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[www.straubing.de](http://www.straubing.de)



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## Regular Events

### **Puppet Theatre Festival**

mid-March

Different venues · [www.straubing.de](http://www.straubing.de)

### **Classical Music on the Danube**

mid-July

Joseph-von-Fraunhofer-Halle  
[www.klassik-an-der-donau.de](http://www.klassik-an-der-donau.de)

### **bluetone-Festival on the Danube**

mid-July

bluetone Tent Am Hagen · [www.bluetone.de](http://www.bluetone.de)

### **Beer Festival (Gäubodenvolksfest)**

mid-August

Second largest fun fair in Bavaria  
Am Hagen · [www.ausstellungs-gmbh.de](http://www.ausstellungs-gmbh.de)

### **East Bavarian Show (Ostbayernschau)**

mid-August

Largest consumer exhibition in eastern Bavaria  
Am Hagen · [www.ausstellungs-gmbh.de](http://www.ausstellungs-gmbh.de)

### **BLUVAL - International Music Festival**

September

Brass bands and wind players  
[www.bluval.de](http://www.bluval.de)

### **"Grain Market" or Schranne**

mid-September

An event market offering regional products  
around the Town Tower  
[www.straubing.de](http://www.straubing.de)

### **Pottery and Arts and Crafts Market**

in late September

Alter Schlachthof · [www.heusingerwaubke.de](http://www.heusingerwaubke.de)

### **Christmas Market**

end of November until 23rd December

Around the Town Tower  
[www.straubinger-christkindlmarkt.de](http://www.straubinger-christkindlmarkt.de)

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For further information see the event calendar at [www.straubing.de](http://www.straubing.de)  
or in the 2-month overview, which is available in the Tourist Information.

# Straubing - useful phrases

It is always good to know some key words for your holiday. Learn some "Floskeln" (phrases) to get along in our beautiful Bavarian town.

## Key words for your holiday

### English

Hello  
Good morning  
Goodbye  
Good afternoon/Good evening  
Please  
Thank you  
Today  
Tomorrow  
Left/right  
Straight ahead  
(I'm) sorry  
How are you?  
I don't understand  
Can you help me please?  
I would like (to)...  
How much is it?  
What time is it?  
Where can I find...  
... a bank?  
... a supermarket?  
... a pharmacy?  
... the railway station?  
... a restaurant?

### German

Guten Tag/Grüß Gott  
Guten Morgen  
Auf Wiedersehen  
Guten Abend  
Bitte  
Danke  
Heute  
Morgen  
Links/Rechts  
geradeaus  
Entschuldigung  
Wie geht es Ihnen?  
Ich verstehe nicht  
Können Sie mir bitte helfen?  
Ich möchte...  
Wieviel kostet es?  
Wie spät ist es?  
Wo finde ich...  
... eine Bank?  
... einen Supermarkt?  
... eine Apotheke?  
... den Bahnhof?  
... ein Restaurant?



Joseph-von-Fraunhofer  
Event Hall

Exhibition Hall

to A3  
Passau-  
Regensburg

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parking area  
for coaches  
(Busparkplatz)

Theatre  
(Theater)

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Am Hagen  
Car Park  
(Großparkplatz)

Kagerser Hauptstraße  
Hagen-Allee

Alfred-Dick-Park  
(former Landesgarten-  
schaugelände)

Ice Rink  
(Eisstadion)

Moosbach

12

Weißgerbergasse

12

Frauenbrünnlstraße

Post Office  
(Post)



Zoo  
(Tiergarten)

