



A journey back into time is indeed possible...

good old days. Granted, from the perspective of those living at that time, the times might not have been that good. Nonetheless, the solid stone structures and exciting stories left behind make them appear to be eternal and ready for search of. Castle Road between Mannheim and Prague reassuringly offers many opportunities to immerse yourself in the supposed completely natural course of Castle Road might at first think that the road has chosen its own route; it winds through picturesque landscapes and time after time enters cities where you can sense the "good old days". The Neckar valley, the course of the Jagst and the Tauber rivers provide the most magical impressions along the road, before Nuremberg is reached about half way.



No less charming are the landscapes of Franconian Switzerland, the Main River, the Franconian Forest and the Fichtelgebirge (Spruce Mountains) along the route before Bohemia welcomes its visitors. There the route leads to imposing castles and splendid palaces. The end of Castle Road is crowned by Karlstejn Castle and the city of Prague. Although the attractions along Castle Road are strung like beads on a necklace, it was never intended that the road be driven down all in one go. In the 55 years of its existence the passages or individual parts of Castle Road were and are the most interesting that it is always worth your while to take yet another journey through time. Regardless of whether you travel by car, by motorbike or bicycle, we cordially welcome you to visit us.



Enchanting Events

Castle Road reveals itself to visitors as almost no other tourist route with its typical events. Regardless of whether the events are based on historical facts or took place against backdrops steeped in history, they convey to the visitor how knights and princes, maids and ladies-in-waiting once lived and provide a fascinating encounter with the past. Of medieval market with travelling entertainers and oriental wares, the knights' tournament where people cheer on their heroes in feverish excitement, or the opulent festival in the residential garden where a royal household revels in amusement – where else can one be more deeply immersed in history? The castles and residences, but also other showplaces traced in history create romantic settings for concerts, theatrical performances and open-air plays in many venues, inspiring one to sojourn along Castle Road and very often enjoy an unforgettable experience.



If culinary delights events, the guest learns even more about the regional specialties of the kitchens and the focus of the medieval market with travelling entertainers and oriental wares, the knights' tournament where people cheer on their heroes in feverish excitement, or the opulent festival in the residential garden where a royal household revels in amusement – where else can one be more deeply immersed in history? The castles and residences, but also other showplaces traced in history create romantic settings for concerts, theatrical performances and open-air plays in many venues, inspiring one to sojourn along Castle Road and very often enjoy an unforgettable experience.



Immerse yourself in the aura of hospitality...

In a time of uniform hotels with plastic breakfasts and quick drive-by menus the meals, beverages and overnight accommodations offered along Castle Road represent a distinctive counterpoint. Individual pleasures is still very important to us and many local firms have continued perfecting the art of satisfying their guests to the fullest. Our partners, including palace hotels and castle taverns, are fundamentally very attentive to their guests desires. This involves creative ideas that go far beyond a candlelight dinner or a spooky ghost in a haunted castle. When our Castle Road guests set upon their journey back in time, then they should also be able to immerse themselves in the aura of hospitality and sense of security that permeates many historic walls. In addition, numerous other firms in the close proximity of the castles and palaces are also dedicated to looking after the well being of their guests. See the link "Be a Guest in Castles and Palaces" and the link "Accommodations" at www.castleroad.de where you will find a selection of places that will live up to the standards of hospitality along Castle Road. Just allow yourself be enchanted...

