

Nuremberg

Bavaria · Germany

TRAVEL GUIDE

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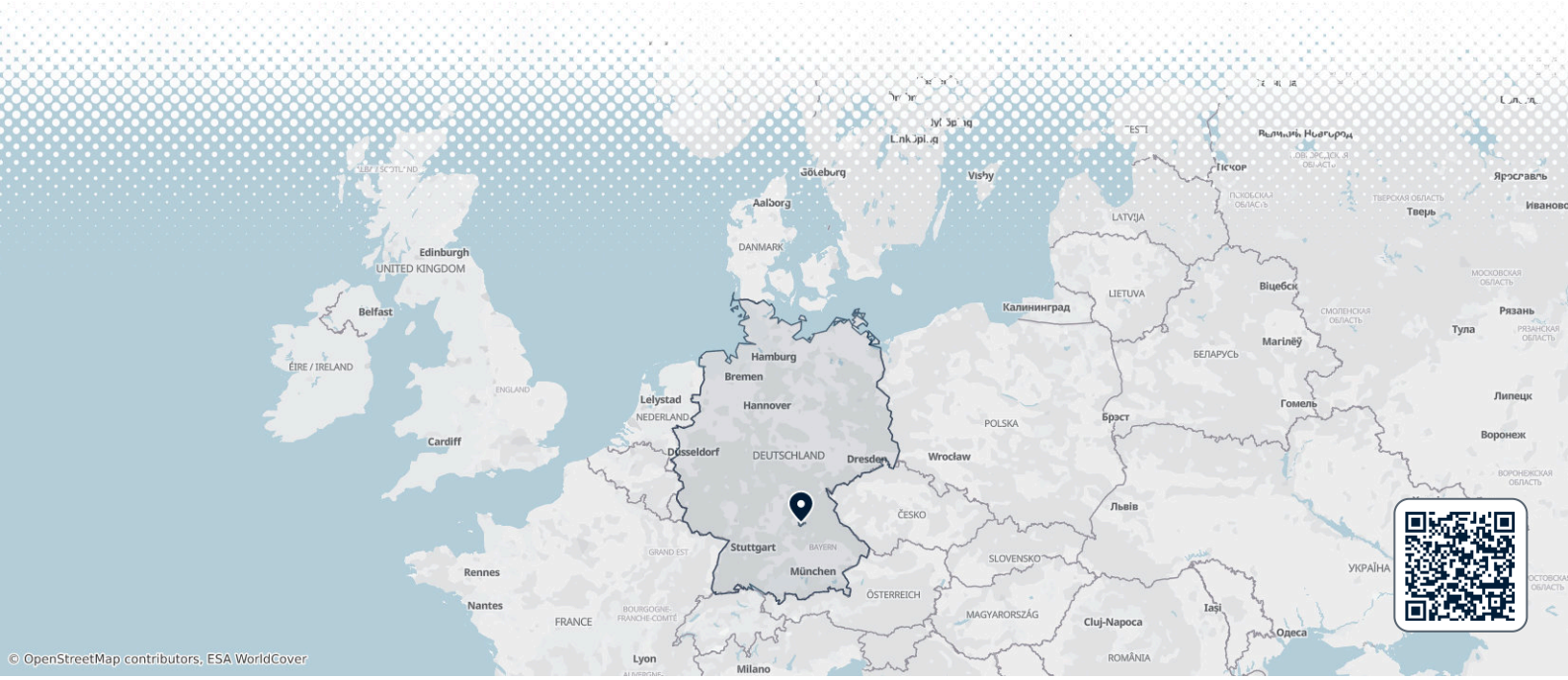


Overview

Nuremberg is the main city of Franconia, in northern Bavaria. It has a walled medieval old town on the Pegnitz river, with an imperial castle above it. Most of the old town was rebuilt after 1945, and the streets still feel historic.

The city is also one of the main places in Germany to learn about the Nazi period. The Nazi Party rally grounds and the court of the Nuremberg Trials are both here. Many visitors combine this with the old town, the museums and the Christmas market. Two or three nights is enough. The city is compact and easy to see on foot, and it also works as a base for trips to Bamberg, Regensburg and Würzburg.

The painter and printmaker *Albrecht Dürer* was born here.

