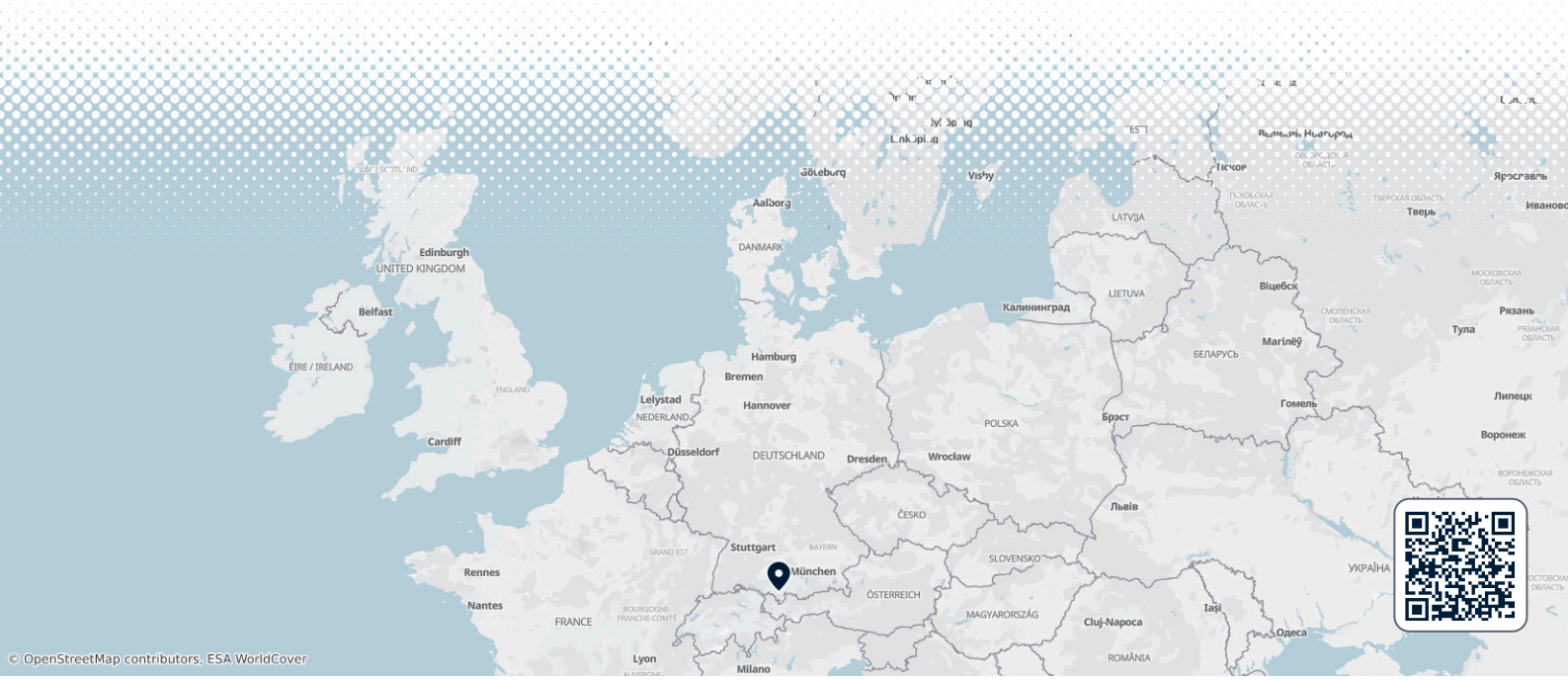


Allgau

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Overview

The Allgäu is a region in southern Germany. It covers the south of Bavarian Swabia and reaches into Baden-Württemberg and Austria. It is not an administrative unit, so its borders are loose.

Green hills and small lakes lie in the north. The Allgäu Alps rise in the south. People come to hike, ski and swim in the lakes. It suits active trips and family holidays, and it is a base for visiting Neuschwanstein Castle.

When to visit

Summer and early autumn suit hiking, and the mountain lifts run. Summer is also the wettest season, with showers on many days. Snow is possible from October to April, and winter is the season for skiing.

