ulm-Kempten-Füssen) until the end and at the exit to Füssen. From Füssen follow B 17 directions Schwangau and follow the signs to Hohenschwangau village. The village of Hohenschwangau only has private parking facilities, for which there is a charge (about 4 €). From there, walk up the main street to the ticket office. Hohenschwangau is a 5 minute walk up the hill to the right, and Neuschwanstein is a 30 minute walk up the hill to the left. You can also take a shuttle bus up to Neuschwanstein.

Website: <http://www.neuschwanstein.de/english>



Linder of Castle

Linderhof is another one of the famous castles of King Ludwig II, also called the fairy tale king, who is known for building the most glamorous castles of the 19th century. It is surrounded by a gorgeous park that was landscaped in 1874. Linderhof is close to Garmisch Partenkirchen in Southern Bavaria. Also nearby is the famous town of Oberammergau where Germany's Passion Plays are performed every 10 years. The town is also known for wood carving and its famous open air painted houses.

Directions:

Linderhof Palace is situated in the Graswang Valley, near the village of Ettal. From Munich, take A 95 to highway B 2 to Oberau. Follow the signs in Oberau and take B 23 (Ettaler Straße) to Ettal. After Ettal turn left on the road ST2060. In the village of Linsderhof turn right to reach the palace.

Website: <http://www.linderhof.de/>

An information booklet on Bavarian Residences, Palaces, Castles and Fortresses is available in hard copy at ACS or electronically at the following website: <http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/sfac/schweinfurt/leisure/Lakes.pdf>.

Driving Tours

Romantic Road (Scenic Drive)

The Romantic Road is the name given to highway B 19 from Würzburg all the way to Fuessen on the Austrian border. You can drive to a specific town for a day trip, or spend several days traveling the entire route. The Romantic Road takes you through a dozens of towns and villages with medieval walls, castles, cathedrals and palaces. Wherever you stop you'll discover something stunning, charming or romantic. Some highlights include the Würzburg Residence Palace, the Roman remains of Augsburg, and Neuschwanstein, the dream castle of King Ludwig II. An unexpected highlight is to be found in Nördlingen's Ries Krater, the place where American astronauts trained for their moon walk.

Directions:

Follow B 19 from Würzburg into the directions of Taubertbischofsheim. The Romantic Road stretches along B 19 all the way to its end in Fuessen.

Website: <http://www.romanticroad.de/>

Kloster Banz

Some of the most beautiful jewels of German Baroque are only 100 km away. Begin this day tour by taking A 70 toward Bamberg. Take the Hallstadt exit and stay on the priority road through Hallstadt. Follow the road to Breitengriessbach. From there take B 173 and follow the sign toward Lichtenfels. Exit at Staffelstein Ost. Stay on the priority road and go straight at the light until you see the sign "Kloster Banz". The monastery has been destroyed and rebuilt several times. In the Baroque period (17th century), the Banz Monastery was rebuilt as we see it today. The church's foundation stone was laid in 1710 but it wasn't finished until 1770. With its beautiful stuccowork, the frescoes and altars at this church make it one of the finest works of German Baroque architecture. As you go through Staffelstein, you will see some great framework houses. One is the birth house of Adam Riese, famous for his books on mathematic. He was born here in 1492 and you can see his birth house to your left as you go through the light. The house is in its original state and is now a guesthouse.

Vierzehnheiligen

To go to Vierzehnheiligen, drive back down the hill and take a left to Staffelstein. Stay on the priority road until you see the sign

Vierzehnheiligen. Follow the signs and it will take you up the hill after your turn. Vierzehnheiligen is one of Germany's famous pilgrimage churches. It is a pilgrimage destination because of several miraculous visions. Vierzehnheiligen is a magnificent piece of architecture, mixing Baroque and Rococo styles. When you leave this church, you will be able to buy souvenirs and candles at the many souvenir stands around the church. A favorite restaurant is Gasthaus Goldener Hirsch, right across from the Cathedral. It's the oldest building in the area, built in 1458 and offers great food at reasonable prices.



On the evening of 24 September 1445, a young monastery shepherd was driving his sheep back when he saw a weeping child sitting in the middle of a ploughed field. He approached the child to take it in his arms when suddenly the child vanished. A short time later the child appeared to him again, at the same spot, this time flanked by two burning candles. The shepherd saw the child again for the third time in June 1446. This time, the child had a red cross over its heart and was surrounded by 14 small children. The child said, "We are the Fourteen Auxiliary Saints, we wish to have a chapel and we want to repose here." A short time later the shepherd, along with a woman who was passing by, witnessed two lighted candles on the very same spot. Eighteen days later a miraculous healing took place. The Abbey of Langheim recognized the miracle and built a chapel to accommodate the pilgrimages, which started immediately. The pilgrimages continue to this day, and even dignitaries like Princes and Emperors have come to the shrine of Vierzehnheiligen. Later, a cathedral was built around the shrine, where you can view the spot where the miracle took place.

To return back to Schweinfurt, drive back down the hill. Follow the signs to Bamberg and then to Schweinfurt.

Website: <http://www.Staffelstein.de> has limited information, in German only.

Die Fränkische Schweiz Scenic Drive (Little Switzerland)

Directions to Little Switzerland:

Take A 70 toward Bamberg and then A 73 toward Nürnberg. Take the Forchheim Süd exit (you will see Mc Donald's on the left). Follow this road and the signs towards "Fränkische Schweiz". They will lead you to the three following sights:

Gößweinstein

Gößweinstein, located on a hilltop, is famous for its beautiful pilgrimage church, which is a wonderful example of Baroque architecture and one of the most beautiful churches in Franconia. It is built on a restored castle, first built in the 11th century. You can also enjoy an impressive view from this lookout point, 500 feet above the valley.

