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# A Royal Dream



**King Ludwig**

King Ludwig II. (1845–1886) is known as the 'Fairy-Tale King' of Bavaria, not least because of the wonderful castles that he built: Neuschwanstein, Linderhof and Herrenchiemsee. The circumstances of his tragic death in Lake Starnberg in 1886 remain a mystery to this day.

## Neuschwanstein Castle

The castle of Neuschwanstein rises majestically against a panoramic backdrop of snow-capped Alpine mountains. It can be particularly rewarding to visit the castle in the winter season. Then you can ride by horse-drawn carriage through the winter landscape to the castle and enjoy the clear views and wonderful winter air. You can also view the royal rooms of the castle without the usual crowds of tourists who flock here in the summer.



Situated only a few hundred metres from Neuschwanstein is the castle of Hohenschwangau. It was built by Ludwig's father, King Maximilian II, on the ruins of a medieval fortress, and the royal family regularly spent their summers here. Visitors can discover more about

the Bavarian royal family and the Wittelsbach dynasty that has existed for more than 1000 years at the Museum of the Bavarian Kings, located at the nearby Lake Alpsee. A wonderful way of rounding off your castle tour!



MUSEUM DER BAYERISCHEN KÖNIGE

Museum of the Bavarian Kings

**Opening hours:**

Daily from 9 am to 5 pm.  
Closed on 24th, 25th December and 1st January.

Tickets are available during the opening hours at the museum.

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

# Ticket Information

Tickets for Neuschwanstein Castle and Hohenschwangau Castle can be booked online:  
[www.ticket-center-hohenschwangau.de](http://www.ticket-center-hohenschwangau.de)

## Direct ticket sales:

Ticket-Center  
 Alpeestrasse 12 · 87645 Hohenschwangau  
 Telephone +49 8362 93083-0  
 Telefax +49 8362 93083-20  
[info@ticket-center-hohenschwangau.de](mailto:info@ticket-center-hohenschwangau.de)

In addition to the single tickets, combined tickets can also be booked.

- **Prince's Ticket**  
 Valid for Neuschwanstein and the Museum of the Bavarian Kings on the same day.
- **King's Ticket**  
 Valid for Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau on the same day.
- **Wittelsbach Ticket**  
 Valid for Hohenschwangau and the Museum of the Bavarian Kings on the same day.
- **Swan Ticket**  
 Valid for Neuschwanstein, Hohenschwangau and the Museum of the Bavarian Kings on the same day.

The time it takes to walk from the Ticket Center to

- Neuschwanstein: about 40 minutes
- Hohenschwangau: about 20 minutes

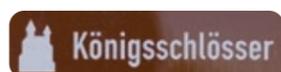
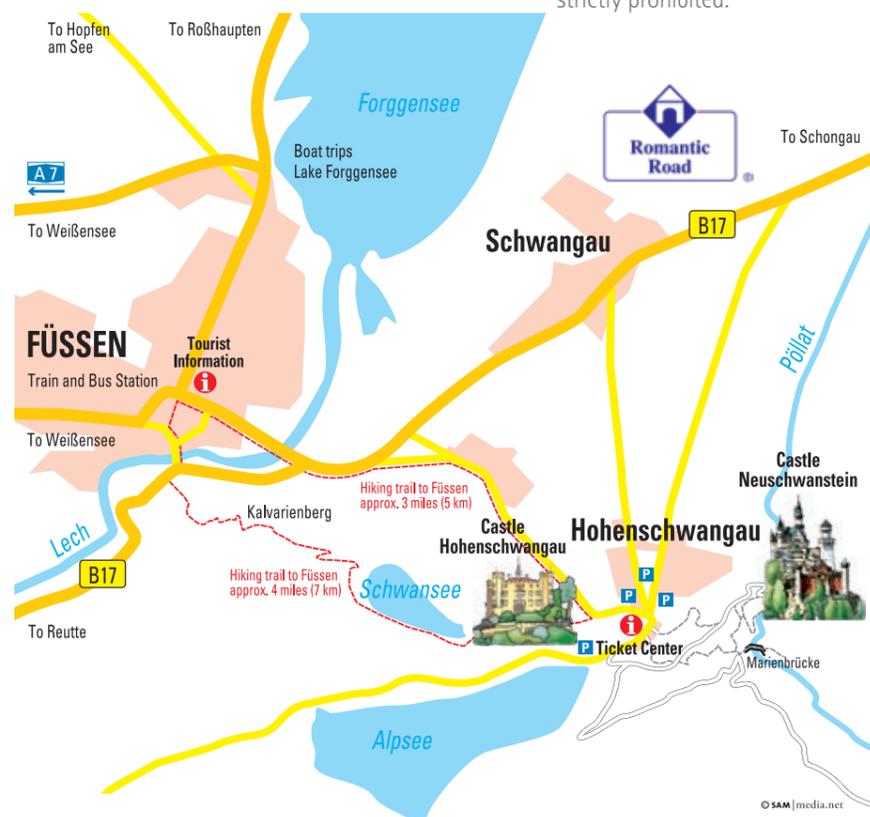
The approach road to Neuschwanstein Castle is closed to general motor traffic.