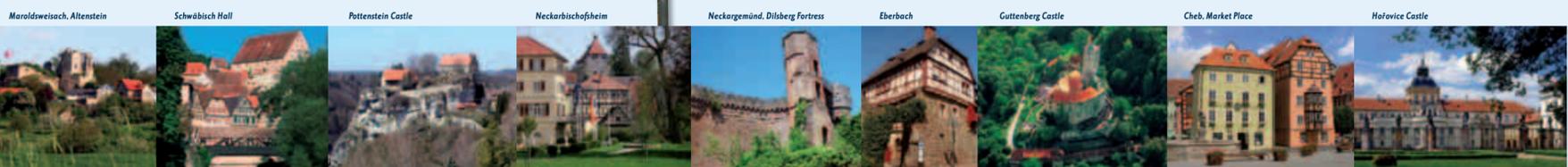


Plan your journey per mouse click – the Route Planner of Castle Road

Castle Road is about 1200 km long, and more than 90 castles, fortresses and palaces between Mannheim and Prague are not always connected via the shortest route. Visiting the highlights non-stop in three days, travelling slowly from castle to castle, combining biking and cultural enjoyment – certainly every guest has something special in mind when thinking about a tour along Castle Road. Visit the Route Planner at www.castleroad.de which offers good services concerning your travel arrangements for both the German and the Czech sections.



Just a mouse click and the Route Planner provides you with everything that is important for planning your individual dream tour along Castle Road. You can go to a map showing castles, palaces, museums and other tourist attractions, calculate distances and travel times and additionally have a look at the full description of the entire tour.

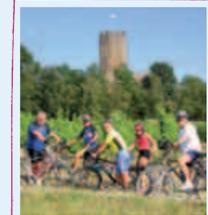


Transport facilities along the Castle Road...

En Route with Car/with Motorbike: Castle Road winds along national and country roads. The focus is not on the fastest connection between the individual destinations but on an attractive routing, leading the tourist from castle to castle. Throughout the German part of Castle Road the traveller is guided from one location to the next with the help of brown



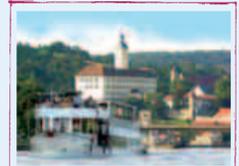
information signs with white marked letters. Car rentals are also shown in the travel information. Take Castle Road home with you and plan your personal tour according to your own taste. Once the journey starts all necessary information will be on hand, and nothing should be in the way of an eventful holiday. We wish you a lot of fun planning and travelling and wish you an unforgettable trip along Castle Road!



have their own train stations; in some stretches the train travels parallel to the road. • ICE (Intercity express) connections to Mannheim, Heidelberg, Nuremberg and Bamberg. • EC-/IC (Euro- and Intercity) connections to Mannheim, Heidelberg, Ansbach, Nuremberg, Bamberg and Bayreuth.

For detailed information in English concerning travelling by train in Germany visit www.bahn.de (Deutsche Bahn AG) and for the Czech Republic visit www.cd.cz (České Dráhy = Czech trains).

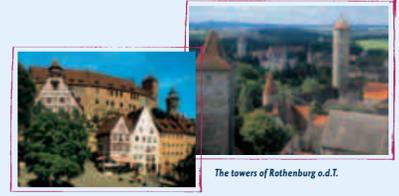
By Plane: All large airlines offer international flight connections. Direct access to Castle Road is via the airports of Nuremberg and Prague. The next closest airports are found in Stuttgart (circa 60 km to Heilbronn), Frankfurt am Main (circa 90 km to Heidelberg) and Munich (circa 165 km to Nuremberg). There are good train connections from all of these airports; some even offer shuttle transport.



By Ship: During the summer months passenger ships cruise at regular intervals along the Neckar River, the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal, the Regnitz River and the Vlatava (Moldau) River.



Romantic tours at your fingertips



Now your unforgettable tour of the beautiful cities, medieval castles and magnificent palaces is just a mouse-click away. A variety of pre-packaged rail- and rental-car tours along the Castle Road can conveniently be booked online at www.toEurope.eu. Whatever your preference may be: our Self-drive tours include an AVIS rental car, our Rail tours 1st- or 2nd-class rail transportation. Enjoy the freedom of independent travel at your own pace and take delight in the comfort of a pre-arranged tour.

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MANNHEIM

Nicknamed "Quadrangle City" with one of the most beautiful Art Nouveau complexes in Germany and the "Water Tower" landmark; electoral royal palace built by the Prince Electors Carl Philipp and Carl Theodor from 1720-60; one of the largest baroque palace complexes in the world; splendid rooms on the "Bel étage" (first floor) with c.a. 800 original objects, palace museum, including the cabinet library of the Electoral Princess Elisabeth Augusta and the permanent exhibition "Courtly Art"; Mannheim Residence Museum of international standing with the Army Museum, Forum of International Photography, World Cultures Museum, Mannheim Art Centre, Regional Museum for Technology and Labor, Shipping Museum on former paddle steamer, National Theatre.