Website: <http://www.Goessweinstein.de>

Pottenstein Fortress

This preserved fortress perched high on a cliff overlooking the Wiessent Valley in Little Switzerland. It is open May to October from 1000 to 1700. Tours are offered for a small admission fee.

Website: <http://www.pottenstein.de> and select English

Teufelshöhle Pottenstein (Devil's Cave)

This is the most famous of many caves in the area, with stalagmites and many other ancient rock formations. There's a café as well as several souvenir shops. If you have small children, note that you cannot take strollers on the cave tour.

Website: <http://www.pottenstein.de> and select "Zur Teufelshöhle" (this section is only in German)

Pottenstein and the local area

The city of Pottenstein with its nearly 1.500 inhabitants, is a nationally acclaimed climatic health-resort. Tennis courts, Golf courses, "Schöngrund Lake" with row and pedal boat rental, the "summer bobsled slide" and the "Felsen Pool" (between the rocks) are just a few highlights of recreational activities offered.

Feengrotte in Saalfeld in Thuringia Scenic Drive (Passing through Lauscha & Neustadt)

Saalfeld is in the *Guinness Book of World Records* for having the most colorful grotto in the world. Thuringia was behind the Iron Curtain until 1989 and is unknown to most Americans. If you decide to visit the Feengrotte, take the route

described below. It takes you through picturesque villages and shopping areas famous for glass and crystal.

Start this trip on A 70 to Bamberg and exit at B 303 to Coburg. Entering Coburg, follow the sign to Erfurt (B 4). Then go towards Rödentel, where you will pass the Göbel Factory with a large Hummel figurine in front. At the furniture store "Möbel Hofmann," take a left and stay on the main street toward Sonneberg. You will pass Neustadt, which is famous for its glass factories and a year round Christmas Market. Follow the sign to Sonneberg and in Sonneberg turn right at the sign for Kronach.

Now watch for signs to Lauscha and Steinach. You'll drive through Lauscha, which is a wonderful town with a glass museum (Glasmuseum) and toy factory (Spielwarenfabrik). Lauscha is also famous for glassware and Christmas ornaments made of glass and wood. The Christmas Market there is larger than Käthe Wohlfahrt's in Rothenburg, and the shops are open on Sundays.

Continue on to Stadt Neuhaus (also famous for its glass shops) and follow the priority road toward Schmiedefeld on B 281. Continue on B 281 to Saalfeld. In Saalfeld, look for the sign to Feengrotte on your right. The Feengrotte is well worth a visit.

To go back to Schweinfurt, return to the main road and then turn left toward Neuhaus. Follow 281 to Eisfeld, and then follow signs to Hildburghausen on 81. From Hildburghausen follow the sign to Königshofen, where you will see signs to Schweinfurt.

<http://www.Saalfeld.de/> click "tourist-info" and then "Feengrotten" (German only)

<http://www.lauscha.de> click "tourist information" (German only)

<http://www.dieglasstrasse.de> has information and directions to the many glass factories and shops in the area (German only)

Rhön Mountains Scenic Drive

This Day Trip is about 185 kilometers. Take B 303 through Euerbach to A 7. Take A 7 toward Kassel. Exit at Bad Brückenau/Wildflecken. Follow the sign to Bischofsheim/Wildflecken. Stay on the main road until you see the sign Oberwildflecken/ Kreuzberg. Turn right at the priority road and follow the sign to Kreuzberg. Almost up the hill, you'll have to park your car in the designated area. (There is a small fee for parking).

You are now in the middle of a nature park, which is famous for hiking in summer and skiing in winter. Follow the walkway up the hill. If you walk up the stairwell to your left, you will come to the three famous crosses. These were erected in the

Middle Ages and gave the hill the name Kreuzberg (Cross-Mountain). If you follow the walkway rather than going up the stairs, you'll come to a beautiful church built in 1700. There are also several restaurants and beer gardens here. Try the beer, which is still brewed by the monks of the Kreuzberg Abbey and is famous with beer drinkers throughout Germany. There are also plenty of souvenir stands in this area.

To continue the tour, walk back down the hill and drive toward Bischofsheim, a quaint little town famous for their woodcarving school. Follow B 279 to Gersfeld. At the yield sign, go left toward Fulda.

Turn right at the sign for Wasserkuppe/Abtsroda and follow the road until you see the sign Wasserkuppe to your left. The Wasserkuppe is a favorite spot for European tourists. There is a paragliding and hang gliding school there. You can purchase tickets to take a tour over the Rhön Mountain in gliders. If you walk past the two big containers that are behind the souvenir shops and beer gardens, you will come to one of Hitler's monuments, still fully preserved with a Third Reich Eagle on top. A main attraction at the Wasserkuppe is the "summer bobsled slide", the "Rhönbob".



Website: <http://www.sommerrodelbahnen-wasserkuppe.de/>

Leaving the Wasserkuppe, go back down the hill and turn left toward Tann. Go through Ehrenberg to Bischofsheim. Before you enter Bischofsheim, take a right toward Bad Neustadt/Fulda and at the yield sign take a left toward Bad Neustadt. In Bad Neustadt follow the sign to Würzburg. You are now on B 19, which will take you back to Schweinfurt.

Website: <http://www.rhoen.de> select "English" and then "Tourism"

Go-Cart Tracks



Steigerwald-Motodrom Gerolzhofen

Am Steinbruch 8
97447 Gerolzhofen
Tel: 09382-1501

Website: <http://www.msvgeo.de/>

Roth-Indoor-Karting

Tiefe Gasse 11, 97084 Würzburg
Tel.: 0931 63957, Fax: 0931 63957
E-Mail: roth-indoorkarting@t-online.de

Website: <http://www.kartbahn-wuerzburg.de>

Go-Cart-Bahn des MSC Knetzgau

Knetzgau
Tel: 09527-310
No website available

Boat Tours

On the Main River

Boat rides are available from March through October. All trips depart from the Gutermann Promenade next to the Main River Bridge in downtown Schweinfurt. For information about prices contact Schweinfurt Tourist Office.