15

Regensburger Straße

to B8

Am Kirscherberg

12

Unterm Rain

5

Jesuitengasse

Platzplatz

11

Theresienplatz

4

3

Schmidlgasse

Koppasse

Ottogasse

Bernaugasse

P<sub>T4</sub>

P<sub>T3</sub>

Geiselhöringer Straße

Oberer-  
Thor-Platz

Zur Westkapelle

Mallersdorfer  
Straße

Viereckmühlstraße

Gabelsbergerstraße

Stad

Wittelsbacher

Obere

Mahkomstraße

Veit-Stoß-Straße

Riemenschneiderstraße

Asamstraße

Auerstraße

Robert-  
Kothe-Straße

Thunhartstraße

Mozart-  
straße

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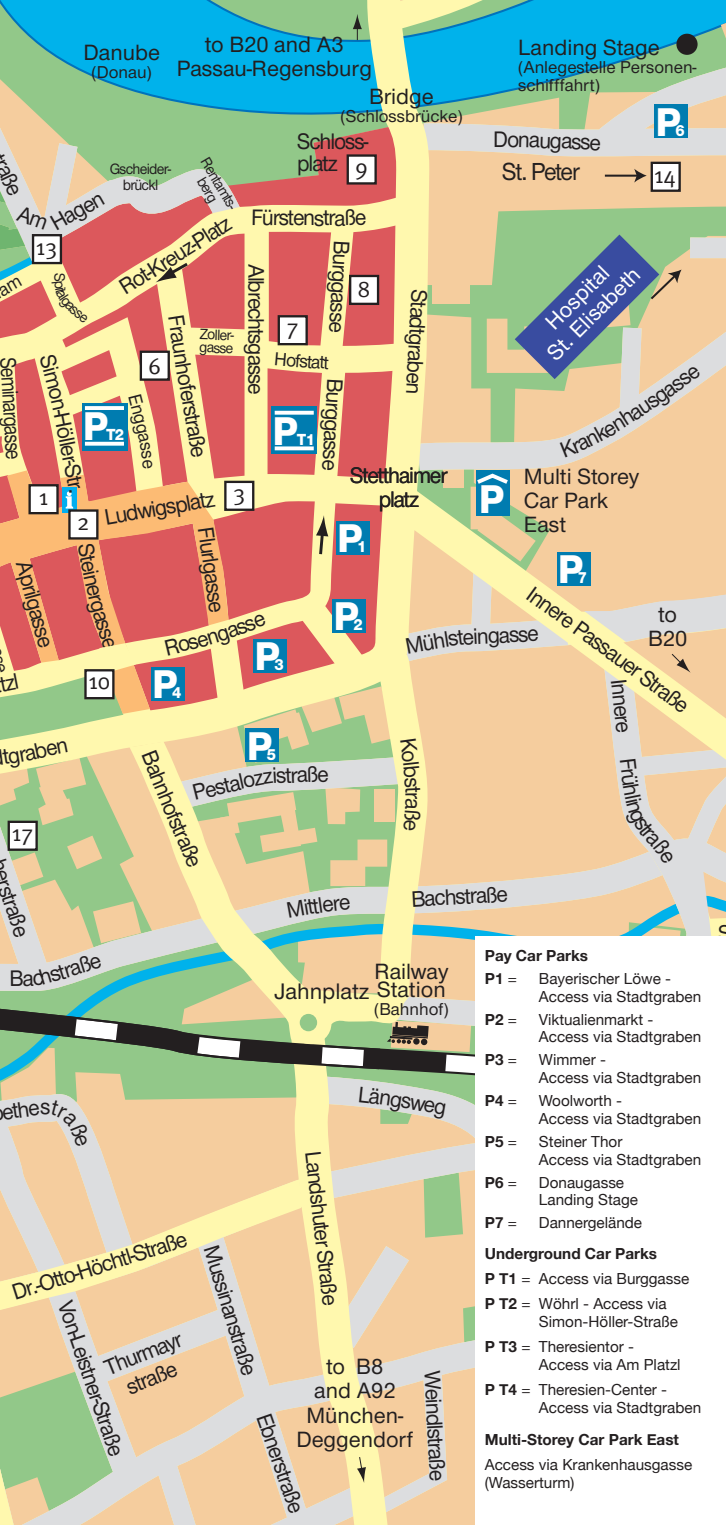
Wittelsbacherhöhe

Hans-Adlhoch-Straße

Gabelsbergerstraße

Open Air and Indoor  
Swimming Pools  
„AQUAtherm“

Trotting Course  
(Trabrennbahn)



**Pay Car Parks**

- P1** = Bayerischer Löwe - Access via Stadtgraben
- P2** = Viktualienmarkt - Access via Stadtgraben
- P3** = Wimmer - Access via Stadtgraben
- P4** = Woolworth - Access via Stadtgraben
- P5** = Steiner Thor - Access via Stadtgraben
- P6** = Donaugasse Landing Stage
- P7** = Dannergelände