The Four Hills ski jumping tournament opens in Oberstdorf at the end of December.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	2° / 8° Feels like -3°	-5° / -13°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Good Good for skiing	3° / 10° Feels like -1°	-4° / -14°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for skiing	7° / 15° Feels like 3°	-1° / -9°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Fair Fair for hiking	12° / 20° Feels like 9°	3° / -4°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for hiking	16° / 23°	7° / 2°	19 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 27°	11° / 6°	19 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	21° / 28°	13° / 8°	20 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	21° / 28°	13° / 8°	18 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for hiking	18° / 24°	9° / 3°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for hiking	14° / 21°	5° / -1°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for skiing	7° / 15° Feels like 4°	0° / -8°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for skiing	3° / 9° Feels like -2°	-4° / -13°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- Neuschwanstein Castle stands above Hohenschwangau in the eastern Allgäu, near Fussen. King Ludwig II of Bavaria had it built.
- Oberstdorf is the main base in the high Alps. From here you reach the Breitachklamm, a deep gorge with walkways.
- The Nebelhorn is a 2,224 m summit above Oberstdorf. A cable car runs up from the town, and trails start at the top.
- The Allgäu Alps run along the southern edge of the region. The Großer Krottenkopf is the highest peak in the range.
- Kempten is the largest city in the region. It has Roman roots.

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What to experience

- In early autumn, herds come down from the mountain pastures to the valley farms. Many Allgäu villages mark this with a Viehscheid.
- Hike between alpine huts in summer. Many huts serve simple food and drinks.
- Ski or snowboard in winter.

Where to explore

Towns in and around the Allgäu:

- Kempten is the main city, in the middle of the region.
- Oberstdorf is a mountain town in the south.
- Fussen is a town at the eastern edge, close to the Alps.

Getting there

- By air: Memmingen Airport serves the region with flights to some European cities. Munich and Friedrichshafen airports are also used.
- By train: The main line runs from Buchloe to Lindau. Branch lines reach Oberstdorf and Fussen. Book on Deutsche Bahn.

Getting around

- Regional buses link the valleys and the lower stations of the mountain lifts.
- Many lifts run in both summer and winter, with breaks between seasons.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Low

Sights are spread over a large area, and villages are small.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Valley routes suit cycling. Mountain climbs are steep.

Driving

- Winter tyres are required when roads are icy or snowy.

Food & drink

Dairy farming shapes the local food. Look for Allgäuer Bergkäse, Allgäuer Emmentaler and Weißlacker. Käsespätzle, noodles with cheese and fried onions, is a common dish.

Alpine huts and village cafés are good places to try regional dishes after a walk.

What to eat & drink

LUNCH

Doner Kebab · Döner Kebab
A sandwich of roasted meat, salad, and sauce in flatbread, invented by Turkish immigrants in Berlin and now a national staple.

DINNER

Schnitzel
A thin, breaded and fried cutlet, usually pork, served with potatoes or fries and a lemon wedge.

Sauerbraten
A pot roast marinated for days in vinegar and spices before slow cooking, served with red cabbage and dumplings.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Bratwurst
A grilled or fried pork sausage, often served in a bread roll with mustard, sold at stands nationwide.

Currywurst
Sliced sausage topped with curry-spiced ketchup, a Berlin invention now popular across the country.

Pretzel · Brezel
A large, chewy salted bread pretzel, especially common in Bavaria, often eaten with butter or cheese.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Black Forest Cake · Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte
A layered chocolate sponge cake with cherries, cherry liqueur, and whipped cream.

DRINKS

Beer · Bier
Germany brews hundreds of regional styles, from Bavarian Weissbier to Cologne's Kölsch, each tied to its home city.

Gluhwein · Glühwein
Mulled, spiced red wine served hot, a staple of winter and Christmas markets.

Apfelschorle
Apple juice mixed with sparkling water, the everyday non-alcoholic drink of choice.

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Safety & health

- Ticks live in meadows and forests in the warm months. Check your skin after a walk.

History

The Romans founded Cambodunum, the settlement at today's Kempten. In the Middle Ages the town was the seat of the Fürststift Kempten, a church state that began as a monastery in the 8th century.

