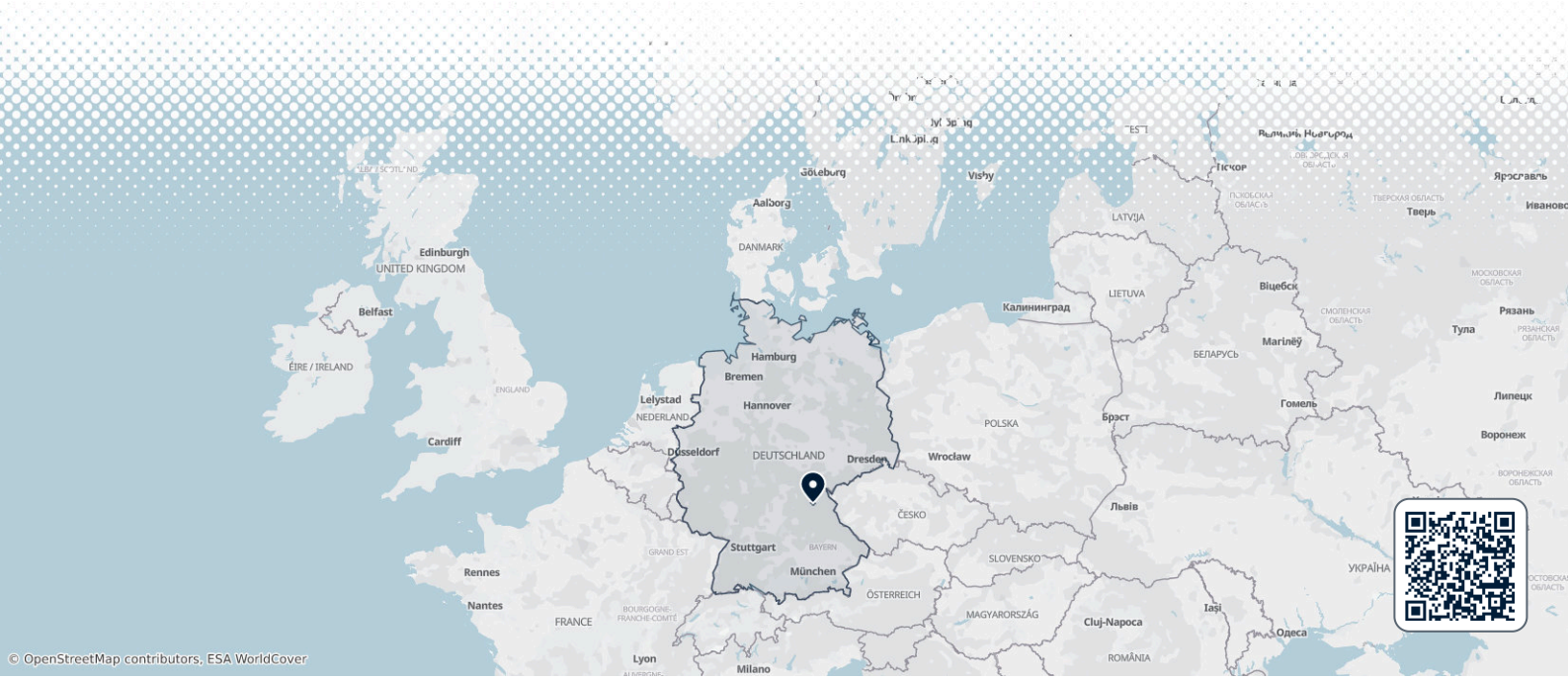
Bayreuth

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Overview

Bayreuth is a small city in Upper Franconia, in northern Bavaria. It is known around the world for *Richard Wagner* and the annual Bayreuth Festival. Opera fans come here for the Wagner house and the festival theatre.

The city also has a baroque court heritage. A UNESCO-listed opera house and the Eremitage park date from the time of the margraves. The old town is compact and calm. Bayreuth suits a short trip for music, history and gardens, and it is a base for the hills of Franconian Switzerland.

When to visit

Late spring to early autumn is the best time to visit. Summers are warm with some rain. Winters are cold, grey and short on sunshine.

The Bayreuth Festival is the event that shapes the year. It runs in July and August and stages only Wagner's operas at the Festspielhaus. Tickets are in very high demand, so plan far ahead.