Harbor Tour with a trip through the locks:

DEPARTURE: daily at 1500

Cruise to Schonungen:

DEPARTURE: Monday through Friday at 1500
Saturday and Sunday at 1100, 1300 and 1500

Cruise to Wipfeld:

DEPARTURE: Wednesdays in August at 1000
Three hour stay in Wipfeld, return at approximately 1730.

Group trips available (25 minimum) at other times by request.

Address:

Schweinfurt Tourist Office

Brückenstraße 20

97421 Schweinfurt

phone : 0049 – 9721 – 51498

fax : 0049 - 9721 – 51588

Website: <http://www.tourist-office.org/germany/tourist-office-schweinfurt.htm>

On the Rhine River

The Rhine River Valley is one of the most historical and prominent places in Germany and there are many ports that offer guided boat tours. However the boat that runs from Rudesheim offers guidebooks in English, restaurants and bathroom facilities on the boat. Along with numerous castles you will see the famous Loreley Rock, which gets its name from the legendary bewitching siren who lured sailors to their doom with her enchanting voice and her beauty. Trips run April through October. There are several tour options and boats depart several times a day. Once back in Rudesheim don't miss the Drosselgasse. This street is filled with fun, food, entertainment and people.

Directions: Take Autobahn 3 to 66 just past Frankfurt, then highway 42 to the dock in Rudesheim. In Rudesheim the tower is a good landmark to look for since the boat dock is directly in front of it.

Websites:

<http://www.ruedesheim.de>

<http://www.bingen-ruedesheimer.com/rhine-cruise/index.html>



Ballon Flights

Ballon Flights

Ballonfahrten Hoch

Flugplatz 14
97437 Hassfurt
Tel: 09521-5931

Ballon Frankonia

97447 Gerolzhofen
Tel: 09382-903512



Museums

Museum in München

Deutsches Museum



The Deutsche Museum shows the development of science and technology from earliest times to the present day. Its huge collection is housed in a complex of buildings on an island in the Isar River. You could spend several days here looking at all the exhibits.

Open daily from 9.00 – 17.00 hrs.

Closed on 01 Jan, Shrove Tuesday, Good Friday, 01 May, 01 Nov, 24, 25 and 31 Dec.

Directions: There is no parking at the museum. Public transportation includes:

- All S-trains (get off at Isartor)
- Underground (U-Bahn) lines 1 and 2 (get off at Fraunhoferstraße)
- Tram 18 (to Deutsches Museum)

See the website for more details and maps.

Museumsinsel 1

Tel: 089-2179-1

Website: www.deutsches-museum.de and select “English”

Museums in Schweinfurt

Museum Georg Schäfer



This museum is one of the most famous art galleries in Germany.

Brückenstrasse 20

Tel: 09721-51917

Website: www.museumgeorgschaefer.de

Bibliothek Otto Schäfer

A museum for printing, graphics, and arts and crafts.

Judithstrasse 16

Tel: 09721-387097

Website: www.museumottoschaefer.de

Gunnar-Wester-Haus

This museum traces the development of lamps and lights, with a big selection of antique oil lights.

Martin Luther Platz 5

Galerie Alte Reichsvogtei

This art museum specializes in works by German painters after 1945.

Obere Strasse 11 - 13

Museum Altes Gymnasium

Located in a Renaissance building constructed in 1582, this museum presents the history of Schweinfurt starting in the 9th century.

Martin Luther Platz 12

Naturkundliches Museum

The museum, started in 1892, has an historical collection of European birds.

Brückenstrasse 39

Tel: 09721-51479

Museums in Bamberg

Diocesan Museum

There is a unique collection of Byzantine and Romanesque robes of the imperial couple, Saint Henry II and Kunigunde, including the 11th century papal vestments and other objects from the time of St. Henry.

Domplatz 5

Tel: 0951-502316

Franconian Brewery Museum

Learn about German beer and beer brewing in general through these exhibits of historical brewery items.

Michelsberg 10f

Phone: 0951-53016

Historisches Museum

The museum houses many valuable collections of local area history, from the Stone Age to the 19th Century.

Domplatz 7

Tel: 0951-871142

Naturkunde Museum (Natural Science)



This museum contains a collection of insects, animals, birds and fossils. It is the oldest science museum in Germany.

Fleischstrasse 2
Tel: 0951-863-1249

Museum in Ingolstadt

Bayrisches Armeemuseum

This is the oldest and most important Army museum in Germany. It is housed in a 15th century castle, with 38 rooms depicting army life from the 14th century onwards, including uniforms, weapons, and armor.

Directions:

Take A 70 to Bamberg and at exit 17 merge onto A 73 toward Nürnberg/B 505. Stay on A 73 until you can turn onto A 3 Regensburg/ A 9 toward München/Nürnberg Nord. And then merge onto A 9 via the exit on the left toward München/A6/Heilbronn. Stay on A 9 to exit 61 toward Ingolstadt-Nord/Ingolstadt Zentrum. Turn left onto Römerstrasse. After about 1 mile turn right onto B 16A. B 16A becomes B 13. Turn slightly right onto Heydeckstrasse and left onto Esplanade. Turn right to stay on Esplanade which will become Paradeplatz.