When to visit

Late spring and early autumn are the most comfortable times, with mild days and long light. Summer is warm and good for the river and beer gardens, but short rain showers are common. Winters are cold and dark.

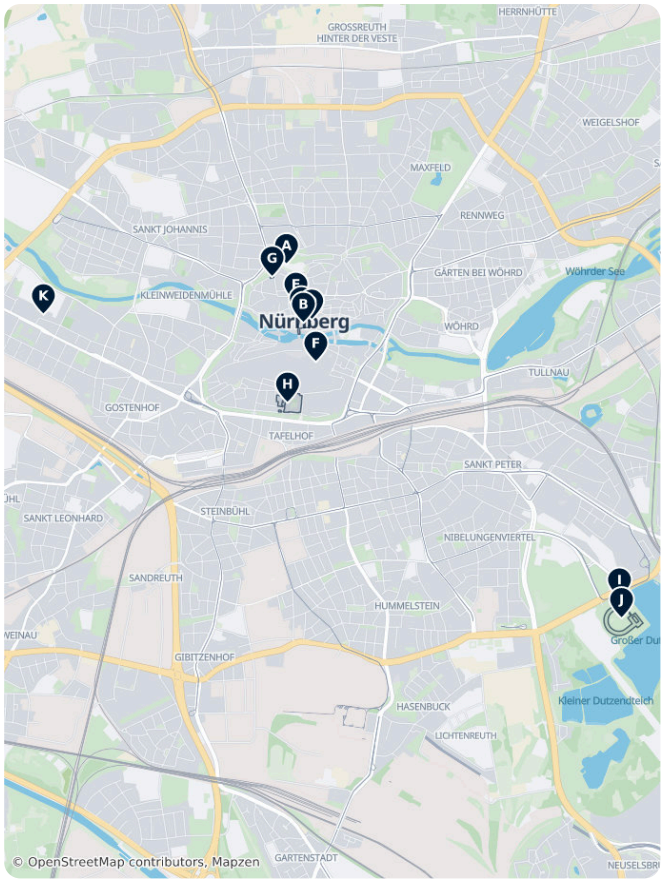
The biggest event of the year is the Christkindlesmarkt, from the end of November to Christmas Eve. It is one of the best-known Christmas markets in Germany. It opens on the Friday before the first Sunday of Advent. Book hotels early for this period.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	2° / 10° Feels like -3°	-3° / -13°	12 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 12° Feels like -1°	-3° / -12°	Dry air
March	Poor Poor for sightseeing	9° / 17° Feels like 5°	0° / -6°	Dry air
April	Fair Fair for sightseeing	15° / 22° Feels like 11°	4° / -3°	Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	8° / 3°	13 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 31°	13° / 7°	13 rainy days · Dry air
July	Good Good for sightseeing	25° / 33°	14° / 10°	15 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 33°	14° / 9°	12 rainy days · Dry air
September	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 29°	10° / 5°	Dry air
October	Fair Fair for sightseeing	15° / 22° Feels like 12°	6° / -1°	Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	8° / 15° Feels like 3°	2° / -4°	Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 10° Feels like -2°	-2° / -11°	13 rainy days · Dry air

Best months: June, August, September

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

Top sights



- A Kaiserburg stands on a sandstone ridge above the old town. Emperors of the Holy Roman Empire stayed here. The view over the red roofs is one of the best in the city.
- B Hauptmarkt is the central square. It holds the Christmas market in winter and a daily market at other times. C Schöner Brunnen is the tall Gothic fountain on its edge.
- D Frauenkirche faces the square. At noon its mechanical clock shows figures of electors walking around the emperor.
- E St. Sebald and F St. Lorenz are the two great Gothic churches of the old town. They hold important medieval art.
- G Albrecht Dürer's House is where *Albrecht Dürer* lived and worked from 1509 until his death in 1528. You can see period rooms and a printmaking workshop.
- H Germanisches Nationalmuseum is a large museum of German art and culture, from early history to modern times.
- I Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds is inside the unfinished J Kongresshalle. It explains how the Nazi rallies were staged and what they led to.
- K Memorium Nuremberg Trials is in the courthouse where the war crimes trials took place in 1945 and 1946. You can see the original courtroom.