In the village of Hohenschwangau horsedrawn carriages are available at Hotel Müller which take you to the castle inn located 984 feet, 300 metres/yards below Neuschwanstein.

Shuttle buses run between the village of Hohenschwangau and the bus stop "Marienbrücke" (Mary's Bridge). From there it is a steep downhill walk of about 10 minutes (1312 feet, 400 metres/yards) to Neuschwanstein Castle (not suitable for anyone who has difficulty walking).

From the bus stop it is a 2-minute walk to the Marienbrücke (Mary's Bridge) situated 295 feet (90 metres) above the Pöllat Gorge with a fine view of the castle and the 147 feet (45 metres) high waterfall.

A guided tour of Neuschwanstein or Hohenschwangau lasts about 30 minutes. During the tour in Neuschwanstein Castle there are 173 steps up and 207 down. Taking photographs during the castle tour is strictly prohibited.



Please note:  
 The royal castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau are sign-posted with the German word "Königsschlösser"!

# The information you need for a perfect holiday

## Your Visitor Card

With the Füssen Card you can enjoy a wide variety of discounts and free offers. You will receive your Visitor Card from your host on arrival, when you fill in your visitor registration form. Please enquire when booking your accommodation.

## Here are just a few examples of the benefits you can enjoy with your Füssen Card.

### Free of charge:

- Public transport journeys on scheduled bus services in the regions of Füssen / Pfronten / Nesselwang / Schwangau / Halblech / Hopferau / Seeg / Rieden / Roßhaupten / Lechbruck / Oy-Mittelberg as well as bus services to Vils and Reutte in the neighbouring area of Austria. For example, you can travel at no cost to the royal castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, the Tegelberg mountain and the famous Pilgrimage Church of Wies, using the regular bus services.
- Train journeys on the lines: Füssen – Kaufbeuren and Reutte – Pfronten – Kempten  
Exception: Members of tour groups comprising ten or more persons travelling with their own bus and paying a reduced resort tax are not eligible to benefit from these free bus and train journeys.
- Unlimited use of WiFi at the various hot-spots in and around Füssen:  
[www.fuessen.de/wlan](http://www.fuessen.de/wlan)

## Discounts:

- Tickets for the royal castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau
- Tickets for the Museum of the Bavarian Kings
- Tickets for the Museum of Füssen (St. Mang's Abbey) and the State

Gallery at the High Castle of Füssen

- Tickets for a number of regional cable car services, including the one at Tegelberg
- Tickets for boat trips on Lake Forggensee
- Guided tours and other offers included in the Füssen visitors programme

## Your Hosts

Füssen offers a wide range of accommodation. From cosy wellness hotels to farmhouse holiday apartments for families. From private rooms to the award-winning five-star campsite on Lake Hopfensee. From short stay hostels to a holiday hotel directly alongside one of the lakes. Many hosts specialise in hiking, cycling or health holidays and offer specific services in these areas.

You can be sure to find the right accommodation for your kind of holiday in Füssen:

[www.fuessen.de/accommodation](http://www.fuessen.de/accommodation)  
 Please note that the majority of holiday apartments are rented by the week. Hotel rooms, hostel accommodation and private rooms can also be rented for one night. We recommend that you book your accommodation in advance, particularly in the high season between July and September.

## Your Tourist Information

There are two tourist information centres in Füssen – one in the centre of the town, and one in the town district of Hopfen am See. There is also a tourist information point in the village store (Dorfladen) in the Weißensee district. The current opening times can be found here:  
[www.fuessen.de/tourist-information](http://www.fuessen.de/tourist-information)

What services are available from the tourist information centres?

