

Würzburg

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TRAVEL GUIDE

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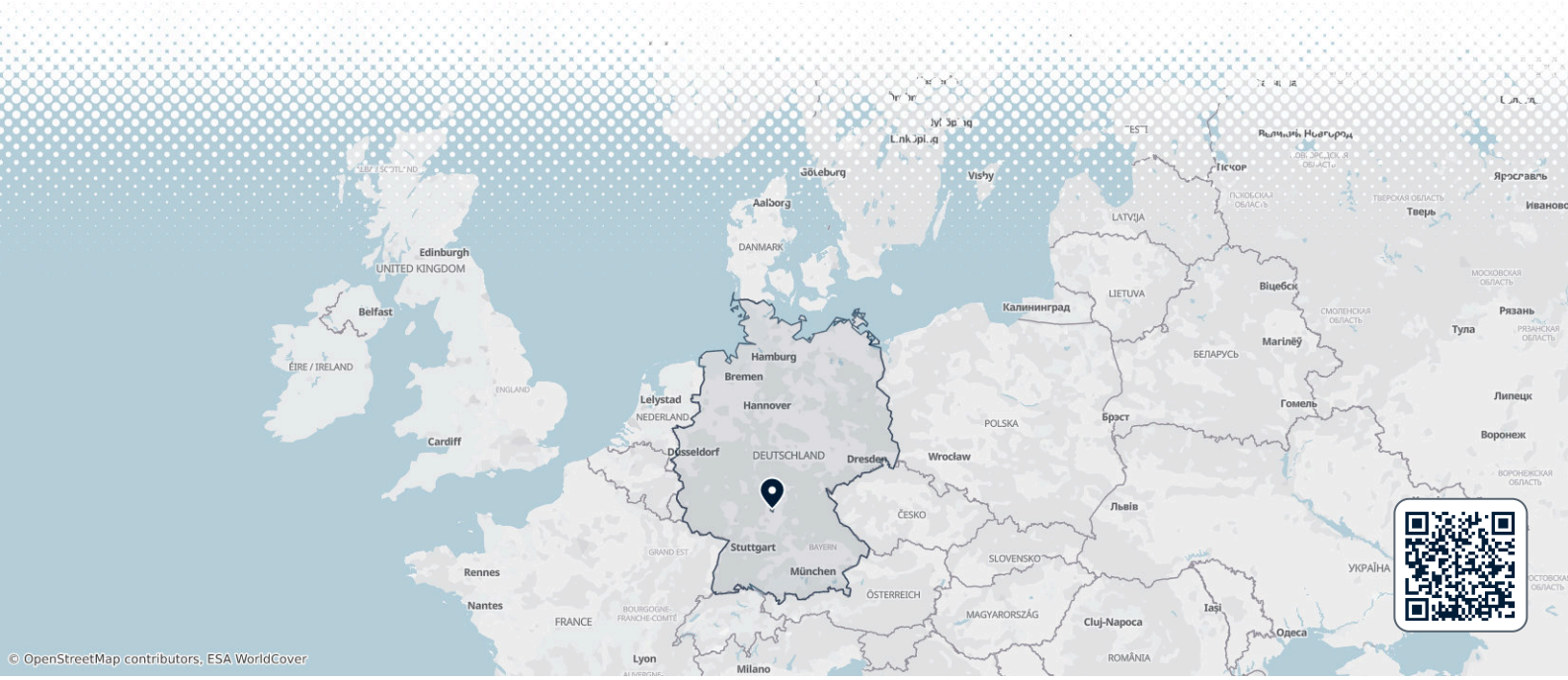


Overview

Würzburg is a university city on the Main river in Lower Franconia, in northern Bavaria. It is a good base for baroque architecture, river views and Franconian wine. Vineyards climb the hills right above the old town.

The city suits a weekend of easy sightseeing on foot. It is also the northern start of the Romantic Road. Most visitors stay one or two nights. Wine taverns and student life keep the centre lively in the evening.

When to visit

May to September is the best time. Days are warm and long, and you can eat and drink outside along the river. Autumn brings the wine harvest and clear walking weather. Winter is cold and grey, but the Advent Christmas market gives the old town a festive mood.

