



Burghausen & the world's longest castle



The pearl on the Salzach

The colourful houses of the old town quarter nestle up against one another like something out of a picture book and the world's longest castle stands picturesquely above the heritage-protected site. Visit Burghausen and be taken on a journey through time that excites all the senses – and will stay with you for a very long time. Situated just 100 kilometres from Munich and only 50 kilometres to the north of Salzburg, the town on the border with Austria enchants visitors with its past and entertains them with its cultural richness – offering them a wealth of leisure activities that make an excursion to the Salzach an unforgettable experience. Visitors to Burghausen can take a stroll along its mighty tuff stone walls and through six castle courtyards, are regaled with the stories that didn't make the history books by tour guides dressed in historical costumes, and take a ride downstream on a Plätte boat that was previously used to transport salt. But they can also get into the swing of International Jazz Week, experience the collegiate atmosphere of an academic town and enjoy some homely Bavarian hospitality.

World's longest castle

»» The world's longest castle stands 70 metres above Burghausen's old town; 1,051 metres of medieval heritage mark the path that leads to an endless series of towers and battlements – that extends for a very long way. Visitors witnessing one thousand years of history may well get into the spirit and feel like noblemen striding gallantly through the castle or noblewomen wandering through the rooms of the ducal residence. This photo transports you right back to the present day, where there are so many things worth seeing – the buildings and towers are still home to 200 people and still offer an unimpaired view of one of Bavaria's most glorious town squares and the idyllic Lake Wörthersee, and greet visitors with a sublime panoramic view right up to the peaks of the Alps.

Old town / Street of Fame

»» Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo – visitors never tire of looking at the façades of the picturesque old town. But it is not just the heritage-protected ensemble that charms visitors. The manual traders' district and the small shops with their quaint features are just waiting to be discovered; Bavarian beer gardens and exquisite restaurants cater to their guests' every need; art, culture and music bring people together on the picture-perfect squares of the Salzach. The old town really comes alive in the evenings.

And while Hollywood boasts its "Walk of Fame", the brightly polished bronze plaques in the Gruben immortalise all the great jazz musicians, which are the inspiration behind the first-rate festival held every year during International Jazz Week. Ella Fitzgerald, Dave Brubeck and Chet Baker are just a few of the impressive names that visitors can see as they wander up and down the delightful narrow streets that surround the "Street of Fame".



Tours of the castle and the town

»» The tour guides paint a picture of the lives of the rich Bavarian dukes that gives visitors to this town on the Salzach river an insight into a thousand years of Burghausen's history. Specially themed guided tours focus on particular aspects of history – for example, "Witches, Harlots, Saints" takes people back to a time when a person's fate often hung by a thread. Children visiting Burghausen find out whether the little knight also went to school, and get to listen to some spooky ghost stories in some of the castle's more mysterious places.

Public castle tours are available every Saturday, Sunday and on public holidays, and also take place several times in the week during the summer months.



Getting here by car

A 94 / B 12 · Munich - Altötting - Markt/
exit Burghausen (approx. 100 km)
A 92 / A 94 / B 12 · Passau - Burghausen (approx. 85 km)
B 20 · Salzburg/Freilassing - Burghausen (approx. 50 km)
B 20 · Straubing - Burghausen (approx. 100 km)

Getting here by train

Munich - Mühldorf - Burghausen

Getting here by plane

Munich Airport / Erding
Franz-Josef-Strauß-Airport
Salzburg Airport (Austria)
W.-A.-Mozart Airport



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Monday to Friday

May to September 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
October to April 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

November to March -
closed on Saturdays



Plätte boat rides on the Salzach river

These Plätte boats once brought salt (known as "white gold") to the town, and now they take passengers for a ride along the Salzach.

