

Amberg With Typical Bavarian Countryside

Amberg, situated in the [Upper Palatinate region \(Oberpfalz\)](#) of [Bavaria](#) grew up with a reputation in the iron and steel industry. Such strong foundations can but serve to give the city a solidity and character that is now reflected from its every nook and cranny.

Amberg has so much to offer the visitor not just in terms of sight seeing, but also entertainment and pleasurable memories. It is the right place to experience the medieval charm of history in its live version.

This delightful town refuses to shed its baroque beauty and this is certainly the first thing that you'll note. Extremely elegant architecture bear witness to historic events to this day.

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Visitors to Amberg should definitely visit the Old Castle (*Altes Schloss*). This magnificent castle built in the 14th century now houses the Prehistoric Museum with a range of fascinating exhibits.

Another castle worth seeing is the *Kurfürstliches Schloss*. Presently doing humble duty as a government office and known as the Electoral Palace, it is nevertheless quite interesting, mainly due to the attached *Stadtbrille*.

Now, the *Stadtbrille* is a must-see on the itinerary of any Amberg visitor. It is the bridge over the Vils River that takes the town walls to the other side. The arches below form a reflection quite like a pair of spectacles, giving the city a contemplative air.

While in the area, you might want to visit the St. Martin's Church, the Mariahilf Church, and the Town Hall. The Mariahilf located on a splendid hill area is especially worth visiting for its stucco

artwork and painted ceiling. You might also find it quite interesting to hear the medieval tales attached to its origins.

Besides historical architecture, Amberg has more to offer in the form of outdoor activities ranging from canoeing to horse riding to skiing on fine sand.

Nature has more to offer than rivers, creeks, mountains, and lakes; explore the caves of *Maximiliansgrotte* and *Osterhöhle* for a novel experience. Frolic or picnic in the parks, gardens and lovely woods.

Of course, you won't need reminding to check out the beer gardens of Amberg. ;-)