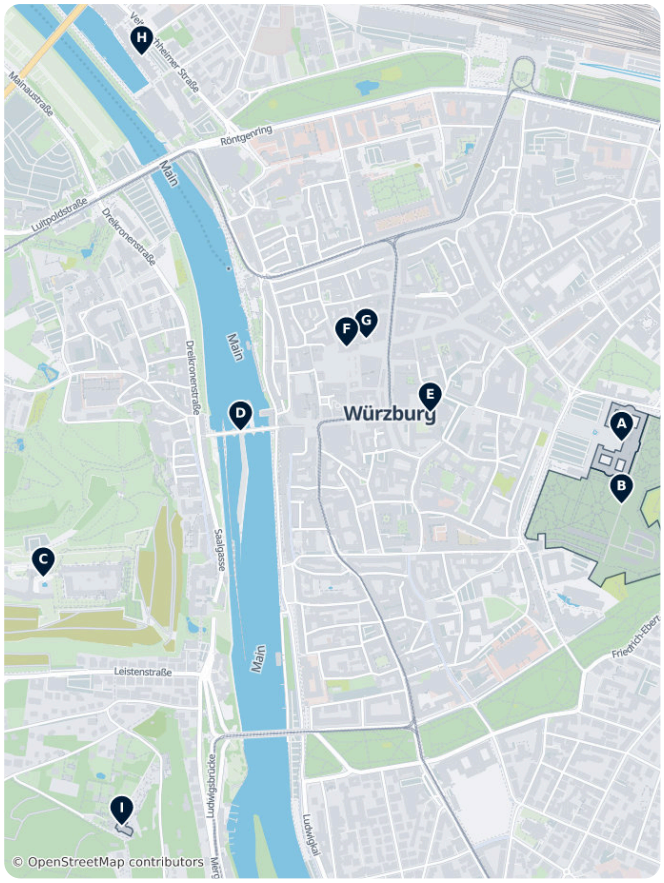
The Mozart Festival holds concerts in the Residenz.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 10° Feels like -2°	-3° / -11°	12 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 12° Feels like 0°	-2° / -11°	Dry air
March	Poor Poor for sightseeing	10° / 17° Feels like 6°	1° / -5°	Dry air
April	Fair Fair for sightseeing	15° / 23° Feels like 12°	4° / -2°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	19° / 27°	8° / 3°	12 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 31°	13° / 7°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	26° / 33°	14° / 10°	14 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 34°	14° / 10°	12 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 30°	10° / 5°	Dry air · Calm winds
October	Fair Fair for sightseeing	15° / 22° Feels like 12°	6° / 0°	12 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	8° / 15° Feels like 4°	2° / -4°	12 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 10° Feels like -1°	-1° / -10°	13 rainy days · Dry air

Best months: May, June, August, September

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

Top sights



- A Residenz Würzburg is the city's UNESCO-listed baroque palace of the prince-bishops. Look for the grand staircase with its huge ceiling fresco by *Giovanni Battista Tiepolo*. The baroque B Hofgarten Würzburg behind it has rose beds and sculptures.
- C Festung Marienberg stands on a hill above the Main. The old prince-bishops' fortress has museums and wide views over the city and the vineyards.
- D Alte Mainbrücke is a stone bridge with saint statues. Locals gather here in the evening with a glass of wine, and you can see the fortress above the river.
- E Dom St. Kilian is a large Romanesque cathedral. It is dedicated to the Irish missionary Saint Kilian, the patron of the city.
- F Marienkapelle is a late Gothic church on the market square. It is a short walk from the cathedral.
- G Falkenhaus has a richly decorated rococo facade next to the market square. It is a good photo stop.
- H Museum im Kulturspeicher shows modern and contemporary art in a former granary on the river bank.
- I Käppele is a rococo pilgrimage church on a hill across the river. The Stations of the Cross lead up the slope to it.