Im Neuen Schloss, 85017 Ingolstadt

Hours: Open daily Tuesday – Sunday from 08:45 am to 04:30 pm

Closed on Shrove Tuesday, Good Friday, All Saint's Day and Dec 24, 25 & 31

Tel: 0841-93-77-0

Website: www.beayrisches-armeemuseum.de

Museums in Nürnberg

Neues Museum

This is a State Museum for art and design with examples from 1945 to present.

Open: Tues – Fri 10.00 – 20.00 hrs., Sat /Sun from 10 to 18.00 hrs.
Luitpoldstrasse 5

Albrecht Dürer Haus

Albrecht Dürer, one of Germany's most famous painters, lived in this house from 1509 – 1528. You can see a multimedia presentation on his life and work.

Open: Tues. – Sun. 10.00 – 17.00 hrs.
Albrecht Dürer Strasse 39
Tel: 0911 – 231-2568

Spielzeugmuseum (Toy Museum)

This museum houses a wide variety of toys from the ancient world to the present.

Open: Tues. – Sun. 10.00 – 17.00 hrs
Karlstrasse 13 – 15,
Tel: 0911- 231-3164

Germanisches Nationalmuseum

This is the nation's largest museum of Germanic art and culture from pre-historic times to present.

Open: Tues. – Sun. 10.00 – 18.00 hrs
Kartäusergasse 1
Tel: 0911- 231-3356

Garnisonmuseum (Military Garrison Museum)

Built in a former air-raid shelter tower this museum documents Soldier's lives in Nürnberg from the 30-Year War (1520-1550) to modern times.

Tours can be taken every second Saturday of the month at 10.00 hrs and at 13.30 hrs or by prior arrangement.
Zweibrückenerstrasse 54, Tel: 0911-6491159

Kindermuseum (Children's Museum)

This is a hands-on museum where children can explore, experiment, and try things out.

Open: Sat. 14.00 – 17.30 hrs, Sun. and German holidays 10.00 – 17.30 hrs
Michael Ende Strasse 17
Tel: 0911-600040

Verkehrsmuseum (DB Museum/Communication Museum)

The DB (German Railway) Museum was started in 1882. It holds an outstanding collection of 1:10 scale models, a large model railroad with 30 trains and an interactive "Railway Experience World". Original crossings, tunnels, signals and switches, locomotive stimulator and simulated rides, all with authentic light and sound effects give visitors a feel as if they are really working on the railroad. The "Museum für Kommunikation" displays the five-century history of the Bavarian postal system plus early telephones and telegraphs. Both museums are housed in the same building.

Open: Tues-Sun, 9 am-5 pm
Singstr 6, 90443 Nürnberg
Railway- Tel: 01804/442223 website: www.dbmuseum.de
Communication- Tel: 0911/2308885 website: www.museumsstiftung.de

Documentation Center and Party Rally Grounds

The Documentation Center's exhibit "Fascination and Power" shows how Hitler used political rallies and the media in his rise to power. Audio guides in English lead you through the museum. You can also walk through the ruins of the party rally grounds.

Bayerenstr 110
Tel: 0911/23156
Website: www.museen.nuernberg.de

Museums in Würzburg

Museum am Dom

The permanent exhibition here features works of modern art and those by contemporary artists of international fame. Some works by masters of the Romantic, Gothic and Baroque periods can also be seen.

Open: **April – October:** **Tues. – Sun. 10.00 – 19.00 hrs**
 November – March: **Tues. – Sun. 10.00 – 17.00 hrs**

Martinstrasse

Tel: 0931-386261

Mainfränkisches Museum

This museum has an excellent collection of Franconian works of art, including the world-famous sculptures of Tilmann Riemenschneider, plus a collection of prehistoric objects.

Open: **April – October** **Tues. – Sun. 10.00 – 17.00 hrs**
 November – March **Tues. – Sun. 10.00 – 16.00 hrs**

Fortress Marienberg

Tel: 0931-43838

Fürstenbaumuseum

The museum, in the princess wing of the fortress, takes you on a stroll through 1200 turbulent years of Würzburg history.

Open: **April – October** **Tues. – Sun. 9.00 – 18.00 hrs**
 November – March **Tues. – Sun. 9.00 – 16.00 hrs**

Fortress Marienberg

Tel: 0931-43838

Mineralogical Museum

A collection of precious stones, minerals, crystals and meteorites is on display.

Open: **Wed. 14.00 – 16.00 hrs. and Sun. 14.00 – 17.00 hrs**

Universität am Hubland

Tel: 0931-8885407

Museum in Bad Windsheim

Fränkisches Freilandmuseum

This open-air museum depicts 700 years of Franconian living history in more than 80 buildings.

Directions: Take A 7 to Würzburg. Stay on A 7 toward Ulm and take the exit to Uffenheim. In Uffenheim you will see signs to Bad Windsheim. Then follow sign to the Fränkisches Freilandmuseum.

Eisweiherweg 1
91438 Bad Windsheim
Tel: 09841-668040

Website: www.freilandmuseum.de

Museum in Sinsheim

Auto-und Technikmuseum

On an area of about 80,000 square meters this museum has more than 3000 exhibits to view including an original Concorde supersonic jetliner from Air France and more than 300 classic cars as well as motorcycles, racing cars and much more. This museum was founded by a small group of vintage car owners and has expanded to an association of more than 1500 members from countries all over the world. Their main purpose is to preserve cultural assets for future generations. This is a great day trip.

Tel: 07261-61116

Website: www.museum-sinsheim.de

Directions: Get onto A 70 toward Würzburg. At exit 101 drive onto B 19 toward Würzburg and stay straight on B 19 till you can get onto A 3 toward Frankfurt/Stuttgart. Take A 3 toward Stuttgart and then A 6 toward Heidelberg. Exit A 6 at Sinsheim and follow the signs to the Auto & Technik Museum.

