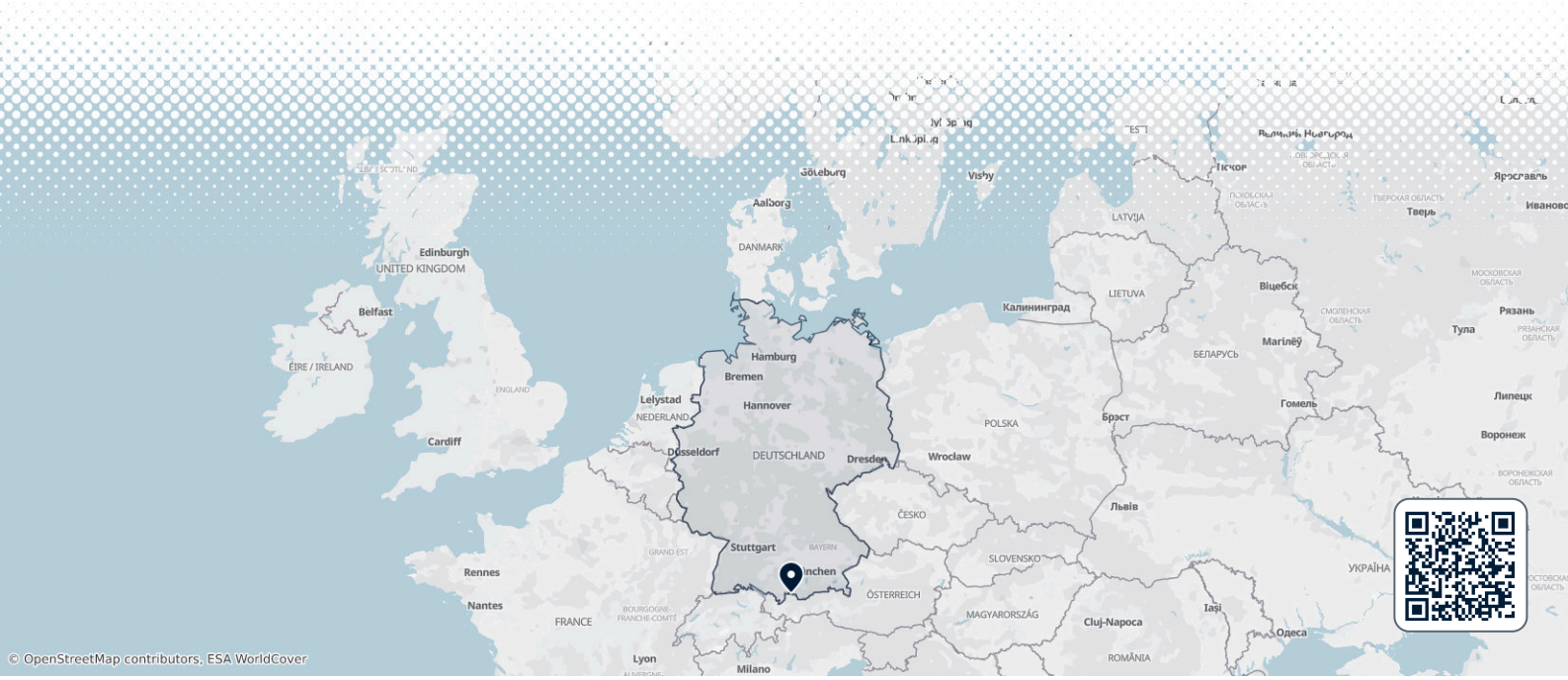


# Fussen

Bavaria · Germany

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## Overview

Füssen is a small town on the Lech river, close to the Austrian border. It lies at the foot of the Alps and is the southern end of the Romantic Road.

The old town is compact and easy to walk. A medieval castle and a Baroque abbey stand above the river. Most visitors come for Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, a few kilometres away. The town is a good base for several nights, with lakes and mountain walks close by.