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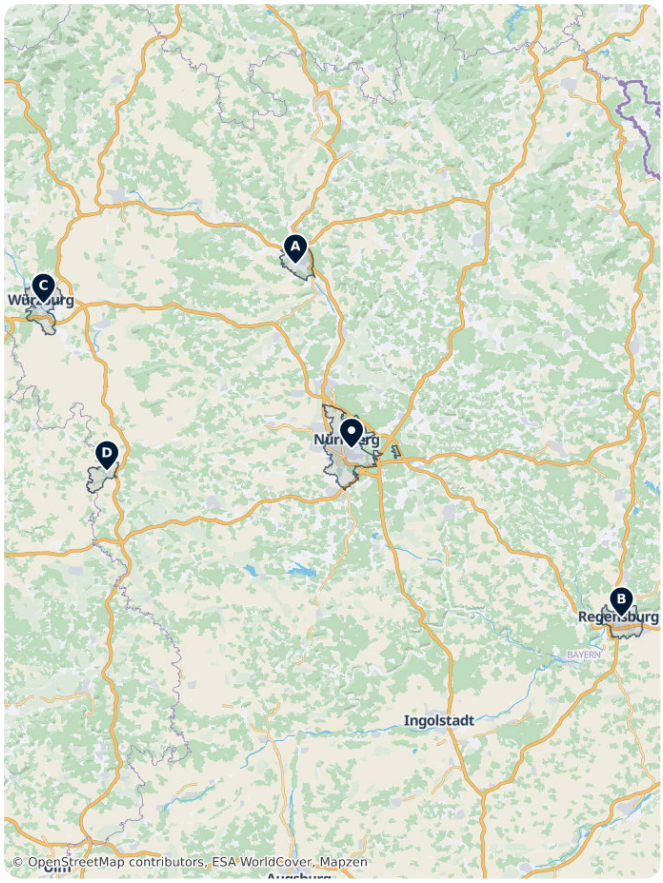
What to experience

- Go underground into the rock cellars below the castle. Historischer Kunstbunker is the tunnel complex that stored art during the war.
- Visit the Christkindlesmarkt from late November. The Christkind opens it with a speech from the balcony of Frauenkirche. Its noon clock show is also worth watching.
- Visit the historic cemetery Johannisfriedhof and look for the grave of *Albrecht Dürer*.

Day trips

Trains from Nuremberg reach several historic towns in about an hour.



- A Bamberg is about 45 to 60 minutes by train. The old town is a UNESCO site, with a cathedral and a famous smoked beer.
- B Regensburg is about 1 hour by train. It has a well-preserved medieval centre and a stone bridge over the Danube.
- C Würzburg is about 1 hour by train. The Residence palace is a UNESCO site, and the city is the centre of Franconian wine.
- D Rothenburg ob der Tauber is about 1.5 to 2 hours by train, with a change. It is a walled town with half-timbered houses. It is busy by day, so stay late or arrive early.
- Fürth is a short ride on the U1 and has many preserved 19th-century buildings. Erlangen is a university town on the S-Bahn.
- Franconian Switzerland is a hilly area north of the city with castles, caves and forest trails. A car makes it much easier to visit.

Where to explore

Nuremberg is a good base for other cities in Bavaria.

- Nearby in Franconia: Bayreuth is known for its opera festival and baroque opera house.
- To the south: Munich is about 1 hour away by fast train. Ingolstadt and Augsburg are also reachable by regional or fast train.
- Regensburg: Regensburg lies on the way to the Danube.
- Bamberg: Bamberg lies north of Nuremberg.

Getting there

- **By air**: Nuremberg Airport (NUE) is 5 km north of the centre. It serves mainly European and holiday routes. The U2 goes to the Hauptbahnhof in about 13 minutes. For long-haul flights, most travelers use Frankfurt or Munich and continue by train.
- **By train**: The Hauptbahnhof is the main hub. Fast ICE trains reach Munich in about 1 hour and Frankfurt in about 2 hours. Regional trains run to Bamberg, Regensburg and Würzburg. Book on Deutsche Bahn.
- **By bus**: Long-distance coaches stop near the Hauptbahnhof. They are cheaper than trains for some routes, such as Prague.