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SCHWETZINGEN

Summer residence of the Palatine Electors Carl Philipp and Carl Theodor, the "Palatine Versailles"; palace built from 1697; from 1742 palace gardens enlarged to a total area of 72 ha, inspired by both French and English gardens; varied architectural elements, including the luxurious bathhouse of the Electors and the mosque.

Rococo theatre from 1752, the elegant centre of the annual international Schwetzingen Festival.

Concerts, art exhibitions and other events in the palace. Historical evolution of city centre, famous for "Schwetzingen asparagus".

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HEIDELBERG

Above narrow lanes and a picturesque confusion of roofs reigns the world famous Heidelberg Castle, for five centuries the residence of the Palatine Electors and the epitome of the Romantic with the most varied history; the splendor of the Renaissance, the devastation of the Thirty Years War, reconstruction and renewed prosperity and the final destruction during the French-Palatinate War of Succession. King's Hall, large wine barrel, German Apothecary Museum; today scene of festive and cultural events such as the castle festival, castle illuminations, Old Town on the Neckar River; oldest university in Germany, founded 1386; Old Bridge, the Philosopher's Path, Palatine Museum with Riemschneider altar.

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NECKARGEMÜND

The mighty Dilsberg Fortress visible from a long distance above the Neckar River valley, built in the 12th century, surrounded by neat little houses; 80-metre long underground gallery; castle concerts.

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NECKARSTEINACH

The four castle city on the Neckar River, the front castle and the middle castle are both in ruins; of Schadeck Castle, the "Swallow's Nest", with a splendid view; ruins of the back castle, illumination of the four castles.

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HIRSCHHORN

Hirschhorn knight's castle from the 12th century, today castle hotel and restaurant with an observation terrace; small medieval city "The Pearl of the Neckar River valley"; former Carmelite monastery.

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EBERBACH

Eberbach ruins with superb view of the Neckar valley; picturesque Old Town with imposing walls, defensive towers, Powder Tower with tower clock, Hessel Tower with Pewter Figure Museum, Cooper's Museum.

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MOSBACH

Between the Odenwald range and the Neckar River, characterized by splendid half-timbered houses, including the Palm House on the market square. Town Hall with Town Hall tower, Gutleut complex with chapel, monastery garden, City Museum.

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HOTEL-RESTAURANT HORNBERG CASTLE

Castle of the knight Götz von Berlichingen, oldest castle in the Neckar valley, nestled amongst woods and vines, hotel and restaurant, beautiful view, castle chapel, ideal for company and family parties.

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GUNDELSHEIM

Hornack Castle of the Teutonic Order of Knights, 1438-1525 residence of the Grandmaster, the third main seat of the Order after Marienburg and Riga, today seat of the Transylvanian Museum; wine and hiking paradise.

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GUTTENBERG CASTLE

Intact Stauffer castle complex, over 550 years the property of the Gemmingen family, award-winning exhibition "Life in a Knight's Castle"; great falconry centre, shows of birds in flight, twice a day; castle tavern, medieval banquets, hay hotel.

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HEINSHEIM CASTLE

Around 1720 extended into a baroque castle, for 285 years privately owned by the family von Racknitz, today hotel with 42 stylishly furnished rooms and suites, 6 conference and meeting rooms, baroque chapel, open-fire-place hotel bar, castle restaurant.

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NECKARBISCHOFSHHEIM

Old Castle (Stone House) dates back to a 13th century fortified castle, today's appearance due to rebuilding in the 16th century; next to the New Castle of 1829 which replaced the 14th-century New Stone House, today castle hotel and restaurant; first reference of Alexander Castle in 1545, today Town Hall.