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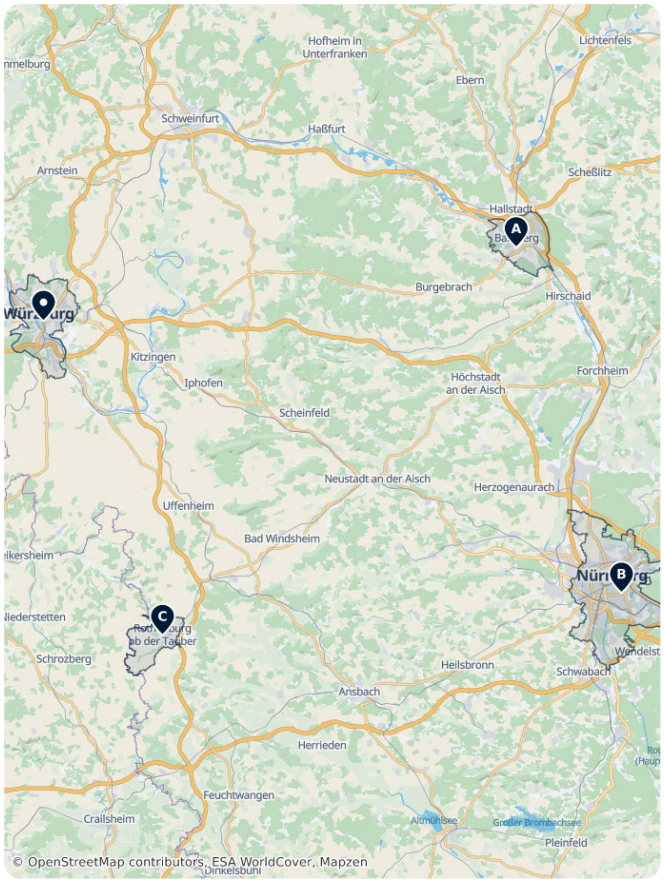
What to experience

- Drink a glass of Franconian wine on the Alte Mainbrücke at sunset.
- Walk up to the fortress through the vineyards on the hill. The climb is steady, so bring good shoes.
- Follow the Stations of the Cross up to Käppele for a view over the roofs and the river.
- Visit the Christmas market in the old town during Advent.

Day trips

Start with the close trips. They are easy by train or bus.

- **Veitshöchheim**: about 15 to 30 minutes by train or bus. It has a rococo palace garden with sculptures and hedge walks.
- **Wertheim**: about 1 hour by train. It is a small riverside town with a hilltop castle ruin.
- Franconian wine villages: Volkach and the Main loop are 30 to 60 minutes by car. Tavern visits are the main reason to go.
- Ⓐ Bamberg: about 1 hour by train. The old town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Ⓑ Nuremberg: about 1 hour by fast train. It has a large old town and a castle.
- Ⓒ Rothenburg ob der Tauber: about 1.5 hours by train with a change. It is a well-kept medieval walled town on the Romantic Road.



Where to explore

These nearby destinations work well as add-ons to a Würzburg stay.

- Old towns and cities: Bamberg and Nuremberg.
- Medieval walled town: Rothenburg ob der Tauber.
- Spa town: Bad Kissingen.

Getting there

- **By air**: The main gateway is Frankfurt Airport, away. Take a train from the airport, usually with a change. Nuremberg Airport is a smaller option. Both need a train ride into Würzburg.
- **By train**: Würzburg Hauptbahnhof is on the main north–south line. Fast trains connect to Nuremberg, Frankfurt and Munich. Book on Deutsche Bahn.

Getting around

- **Public transit**: Trams and buses are run by WVV. Buy tickets in the WVV online ticket shop. The Deutschlandticket is also valid. See WVV for fares and zones.
- **On foot and by bike**: The old town and the sights are close together, so walking is the best option. The fortress is a steady climb uphill. The Main river path is good for easy cycling.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town is compact and walkable. The fortress is uphill.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

A path follows the Main river. The hills around the centre are steep.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?** Not for the city. The sights are walkable, and parking in the centre is limited. A car helps only for the wine villages along the Main.
- **Parking**: Use a car park at the edge of the old town and walk in.

Food & drink

Franconian wine is the local speciality. Look for dry Silvaner in a round, flat bottle called a Bocksbeutel. Try it with Franconian sausages or small fried fish. Order wine by the glass, called a Schoppen.

The best way to eat here is in a historic wine tavern. The Bürgerspital and Juliusspital taverns serve their own wines with hearty regional dishes. Many places around the Marktplatz and the Kürschnerhof also serve local food.

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

Würzburg is a safe city for visitors. Petty theft is the main risk, mostly near the station and in crowds at festivals. Keep bags closed and lock your bike with a strong lock.

Take care on the cobbled streets and steep paths to the fortress after wine tastings. Bring comfortable shoes.

History

Saint Kilian was an Irish missionary who preached here. He became the patron saint of the city. The Dom St. Kilian carries his name. The current building is Romanesque and was built between 1040 and 1225.