Getting around

- **Public transit**: The VAG runs three U-Bahn lines, trams and buses. The U1 also goes to Fürth. Tickets are valid across the VGN region. Buy them in the VGN app, at station machines or at sales points. See VAG Nürnberg for maps and timetables.
- **City card**: The NÜRNBERG CARD includes public transport and entry to many museums. Check the current price on the tourism site. See Nuremberg Tourism.
- **On foot**: The old town is compact and mostly pedestrian. Cobbled streets and hills near the castle can be tiring.
- **Cycling**: Bike paths follow the Pegnitz river. The old town centre is hilly and has cobblestones.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

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CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

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Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the city. The old town is pedestrian and public transport is good. A car helps only for the countryside, such as Franconian Switzerland.
- **Parking**: Use a car park at the edge of the old town. Street parking in the centre is limited and paid.
- **Restrictions**: Most of the old town is closed to general traffic. Follow signs to the nearest car park.

Food & drink

Nuremberg is known for small grilled bratwurst. They are served in sets of six or more, with sauerkraut or potato salad. A quick version is three sausages in a bread roll. Other local foods are Lebkuchen, a soft gingerbread, and Franconian pork dishes. The local beer is Franconian lager and red beer.

For a sausage meal with history, try Zum Gulden Stern. It is a historic sausage kitchen that grills over a beechwood fire.

For a wider choice, go to the lanes around the Hauptmarkt, the Weißgerbergasse and the streets near St. Sebald. Look for traditional Franconian taverns with beer gardens. Small bakeries and market stalls near the Hauptmarkt are good for snacks.

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

Nuremberg is very safe for visitors. Violent crime against tourists is rare.

- Watch for pickpockets in crowds, especially at the Christmas market and around the Hauptbahnhof.
- Pharmacies (Apotheke) are marked with a red A.

History

Nuremberg grew into a major trade city in the Middle Ages. Emperors held imperial assemblies at Kaiserburg, and the city kept the imperial crown jewels for centuries. Its wealth supported artists such as *Albrecht Dürer*. The fortified walls around the old town date from this time, and parts of them still stand near Nürnberger Stadtmauer.

In the 1930s the Nazi Party held its yearly rallies here. The unfinished Kongresshalle is the largest surviving building from this period. The Allies bombed the city heavily, and on 2 January 1945 a raid destroyed most of the old town. The old town was rebuilt in the following decades.

After the war, the main Nazi leaders were tried in the courthouse that now holds Memorium Nuremberg Trials. The trials set important rules for international criminal law.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Germany at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

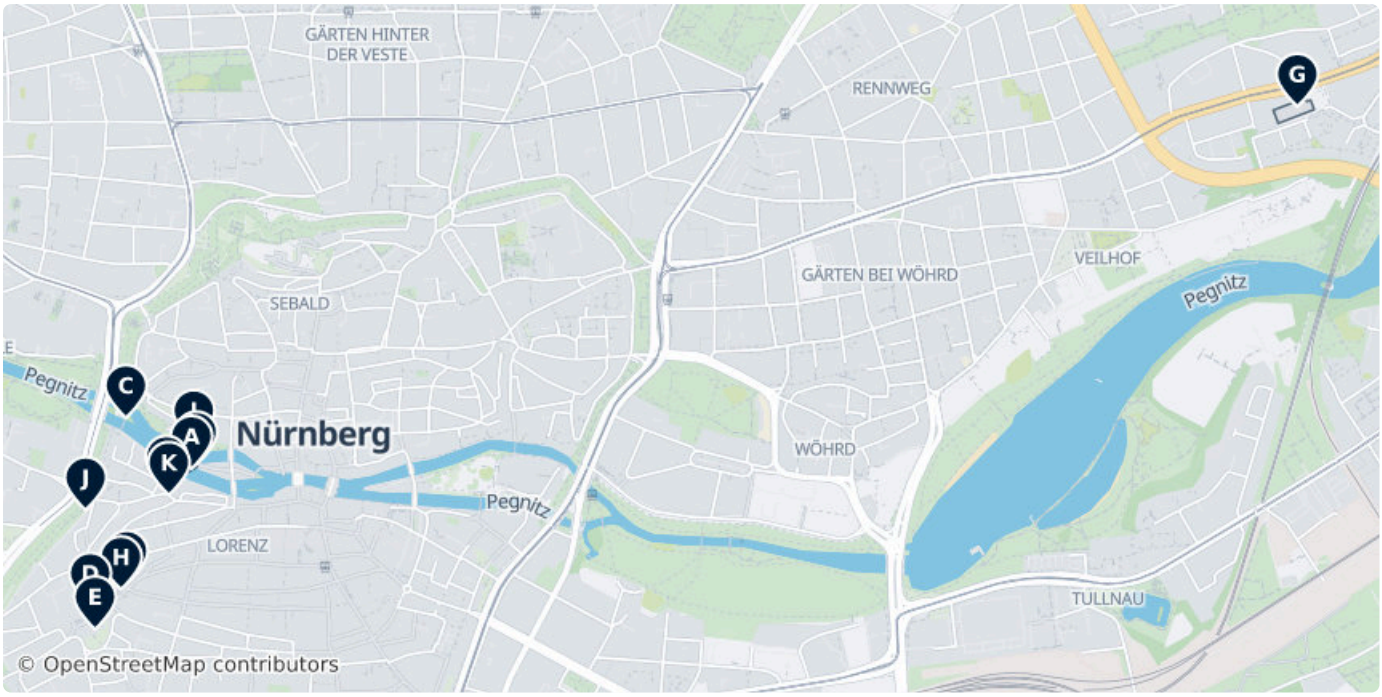
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Nuremberg Essentials