**Underground Car Parks**

- P T1** = Access via Burggasse
- P T2** = Wöhr - Access via Simon-Höller-Straße
- P T3** = Theresientor - Access via Am Platzl
- P T4** = Theresien-Center - Access via Stadtgraben

**Multi-Storey Car Park East**

Access via Krankenhausgasse (Wasserturm)



# Straubing

*the heart of Old Bavaria*

**Welcome to Straubing, the ducal town in Lower Bavaria, situated on the Danube.**

Straubing, the capital of the fertile "Gäuboden" plain and gateway to the Bavarian Forest expects you with its rich urban life, **culture and arts, music and festivals and a wide variety of sporting events, leisure and recreation.**

Straubing is a town both steeped in tradition with thousands of years of history and a modern metropolis in the heart of old Bavaria which leaves no wishes unfulfilled.

There is a wealth of magnificent churches and monuments as well as Bavaria's largest centre for renewable resources, plus the only zoo in Eastern Bavaria.

The quality of Straubing's hotels and restaurants meet the highest demands. Visit us at the Tourist Information in Straubing, where we have ideas in store for all tastes and ages how to explore the town.

**Discover and experience Straubing, it is worthwhile.**

# Straubing - history

Today Straubing is a main centre, the vibrant heart of the fertile "Gäuboden" plain and the gateway to the Bavarian Forest. 8000 years of settlement have left their history marks. As a former administrative centre of Bavarian dukes, electors and kings, Straubing ranks among the most important towns in Bavaria.

<b>about 5600 BC</b>	Neolithic settlement at Lerchenhaid, graves near Aiterhofen
<b>about 2200 BC</b>	Rural settlements during Bronze Age (known as "Straubinger Kultur")
<b>about 100 BC</b>	Celtic settlement named "Sorviodurum"
<b>from about 45 AD</b>	Roman military garrison
<b>from about 75 AD</b>	Roman fortresses, harbour and encampment
<b>about 450 AD</b>	Early medieval settlements in the area of St. Peter's Church
<b>897 AD</b>	First documentation of Strupinga (Old Straubing), a settlement protected by a rampart and ditch
<b>1029</b>	Royal Estate of Strupinga given as a gift to the Augsburg Cathedral Chapter
<b>1218</b>	"New Town" founded by Duke Ludwig of Kehlheim, a member of the House of Wittelsbach
<b>13th - early 19th c.</b>	Seat of government and revenue office
<b>13th - 20th c.</b>	Central function as market and corn exchange for Gäuboden area and Bavarian Forest
<b>about 1270</b>	Coat of arms: Diamond-patterned shields, plough and lily
<b>1353 - 1425</b>	Independent Wittelsbach Duchy of Straubing-Holland
<b>1435</b>	Execution of Agnes Bernauer, the commoner wife of Duke Albrecht III
<b>1535/1536</b>	Augsburg Cathedral Chapter manorial system revoked
<b>1633/1634</b>	Swedish occupation during Thirty Years War
<b>1704 - 1714</b>	Austrian occupation during Spanish War of Succession
<b>1743 - 1745</b>	Austrian occupation during Austrian War of Succession
<b>1780</b>	Great Fire
<b>1812</b>	First agricultural fair, today Gäuboden Beer Festival (Gäubodenvolksfest) and East Bavarian Show (Ostbayernschau)
<b>about 1900</b>	Commercial growth and extensive building activity
<b>1944/1945</b>	Heavy air raids
<b>from 1945</b>	Integration of displaced persons; increasing number of industrial firms established; continued development of shopping and schooling facilities
<b>1971</b>	Twinning partnership with Romans sur Isère (France)
<b>1972</b>	Twinning partnership with Wels (Austria)
<b>1972</b>	As a part of local government reform, villages of Alburg, Hornstorf-Sossau, Ittling and Kagers incorporated into town
<b>1991</b>	Twinning partnership with Tuam (Ireland)
<b>1992</b>	Bavarian State Exhibition "Bauern in Bayern" (Farmers in Bavaria)
<b>1994</b>	Straubing named as a main centre in the Bavarian State Development Programme
<b>1996</b>	Opening of Straubing-Sand River Port
<b>2000</b>	Establishment of the Centre of Competence for the Development of Sustainable Raw Materials
<b>2007</b>	Award of the title of "City of Science"
<b>2009</b>	Police Headquarters for Lower Bavaria established

# Sights

Straubing's rich historical legacy is reflected in magnificent churches, imposing buildings, monuments of historical interest and its fascinating town square. Follow the "Golden Path" to see the most significant sights in the historic centre (1 - 13 + 17, see town map pages 4 - 5).