King Ludwig II of Bavaria began Neuschwanstein Castle in 1869, in the eastern Allgäu. It draws many visitors.

People in the region speak Alemannic dialects. In the centre, east and north they are close to Swabian.

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Quick practical facts for Germany at a glance:

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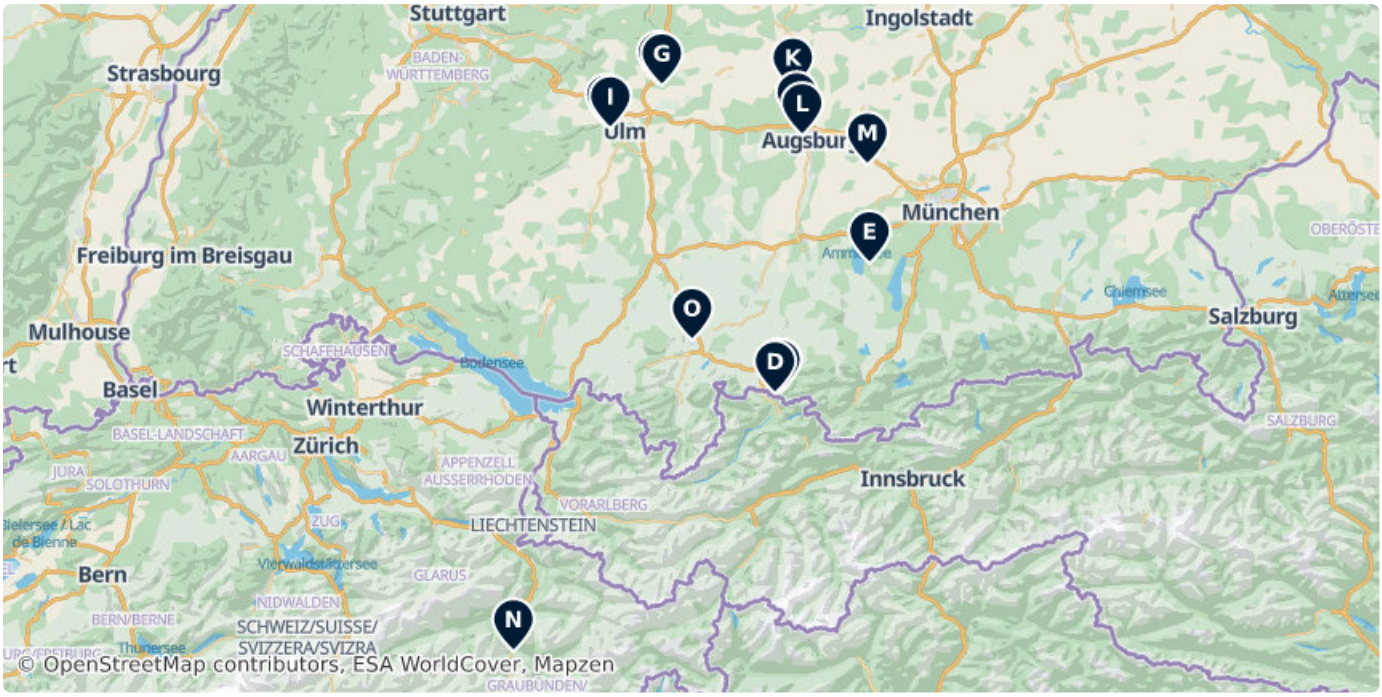
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LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Allgäu's Absolute Essentials

Allgäu features a diverse range of historical and natural landmarks, from the iconic 19th-century Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau castles to the UNESCO-listed Ice Age caves of the Lone Valley. The region is home to the Alpsee lake and the Marienbrücke, offering views of the Pöllat Gorge. Cultural sites include the Benedictine Andechs Monastery, known for its baroque architecture and brewery, and various medieval ruins like the Burghalde in Kempten and the Fugger castle in Biberbach.





A Neuschwanstein Castle

Historic neo-romanesque castle known for its fairy-tale architecture and cultural significance, featuring guided tours and scenic views of the Bavarian countryside.