## When to visit

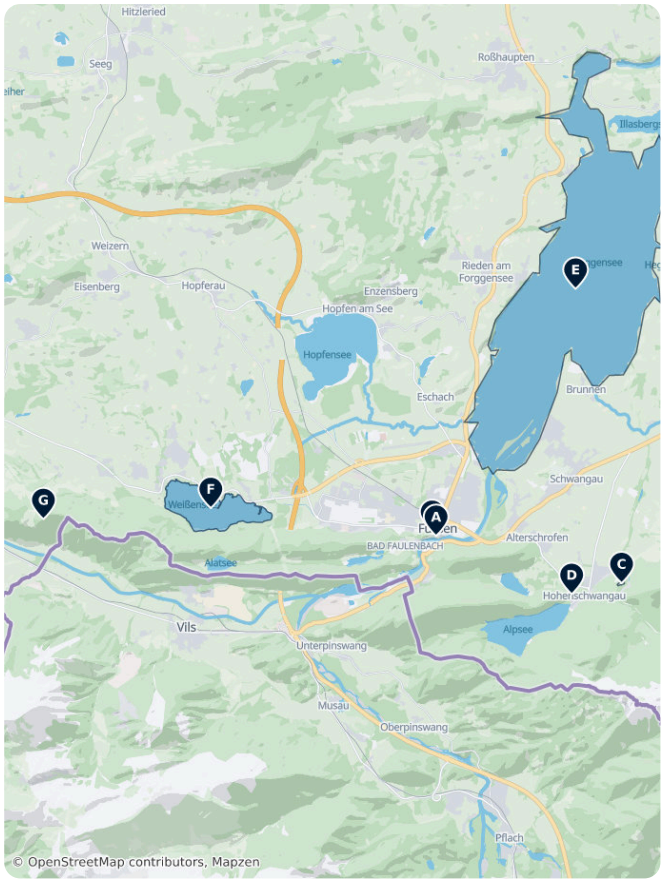
Summer is the warmest season and the busiest at the castles. It is also the wettest, so bring a rain jacket. Spring and autumn are quieter. Snow is common from late autumn to early spring.

The Forggensee is drained after mid-October, so the lake looks different in winter. The Advent market in December is the main seasonal event in town.

| MONTH | CONDITIONS | DAY °C avg / max | NIGHT °C avg / min | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | Poor<br>Poor for watersports | 3° / 8°<br>Feels like -2° | -5° / -13° | 13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds |
| February | Poor<br>Poor for watersports | 4° / 11°<br>Feels like 0° | -4° / -15° | 12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds |
| March | Poor<br>Poor for watersports | 8° / 16°<br>Feels like 4° | -1° / -10° | 15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds |
| April | Fair<br>Fair for cycling | 12° / 21° | 3° / -4° | 14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds |
| May | Fair<br>Fair for sightseeing | 17° / 24° | 7° / 2° | 20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds |
| June | Good<br>Good for sightseeing | 21° / 28° | 12° / 6° | 20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds |
| July | Good<br>Good for sightseeing | 22° / 28° | 13° / 8° | 21 rainy days · Calm winds |
| August | Good<br>Good for sightseeing | 22° / 29° | 13° / 8° | 19 rainy days · Calm winds |
| September | Good<br>Good for sightseeing | 18° / 25° | 9° / 3° | 15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds |
| October | Good<br>Good for cycling | 15° / 22° | 6° / -1° | 13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds |
| November | Fair<br>Fair for cycling | 8° / 16°<br>Feels like 5° | 1° / -8° | 13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds |
| December | Poor<br>Poor for watersports | 4° / 10°<br>Feels like 0° | -3° / -14° | 14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds |

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

## Top sights




- A Basilika St. Mang is the former abbey church below the castle. The crypt has a fresco from about 980.
- B Staatsgalerie im Hohen Schloss fills the Hohes Schloss above the old town. It shows late Gothic paintings and sculpture. The castle also has illusionistic paintings and a tower you can climb.
- C Neuschwanstein Castle was started by *Ludwig II* in 1869. You can enter only on a guided tour with a fixed time. The Marienbrücke over the Pöllat Gorge gives the classic view and can close in winter weather. Official castle information
- D Hohenschwangau Castle was built by *Maximilian II* in the 1830s. His son Ludwig II spent much of his childhood here. This castle also needs a guided tour.
- E Forggensee is a large reservoir north of town. It has views of the Alps and the castles.
- F Weißensee is a small lake west of Füssen with mountain views.
- G Ruine Falkenstein is a castle ruin on a rock above Pfronten, west of Füssen.
- The Lechfall is a waterfall on the Lech, just south of the old town.