- We will be happy to advise and assist you when looking for accommodation. You can call us on: +49 8362 93850.  
 Or you can send us an e-mail at: [tourismus@fuessen.de](mailto:tourismus@fuessen.de)  
 Or if you are already in Füssen you can simply come and visit us. We can provide you with town maps, information brochures, hiking and cycling maps, and much more.
- We can also help you with any other questions you might have about your holiday in our region: How do you get to Schloss Neuschwanstein? What are the essential sights that you really have to see in and around Füssen? Tips for hiking and cycling trips? ...
- We also organise programmes and guide services for travel groups.





# The medieval town centre

① **Tourist Information** at Kaiser-Maximilian-Platz.

② **The Schrankenplatz** once served as the town's corn market. The late Gothic Corn House is nowadays a popular meeting point with market stands and small catering outlets.

③ **The Franciscan Monastery.** The venerable monastery buildings with the Baroque St Stephan's Church are situated on a small hill above the River Lech with a magnificent view of the medieval town centre. Next to them there is the old St Sebastian Cemetery with historical gravestones.

④ **The path along the banks of the River Lech** runs upstream to the district of Bad Faulenbach and downstream to Lake Forggensee. During a walk you repeatedly catch sight of fine views of the river, which up to the 19th century was an important traffic and trading route navigated by rafts.

⑤ **Holy Ghost Hospital-Church (Heilig-Geist-Spital-Kirche).** The richly decorated Rococo façade of the Holy Ghost Hospital Church depicts St Florian as a help in preventing fires (the previous Gothic church burnt down in 1733) and St Christopher, who as the patron saint of raftsmen has his appropriate place here on the mighty River Lech.



⑥ **The High Palace (Hohes Schloss).** The former residence of the Augsburg prince bishops, with unique illusionist paintings on the façades of the courtyard, is one of the most important late Gothic castle complexes in southern Germany. It now houses the Town Gallery of Paintings and a branch of the Bavarian State Collections

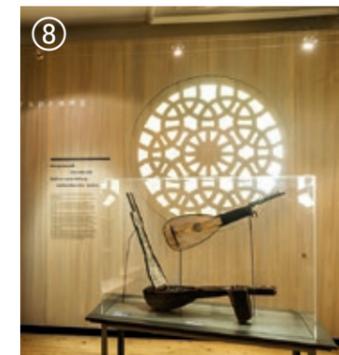
of Paintings, where late Gothic and Renaissance works of art are on display.



⑦ **St Mang Monastery and Church.** The former Benedictine abbey dates back to the 9th century. It was given its present Baroque style by Füssen architect Johann Jakob Herkomer. Today the historical rooms house the municipal authorities and the Füssen Heritage Museum. For 50 years summer chamber music and jazz concerts have been held in the magnificent Prince's Hall. The former monastery church and present-day parish church is the largest and most impressive of Füssen's baroque churches. The crypt is thought to date back in its architectural history to the times of St Magnus and houses Bavaria's oldest fresco.

⑧ **The Füssen Heritage Museum.** Archaeological finds and art treasures have provided evidence of 1000 years of monastic history. The splendid Baroque rooms, which include the Prince's Hall, give some idea of the former monastery's wealth. The museum also boasts one of the finest collections of historical lutes and violins in Europe.

In the **Anna Chapel**, which can be reached via the museum, is the impressive Death Dance cycle by Jakob Hiebeler (1602), the oldest of its kind in Bavaria.



⑨ **The area of the present-day Bread Market** is thought to have been the origin of the medieval

town. Today it is here that the Lute-Makers Fountain recalls the historical importance of Füssen as the "Cradle of Lute-Making" in Europe.



⑩ **The Reichenstrasse.** Historical patricians' houses, huddling side by side, line the main shopping street in the pedestrian zone, which is identical to the route of the earlier Roman road Via Claudia Augusta.

⑪ **The Town Fountain** at the upper end of the Reichenstrasse shows St Magnus, Füssen's patron saint. At the fountain a narrow metal strip has been set into the street paving to recall the ancient Roman route of the Via Claudia Augusta in this area.