Museum in Stuttgart

Porsche Museum



This is a small museum worth visiting for any car buff visiting Stuttgart. It shows old and new sports and racing cars including an Autodaimler, the Abarth-Carrera and many others.

Tel: 0711-8275685
Porschestrasse 42
70435 Stuttgart/Zuffenhausen

Daimler Benz Museum

The Daimler Benz Museum is one of the most interesting and most popular car museums in Germany. It belongs to the world's oldest motor car factory and shows the evolution of the car industry through full-scale models. Your guide is a "soundstick" you obtain as you walk in which gives you detailed information in English.

Tel: 0711-172578
Mercedesstrasse 136, 70327 Stuttgart

There are numerous museums in Germany, and even the smallest villages seem to have at least one. For details, call the Tourist Information Office in a town you're planning to visit, or check their website. Most German towns can be found at [www."townname".de](http://www.townname.de), and many websites have an English section.

Theme & Amusement Parks

Märchenpark Sambachshof



This fairy-tale park is one of the few parks that is actually designed for children from the ages of 2 to 7. There are fairy tale houses with animated characters and rides designed especially for small children. Also you can enjoy a colorful water fountain dancing to music while you relax at the restaurant.

Website: <http://www.maerchenwald-sambachshof.de/>

Directions:

From Ledward, take Niederwerrnerstrasse toward downtown. Get on B 286 and then follow the road to Deutschhöfer Strasse. Stay on the priority road and follow signs to Stadtlauringen / Bad Königshofen. After about 20 minutes, you will reach Sulzfeld. In that town watch for a sign to "Mächenwald". Follow this sign and you will see the park on your left.

Open: from April to the end of October

Warner Bros. Movie World

This is a movie and entertainment park with spectacular rides, shows, and movies.

Open: All year round

Warner Allee 1

46244 Bottrop-Kirchhellen

Tel: 02045-899-899

Directions:

Take A 7 to A 44 to A 2 and exit at Bottrop (exit # 3). Continue on A 31 and exit at Kirchhellen-Feldhausen and follow the signs to the park.

Website:

http://www.movieparkgermany.de/Home/home_de/tabid/257/language/de-DE/Default.aspx

Europa Park

Europa Park is considered Germany's "Disneyland". It's is the largest theme park in Germany.

Open: April through October

Europa Park Strasse 2, 7631 Rust/Baden

Directions:

Take A 7 to Würzburg and A 8 toward Karlsruhe and then A 5 toward Freiburg. Exit at Ettenheim and follow signs either to Rust or to Europapark

Website: <http://www.europa-park.de> and select English.

Freizeitland Geiselwind

This is a great park for adults but also has activities for small children. Apart from fascinating adult rides, there are pony and camel rides, a dragon express, and much more.

Open: from middle of April through September.

Directions:

Take A 3 to Nürnberg and get off at the first exit to Geiselwind. Once you enter the town take a left and stay on the main road until you see the park on your right.

Website: <http://www.freizeit-land.de/>

Holiday Park

The many attractions include a roller coaster, pony rides, miniature cars, video games and dolphin shows.

Open: from the middle of April to the end of October.

Directions:

Take A 7 to Würzburg, A 3 toward Frankfurt, then A 81 to Heilbronn. Then take A 6 toward Mannheim and take the Hassloch exit and follow signs to Holiday Park

Website: www.holidaypark.de

Phantasialand

Fun for all ages! Dolphin shows, western shows, Chinese village, rides, remote controlled ships and a shooting hall are just a few of the attractions.

Open: from 01 April to 31 October.

Directions:

Take A 3 toward Frankfurt and continue past Frankfurt on A 3 toward Köln. At Dreieck Heumar follow A 4 toward Kerpen. Exit at Köln West and take A 1 toward Erfstadt. Leave the autobahn at Dreieck Erfstadt and go on B 265 to Brühl, where Phantasialand is located.

Website: www.phantasialand.de

Panorama Park

This park has a 3960 ft. long toboggan ride, super slides, fun bumper boats, and a 173-acre animal park.

Open: from 30 April to 30 October.

Directions:

Take A7 past Würzburg to A 3, towards Frankfurt. Exit at A45 direction Köln.

Info Tel.: (0 27 23) 7 74-1 00

Website: www.panoramapark.de

Adventure Park Schloss Thurn

An adventure park in the middle of a historic park built around a water castle. Apart from many rides and attractions, you can see a wild west show in the middle of a Western city or Medieval knights battling in a tournament.

Open: from the end of April to the end of October.

Directions:

Take A 73 to Nürnberg and exit at Baiersdorf Nord. Follow the sign to Heroldsbach. In Heroldsbach you will see signs to “Erlebnispark Schloss Thurn”

Legoland

Legoland is a fun-filled park for children of all ages where they can build whatever their imagination tells them.

Directions:

Take A 7 toward Würzburg. Stay on A 7 until you almost reach Ulm and exit at Günzburg.

Address:

Legoland Allee

89312 Günzburg

Tel: 0882-700-700

Website: www.legoland.de

Playmobil Fun Park

Playmobil Fun Park offers many attractions for children of all ages.

Address:

Brandstätter Strasse 2 – 10

90513 Zirndorf

Tel: 0911-9666-700

Website: www.playmobil-funpark.de



Phantasialand



Zoos & Animal Parks

Animal Parks

Wildpark an den Eichen



This park displays a variety of local wild animals. Also enjoy several playgrounds, a children's swimming pool, hiking trails, miniature golf and a skateboard park.