Nuremberg's historical core is defined by the Pegnitz River and its diverse bridge architecture, ranging from the medieval wooden Hangman's Bridge to the 19th-century iron Kettensteg. The city's medieval heritage is preserved in the half-timbered Weinstadel and the defensive Weißer Turm. Religious history is anchored by the neoclassical St. Elisabeth and the Gothic St. Jakob. Specialized museums, such as the Henkerhaus and the Museum of Industrial Culture, document the city's transition from a free imperial city to a major industrial hub.





A Hangman's Bridge

Check out this beautiful wooden bridge - one of Nuremberg's most charming historical sights.

47 Trödelmarkt, Nürnberg 90403, Germany (49.45314, 11.07313)

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B Marriage Merry-Go-Round

The sculptures decorating this 20th century fountain are sure to astound you.

Am Weißen Turm, 90402 Nuremberg, Germany (49.45057, 11.07092)

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C Chained Suspension Bridge

This bridge, stretching over the river Pegnitz, is one of the oldest ones of its type in Europe. Take a walk and enjoy the view.

Maxplatz, 90403 Nuremberg, Germany (49.45427, 11.07089)

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D St. Elisabeth's Church Nuremberg

St. Elizabeth's is a Roman Catholic church in Nuremberg in southern Germany. It is dedicated to Elizabeth of Hungary.

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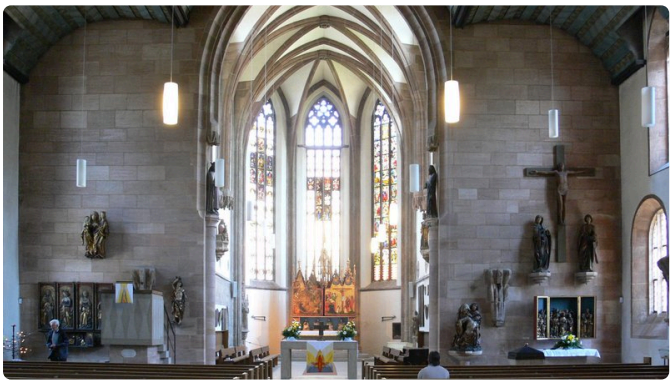

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Tu–Su 12:00–17:00

henkerhaus-nuernberg.de, +49 911 30736 0



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Äußere Sulzbacher Straße 60, 90491 Nürnberg, DE (49.46121, 11.11110)

Mo–Su Closed

museen.nuernberg.de/museum-indust... , +49 911 2313875



H Weißer Turm

A 13th-century defensive gate tower that formed part of Nuremberg's second city wall. Originally used as a toll gate and dungeon, it now stands as a prominent historical landmark.

24 Ludwigsplatz, Nürnberg 90403, Germany (49.45044, 11.07072)



I Weinstadel

One of the most memorable buildings in Nuremberg, this beautiful half-timbered house is the longest of its kind in the entire Germany.