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SINSHHEIM

"Compass of the Kaichgau"; Steinsberg Castle located on a basalt peak and visible from afar; first reference of the family von Steinsberg in 1109; expansion of castle complex as of 1307 under the palgraves; castle was stormed by the Kraichgau men in the Peasants' War in 1525; restoration 2 years later with the penalty paid by the peasants; changing occupation during the Thirty Years' War; abandonment of castle in the 18th century, property of the town of Sinshheim and under reconstruction since 1973; today popular destination with castle restaurant and venue of numerous cultural events. Automobile & Engineering Museum, exhibition space of more than 50,000 sqm, IMAX 3D Cinema; history of the town in the Town and Liberty Museum in the Old Town Hall; Frederick the Great Museum in the Lerchenstett.

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WEINSBERG

"Weibertru" Castle ruins, famous because of the "Faithful Wives of Weinsberg", stone album with inscriptions of important poets. Faithful Wife Museum, Justinus Kerner House, Roman estate; wine locality; State vineyard - oldest winegrowing school in Germany.

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NEUENSTEIN CASTLE

Neuenstein Castle with Hohenlohe Museum, Great Hall, historic residential apartments, cabinet of art and rare objects, fully functional late medieval castle kitchen in original state from 1495.

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BAD WIMPFEN

Largest Stauffer fortified imperial palace north of the Alps, built by the Stauffer emperors at the end of the 12th century. Striking silhouette high above the Neckar with the two keeps of the Red and Blue Tower, the castle chapel, the arcades of the Stauffer palace and the stone house. The Blue Tower was built about 1200 and served as a high watchtower well into the 19th century. The tower watchman tradition - probably the oldest in Germany - has continued for centuries until today. Medieval Old Town with half-timbered houses and twisty lanes. Picturesque backdrop for historical markets. Modern medical baths with health resort and rehabilitation centre and saltwater pool.

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BAD FRIEDRICHSHALL

Lehen Castle, a Renaissance castle (1553), today hotel with 24 rooms and gourmet restaurant; Grecken Castle built in 1599-1600, in Renaissance style; St. André Castle (1710); Teutonic Order Castle Heuchlingen, destroyed in the Peasants' War, rebuilt in the beginning of the 16th century, today agricultural property.

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WALDENBURG

Castle atop the mountain with a panoramic view, baronial residence, medieval town fortification with accessible Stauffer Tower. Guided historic tours through narrow and winding alleys. Primate World Museum in Town Hall. Museum exhibiting about 800 seals. Discovery route from the courtyard of the castle far out into the surrounding nature of Waldenburg, e.g. lake Neumühlsee.

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SCHWÄBISCH HALL

Großromberg is a great ensemble of defence wall, towers, chapels and medieval buildings. Particularly worth seeing is St. Nikolaus Church with its three towers and the Romanesque art treasures of international repute. The 420-metre battlement is accessible over its entire length (free of charge) and offers magnificent views of the former imperial town of Schwabisch Hall. The beautifully restored Old Town and the Marketplace are among the most beautiful ones in Southern Germany. Further attractions include the Hällisch-Fränkisches Museum, Warth Art Gallery with its exhibitions of contemporary art and the Hohenlohe Open-Air Museum with over 60 authentic farmhouses covering five centuries.

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HEILBRONN

Former imperial city on the Neckar River surrounded by vineyards, famous from Kleist's drama "Käthchen von Heilbronn" (Kathy of Heilbronn), today one of the largest wine-growing communities in Germany; Attractions: Town Hall with astronomical mechanical clock; St. Kilian's Church with Late Gothic high altar by Hans Seyler and unique Renaissance tower; Käthchen House - Gothic stone house with Renaissance oriel window, museums in historical Deutschhof, Experimenta - Science Centre, since 2009, walks up the Götzen Tower, Hafenmarkt Tower and Bollwerk Tower; Wartberg with splendid view and wine panorama path; Comedy Theatre, Theatre Ship, wine-tasting and tours of the vineyards, wine villa, boat cruises down the Neckar.