Neuschwansteinstraße 20, 87645 Schwangau, Germany
(47.55760, 10.74970)

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neuschwanstein.de, +498362939880



B Marienbrücke

Wondering where you can get the best views of the Neuschwanstein Castle? Spanning the Pöllat Gorge, this bridge is the right place.

Pöllatschlucht, 87645 Schwangau, Germany
(47.55496, 10.74937)

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C Hohenschwangau Castle

Hohenschwangau Castle is a 19th-century palace in southern Germany. It was the childhood residence of King Ludwig II of Bavaria and was...

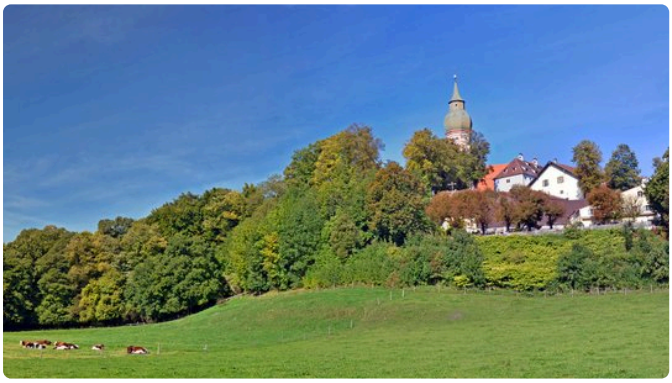
Alpseestraße, 87645 Hohenschwangau, Germany (47.55556, 10.73604)

hohenschwangau.de

D Alpsee

The Alpsee is a lake in the Ostallgäu district of Bavaria, Germany, located about 4 kilometres southeast of Füssen.

87645, Germany (47.54935, 10.72329)



E Andechs Monastery

Andechs Abbey is a Benedictine priory in the municipality of Andechs, in the Landkreis of Starnberg, Upper Bavaria, Germany .

Bergstraße 2, 82346 Andechs, Germany (47.97432, 11.18251)

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F Bocksteinhöhle

A large rock shelter in the Lone Valley and part of a UNESCO World Heritage site, this cave is one of the oldest occupation sites of Neanderthals in southern Germany.

89192, Germany (48.55428, 10.15477)

lonetal.net/bocksteinhoehle.html

G Hohlenstein-Stadel

Part of a UNESCO World Heritage site, this cave in the Lone Valley is where the famous 40,000-year-old Lion-man figurine was discovered.

(Unnamed Road), 89176, Germany (48.54930, 10.17305)

whc.unesco.org/en/list/1527/



H Schloss Klingenstein

A hilltop castle complex overlooking the Blau valley, featuring a late-baroque manor house and the ruins of a medieval fortress dating back to the 11th century.

Ottostraße, 89134 Blaustein, Germany (48.41658, 9.90272)

schloss-klingenstein.de

I Jungsteinzeitliches Dorf bei Ehrenstein

A UNESCO World Heritage archaeological site containing the remains of a Neolithic pile-dwelling settlement in the Blau valley, dating from approximately 4000 BC.

325 Blaubeurer Straße, Blaustein 89134, Germany (48.41085, 9.92273)



J Sankt Blasius

A Catholic parish church and protected monument located in the Hirblingen district, featuring traditional regional ecclesiastical architecture.

Pfarrer-Reinauer-Weg, 86368 Gersthofen, Germany (48.42377, 10.82969)

K Burg Markt

Also known as Fuggerschloss, this historic castle sits above the village of Markt and served as a residence for the prominent Fugger banking family during the 16th century.

5 Auf der Burg, Markt 86485, Germany (48.53569, 10.80960)

L Freibad Bärenkeller

A public outdoor swimming complex featuring multiple pools, diving platforms, and large sunbathing lawns.