Discover the "Gäuboden Town" with its cultural abundance and beauty.

## 1. Town Hall (Rathaus)

In 1382, the municipality purchased the **Gothic trading house**, which was then converted into the town hall (with a historical council chamber behind the **Gothic window facade**). The three-storey building underwent drastic alterations in the 19th century, when the Gothic gable was demolished (1826) and the **neo-Gothic facade** erected (1893).



## 2. Town Tower (Stadturm)

Foundations for the 68-metre-high, eight-storey **fire and watch tower** were laid in 1316, and by the 16th century it housed the town watch and boasted five spires. It is the **town's landmark**. From the top of the tower, there is a magnificent view of the medieval town, the river Danube, the Bavarian Forest and the fertile "Gäuboden" plain.

For information concerning guided tours of the tower, please contact the Tourist Information (tel. +49 9421 944307).



## 3. Marketplace (Stadtplatz)

The late Gothic tower divides the wide marketplace into **Ludwigsplatz and Theresienplatz**, where two baroque wells, dedicated to the town's two patron saints, St. James and St. Tiburtius, can be observed. The varied appearance – from baroque and classicism to historicism and art nouveau – of the basically late medieval houses mirrors the will of the nobility and of the self-confident middle-class to display their status. The **rococo facades** (designed by the local artist Mathias Obermayr), but also the steep, soaring gables, are typical of Straubing. There is a daily vegetable market on Ludwigsplatz, held by local gardeners. In addition, there is also a farm produce market, held on Ludwigsplatz every Friday and Saturday.





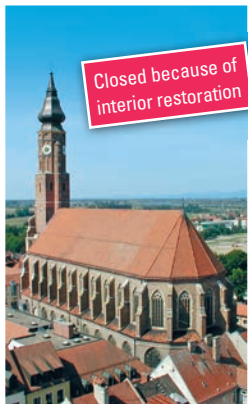


## Holy Trinity Column

(Dreifaltigkeitssäule)

4.

The column was erected in 1709 as the result of a pledge made by the citizens during the Spanish War of Succession and dedicated to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The **Annunciation Group** is the work of the Salzburg master craftsman Bernhard Mandl, and the statue of St. Michael is the work of sculptor Franz Mozart.



## Church of St. James and

**St. Tiburtius** (St. Jakob & St. Tiburtius)

5.

The building of this hall church with its **three naves** surrounded by a ring of chapels and its open chancel was begun towards the end of the 14th century. It is a masterpiece of late Gothic religious architecture. Hans von Burghausen is regarded as the architect of this brick church. The interior decoration of this papal basilica minor ranges from Gothic to modern. Outstanding works include the high altar in late Gothic and neo-Gothic style, the rococo pulpit, medieval and early modern tomb monuments as well as the vast series of stained glass windows, one of which, the **"Moses window"**, was made after a draft by **Albrecht Dürer**.



## Gäuboden Museum

6.

The world famous **Roman Treasure of Straubing**, as well as unique jewellery and weapon exhibits from early Bavarian times, can be admired in the Gäuboden Museum. Apart from the numerous archaeological finds, there are exhibitions of secular art, popular piety, and local town history, e.g. Under Electors and Kings (Unter Kurfürst und König).

**Open** Tues. to Sun. from 10 am to 4 pm,  
Fraunhoferstraße 23, tel. +49 9421 9741-10.

## 7. Carmelite Church of the Holy Spirit (Karmelitenkirche Hl. Geist)

In 1368, the mendicant order of Carmelite monks settled in Straubing. The Carmelite Church of the Holy Spirit was completed, after a series of building phases, by 1430. It comprises a hall church with **three naves** and a monastic chancel. These light-flooded naves are typical of the late Gothic period. The architectural work is attributed to both Hans Krumenauer and Hans von Burghausen. **Baroque alterations** to this church, with its **magnificent tombs** from the late Gothic and renaissance periods, were carried out by Wolfgang Dientzenhofer in 1700. **Open** during daytime.