The enchanting river ride begins in Tittmoning, and passes by a number of idyllic spots in the Salzach Valley that are marked by Baroque architecture and unspoilt nature. Just before arriving in Burghausen, as you pass by Raitenhaslach Abbey and Marienberg Pilgrimage Church you will get yet another unforgettable view of the world's longest castle looming protectively over the brightly coloured, bunched-up houses of the old town.

The musical Plätte boats, which entertain passengers with jazz, Bavarian "Danzlmusik" or harp music on board, are a particular delight. The theatre Plätte boats have storytellers on board, who transport passengers back to the Middle Ages and paint a picture of the tough lives led by the Salzach skippers.

Glorious insights and views – the world's longest castle looms protectively over the old town and the Salzach river.



Raitenhaslach abbey complex

Five kilometres from the town gates lies the legacy of the Cistercian monks, nestled in the wild and romantic landscape of the Salzach river bend. The original Romanesque pillar basilica houses some magnificent altars and frescoes in its Baroque interior. Tombstones of the Wittelsbach family remind visitors of the Bavarian royal dynasty. The straight-lined beauty of the abbey with its gardens creates a relaxing atmosphere and radiates power and energy.

The academic centre of Munich Technical University, which has created a perfect meeting, research and scientific space in the carefully renovated rooms of the prelate's building, builds a bridge between the past, present and future.

The old abbey also boasts a splendid ambiance for high-calibre cultural events.

Cycle anywhere

Discover the area and its infinite possibilities by bicycle – Bavaria and Austria, which are only a bridge apart, get ever closer with every turn of the pedals. Ride your bicycle through kilometres of unspoiled landscape stretching for miles and past a number of guesthouses that embody Bavarian and Austrian charm and encourage you to make a stop along the way. Enchanted lake country embraces you from every side, wooded hill ranges guide you on your way, and cycle paths effortlessly follow the course of the rivers.

Museums and exhibitions

The past, the present and the future are brought to life at the world's longest castle with such vivacity that it almost wakes the noble knight folk from the dead. The castle museum guides visitors through the dukes' chambers, painting a picture of how the aristocracy used to live. The interactive town museum, which only opened in 2016, engages all the senses and enthrals visitors with captivating stories of Burghausen – from the town's origins in the Stone Age through to the booming salt trade in the Middle Ages, right through to the beginnings of the chemical industry in the twentieth century. The "House of Photography" at the entrance to the castle, where renowned photographers showcase their work in temporary exhibitions, highlights the trends of the ages.



Lake Wöhrsee

A dark-green emerald lies at the foot of the hillside, the world's longest castle basks in the reflection of the water, goats bleat on the embankment, dewdrops form tiny pearls along the vines of the vineyard – Burghausen has a true paradise in its midst, right at the heart of the old town.

Lake Wöhrsee is a place for nature and bathing, recreation and pleasure, relaxation and refreshment – and also acts as an ice rink for skating. Walkers and joggers come to breathe in the air of the green lung of the town on the Salzach river. Swimmers dive into the water – even in winter.



Group and individual packages

Burghausen offers its guests a cornucopia of fantastic experiences – whether they are just spending the day in Salzach or are enjoying an extended stay to indulge in the various sights and cultural diversity of the area. Burghauser Touristik puts together a tailor-made programme for individuals, families and groups. Club or company outings are in the very best hands with us. Starting off with a Bavarian sausage breakfast, moving on to a Plätte boat ride and castle tour, and culminating in a medieval evening banquet by candlelight – there are numerous building blocks that make a successful daytime programme or an event-filled, week-long package.

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1 | The Castle festival 2 | Summer festival in the old town
3 | International Jazz Week

Event highlights

- International Jazz Week March
- Mai-Wies'n May
- Raitenhaslach Abbey market June
- Historic Castle Festival 2nd weekend in July
- Burghausen Summer of Culture July / August
- "Candle trail" around Lake Wöhrsee 1st Saturday of advent
- Christmas market "Advent in den Gröben" 1st and 2nd weekend of advent
- Christmas market at the world's longest castle 3rd weekend of advent