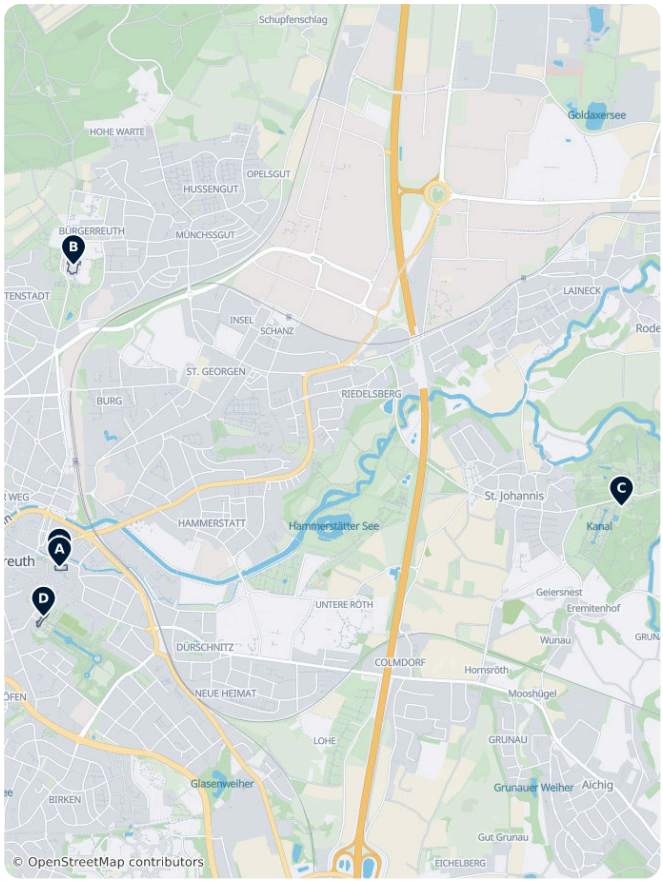
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January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	2° / 8° Feels like -4°	-4° / -13°	14 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 11° Feels like -2°	-3° / -13°	Dry air
March	Poor Poor for sightseeing	8° / 16° Feels like 4°	0° / -7°	12 rainy days · Dry air
April	Fair Fair for sightseeing	14° / 21° Feels like 10°	3° / -3°	Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 25°	8° / 2°	14 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 30°	12° / 7°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 32°	14° / 9°	15 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 33°	14° / 9°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 28°	10° / 5°	Dry air
October	Fair Fair for sightseeing	14° / 21° Feels like 11°	6° / -1°	12 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	7° / 14° Feels like 3°	1° / -5°	12 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 9° Feels like -3°	-2° / -11°	15 rainy days · Dry air

Best months: June, August, September

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

Top sights

- A Margravial Opera House is a baroque theatre from the 1740s with a richly decorated wooden interior. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- B Festspielhaus is the opera house that *Richard Wagner* built for his festival. It opened in 1876. The red brick building stands on a hill north of the centre.
- C Eremitage is a large park with palaces, gardens and fountains. Margravine *Wilhelmine* used it as a country retreat.
- D Neues Schloss is the margraves' palace in the centre, built in the 1750s after the old palace burned down.
- Wahnfried is *Wagner*'s family villa. It is now part of the Richard Wagner Museum, with his grave in the garden.
- E Iwalewahaus is a museum of modern African art.



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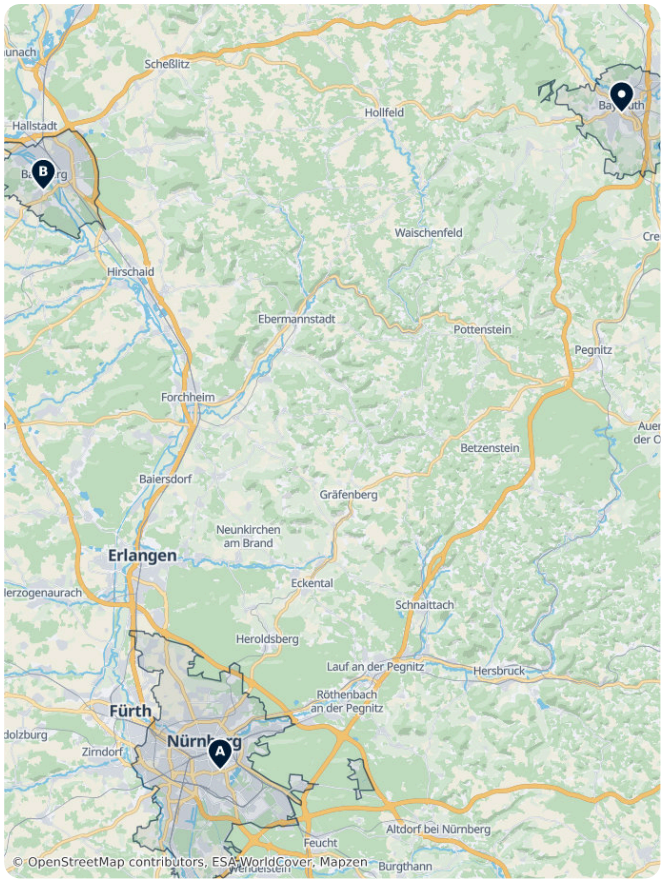
What to experience