Georg-Mayr-Weg, Augsburg 86156, Germany (48.38866, 10.85536)

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augsburg.de/freizeit/baden/freibaeder/baerenkeller-bad/



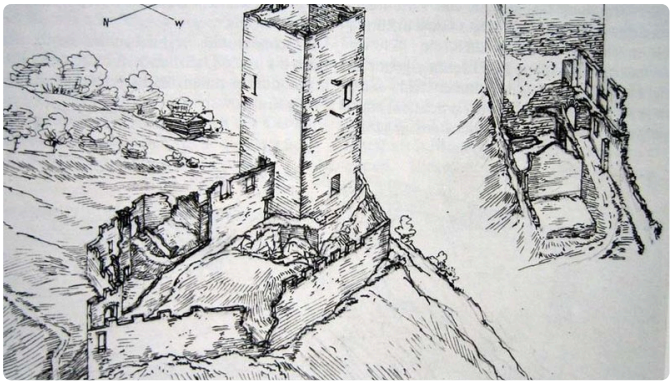
M Furthmühle

A historic grain mill and museum that demonstrates traditional milling techniques. The site includes a shop selling regional farm produce and flour ground on-site.

1, 82281 Egenhofen, DE (48.29358, 11.17286)

Tu–Su 09:00–12:30, 14:00–18:00, 13:30

furthmuehle.de



N Ehrenfels Castle

Ehrenfels Castle is a castle in the municipality of Sils im Domleschg of the Canton of Graubünden in Switzerland.

7411, Switzerland (46.69666, 9.45179)