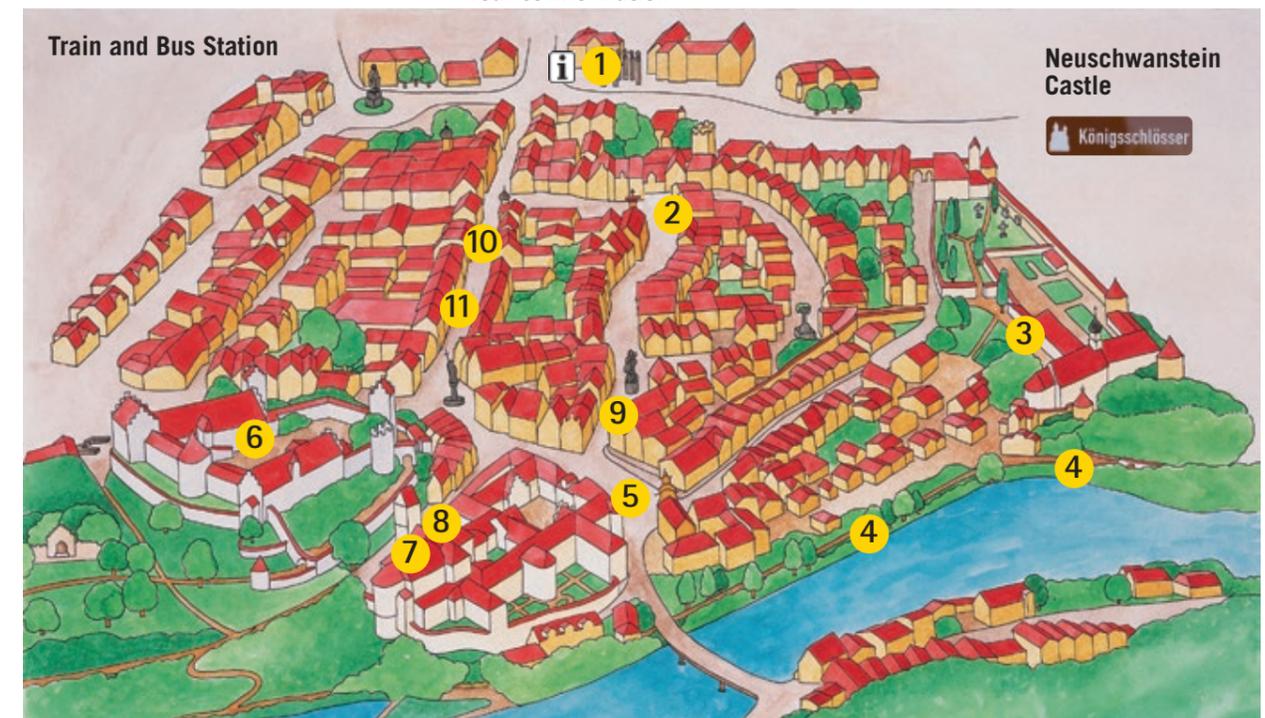


### Mobile phone city guide.

You can use your mobile phone to hear information about the history of Füssen in German or English at eleven points around the old town. You will recognise the individual points and buildings by the information panels bearing the insignias of our partners tomis and the History Channel.

Just call +49 89210833559-1 (German) or -2 (English) and then the number of your selected station. Just dial in – don't worry, there are no roaming charges.

### Tourist Information





# Natural Landscapes

Füssen is surrounded by mighty mountain peaks, gentle Alpine foothills and idyllic lakes. Ludwig II, the Bavarian fairy-tale king, was fascinated by the landscape that surrounds his fabulous Neuschwanstein castle like huge castle grounds. Discover the beautiful natural features of the region: Take a stroll through the old city of Füssen along the Lech river as far as the Lech Falls, enjoy the varied views of the Hopfensee or Weißensee lakes, take a boat trip on Lake Forggensee and enjoy the fantastic view of the royal castles. Don't forget to bring a camera!



**Treetop Path**

The treetop path in the Ziegelwies Forest Adventure Centre is a wooden walkway that rises above the crowns of the trees. With a length of 480 metres and heights of up to 21 metres, you can enjoy spectacular views of the lowland forest, the wild river Lech and the surrounding Alpine peaks. The treetop path even crosses the border between Germany and Austria.  
[www.baumkronenweg.eu](http://www.baumkronenweg.eu)



**Ziegelwies Forest Adventure Centre**

The Ziegelwies Forest Adventure Centre stretches all the way round the treetop path. Visitors to the lowland and mountain forest paths as well as the exhibition centre can discover many interesting facts about the local animal and plant world. The interactive stages along the two adventure trails are great fun, particularly for children.  
[www.walderlebniszentrum.eu](http://www.walderlebniszentrum.eu)