Address:

On Deutschhoferstrasse (Steinberg) Schweinfurt

Website: www.wildpark-schweinfurt.de

Open: year around

Admission: free

Wildpark Amusement Park (Bad Mergentheim)

In the Wildpark, you can see over 100 wild animals, such as wolves, wild boars and vultures, and watch the daily animal feedings. You will also find a nice play area for small children.

Address:

Wildpark Bad Mergentheim

Tel: 07931-41344

Directions:

Take A 7 to Wurzburg, and A 81 to Stuttgart. Exit at Tauberbischofsheim and follow signs to Bad Mergentheim. Look for the sign "Wildpark."

Website: www.wildtierpark.de

Open: March to November 1st

Wilhelma in Stuttgart

The Wilhelma, opened in 1880, is one of the largest and nicest zoos in Germany with 10,000 animals from all over the world, many of them living in a unique,

mountainous landscape. One of the highlights of the zoo is the world-renowned aquarium with displays ranging from a Black Forest river to the landscape of an Asian river to a South Sea island. The Botanical Garden has around 5000 species of plants, some of them well over 150 years old.

Directions: Get onto A 70 toward Würzburg. At exit 101 drive onto B 19 toward Würzburg and stay straight on B 19 till you can get onto A 3 toward Frankfurt/ Stuttgart. At exit 68 merge onto A 81 toward Stuttgart. Leave the Autobahn at exit 17 toward Stuttgart/Zuffenhausen. Take a right and look for signs to Wilhelma.

Tel: 0711-54020

Website: www.wilhelma.de

Frankfurt Zoo

Founded in 1958, the zoo houses over 500 different species in open cages and unique animal houses. Features include the great apes, African cats, an artic polar bear and seal exhibit, giraffe house, bird hall and children's zoo.

Address:

Alfred Brehm Platz 16
60316 Frankfurt am Main

Tel: 069-21233735

Website: <http://www.zoo-frankfurt.de>

Nürnberg Zoo (Tiergarten Nürnberg) Dolphinarium (Delfinarium)

This has been called the most beautifully landscaped zoo in Europe. The zoo, with its natural rock habitats and wooded areas is a home for approximately 2000 animals; some 300 species from all over the world provide year round enjoyment. The Dolphinarium (separate admission fee) features Dolphins and Californian sea lions for an unforgettable experience in the only Dolphinarium in southern Germany.

Am Tiergarten 30
90480 Nürnberg, **Tel:** 0911-54546

Directions:

Take A 3 from Würzburg towards Nürnberg and watch for a sign to "Tiergarten", **Website:** <http://www.tiergarten-nuernberg.de/>

Second Hand Shops & Flea Markets

You will find shops with good prices in almost every town. Here are some second-hand shops and permanent flea markets close to Schweinfurt that might be of interest to you.

In and around Schweinfurt

Trödelparadies

Stadtknechtgasse 6
97422 Schweinfurt
Tel: 0177-821-28-51

Harloff Alexandra

Adam Riese Strasse 15
97520 Röthlein
Tel: 09732-5809

Fleamarket – every 1st and 3rd Saturday a month in Wirsingstrasse (close to the Schweinfurt Hauptbahnhof)

Fleamarket – every Thursday – Sunday in 97469 Gochsheim, Schwebheimer Strasse 29

Fleamarket – every Friday 18.00 – 20.00 hrs and Saturday 10.00 – 13.00 hrs in 97456 Dittelbrunn, Hauptstrasse 79



B-Punkt - Second Hand clothes and household items

Frankfurter Strasse 37
97070 Würzburg
Tel: 0931-4046740

Würzburg

Fundgrube - Das Karussel
Theater Strasse 15, 97070 Würzburg
Tel: 0931-322750

Fundgrube – Das Karussel
Äussere Aumuehle 11
97070 Würzburg
Tel: 0931-2878370

Hassfurt

Wühlkiste
Brückenstrasse 13
97437 Hassfurt
Tel: 09531/943394
Mon – Fri 9.00 – 18.00 hrs

Eltmann

Wühlkiste
Zinkenstrasse 1
97483 Eltmann
Tel: 09522-707629
Mon – Fri 9.00 – 18.00 hrs, Sat 9.00 – 12.00 hrs

Ebern

Wühlkiste
Kapellenstrasse 6
96106 Ebern
Tel: 09531-943394
Mon – Fri 9.00 – 18.00 hrs, Sat 9.00 – 12.00 hrs

Tongeren Flea Market (Belgium)

Every Sunday from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. more than 50 traders and over 40 antique shops show their best goods. What makes the fair even more charming is its location, with the medieval wall in the background and the "Moerenpoort" standing by.



Candy Outlets

Bären Schmidt Gummi Bear Factory

Bären Schmidt is the major manufacturer in Germany for sweet baked goods and fruit gum products. One popular product are the "*Lebkuchenherzen*" a large, heart-shaped spice cookie.

Directions:

Take A 70 to A 7 toward Würzburg and follow A7 until you get to Kitzingen/Biebelried exit. Turn right to Kitzingen and go through the town until you get to Mainbernheim. Shortly after you enter the town the road will curve to the right. Turn right and follow the sign to Ochsenfurt. Turn right again and follow the road until you see the sign "Baeren Schmitt".

Address:

Bären Schmitt
Gebrueder Schmitt Strasse 14
97350 Mainbernheim

Tel: 09323-87110

Opening Times:

Jan – Aug: Monday through Friday 0700-1700 and Saturday 0800-1400

Sept-Dec: Monday through Friday 0700-1800 and Saturday 0800-1400

Eichetti Candy Land (Werneck Candy Store)

Eichetti offers a wide range of Ice Confect, Crispy Wafer Rolls and much more at great prices.