Maxplatz, 90403 Nuremberg, Germany (49.45371, 11.07321)

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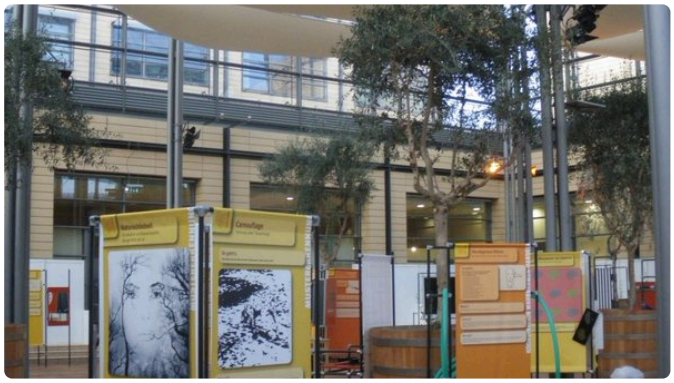

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K Tallow House

Built in 1491 as a granary, this sandstone building later served as the city's central office for the tallow trade. It remains one of Nuremberg's most significant late-medieval secular structures.

9 Unschlittplatz, Nürnberg 90403, Germany
(49.45255, 11.07236)



L Dudelsackpfeiferbrunnen

A bronze fountain depicting a bagpiper, cast in 1880 based on a 16th-century model. It commemorates a local legend about a traveling musician who survived the plague.

9 Unschlittplatz, Nürnberg 90403, Germany
(49.45269, 11.07228)

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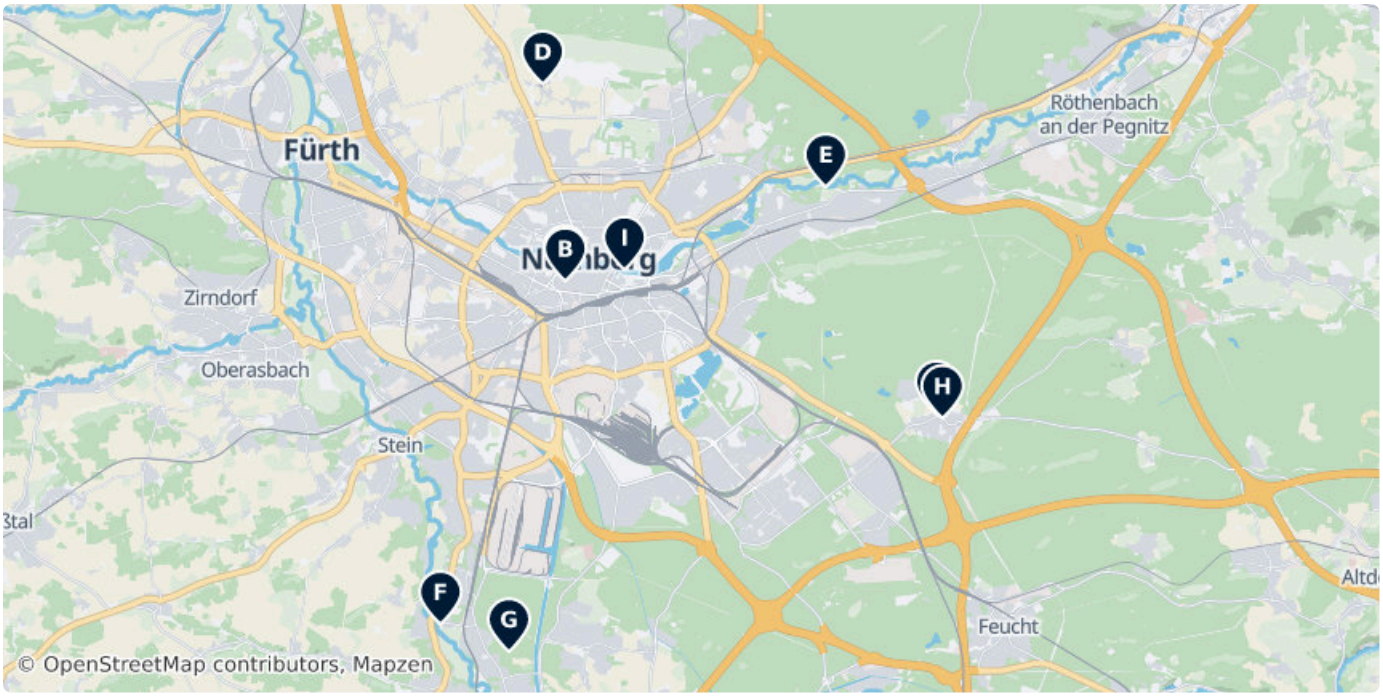
Regional Heritage Sites