## 8. Church of St. Ursula (Ursulinenkirche) The Immaculate Conception

In 1691, the Ursuline Order founded an educational institution for girls in Straubing. The **famous Asam brothers**, Cosmas Damian and Egid Quirin, designed and built the convent church - their last joint **masterpiece** - between 1736 and 1741. The unique harmony of architecture, sculpture and painting is exemplary of the transition from the baroque to the rococo period. **Open** during daytime, as far as the gate.



## 9. Ducal Residence Castle (Ehemaliges Herzogsschloss)

Building was begun by Duke Albrecht I of **Straubing-Holland** in 1356. The residence comprised the ducal tower, a royal wing, a banquet hall, heated apartments (overlooking the Danube), and a chapel. For centuries, it accommodated important offices under dukes and electoral princes and also served as a defence bulwark. Today, it houses the tax office and the town's library and archives.



## 10. St. Vitus's Church (Kirche St. Veit)

The citizens of Straubing pledged to build the church after a fire in the town, which broke out on the eve of St. Vitus's Day in 1393. At the beginning of 18th century, the **Gothic brick church** underwent alterations in the baroque style.

The ceiling frescos by Felix Hölzl (1762) depict the legend of St. Vitus, and the side altars are decorated with paintings by Cosmas Damian Asam (c. 1718). **Open** during daytime, as far as the gate.





## Jesuit Church

(Jesuitenkirche) Assumption of Mary

11.

The Gothic church near the Upper Gate was given to the Jesuit Order in 1631. Alterations in 1683 produced a bright, spacious, hall-like baroque room with **white stucco decoration**. At specified times, both the manger belonging to the **Marian Congregation** (Marianische Männerkongregation) and the original main portal with its Madonna dating back to the first half of the 14th century can be admired.

**Open** during daytime, as far as the gate.



## Town Fortifications

(Stadtbesetzung)

12.

At the end of 15th century, the town fortifications were extended to afford **Unterm Rain, the craftsmen's district**, the safety of the brick town walls. Two of the medieval towers remain today: the round **Gunpowder Tower** (Pulverturm), which today serves as a memorial to the victims of both World Wars and of Nazi tyranny, and the **Weytterturm**, which today is used for exhibitions of work by local artists.



## Northgate, Hospital and Church of the Holy Trinity

(Spitaltor, Bürgerspital mit Dreifaltigkeitskirche)

13.

The Northgate, originally Gothic and forming part of the town's fortifications, underwent alterations in the **early baroque style** in 1628.

The hospital was founded by the townspeople in the 13th century to provide housing for impoverished, old and sick town residents. After the great fire of 1780, the church was rebuilt in the early classical style. It contains **altarpieces** sculpted by the famous local artist Mathias Obermayr.

**Open** during daytime, as far as the gate.



## St. Peter's Church (Kirche St. Peter)

14.

The Augsburg Cathedral Chapter erected the basilica in the centre of the original settlement of Straubing. It is situated on the remains of a Roman fortress and of Carolingian and Ottonian church buildings. St. Peter's has **two very remarkable Romanesque tympanums**. A Romanesque crucifix (c. 1200) and a moving sculpture of the Pietà (c. 1340) are to be found inside the church. The fortified graveyard is one of the most significant and beautiful of its kind to be found in German-speaking countries. The Gothic Chapel of Our Lady, the Agnes Bernauer Chapel with the **Bernauer epitaph** of red marble and the **Dance of Death Chapel** (Totentanzkapelle) with its wonderful frescos created by the Straubing artist Felix Hölzl, all situated on the church grounds, are most impressive. The church and the chapels are open during daytime as far as the gates.

## 15 Frauenbrünnl Pilgrimage Church

(Wallfahrtskirche Frauenbrünnl)

Frauenbrünnl Pilgrimage Church, built to replace an older chapel, was erected between 1705 and 1707. The baroque, **cloverleaf-shaped central construction** has an octagonal cupola. The ceiling fresco of the **"Saints in Heaven"** (Heiligenhimmel) is the work of **Georg Asam** in collaboration with Cosmas Damian Asam, and the baldachin altar is the work of Franz Mozart. A curative spring issues from below St. Mary's Grotto (Mariengrotte) on the north side of the church.