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KIRCHBERG AN DER JAGST

Hohenlohe castle complex, integrated into the town fortifications; Great Hall, castle concerts; many towers and gables built along the lateral extension of the mountain; Old Town worth seeing.

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ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER

Unique medieval jewel high above the Tauber River valley; outstanding edifices testify to the glorious past of the free imperial city. Attractions: Gothic St. James' Church with Tilman Riemschneider's Holy Blood Altar, Town Hall, the fortifications with the wall-walk and castle gardens, Medieval Criminal Museum with collection on the history of criminal justice, Imperial City Museum with objects from Rothenburg's past, Doll and Toy Museum, German Christmas Museum, Historical Vaults and Rothenburg Handicrafts House. Historic performances of "The Master Draught", "The Shepherds' Dance" and the "Hans-Sachs Plays" on the Free Imperial City Days bring the town's history back to life again. New since 2008 - The Toppler Theatre (professional open-air theatre).

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ROMANTIC FRANCONIA

Colberg: Colberg Castle, hotel & restaurant, game preserve, golf course. Lichtenau: fortress, golf course. Wolframs-Eschenbach: Castle of the Teutonic Order of Knights, Minnesinger town, town fortifications, officially approved resort.

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ANSBACH

Former royal palace of the margraves of Brandenburg-Ansbach, 27 rooms in the "Ansbach Rococo" style with splendid furnishings, two-storied banqueting hall, cabinet of mirrors, tiled hall with around 2,800 tiles from the former Ansbach faience factory, Gothic hall with Bavarian State Collections of "Ansbach Faience and Porcelain", Orangery as the architectural focus of the court gardens, today concert and conference venue, café and restaurant.

In 1833 Kaspar Hauser, the "Child of Europe" was murdered under mysterious circumstances in the court gardens. St. Gumbertus Church with the Chapel of the Knights of the Swan and Margraves' Tomb; Margraves' Museum.

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ABENBERG

1000-year old castle with striking silhouette, "The House of Franconian History" in the castle complex, the Lace-Making Museum, castle hotel and restaurant; further tourist attractions: Marienburg monastery church, lace-making school.

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ROTH

Ratibor Castle with a magnificent hall, "Town Museum" and castle gardens. The inner courtyard is used as an open-air stage. Equally worth seeing are the Old Town and the Leon Industry Factory Museum.

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NUREMBERG

The imperial castle towers as a landmark over a city with half a million inhabitants; in the Middle Ages esteemed one of the most significant fortified imperial palaces; between 1050-1571 all the German emperors & kings of the Holy Roman Empire temporarily stayed there; the Kemenate (heated ladies' apartments) today houses a branch museum of the Germanisches Nationalmuseum, double chapel, imperial residential apartments in the palace, Burg-freie (courtyard for asylum seekers), Sinwell tower with unique view; Old Town, 5 km-long city wall with 4 imposing tower gates, Craftsmen's Courtyard, Dürer House, Church of Our Lady with "Männleinlaufen" mechanical clock, St. Lawrence Church, German National Museum, Toy Museum, Railway Museum.

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FRANCONIAN SWITZERLAND

National park between Nuremberg, Bamberg and Bayreuth; Forchheim: prince-bishop's residence, "fortified imperial castle" with Palatine Museum; Ebermannstadt: health resort with historic Old Town; Egloffstein: castle, medieval ancestral seat of the von und zu Egloffsteins with splendid view of the Trubach valley; Muggendorf-Streitberg: ruins of Castles Neideck and Streitberg; Bing cave; Göwewinstein: Göwewinstein Castle, pilgrimage basilica by Balthasar Neumann, Pilgrimage Museum; Pottenstein: Little town with a 1000-year old castle atop the cliffs, Devil's Cave, summer toboggan-run, Franconian Switzerland Museum in Töchesfeld; Wailigenstadt: Little half-timbered town with castle; Heiligenstadt: Greifenstein Castle with museum, family seat of the Stauffenbergs; Aufseß: Upper Aufseß Castle and Lower Aufseß Castle, largest number of breweries per inhabitant; Memmelsdorf: Seebach Castle, former summer residence and hunting lodge of the Bamberg prince-bishops, orangery, water fountains, concerts.