**Boat Trips on Lake Forggensee**

At twelve kilometres long and three kilometres wide, the Forggensee is the biggest lake in the region and the fifth biggest in Bavaria – but only in summer. In winter, the lake is always drained so that it can accommodate the melt water coming down from the Alps in the spring that has been transported there by the Lech. A boat trip on the lake is a relaxed way to get to know the castle grounds landscape, offering



**Lech Falls**

This is the point at which the course of the Lech, a tributary of the Danube, moves away from the Alps. The water masses of the Lech Falls plunge over five levels into the Lech Gorge, over a depth of 12 metres. In a niche above the gorge, there is a bust of the Bavarian king, Maximilian II, while the 'Maxsteg', also named after him, crosses the Lech directly above the waterfall.

wonderful opportunities for photographing the castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, as well as the historical town of Füssen and the Alpine mountain peaks.

Boat trip season: Beginning of June to mid-October.  
[www.forggensee-schiffahrt.de](http://www.forggensee-schiffahrt.de)



# Things to see in the surrounding area

Follow the German Alpine Road ► to **Lindau** and discover the only Bavarian town on Lake Constance (about 62 miles, 100 km). It is popular for its historical Old Town and a fantastic view. Boat trips to the flower-bedecked island of Mainau are possible via Meersburg. [www.lindau.de](http://www.lindau.de)



◄ **Tegelberg Cable Car** The Tegelberg (5,643 feet / 1,720 m) rises above Bavaria's fairy-tale castle of Neuschwanstein and is one of the most popular scenic mountains in the region. From the top Tegelberg cable car station you can enjoy extensive views of the foothills and peaks of the Alps. It is also the starting point of numerous hiking routes into the Ammergebirge conservation area. Climbing fans have a choice of fixed rope routes on the Tegelberg, offering various levels of difficulty – naturally only provided you have climbing equipment. [www.tegelbergbahn.de](http://www.tegelbergbahn.de)



◄ **Linderhof palace** This palace was also built by Ludwig II, and for many Ludwig fans it is in fact the finest (about 31 miles, 50 km). The Hall of Mirrors, the Palace Park with its Moorish Kiosk and Peacock's Throne as well as the artificial grotto with a wave machine, through which the King was rowed in his shell boat, are some of the exceptional sights. [www.linderhof.de](http://www.linderhof.de)



▲ **Munich** Bavaria's capital is one of the most interesting cities in Germany (about 71 miles, 115 km) – hourly train connection. [www.muenchen.de](http://www.muenchen.de)



◄ **Oberammergau** can be easily reached by car (about 28 miles, 45 km). This holiday resort is world-famous for its Passion Play. Yet the numerous house-wall paintings, called Lüftlmalereien, and the artistic wood carvings are themselves worth a visit. [www.oberammergau.de](http://www.oberammergau.de)

# Stop-over Füssen

Füssen offers so many opportunities! It is a place where three wonderful holiday routes come together. This makes it an ideal starting point for further trips into the castle grounds area as well as the adjacent regions.



Rothenburg ob der Tauber



Herrenchiemsee Palace



Zugspitze



Reschensee



Pilgrimage Church of Wies

## Austria

### German Alpine Route

Here, the Alps are visible along virtually the entire route. The route leads 450 kilometres from Lindau to Berchtesgaden and right through the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Whenever you feel like a break, there are plenty of interesting towns and villages, lake promenades and other sights to choose from. While you are in Füssen, it is also worthwhile taking a day trip in either direction, for example to Lake Constance or the highest mountain in Germany, the 2,962-metre-high Zugspitze. Oberammergau, Ettal Abbey and Linderhof Palace can also be reached on this route.

### Via Claudia Augusta

It has always been an axis of European culture and can bear witness to a great deal of history. Where merchants, travellers and soldiers used to travel, many holidaymakers now make use of the former Roman military road, that stretches for 700 kilometres from the Adriatic and the Po Plain to the Alps and on to the Danube. Built under the Emperor Claudius, it is still an important route for crossing the Alps. You can also use this holiday route for day trips to Augsburg or Innsbruck.

### Romantic Route

This is probably the best known German holiday route, stretching from Würzburg on the river Main to Füssen on the edge of the Alps. The entire wealth of western history, art and culture is visible in the historical towns and monuments along its 400 kilometres. One attraction follows the next, like pearls on a string. Sites like Rothenburg, Dinkelsbühl and the Pilgrimage Church of Wies lie along the route.

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