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## What to experience

- Take a boat trip on the Forggensee in summer.
- Ride the Tegelbergbahn cable car for views of the castles and the lake.
- Visit the Advent market in December.
- Relax at the Königliche Kristall-Therme in Schwangau after a day of walking.

## Day trips

- Reutte in Tyrol, Austria, is just across the border. The Highline179 footbridge and the Ehrenberg castle ruins are nearby. Go by bus or car.
- The Wieskirche near Steingaden is a Rococo pilgrimage church and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Go by car or bus.
- Linderhof Palace is a small palace of Ludwig II near Ettal, with gardens and a grotto. A car is the easiest way to reach it.

## Where to explore

More places in the region:

- Allgäu is the wider region of hills, lakes and dairy farms.
- Kempten is a city in the Allgäu with Roman roots.
- Garmisch-Partenkirchen is an Alpine town below the Zugspitze.

## Getting there

- By air: Munich Airport (MUC) is the main gateway. Continue to Füssen by train or car.
- By train: Füssen is the end of the line, and the station is in the town centre. Travel from Munich or Augsburg by regional train. Deutsche Bahn
- By bus: Long-distance coaches run from Munich to Füssen.

## Getting around

- On foot: The walk from Hohenschwangau up to Neuschwanstein is uphill.
- Public transit: A regional bus links Füssen with Hohenschwangau. Füssen tourist information

### Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

**High**

The old town is compact and the station is close.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

**Moderate**

Paths run around the Forggensee and along the Lech.

## Driving

- A car is not needed for the town or the castles. It helps for Linderhof and the Wieskirche.
- At Hohenschwangau, use the car parks P1 to P4.

# Food & drink

Allgäu cheese dishes such as Kässpatzen, a baked cheese noodle dish, are the local speciality. Eat in the old town, where cafés and restaurants line Reichenstraße.

## 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

- Mountain weather changes quickly. Take a rain jacket on walks and check the forecast before you ride a cable car.

## History

- Füssen began as a Roman settlement on the Via Claudia Augusta, a road from northern Italy to Augsburg. Its name probably comes from the Latin word for gorge.
- *Magnus*, called Mang, was a monk from St. Gall. He is the town's patron saint. A Benedictine abbey grew up around his church, and it now stands as Basilika St. Mang.
- The bishops of Augsburg ruled the town. The bishops built the Hohes Schloss from 1291 and extended it between 1489 and 1504. It now houses Staatsgalerie im Hohen Schloss.
- The Treaty of Füssen in 1745 ended Bavaria's part in the War of the Austrian Succession.
- Füssen has long been known for violin making.

## Country facts

Quick practical facts for Germany at a glance:

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EMERGENCY
**112**

ELECTRICITY



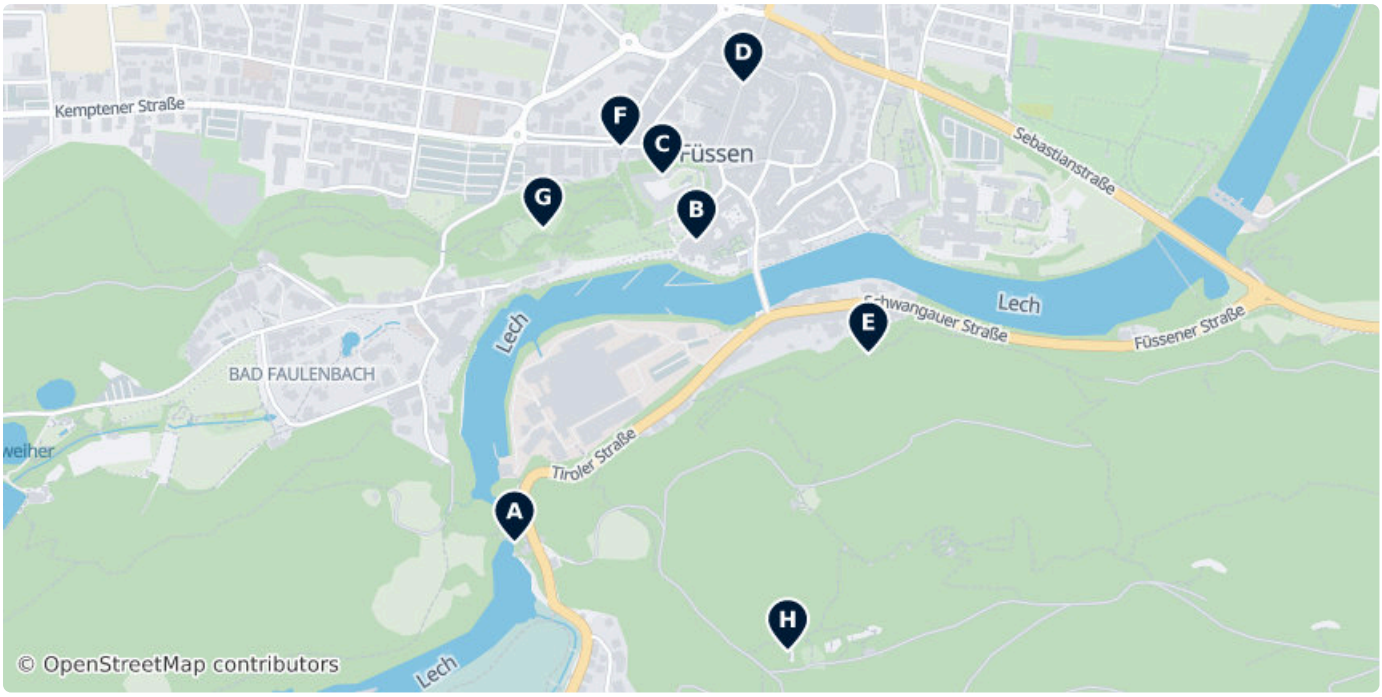
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LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
**Safe to drink**

# Füssen Essentials

Füssen serves as a historic gateway to the Bavarian Alps, defined by its medieval layout and religious heritage. This selection includes the Benedictine St. Mang's Abbey and the High Castle's art galleries. Natural landmarks like the twelve-meter Lechfall and the Baumgarten park offer panoramic views of the Alpine landscape. The central Reichenstraße follows the path of the ancient Roman Via Claudia Augusta, connecting the town's Gothic architecture with its commercial heart.






## A Lechfall

A twelve-meter-high weir where the Lech river cascades over rock ledges into a narrow gorge. A pedestrian bridge provides views of the turquoise water and the surrounding limestone formations.

4 Tiroler Straße, 87629, Germany (47.56197, 10.69499)



## B Former St Mang's Abbey

St. Mang's Abbey, Füssen or Füssen Abbey was a Benedictine monastery in Füssen in Bavaria, Germany.

Faulenbachgäßchen, 87629 Füssen, Germany (47.56634, 10.69890)



## C Städtische Gemälegalerie

Located within the Hohes Schloss, this gallery displays Late Gothic and Renaissance artworks from the Bavarian State Painting Collections, focusing on regional Allgäu and Swabian masters.

Magnusplatz 10, 87629 Füssen (47.56730, 10.69817)

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| Apr-Oct Tu–Su | 10:00–17:00 |
| Nov-Mar Tu–Su | 10:00–12:30 |
| Dec 24-Dec 25 Mo–Su | Closed |

stadt-fuessen.org/galerien-im-hohen-s... , +49 8362 903143



## D Reichenstraße

The main pedestrian thoroughfare of the old town, lined with historic townhouses. It traces the route of the ancient Roman imperial road, the Via Claudia Augusta.

23 Reichenstraße, Füssen 87629, Germany (47.56862, 10.69991)

stadt-fuessen.de/5435.html

## E Altstadt Panorama

An elevated vantage point providing a view of Füssen's medieval rooftops, church spires, and the surrounding mountain peaks.

(47.56471, 10.70260)



## F Mädchenbrunnen

A decorative fountain located in the historic center, featuring a bronze sculpture and providing a source of drinking water.

16 Ritterstraße, Füssen 87629, Germany (47.56771, 10.69726)



## G Baumgarten

A quiet public park situated on a hill adjacent to the High Castle. It features terraced paths, stone walls, and views over the town's southern district.

Faulenbachgäßchen, 87629 Füssen, Germany
(47.56652, 10.69560)

## H Klettergarten Ziegelwies

A recreational area near the Austrian border featuring limestone climbing walls and a viewpoint overlooking the Lech river valley.

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