

Freising. The oldest city on the Isar.





Welcome to the oldest city on the River Isar!

Freising, north of Munich, is among Bavaria's most significant historical cities, with a story that goes back over a thousand years. In its characterful historic centre, the magnificent buildings around Marienplatz square rub shoulders with narrow lanes once lined with artisan workshops, marking the prosperity of bygone eras. Freising is at once rich in tradition and a young university city. From this fascinating contrast spring a wealth of diverse experiences waiting to be discovered in the oldest city on the River Isar.

Domberg – a place of replenishment

Cathedral Hill is Freising's emblem and landmark, towering over the city's roofs. It is home to the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin (Mariendom), with an interior designed by the Asam Brothers. Sharp-eyed examiners of the ceiling frescos will spot the founder of the Bishopric of Freising, St Corbinian, and the bear that is his symbol. The almost eerie calm of the medieval crypt offers a striking contrast to the Baroque riot of colour and ornamentation in the church above. From the Belvedere on Cathedral Hill, adjoining the former prince-bishops' residence, Alpine panoramas unfurl to the south. Next to the Residence, the magnificent Diocesan Museum presents newly redesigned displays of selected works of Christian and vernacular art. A tour of the museum invites visitors to contemplate life awhile, and emerge with new positive impetus for the future.

The delights of Bavarian brewing culture

Opposite Cathedral Hill is Weihenstephan Hill. Though the ancient Benedictine monastery is long gone, some former monastery buildings are now part of the Technical University of Munich and Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences. A stroll through the green campus reveals its many-faceted nature. The hill is a centre of brewing culture, home to institutions where courses and research on brewing take place as well as to the oldest brewery in the world. Freising's beer gardens beckon, with the chance to enjoy classic Bavarian snacks accompanied by local brews.

Out and about, from show gardens to world forest

The gardens on Weihenstephan Hill are always well worth a visit. The University show gardens are a popular meeting-point for gardening fans. Strolling through the refreshingly tranquil gardens, past well-kept beds with sophisticated arrangements of colour, plants and foliage, is a constant delight. Another very special encounter with nature can be found at the Bavarian State Arboretum, the "World Forest" to the north-east of the city. Various themed walking routes lead past over 300 different tree and shrub species from all over the world. And the Hallertau region, the world's largest continuous hop-growing area, starts just a few kilometres further north. Start out from Freising along the German Hop Road to reach this outstanding regional cultural landscape in minutes.

The power of creativity – art new and old

The exhibitions of contemporary art in the Schafhof arts centre, the modern artworks between the campus buildings on Weihenstephan Hill, and the rococo art in the former Neustift abbey church all invite visitors to pause and contemplate for a while. Ancient or modern, simply purist or richly elaborate, the variety of colours and forms in the art on offer always rewards close examination and inspires new thoughts and ideas in its viewers.

Experience the fascination and diversity of the oldest city on the River Isar!



Explore Christian art in the magnificent Diocesan Museum

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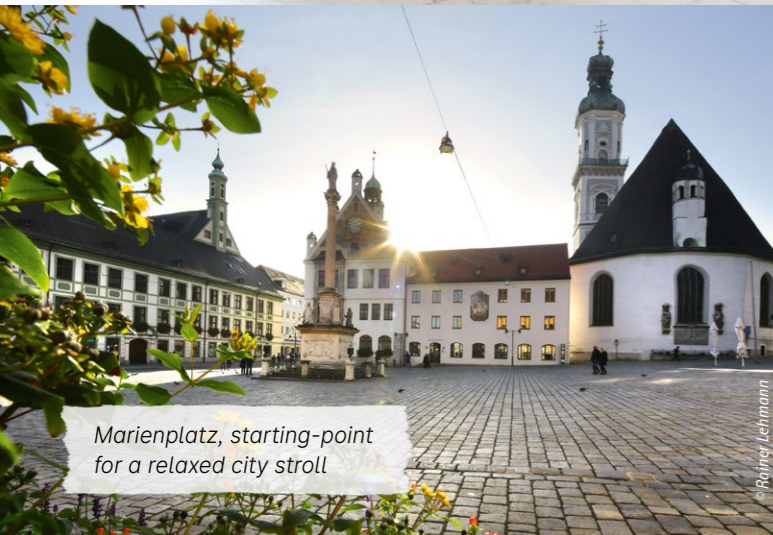


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Immersed in infinite shades of green – the Hofgarten

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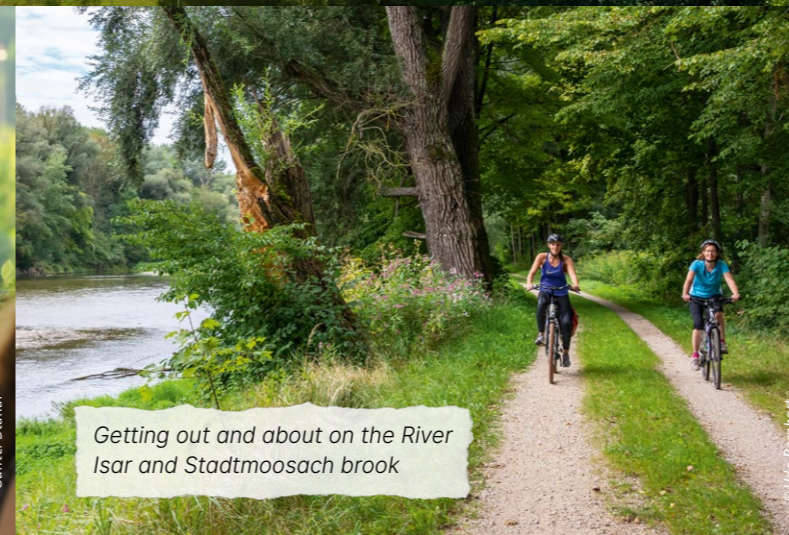
Marienplatz, starting-point for a relaxed city stroll

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Enjoy time spent together – with Freising's brewing culture

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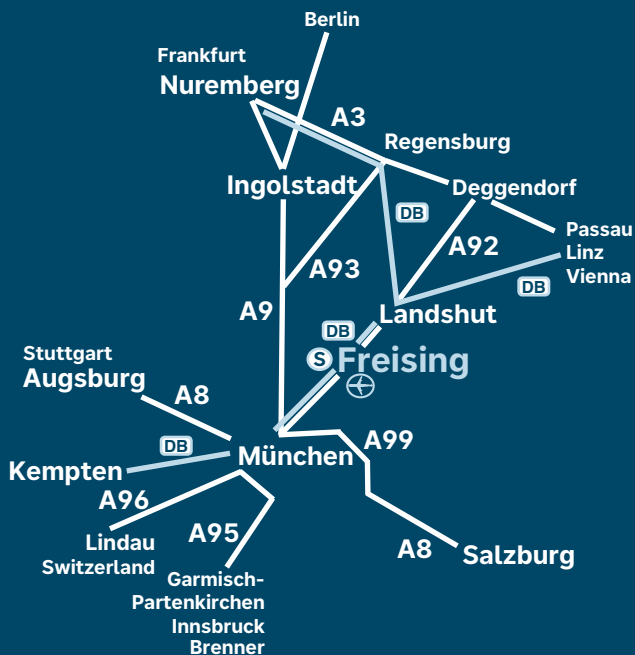
Getting out and about on the River Isar and Stadtmoosach brook

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Marvel at exquisite Baroque architecture and the enigmatic Beasts' Pillar in the Cathedral

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