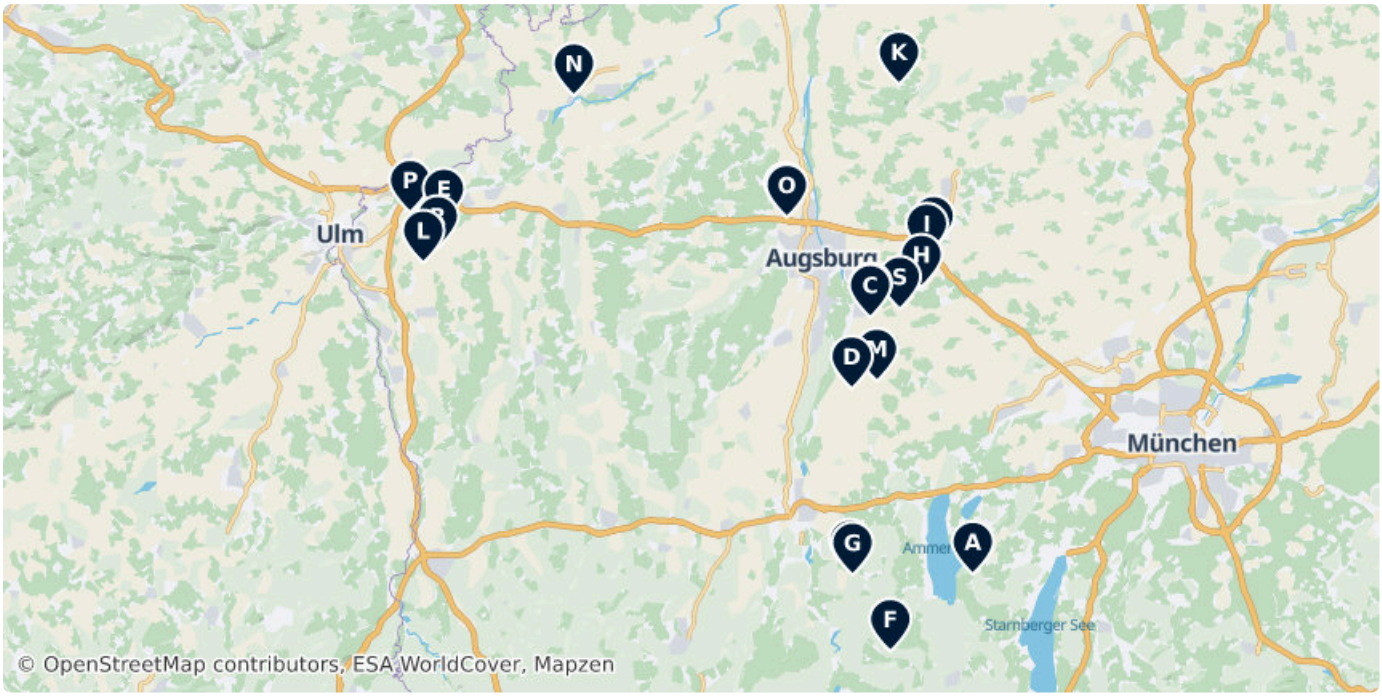
O Burghalde

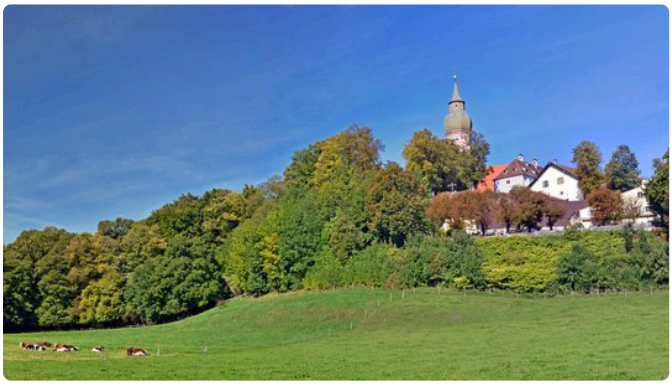
A central hill in Kempten housing the ruins of a medieval fortification and the Allgäu Castle Museum, offering panoramic views of the city.

1 Burghalde, Kempten (Allgäu) 87435, Germany (47.72341, 10.32030)

Allgäu Churches and Monasteries

The Allgäu and neighboring Swabian districts feature a dense concentration of religious landmarks, from grand Benedictine abbeys like Andechs and Wessobrunn to modest roadside chapels. This collection highlights the region's diverse architectural heritage, including Baroque pilgrimage churches and Gothic parish structures. Key sites include the hilltop St. Stephan in Altkissing and the historic Wessobrunn Monastery, famous for its influential stucco school. These protected monuments offer a detailed look at the spiritual history and traditional craftsmanship of Southern Germany.





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B Sankt Blasius

Catholic parish church in the Hirblingen district of Gersthofen, designated as a protected historical monument.

Pfarrer-Reinauer-Weg, 86368 Gersthofen, Germany
(48.42377, 10.82969)



C St. Stephan

Catholic parish church situated on a prominent hill overlooking Altkissing in the Aichach-Friedberg district.

(48.29656, 10.98967)



D Maria Kappel

Catholic pilgrimage church located several hundred meters southwest of Schmiechen in Swabia.

86511 Schmiechen, Germany (48.20702, 10.95488)



E St. Margaretha

Catholic parish church in the Bühl district of Bibertal, representing local Swabian ecclesiastical architecture.

12 Kirchberg, Bühl 89346, Germany (48.41685, 10.18764)

F Kloster Wessobrunn

Former Benedictine abbey famous for the Wessobrunn Prayer and its renowned school of stuccoists which influenced European Baroque architecture.

6 Klosterhof, Wessobrunn 82405, Germany (47.87691, 11.02732)

kloster-wessobrunn.de

G Sankt Martin

Roman Catholic church and protected monument showcasing regional heritage near Unterdießen.

(47.97329, 10.95652)



H Heilig Kreuz

Former pilgrimage church in Eurasburg, recognized as a protected architectural monument.

(48.33427, 11.08600)

I St. Peter und Paul

Roman Catholic parish church in Rehling, designated as a regional heritage site.

(48.37315, 11.09600)

J Sankt Vitus

Catholic parish church and protected monument representing traditional Bavarian ecclesiastical design in Griesbeckerzell.

(48.38258, 11.10875)

K St. Joseph

Small Catholic chapel and protected monument located in Walchshofen.

(48.58728, 11.04384)

L St. Leonhard

Catholic parish church and historic monument located in the Günzburg district.

32 Ulmer Straße, Roth 89284, Germany
(48.36447, 10.14882)

M St. Stephan

Catholic parish church and protected monument in Steindorf.

(48.21661, 11.00205)

N St. Andreas und Joseph

Historic church and regional heritage site located in Gundelfingen.

Herzog-Georg-Straße, 89415 Lauingen (Donau), Germany
(48.57284, 10.43223)

O Wegkapelle Heilige Familie

Wheelchair-accessible roadside chapel dedicated to the Holy Family, located in Hirblingen.