For centuries the city was ruled by prince-bishops. They first lived in the Festung Marienberg. In the 18th century they built the baroque Residenz Würzburg in the town.

The Alte Mainbrücke was built between 1473 and 1543. The statues came later, starting in 1730.

The University of Würzburg was founded in 1402. In 1895 *Wilhelm Röntgen* discovered X-rays in his laboratory here.

On 16 March 1945 British bombers destroyed most of the city in less than 20 minutes. Rebuilding of the historic buildings took about 20 years. The Residenz and the cathedral were rebuilt.

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

Würzburg's Absolute Essentials

Würzburg's historic center features the Romanesque Würzburg Cathedral and the Gothic Marienkapelle at the Unterer Markt. Overlooking the Main River, the Marienberg Fortress stands as a dominant landmark, while the Alte Mainbrücke offers views of the castle and surrounding vineyards. The city's architectural diversity includes the Rococo facade of the Falkenhaus and the Baroque Hofgarten. Visitors can explore the pilgrimage church of Käppele and sample Franconian regional cuisine at traditional taverns like Till Eulenspiegel Weinstube.





A Würzburg Cathedral

Würzburg Cathedral is a Roman Catholic cathedral in Würzburg in Bavaria, Germany, dedicated to Saint Kilian.

42 Domstraße, Würzburg 97070, Germany
(49.79340, 9.93235)

wuerzburgwiki.de/wiki/Dom_St._Kilian, +49 931 386 62800



B Marienberg Fortress

Marienberg Fortress is a prominent landmark on the left bank of the Main river in Würzburg, in the Franconia region of Bavaria, Germany.

Residenzplatz 2, 97070 Würzburg, Germany
(49.78988, 9.91972)

wuerzburgwiki.de/wiki/Festung_Marie... , +49 9 31 3 55 170



C Marienkapelle

The Marienkapelle is a Roman Catholic church located at the Unterer Markt of the town of Würzburg, Bavaria.

Marktplatz, 97070 Würzburg, Germany (49.79484, 9.92952)

wuerzburgwiki.de/wiki/Marienkapelle, +49 931 38662800



D Würzburg Hauptbahnhof

Würzburg Hauptbahnhof is a railway station for the city of Würzburg in the German state of Bavaria.

Bahnhofplatz, 97070 Würzburg, Germany (49.80155, 9.93576)



E Falkenhaus

This historic building is known for its Rococo architecture.

Hahnenhof, 97070 Würzburg, Germany (49.79502, 9.93018)

wuerzburg.de/de/gaeste/sehenswuerdigkeiten/falkenha...



F Hofgarten Würzburg

Formal Baroque and Rococo garden surrounding the Würzburg Residence, featuring manicured hedges, ornate sculptures, and seasonal floral displays.

Residenzplatz, 97070 Würzburg, Germany (49.79140, 9.93883)

residenz-wuerzburg.de, +49 931 355170



G Alte Mainbrücke

Enjoy a magnificent view of the Marienberg Fortress while crossing the river Main.

Alte Mainbrücke, 97070 Würzburg, Germany
(49.79299, 9.92593)

wuerzburgwiki.de/wiki/Alte_Mainbr%C3%BCcke



H Käppele

An 18th-century pilgrimage church designed by Balthasar Neumann, notable for its late Baroque architecture, multiple onion domes, and a Stations of the Cross path leading up the hill.

21 Spittelbergweg, Würzburg 97082, Germany
(49.78435, 9.92190)

wuerzburgwiki.de/wiki/K%C3%A4ppele

I Till Eulenspiegel Weinstube

Traditional Franconian wine tavern serving regional specialties and local wines in a historic timber-framed setting.