Directions: Take B 19 toward Würzburg. Stay on B 19 in Werneck until you are past the hospital (big building with an iron fence on your left). Now watch on your right for the Ford dealership, Norma and a shoe store. Once you see them turn right and go to the end of the street. Take a left at the end and go straight for about two blocks and you will see Eichetti Candy Land.

Hours: Wednesday and Friday 1000 – 1800 hrs and Saturday 1000 – 1300 hrs

Address:

Eichetti Candy Land

97438 Werneck

Tel: 09722-91 22-0

Website: www.eichetti.de

Used Furniture

You will find a large selection of used furniture with unbelievable prices, everything from antiques to contemporary pieces. You'll also find various flea market articles in the following stores.

Hofheim

Möbel Z.A.K.

Address: 65719 Hofheim, Gossmannsdorfer Strasse 2

Hours: Mon – Fri. 11.00 hrs – 18.00 hrs

Rentweinsdorf

Möbel Z.A.K.

Address: 96184 Rentweinsdorf Planplatz 3
Hours: Mon – Fri. 1.00 hrs – 18.00 hrs

Kaltenhof /Mainberg

Möbelmarkt Levi eV

Hours: Mon – Fri. 0900-1200, 1400-16.00 hrs, Sat 1400-1700
Flea market one Saturday a month.

Directions: 97453 Mainberg, Kaltenhof

Take B 26 from Schweinfurt to Mainberg. Turn left at the sign for the Schloss and continue up the hill past the castle to Kaltenhof farm.

Würzburg

Brauchbar

Address: 97070 Würzburg, Grombühlstrasse 52

Hours: Mo – Fri 1000-1800; Sat 1000-1500

Tel: 0931-2878424

Hassfurt

Wühlkiste

This store carries smaller pieces of used furniture plus used household items, toys, and decorations.

Address:

97437 Hassfurt, Brückenstrasse 13

Hours: Mo – Fri 0900-1800

Tel: 09521-952346

Shopping Outlets

When shopping in Germany be sure to always have a VAT Form (Abwicklungsschein) with you. Many of the stores will deduct Germany's 19% value added tax from your final price if you have the proper forms with you. You can purchase these forms at the Tax Relief Office, Ledward Barracks, Bldg 224 (Commons). However, German stores are not required to accept the form. It's best to ask before you make your purchase.

Renee Lazare (Kitzingen/Schwarzach)

Excellent shopping opportunities for men's and ladies' formal as well as casual clothing.

Directions: Take A 7 to A 3 and exit at Kitzingen/Schwarzach. After driving through Schwarzach you will come to a traffic circle. Exit the first exit to your right onto B 22. You will see the shop less than one mile down to your left.

Birkenstock Factory Outlet (Bad Honnef)

Prices at the outlet are quite a bit cheaper than at other stores on the economy.

Directions:

From Würzburg take A 3 towards Frankfurt/Köln. Take the exit Bad Honnef/Linz. At the first intersection take a left toward Bad Honnef. Once in town follow the sign "Rheinfähre" and you will come to the Birkenstock factory. The sales room is open Monday to Friday 900 – 1900 hrs, Saturday 900 – 1600 hrs (no lunch break),
Tel: 02645-942100

Merks Clothing Outlet (Wachenrot)

The store is the largest building in this village with three floors of clothing for the entire Family, plus linens and good-priced curtains. Great values!

Directions: Take A 3 toward from Würzburg to Nürnberg. Turn right at the intersection and follow signs to Wachenroth. The shop will be on the left.

Merks Clothing Outlet
96193 Wachenroth

Adidas Outlet Store (Herzogenaurach)

Prices here are up to 75% cheaper than in regular stores.

Directions: Take A 7 to Würzburg and from there A3 to Nürnberg. Take exit 83 and follow the signs to Herzogenaurach. Once in town follow the signs "Puma and Nike". You will see the factory straight ahead

Address:

Adidas Outlet, Olympia Ring 2, 91074 Herzogenaurach, Tel: 09132-84 2000

Wertheim Village Outlet Shopping

You can chose from 65 designer and fashion brands and save up to 60 % all year round on clothing, jewelry, shoes, and much more.

Directions: From Würzburg take A 3 toward Frankfurt and take exit 65 toward Wertheim. Follow the signs to Wertheim Village.

Address:

Wertheim Village

Almosenberg

97877 Wertheim-Bettingen

Tel: 09342-9199111

Website: www.wertheimvillage.com

Adler Clothing Outlet (Haibach)

Great prices for clothing for the entire Family. The Trachten wear selection is especially good.

Directions:

Take A3 from Würzburg to Frankfurt and exit at Mespelbrunn. At the B8 intersection turn right and stay on B8 through Haibach (about 20 km). Adler is the bright pink building on your left.

Address:

Adler

63808 Haibach

Rotmain-Center in Bayreuth

This shopping mall has approximately 80 stores with a big selection of goods to purchase. It is centrally located in Bayreuth just a few minutes from the Market Square and the walking mall. Parking is available for 1200 cars.

Directions:

Take A 70 toward Bamberg and stay on A 70 until you come to the exit Bayreuth Turn onto B 22 and you will see the mall.

Address:

Hohenzollernring 58

95444 Bayreuth

Tel: 0921-76431-0

Crystal Shopping

In Neustadt an der Walnaab

Below is just a small sample of the many crystal stores you will find throughout Neustadt an der Walnaab.

Directions:

Take A 70 past Bamberg towards A 9, exit at Bayreuth/Kulmbach and you will get to A 9. Once on the Autobahn take the second exit to Bayreuth—Nord and follow the signs to Weiden (B 22). Just before you get to Weiden you will see the sign for Neustadt a.d Waldnaab (a left turn of B 22).