1 Gersthofer Straße, Hirblingen 86368, Germany
(48.42132, 10.83292)

P Sankt Ulrich

Catholic parish church in Deisenhausen, featuring wheelchair-accessible facilities.

8 Weißenhorner Straße, Nersingen 89278, Germany
(48.42754, 10.12428)

Q Bergkapelle Unsere liebe Frau von Altötting

Mountain chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Altötting, serving as a local place of worship and heritage site.

(47.97717, 10.95143)

R Kapelle St. Antonius von Padua

Small chapel dedicated to Saint Anthony of Padua in Bibertal, designated as a regional heritage site.

3 Günzburger Straße, Raunertshofen 89284, Germany
(48.38255, 10.17603)

S St. Georg

Catholic parish church and protected monument in the Aichach-Friedberg district.

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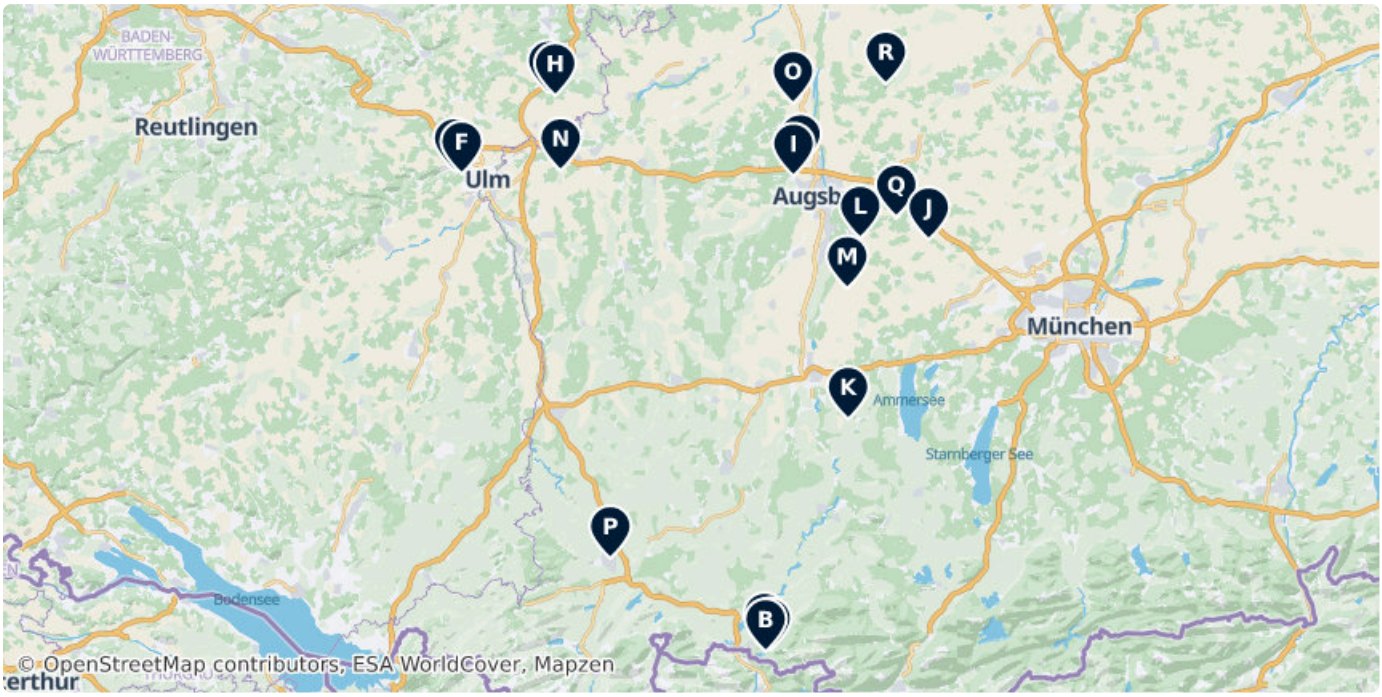
T St. Peter

Catholic chapel and protected monument located near Altkissing.