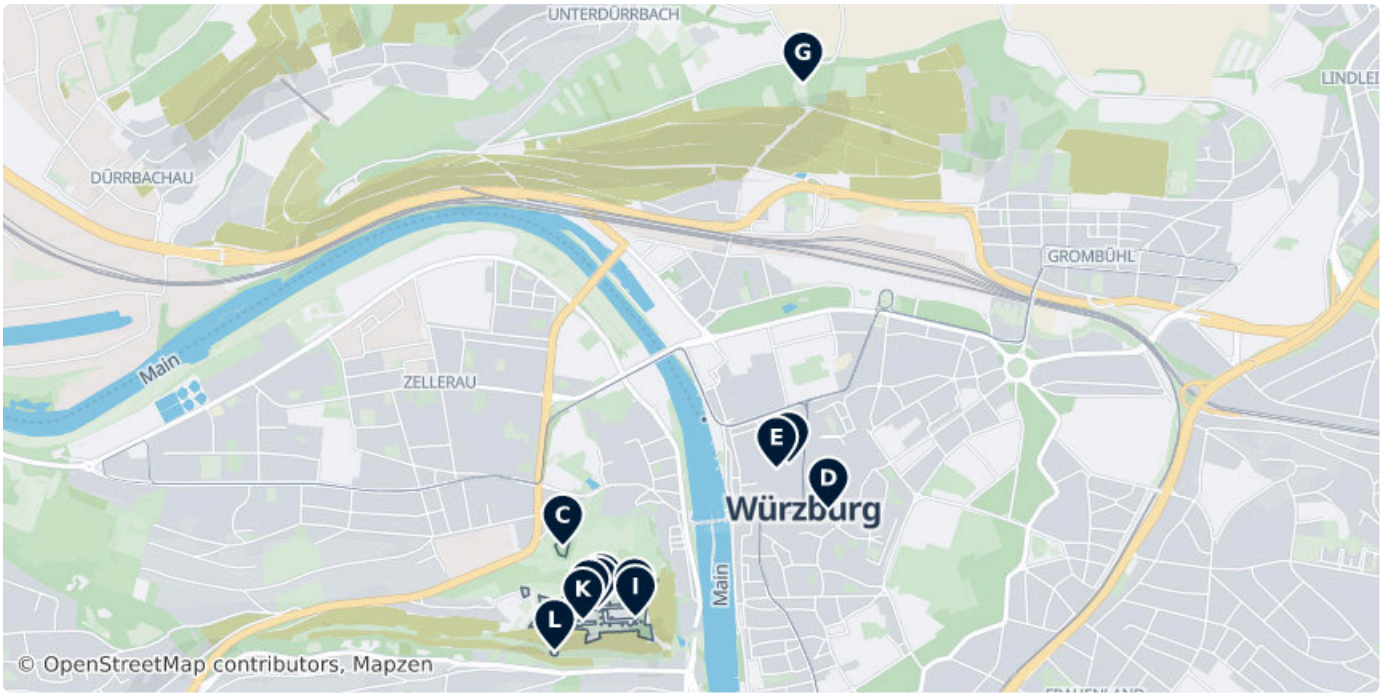
(49.78963, 9.93026)

Mo–Sa 17:00+

+49 931 35813056

Würzburg Castles and Forts

Dominating the skyline from its position above the Main river, the Marienberg Fortress serves as the centerpiece of Würzburg's defensive history. This collection highlights the city's architectural evolution, from the medieval fortifications and Renaissance bastions of the main fortress complex to specific defensive structures like the 18th-century Maschikuliturm. The list also includes the Bismarckturm viewpoint and historic city landmarks such as the Romanesque Cathedral and Gothic Marienkapelle, which define the historic center's character.





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(49.78980, 9.91924)

Mo–Su 09:00–18:00

C Teufelsschanze

An outer defensive bastion of the Marienberg Fortress, providing views over the surrounding valley.

Würzburg 97082, Germany (49.79209, 9.91778)

wuerzburgwiki.de/wiki/Teufelsschanze



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G Bismarckturm Würzburg

A commemorative sandstone tower built in 1905 on the Steinberg hill, serving as a public viewpoint over the city.

97080, Germany (49.80846, 9.93095)

wuerzburgwiki.de/wiki/Bismarckturm

H Kiliansturm

A historic defensive tower located within the fortification walls of the Marienberg Fortress.

240 Marienberg, Würzburg 97082, Germany (49.79002, 9.91992)

wuerzburgwiki.de/wiki/Kiliansturm

I Randersackerer Turm

A stone fortification tower integrated into the eastern defensive walls of the Marienberg Fortress complex.

Würzburg 97082, Germany (49.78957, 9.92177)

wuerzburgwiki.de/wiki/Randersackerer_Turm

J Bibratreppe

A historic staircase tower providing structural access within the Marienberg Fortress fortifications.

Würzburg 97082, Germany (49.78984, 9.92170)

wuerzburgwiki.de/wiki/Bibratreppe

K Salpeterturm

A defensive tower situated at the southern perimeter of the Marienberg Fortress.