**Visits** by appointment, tel. +49 9421 12715, St. James's Vicarage (St. Jakob).



## 16. Pilgrimage Church of the Assumption (Wallfahrtskirche Mariä Himmelfahrt) in Sossau

In 1146, Count Albert of Bogen gave his estate in **Sossau** to the Premonstratensian monastery in Windberg as a gift. The monastery had the Romanesque church erected. In about 1350, the church was extended and decorated in **late-baroque and rococo style**: The high altar is the work of Mathias Obermayr. One of the oldest pilgrimages in Germany developed around the **statue of the Virgin Mary** of Sossau. According to legend, the church was brought to Sossau by angels.

**Open** during daytime, as far as the gate.



## 17. Synagogue

In 1442, Duke Albrecht III drove the Jews out of Straubing. Jewish families did not settle in the town again until the 19th century. The synagogue, the only one in Lower Bavaria, was built in Neo-Romanesque style in 1907.

**Visits** by appointment, tel. +49 9421 1387, Jewish Community Office.



# Culture, Sports & Leisure Activities

Straubing offers both its guests and residents a wide range of cultural activities. The many sports and leisure facilities and around 90 sports clubs invite you to take part in every imaginable activity.

## **Alfred-Dick-Park**

Situated west of the car park Am Hagen, this area commands a magnificent panoramic view of the town centre; there is also an observation tower near the ice pond.

## **"AQUAtherm" Swimming Centre**

Outdoor and indoor swimming facilities with thermal and spa quality water. Open-air facilities are open from mid-May to mid-September. Indoor facilities are open from mid-September to mid-May. Wittelsbacherhöhe 50/52 · tel. +49 9421 864-444 or -450 or -452  
[www.Stadtwerke-Straubing.de](http://www.Stadtwerke-Straubing.de)

## **Bathing Lakes**

The recreational area of Parkstetten - Steinach - Kirchroth, located near Straubing, offers a number of lakes for surfing and bathing; natural bathing lakes can be found about Atting. The leisure facility on Lake Friedenhai features the world's longest cable water skiing course (1.200 m around). Industriestraße 3 · 94365 Parkstetten · tel. +49 9421 82700  
[www.friedenhainsee.de](http://www.friedenhainsee.de)

## **Boat Trips on the River Danube**

(Straubing - Passau, Straubing - Bogen)  
Dates: Various dates from June to late September  
Donauschiffahrt Wurm + Köck  
Höllgasse 26 · 94032 Passau · tel. +49 851 929292 · [www.wurm-koeck.de](http://www.wurm-koeck.de)

## **Cinema CityDom**

Eight cinema rooms, multifunctional room, Capitol Café  
Theresienplatz 23 · Automatic programme information: tel. +49 9421 845334  
Ticket booking: tel. +49 9421 84530  
[www.citydom.de](http://www.citydom.de)

## **Concerts**

Numerous concerts are held in the historical town hall chamber (Historischer Rathaussaal) and in the banqueting hall of the ducal castle (Rittersaal im Herzogsschloss).

## **Cycling**

Cycle tour maps and information brochures are available at the Tourist Information and in local bookshops.



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## Cycling Tours

Straubing is situated on several attractive and well-marked supra-regional cycling routes:

**Donauradweg:** Along the Danube from Donaueschingen to Budapest (total length approx. 434 km)

**Tour de Baroque:** From Neumarkt i. d. Opf. to Passau (total length 285 km)

**Via Danubia:** Following Roman tracks along the Danube from Bad Gögging to Passau (total length 220 km)

**Labertalradweg:** From Neufahrn to Straubing (total length 42 km)

**Grosse Laaber Radweg:** From the county of Kelheim through the valley of the Great Laaber River to Straubing (total length approx. 83 km)

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## Cycle Hire

**Bund Naturschutz** · Ludwigsplatz 14 (1st floor) · tel. +49 9421 2512

**Cycles for the disabled available at Malteser Hilfsdienst**

Johannes-Kepler-Str. 11d · tel. +49 9421 55060

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## Downhill & Cross-Country Skiing

The Straubing/Bogen administrative district has 14 ski lifts offering good downhill skiing with floodlighting plus 180 km cross-country courses in all degrees of difficulty. For further information, please refer to the brochure issued by the Straubing/Bogen administrative district, available at the Tourist Information.