(48.29877, 10.99086)

Allgäu Heritage Trail

This heritage trail spans the diverse history of the Allgäu and surrounding Swabian regions, from UNESCO-listed prehistoric caves and Neolithic settlements in the Lone Valley to the iconic 19th-century royal castles of King Ludwig II. The collection features medieval ruins like Burghalde in Kempten, Baroque and Rococo churches, and historic manor houses. These sites document the transition from early human habitation to the architectural grandeur of the Bavarian monarchy and the regional religious heritage of southern Germany.





A Neuschwanstein Castle

Historic neo-romanesque castle known for its fairy-tale architecture and cultural significance, featuring guided tours and scenic views of the Bavarian countryside.

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Alpseestraße, 87645 Hohenschwangau, Germany
(47.55556, 10.73604)

hohenschwangau.de



C Schloss Bullachberg

A stately building with a hipped roof and round tower, constructed in 1905 on the Bullachberg hill near Schwangau.

Bullachbergweg, 87645 Alterschrofen, Germany (47.56710, 10.73336)

bullachberg.de



D Bocksteinhöhle

Significant archaeological cave site in the Lone Valley, part of the UNESCO World Heritage complex recognized for Ice Age art and early human history.

89192, Germany (48.55428, 10.15477)

lonetal.net/bocksteinhoehle.html



E Schloss Klingenstein

Castle situated at an elevation of 553 meters on a mountain spur overlooking the Blau Valley in Klingenstein.

Ottostraße, 89134 Blaustein, Germany (48.41658, 9.90272)

schloss-klingenstein.de

F Jungsteinzeitliches Dorf bei Ehrenstein

A UNESCO World Heritage archaeological site featuring the remains of a Neolithic wetland settlement in the Alb-Donau district.

325 Blaubeurer Straße, Blaustein 89134, Germany (48.41085, 9.92273)



G Sankt Blasius

Catholic parish church in Hirblingen and a protected architectural monument representing the region's religious history.

Pfarrer-Reinauer-Weg, 86368 Gersthofen, Germany (48.42377, 10.82969)

H Hohlenstein-Stadel

Part of a UNESCO World Heritage site, this cave is famous for yielding the Lion-man, one of the world's oldest known figurative sculptures.

(Unnamed Road), 89176, Germany (48.54930, 10.17305)

whc.unesco.org/en/list/1527/



I Schloss Hammel

Historic castle located in the Hammel district of Neusäß, currently held as a private residence by the von Stetten family.

6 Hammeler Straße, Hammel 86356, Germany (48.40702, 10.81060)

schlosshammel.de



J Furthmühle

A historic mill complex operating as a museum and shop, showcasing traditional regional production and rural heritage.

1, 82281 Egenhofen, DE (48.29358, 11.17286)

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K Pfarrhaus

Historic rectory in Thaining, originally constructed in 1693 and significantly remodeled at the end of the 19th century.

(47.97325, 10.95703)



L St. Stephan

Catholic parish church located on a prominent hill overlooking Altkissing in the Aichach-Friedberg district.

(48.29656, 10.98967)



M Maria Kappel

Catholic pilgrimage church situated southwest of Schmiechen, known for its historical significance to the local Swabian heritage.

86511 Schmiechen, Germany (48.20702, 10.95488)



N St. Margaretha

Catholic parish church in Bibertal-Bühl, representing the ecclesiastical architecture of the Günzburg district.

12 Kirchberg, Bühl 89346, Germany (48.41685, 10.18764)

O Burg Markt

Also known as Fuggerschloss, this castle sits above the village of Markt and is historically associated with the influential Fugger family.

5 Auf der Burg, Markt 86485, Germany
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P Burghalde

An elevated site in central Kempten featuring the remains of a historic fortification and offering panoramic views of the city.

1 Burghalde, Kempten (Allgäu) 87435, Germany
(47.72341, 10.32030)



Q Heilig Kreuz

A former pilgrimage church in Eurasburg recognized as a protected historical building.

(48.33427, 11.08600)

R Schanze Wagesenberg

Early medieval fortification ruins located near a high medieval castle site within the Ebenrieder Forst.

86554, Germany (48.57009, 11.05822)

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