Nuremberg's regional heritage is defined by a collection of medieval churches, patrician manor houses, and historic ruins. This selection highlights the architectural diversity of the area, from the neoclassical dome of St. Elisabeth's Church to the moated Renaissance Pellerschloss. Many of these sites, such as the Imhoff and Harsdorf estates, reflect the legacy of the city's influential noble families. The list also includes significant memorials and the remains of late medieval fortifications like the Oberbürg ruins, offering insight into the region's cultural and political history.





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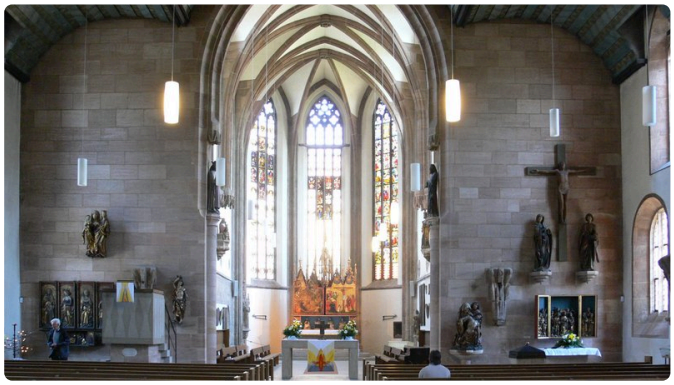

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C Pellerschloss

A 16th-century Renaissance moated manor house located in the Fischbach district.

Pellergasse, 90475 Nuremberg, Germany
(49.42104, 11.19219)

nuernberg.de/internet/buergeraemter/..., +49 911 2315062

D Imhoff'scher Herrensitz

Historic manor house belonging to the Imhoff family, one of Nuremberg's most prominent patrician lineages.

17 Irrhainstraße, Nürnberg 90427, Germany
(49.49172, 11.06235)



E Ruine Schloss Oberbürg

The ruins of a late medieval manor house, largely destroyed during World War II.

Olga-Pöhlmann-Weg, 90482 Nuremberg, Germany
(49.46968, 11.15571)

F Waldstromer-Schlösschen

A historic manor house in the Reichelsdorf district, originally associated with the Waldstromer family.

(49.37597, 11.02863)

G Turmhügel

Site of a former motte-and-bailey castle or fortified tower hill.

(49.37009, 11.05125)

H Harsdorf'sches Schloss

A historic manor house in Fischbach, once the seat of the Harsdorf von Enderndorf patrician family.