Marienberg, Würzburg 97082, Germany (49.78947, 9.91889)

L Maschikuliturm

A four-story defensive tower designed by architect Balthasar Neumann in 1728, featuring prominent machicolations to protect the fortress base.

(49.78839, 9.91733)

Würzburg's Sacred Sites

Würzburg’s skyline is defined by its diverse religious architecture, ranging from the Romanesque Würzburg Cathedral to the late-Gothic Marienkapelle on the market square. The collection includes Balthasar Neumann’s Baroque masterpieces, such as the hilltop Käppele and the Schönbornkapelle. Significant historical sites like the former Benedictine St. Burkard’s Abbey and the city's first Protestant churches, St. Stephan and St. Johannis, reflect centuries of shifting theological and artistic traditions in Lower Franconia.





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An 18th-century pilgrimage church designed by Balthasar Neumann. Located on the Nikolausberg hill, this Baroque masterpiece features a Rococo interior and is reached via a monumental Stations of the Cross path.

21 Spittelbergweg, Würzburg 97082, Germany
(49.78435, 9.92190)

wuerzburgwiki.de/wiki/K%C3%A4ppele

D Deutschhauskirche

A 13th-century Gothic church originally built for the Teutonic Order. Since 1922, it has served as a Lutheran parish church, noted for its medieval architecture and historical affiliation with the Deutschherrenhaus.

(49.79449, 9.92191)

deutschhauskirche-wuerzburg.de, +49 931 417894



E St. Stephan

Originally a Benedictine abbey church founded in 1014, this became Würzburg's first Protestant parish church in 1803. The building features a classicist interior following extensive reconstruction after World War II.

Wilhelm-Schwinn-Platz, 97070 Würzburg, Germany
(49.78954, 9.93483)

Mo–Su 09:00–17:00

wuerzburg-ststephan.de, +49 931 3541240



F St. Burchard's Abbey, Würzburg

St. Burchard's Abbey was a Benedictine monastery in Würzburg, Germany, initially known as St. Andrew's Abbey.

Fred-Joseph-Platz, 97082 Würzburg, Germany
(49.78994, 9.92475)

gottesdienste-suchen.de/index.php/anzei... , +49 931 42412



G Franziskaner-Minoriten-Kloster

Founded in 1221, this is one of the oldest Franciscan monasteries in Germany. The complex includes a Gothic church and an early 14th-century cloister.

Franziskanerplatz, 97070 Würzburg, Germany
(49.79113, 9.93091)

franziskanerkloster-wuerzburg.de/seite... , +49 931 309010



H St. Johannis

Known as the 'Peace Church,' this Protestant-Lutheran site was rebuilt in a modern style following its destruction in 1945. It is distinguished by its two prominent towers.

Husarenstraße, 97070 Würzburg, Germany
(49.79492, 9.94182)

stjohannis.net, +49 931 322846



I Sankt Peter und Paul

A Catholic parish church blending Romanesque origins with Gothic and Baroque additions. The interior features significant 18th-century altarpieces and stuccowork.

10 Peterplatz, Würzburg 97070, Germany
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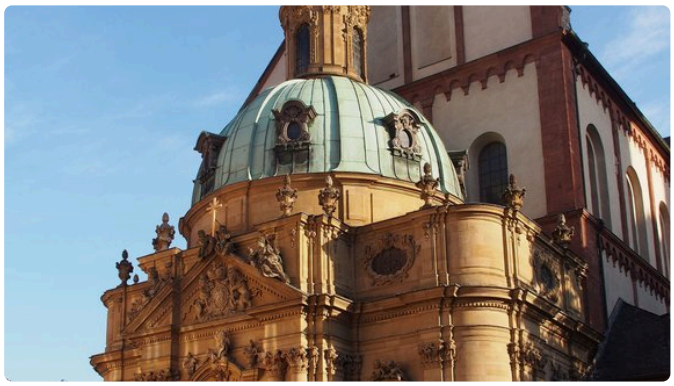

J Schönbornkapelle

A lavish Baroque burial chapel attached to the northern transept of Würzburg Cathedral. Designed by Balthasar Neumann in 1721, it serves as the final resting place for the Schönborn Prince-Bishops.

4 Kiliansplatz, Würzburg 97070, Germany
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