Altbayerische Kristall Glashütte

Once in Neustadt a.d.Waldnaab follow the signs for Nachtmann. Before crossing over the bridge you will see the shop on the right-hand corner, across from the “Gift Cottage”. You can watch a glass blower at work in the back room.

Address:

Am Judengraben 1

Tel: 09602-7462

Marion Crystal

When you enter Neustadt look for a sign on the left that says “Glas von Marion” Marion is the largest special mail order business in Germany for overseas shipping. On weekends you can have engravings done on your purchases.

Address:

Nachtgasse 15

Tel: 09602-7462

Nachtmann Park & Shop

Seconds and discontinued items are usually available

Address:

Zacharias Frank Strasse

Tel: 09602-300

Christkindl Markt

This store has Steiff animals, porcelain dolls, beanie babies, Christmas decorations all year round and much more.

Address:

Froschausterstrasse 1

Clocks

Oppmann Clocks

This shop offers a good selection of new and antique wall, cuckoo and grandfather clocks. They offer twelve months layaway with no interest. They accept Euros, US Dollars, Visa and Master Card.

OPEN:

The shop is only open on Saturdays and American Holidays, but will open for you on other days if you call for an appointment.

Directions:

From Würzburg take B27 toward Fulda. Take the first exit to Veitshöchheim. Go up the hill. On your right you will pass the German Kaserne. Take the next left and cross a small street. Oppmann is the second house on the left.

Address:

Wolfstalstrasse 6

97209 Veitshöchheim

Tel: 0931-92644

Porcelain Factories

Lindner Porzellanfabrik (Kueps)

You will find thousands of articles, many in blue and white with gold decorations. Factory prices are discounted, many almost by half.

Directions:

Take A 70 toward Bamberg. Take the B 173 exit, Exit 17, toward Kronach, Lichtenfels, Coburg. Merge onto A 73. A 73 becomes B 173. Follow signs to Lichtenfels, Staffelstein, Kueps.

Address:

Bamberger Strasse 9
96328 Kueps
Tel: 09264-219

Göbel Porzellanfabrik (Rödental)

The Hummel factory has a great showroom with Hummel and Goebel figurines and also Goebel pottery. Seconds are available in retail prices in the outlet. Tours through the factory are available in English.

Directions:

Take A 70 toward Bamberg and exit at Schonungen/Coburg. Once in Coburg follow the sign to Neustadt. Rödental is not far outside of the town. The factory has a big Hummel figurine out front.

Address:

Coburger Strasse 7
96472 Rödental

Tel: 09563-920

Website: www.goebel.de

Wicker Outlets

Krines (Sand am Main)

Krines offers a big variety of wicker items including wicker furniture at a great price. This store is only about 30 km from Schweinfurt.

Directions:

Take A 70 toward Bamberg and exit at Knetzgau. Take a right toward Zell. In the middle of town you will see a sign to Sand to your left. When you enter Sand you will see the factory outlet on your right (white building with petrol windows)

Krines Rattanmöbel

Open: Mon – Fri 1000 – 1800 hrs and Sat 0900 – 1400 hrs

Address:

Zellerstrasse 13, 97522 Sand am Main

Tel: 09524-8230-0, **Website:** www.krines-rattan.de

Christian Locker

Vary large assortment of wicker items from baskets to furniture. Many items are made in the Far East as well as in Germany.

Directions:

Take A 70 toward Bamberg. Take the B 173 exit , Exit 17, toward Kronach, Lichtenfels, Coburg. Merge onto A 73. A 73 becomes B 173. Follow signs to Lichtenfels, Staffelstein, Kueps. Once in Kueps go toward Kronach and take a right at the traffic light. Stay on this street, go over a small bridge and up the hill and take a right. You will see Christian Locker immediately turning right on the left side of the street.

Marktplatz 4

96328 Kueps

Tel: 09264-255

Michael Bauer

Bauer has a fine quality assortment of wicker items and is located just across from Christian Locker in Kueps.

Shopping In Czech

Cheb Flea Market

You must have an American tourist passport or European ID with you to cross the border to Czech or Poland. You might also be asked for your car registration and proof of car insurance.

Directions:

Get on A 70 toward Bamberg and drive straight until you get to A 9 Berlin/Dresden/Hof.. From A9 take exit Bad Berneck (first exit) and get onto B 303/E48 toward Bad Berneck. Stay on B 303 until you reach the border. After crossing the border take first exit "Pomezí" which will bring you straight to Cheb (about ten minutes). In Cheb keep on going straight and make a right turn at the second light and you will be at the Dragon Market.

Karlovy Vary (Czech Republic)

Karlovy Vary is famous for crystal, porcelain, jewelry and leather

Directions:

Take A 70 to Bamberg/Bayreuth and A 9 toward Berlin. Take the first exit toward bad Berneck. Take B 303 all the way to the border. You are now on E 48. follow the sign to Cheb/Karlovy Vary. In Cheb follow turn-off to Karlovy Vary E 48/49. Once in Karlovy Vary follow signs to Centrum (center of town). There are plenty of places to exchange your money once you are downtown but many places accept Euros or Visa Cards.

Shopping In Poland

Polish Pottery

You will find many pottery shops on your way to Boleslawiec and in Boleslawiec itself.

Directions:

From Schweinfurt take A 70 toward Bamberg to A 9 toward Bayreuth. Continue on A 9 to A 72 towards Dresden (exit 33). Once in Dresden take E 40 to Bautzen/Goerlitz. Get back on the Autobahn and follow signs to Goerlitz and Wroclaw and you will come to the border. You must have your American passport or European ID with you. Also you might be asked for your car registration and proof of car insurance. Once you passed the border continue to follow signs toward Wroclaw A4/E40. It's about 424 km from Schweinfurt to Boleslawiec.



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