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## Educational Walk - Bird Life

Stretches from the beginning of the Stadtpark (Town Park) to the zoo entrance. Weatherproof signs depict the indigenous birds that can be observed in this biotope.

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## Educational Walk - Ecology

Situated on the former State Garden Show Ground. Points out important aspects of nature in the surrounding area.

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## Educational Walk - Trees

Stretches from the Frauenbrünnl Pilgrimage Church to the zoo. Indigenous trees are thoroughly presented in word and picture.



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## Flying and Gliding

**Straubing-Wallmühle Airfield** (approx. 5 km west of Straubing)

Round flights and business flights by arrangement. Flying and gliding school, charter flights, restaurant and terrace, meeting room available.

tel. +49 9429 308 · [www.airport-straubing.de](http://www.airport-straubing.de) · [edms@airport-straubing.de](mailto:edms@airport-straubing.de)

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## Golf

**18 Hole Golf Course near Kirchroth**

Golfclub Straubing e.V. Stadt und Land · Bahnhof 9 · 94356 Kirchroth

tel. +49 9428 7169 · [www.golfclub-straubing.de](http://www.golfclub-straubing.de)

**18 Hole Golf Course in Fruhstorf**

Gäuboden-Golf-Club · Gut Fruhstorf · 94330 Aiterhofen

tel. +49 9421 72804 · [www.golfclub-gaeuboden.de](http://www.golfclub-gaeuboden.de)

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## Guided Tours

For guided individual or group tours of the town and/or the town tower, please enquire at the Tourist Information. There are also a variety of special tours on offer.

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## Harness Horse Racing Course

Weekly races on East Bavaria's largest harness racing course. Races are recorded, the racing facility is equipped with floodlighting and electronic betting display.

Ejaddonstr. 45 · tel. +49 9421 3777 · [www.trabrennbahn-sr.de](http://www.trabrennbahn-sr.de)

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## Ice Rink (Eisstadion)

Open: October - March

Open to public: Mon - Thu 1.45 pm - 3.45 pm

Fri - Sun 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Evenings on Wed 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm

Tickets for ice hockey matches are available at the stadion about 3 hours before start of play

Am Kinseherberg 23 · tel. +49 9421 12207

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## Joseph von Fraunhofer Event Hall

An event hall for business, cultural, and social occasions of any kind and size.

Am Hagen 75 · tel. +49 9421 84330 · [www.ausstellungsgmbh.de](http://www.ausstellungsgmbh.de)

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### **Kart and Mini-Car Club (Go-Karts)**

Competition circuit (500 m) Imhoffstraße, Hofstetten  
Information: tel. +49 8543 91281 (Mr. Kellermann)

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### **Library & Archive & Picture Library**

in the Salzstadel (Salt Warehouse)  
Rentamtsberg 1 · tel. +49 9421 991919, -991951 or -991941

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### **Malteser Hilfsdienst**

#### **Cycles for the disabled available**

Johannes-Kepler-Str. 11d · tel. +49 9421 55060

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### **Minigolf**

Schützenhaus · Am Hagen 32 · tel. +49 9421 10303  
(Floodlight)

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### **Roman Park "Sorviodurum"**

The first section of the Roman Park "Sorviodurum/Straubing" was opened in the summer of 2008. It comprises parts of the southern ring of the fortifications of the stone castle of the First Canathen Cohort as well as parts of the southern and western encampment.

Information boards tell visitors about the Limes and Roman history in and around Straubing. Cast copies of stone monuments show scenes from Roman everyday life.

The large castle area can be viewed from a combined lookout and play tower. In the western encampment area, it is planned to conserve a representative stone building which has been excavated.

Access is via Schlesische Straße; car parking facilities are provided.