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COBURG

Thanks to the Dukes of Saxe-Coburg and Saxony, Coburg is rich in art treasures and museums, to be admired in the four castle towers: Veste Coburg or Coburg Fortress, "The Crown of Franconia", one of the largest castle complexes in Germany, with internationally renowned art collections - old German masters and sculptures, precious Venetian glasses, historic weaponry, old carriages - as well as the Luther memorial room; Ehrenburg Castle with e.g. the chambers of Queen Victoria; Rosenua Castle, Queen Victoria's favourite residence with the European Museum of Modern Glass; Callenberg Castle, summer residence of the Dukes of Coburg, German Marksman Museum. Large variety of events, e.g. former court theatre, samba festival, "Time Journey" and Reformation Day on the Yeste.

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RABENSTEIN CASTLE

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BAMBERG

Altenburg Castle with a fantastic view. From 1305 to 1553 second residence of the Bamberg Prince-Bishops, pillaged in the 16th century and reconstructed in the Romantic era, also a retreat of the famous German poet E.T.A. Hoffmann. Today it is a favoured place for excursions with a popular restaurant. Altenburg Castle commands a view over one of Europe's largest and completely preserved old-town complexes, since 1993 UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site, an art ensemble from a 1000 years. Main attractions are the Imperial Palace, New Residence, Old Town Hall and a large wealth of art and culture as well as the diversity of beer offered by the nine Bamberg breweries and the large range of hiking and biking options in and around Bamberg.

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RENTWEINSDORF

After destructions in the Peasants' War 1525 and the Thirty Years' War, by 1750 a new construction of the rococo castle of Rentweinsdorf was built on the foundations of the former moated castle, final completion in 1762. English landscape garden with a baroque orangery, located in the centre of Rentweinsdorf, still today residence of the Barons von Rotenhan.

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SESSLACH

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PRAGUE

Prague Castle, first mentioned in 1135, one of the most imposing fortress complexes in Germany, from 1338 to 1791 the property of the Hohenzollern; the "Beautiful Courtyard" is the show-piece of the impressive arcaded courtyard in Renaissance style richly decorated with sculptures, an atmospheric venue for open-air concerts and theatrical performances in the summer; "Plassenburg Castle State Collection", the "Frederick the Great Army Museum", "Upper Main Landscape Museum", the "German Pewter Figure Museum", the largest of its kind in the world with 300,000 individual figures; castle tavern with observation terrace, World-famous beer town, Bavarian Brewery Museum, Beer Week.

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BAYREUTH

Old Palace with octagonal bell tower, palace church with sarcophagus of the Margrave Friedrich & Margravine Wilhelmine; notable buildings from Bayreuth's period of greatest prosperity under Margravine Wilhelmine in the 18th century; the "New Palace", the marginal residence with the so-called Garden and Palm Room, Cabinet of Fragmented Mirrors, Bavarian state collection of paintings exhibiting masterpieces of German and Dutch baroque painting; Old Palace with inner grotto in the historic heritage park grounds and the New Palace with the Temple of the Sun, interplay of water fountains, artificial amphitheatre ruin; marginal opera house, most beautifully preserved baroque theatre in Europe; Festival House with unique acoustics, made world-famous by the Richard Wagner Festival, one of the largest opera stages in the world.

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KRONACH

Rosenberg Fortress, former Bamberg bishop's castle and later state fortress, one of the largest fortress complexes in Germany and never conquered; fortress tours through the extensive underground passageways; Franconian Gallery with art works from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance; Upper Town - historical Old Town with late medieval character, almost fully preserved city wall; birth place of the painter Lucas Cranach the Elder; annual Faust Festival - open-air theatre in the fortress from July to August, great classics close up; Sweden procession (Sunday after Corpus Christi) in remembrance of the city's victory over the Swedish in 1632.

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