

Augsburg Sights -- A Plethora Of Classical And Historical Buildings

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The city of Augsburg in [Bavaria](#) is a charming place. You're certain to see picturesque buildings, lovely landscapes and many interesting historical structures.

Town Hall (Rathaus)

The Augsburg Town Hall is a definite landmark of this Bavarian city. Built between 1615 and 1620, it is considered one of the finer examples of secular Renaissance architecture.

This beautiful structure was a fiery ruin following the ravages of the [Second World War](#), but has happily been restored to its former glory. Of particular note is the *Goldener Saal* which features impressive murals and golden portals.

Monumental Fountains

Augsburg is a city of fountains and the highlights are undoubtedly these three "Monumental Fountains." The Augustus Fountain dates back to 1594 and features a statue of the city's Roman founder.

The Hercules Fountain is a bit younger — from around 1600 — and showcases this famous classical hero fighting off a roaring beast with his staff. The Mercury Fountain shows the eponymous Roman god with his customary winged helmet and a serpent staff, the symbol of peace and happiness.

Perlach Tower

Even if you wanted to, it would be difficult to miss this Augsburg sightseeing destination.

The *Perlachturm* or Perlach Tower is one of the city's most recognizable symbols. It is a 70 m (230 ft) high tower topped with an onion dome that soars over the Church of St. Peter on Perlach. Visitors can climb the 261 steps to the top for commanding views of the city.

Fuggerei

This Augsburg sightseeing destination is a "city within a city." The Fugger family was a prominent one in the early history of Augsburg and founded their own city for the poor Catholic population in 1521.

Come and get a taste of history as you stroll through the *Fuggerei's* lonely church, picturesque fountain, 140 apartments and 67 houses.

Cathedral (Dom)

What [German city](#) would be complete without its own impressive Cathedral? This Augsburg sightseeing spot is the High Cathedral of the Virgin Mary and can be dated back to the year 823 A.D.!

From its soaring spires to the depths of its underground crypts, this is one destination you won't want to miss.

St. Anne's Church

St. Anne's is a cloister founded by the Carmelite monks in the year 1321. Its claim to fame, apart from the lovely architecture, was a resident by the name of Martin Luther.

Luther lived here for a short time in 1518 when he was called upon by the papal cardinal to refute his unorthodox teachings. Luther refused and was forced to flee the city.