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### **Sport-Krüger (Pit-Pat)**

Dornierstraße 51 · tel. +49 9421 98090

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### **Town Park (Stadtpark)**

The municipal park stretches from Regensburger Straße to the Frauenbrünnl Pilgrimage Church and further on beyond the zoo, commanding a beautiful view of the Bavarian Forest and the Danube valley.

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## Theatre

Performances by the Landestheater Niederbayern and other theatre companies at Theater am Hagen and AnStatt-Theater.

Am Hagen 61 · tel. +49 9421 944255 or +49 9421 962473

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## VIA NOVA European Pilgrimage Route

This spiritual long-distance hiking route into the 21st century, which has its origin in Upper Austria, has been gradually extended by adding more and more new stages. Straubing is situated on the section that runs from Bogenberg to Mallersdorf-Pfaffenberg. The route is well signposted.

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## Walks

Gstütt-Insel, riverside embankments and meadows along the Danube

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## Zoo

The only zoo in eastern Bavaria is home to more than 1,700 animals of about 200 species. Informative tours conducted by trained staff are available by appointment. There is a replica of an early stone-age farmhouse (38 m long), a reconstruction of the oldest piece of architecture found in central Europe.

Am Tiergarten 3 · tel. +49 9421 21277 · [www.tiergarten-straubing.de](http://www.tiergarten-straubing.de)

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## Danubium in the zoo

Outdoor enclosures for beavers and otters. A stream with numerous types of vegetation provides living space for creatures such as frogs, dragonflies, wild ducks, moorhens and coots. An aquarium building for fish and amphibians shows animals indigenous to the Danube area. Changing exhibitions in the Donau-Aquarium.

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# Famous citizens of Straubing

## Duke Albrecht I (1336 - 1404)

Albrecht, a "great prince indeed", is the most important representative of the line of the Wittelsbach dynasty of Bavaria-Straubing-Holland, which existed from 1353 to 1425. Albrecht, who, from 1358, resided mostly in Holland, had the Ducal Castle built and founded the Carmelite monastery. The Carmelite Church contains the magnificent tomb of his son, Albrecht II, which is behind the high altar.



## Agnes Bernauer (c. 1410 - 1435)

Agnes Bernauer, the commoner wife, or so it is presumed, of the Duke's son, Albrecht of Bavaria-Munich, was drowned in the River Danube on 12th October 1435. She is commemorated by the Bernauer Chapel, established by Duke Ernest I (in St. Peter's Cemetery), where her epitaph can be found; by the Agnes Bernauer Festival, which is held every four years in the courtyard of the Ducal Castle; and by a monument, designed by Christoph Pommer, in the Agnes Bernauer Garden at the former salt warehouse (Salzstadel).



## Ulrich Schmidl (c. 1510 - 1580/1581)

In 1533/1534, Ulrich Schmidl took part in a Spanish expedition to the New World. After 20 years as a conquistador in Argentina and Paraguay, where he was involved in the foundation of Buenos Aires and Asunción, he returned and published his experiences and observations. He thus became the first historian of Argentina. He is remembered by a commemorative plaque on the house on Ludwigsplatz 15, but he was born in the patrician house on Ludwigsplatz 5.



## Mathias von Flurl (1756 - 1823)

The son of a Straubing weaver, he published, in 1792, his major academic work, a description of the mountains of Bavaria and the Upper Palatinate, thereby laying the foundations for mineralogy and geology in Bavaria. In 1840, the town council had a commemorative plaque put up on his birth house on Rosengasse 24. In the park on Kinseherberg, a basalt column was erected in 2006 on the occasion of Flurl's 250th birthday.



## Joseph von Fraunhofer (1787 - 1826)

Born the son of a glazier in Straubing, Fraunhofer was to become an ingenious optician and physicist. He was the first in Bavaria to combine basic academic research with practical technical application. Already in 1827, the Straubing town council renamed the cattle market as "Fraunhofer-Straße" and had a bust of Fraunhofer in early classicist style put up on his birth house (Fraunhoferstraße 3). In 1910, a Fraunhofer monument designed by Hermann Hahn, a professor from Munich, was unveiled at the south side of the Ducal Castle.




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The background of the entire page is a soft-focus photograph of purple flowers, likely lupines, with green stems and leaves. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing distinct yellow centers. The background is a light, hazy blue, suggesting an outdoor setting.

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