- Take a guided tour. See Bayreuth Tourismus for tours.
- Spend a half day in the Eremitage park with the gardens and fountains, and walk on to the Ruinentheater.

Day trips

These trips are easy from Bayreuth. Most are best by train or car.

- A Nuremberg: about 1 hour by regional train. It has a large old town and an imperial castle.
- B Bamberg. The old town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Kulmbach: 30 to 60 minutes by train or car. The Plassenburg is a large hilltop castle above the town.
- Franconian Switzerland: a hilly region south-west of the city with caves, castles and hiking paths. A car makes it much easier to reach.



Where to explore

Further away, by train or car:

- Würzburg: a river city with a large baroque palace.
- Regensburg: a medieval old town on the Danube.
- Bad Kissingen: a classic spa town.

Getting there

- By air: Nuremberg Airport is the nearest major airport. Continue by regional train or car. Munich Airport is a second option, but it is farther away.
- By train: Bayreuth has regional trains to Nuremberg. Long-distance trips usually need a change, often in Nuremberg. Book on Deutsche Bahn.
- By car: Bayreuth is on the A9 motorway between Nuremberg and Berlin.

Getting around

- **City buses**: Stadtwerke Bayreuth runs the buses. See Stadtwerke Bayreuth for fares and sales points. The Deutschlandticket is valid.
- **On foot and by bike**: The old town and most sights are close together, so walking is easy. The Eremitage and the Festspielhaus are outside the centre. A bike or a bus helps for these.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town is compact. The Eremitage and Festspielhaus are outside the centre.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Cycling suits the flat centre and trips to the Eremitage.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the city. Most sights are close together. A car is useful for Franconian Switzerland and the Fichtelgebirge hills.
- **Parking**: Use a car park near the centre. The main shopping street is a pedestrian zone.

Food & drink

Franconian cooking is hearty. Look for grilled Bratwurst, roast pork such as Schäufele, and potato dumplings called Klöße.

Beer is a local tradition. Maisel's is a wheat beer brewery in the city, with a brewery museum. For eating out, walk the old town around Maximilianstraße, where cafés, inns and restaurants cluster.

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

In crowds at festival time, keep bags closed and valuables close.

History

Bayreuth became a princely residence of the Hohenzollern margraves in 1603. The golden age came under Margravine *Wilhelmine*, the sister of *Frederick the Great*. Her court built the Margravial Opera House, and the Neues Schloss and the Eremitage date from the same period.

Richard Wagner moved here in 1872. His Festspielhaus opened in 1876 with the first full performance of the *Ring* cycle. The composer *Franz Liszt*, Wagner's father-in-law, died in Bayreuth in 1886. The writer *Jean Paul* also lived in the city.