199 Fischbacher Hauptstraße, Nürnberg-Fischbach 90475, Germany (49.42011, 11.19422)



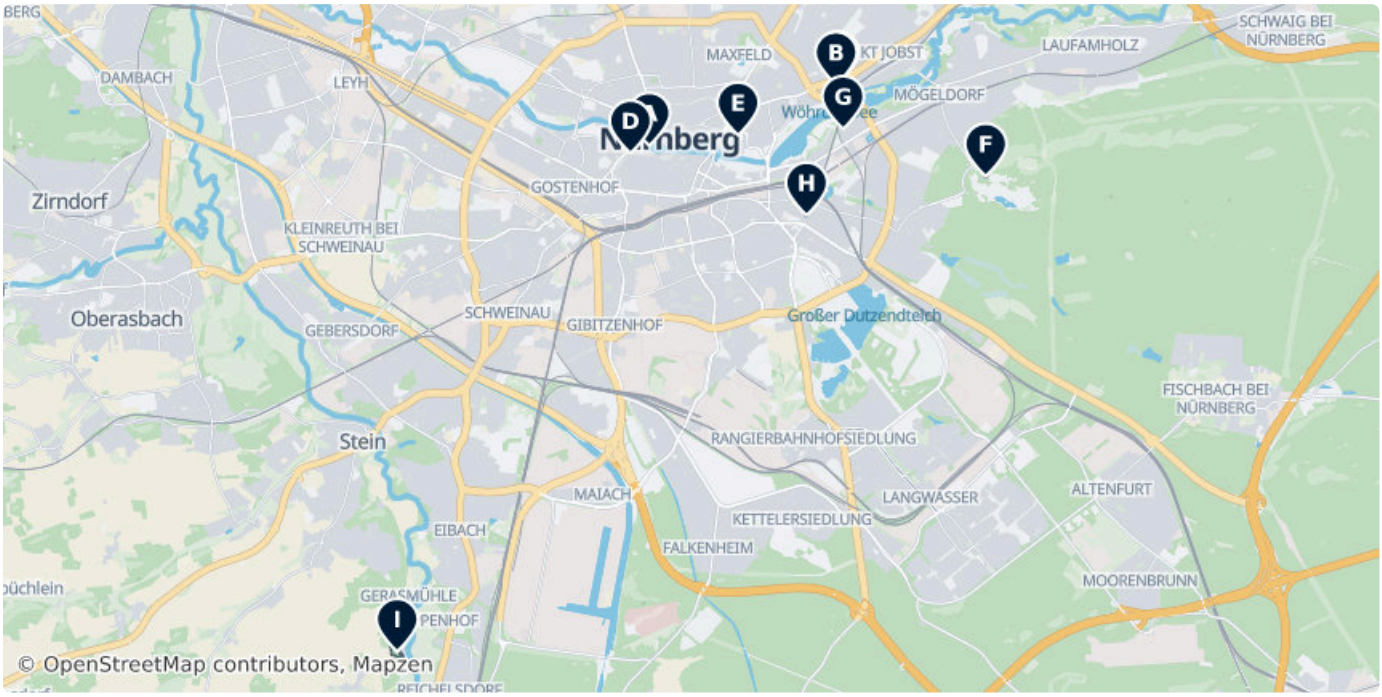
1 Bismarck-Denkmal

A memorial monument dedicated to Chancellor Otto von Bismarck, situated along the Prinzregentenufer.

13 Prinzregentenufer, Nürnberg 90489, Germany
(49.45196, 11.08938)

Museums & Culture

Nuremberg's cultural landscape spans from the grim history of the Henkerhaus, the former residence of the city's hangman, to interactive explorations of human perception at the Tower of the Senses. Industrial heritage is preserved through the Museum of Industrial Culture and the specialized Feldbahn-Museum. Performance arts are represented by traditional marionette theater and contemporary venues like Löwensaal, while community art centers foster local creativity and youth culture.





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C School Museum Nuremberg

Maybe you didn't like school back in the day, but you'll enjoy this museum that's full of interesting things about the history of school.

Äußere Sulzbacher Straße 62, 90491 Nuremberg, Germany (49.46132, 11.11147)

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E Marionettentheater

Traditional puppet theater featuring hand-carved marionettes and classic storytelling performances.

(Unnamed Road), Nürnberg 90489, Germany (49.45460, 11.09128)

nuernberger-marionettentheater.de, +49 173 4315586

F Löwensaal

Established concert venue near the Nuremberg Zoo, hosting international rock and pop acts in a hall with a capacity for 1,500 guests.

Schmausenbuck 166, 90480 Nürnberg, DE (49.44919, 11.14138)

loewensaal.de

G Kulturladen Loni-Übler-Haus

Community cultural center in the Mögeldorf district providing space for art exhibitions, workshops, and intimate live performances.

Marthastraße 60, 90482 Nürnberg, DE (49.45542, 11.11252)

kuf-kultur.nuernberg.de/kulturlaeden/k..., +4991123111540

H Luise Cultfactory

Socio-cultural youth center and event space focusing on live music, creative workshops, and rehearsal facilities for emerging local artists.

Scharrerstraße 15, 90478 Nürnberg, DE (49.44408, 11.10513)

luise-cultfactory.de, +49 911 9464760

Feldbahn-Museum 500 e.V.

Dedicated to 500mm narrow-gauge field railways, this museum showcases a collection of historic diesel and electric locomotives and industrial rolling stock.

Drahtzieherstraße 32, 90453 Nürnberg, DE
(49.38669, 11.02234)

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