Country facts

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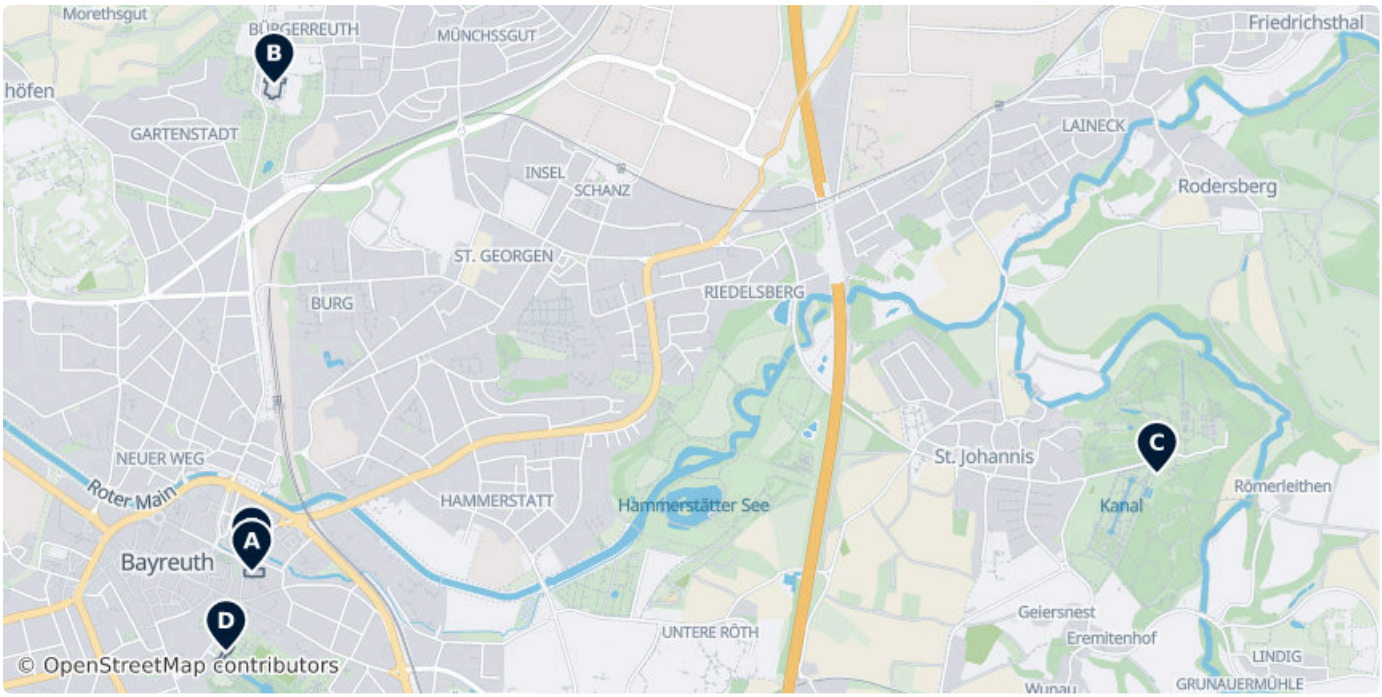
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TAP WATER
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Top sights





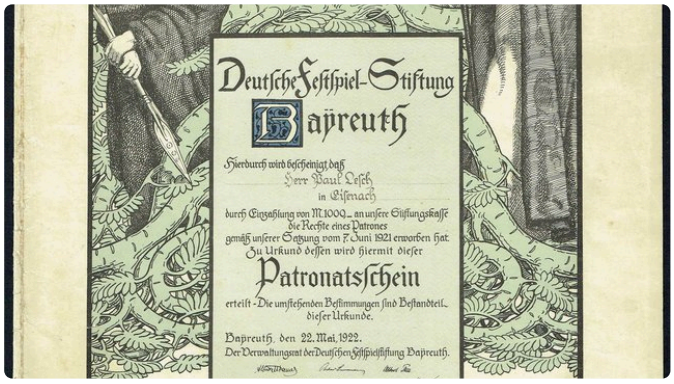
A Margravial Opera House

The Margravial Opera House is a Baroque opera house in the town of Bayreuth, Germany.

Opernstraße 14, 95444 Bayreuth, DE (49.94434, 11.57855)

Apr-Sep Mo–Su	09:00–18:00
Oct-Mar Mo–Su	10:00–16:00
Dec 24-Dec 25 Mo–Su	Closed

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B Bayreuth Festspielhaus

The Bayreuth Festspielhaus or Bayreuth Festival Theatre is an opera house north of Bayreuth, Germany, built by the 19th-century German...

Festspielhügel 1-2, 95445 Bayreuth, DE (49.95988, 11.57967)

bayreuther-festspiele.de, +49 921 78780



C Eremitage

The Hermitage or Eremitage is a palace complex and garden in Bayreuth, Germany.

Eremitage, Bayreuth, Germany (49.94747, 11.62346)

eremitage-bayreuth.de, +49 921 7596937



D New Palace, Bayreuth

A marvellous palace and a great place for lovers of art. Wagner composed here in the last years of his life.

Ludwigstraße 21, 95444 Bayreuth, DE (49.94179, 11.57727)

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E Iwalewahaus

Iwalewahaus, University of Bayreuth, is a place for the production and presentation of contemporary art.

Wölfelstraße 2, 95444 Bayreuth, DE (49.94477, 11.57855)

We–Su 13:00–17:00

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