

## Bamberg -- UNESCO World Heritage Site

Bamberg, located in the state of [Bavaria \(Bayern\)](#), offers more than 1,000 years of history. It's a town that is a **UNESCO** World Heritage Site.

Art and culture forms a central part of life in this town and you will get to see some fifteen museums in here. A lot of them are of European standing, dedicated to a broad variety of subjects, featuring fascinating collections and special exhibitions.

Its geography is shaped by the Regnitz River, and the foothills of the [Steigerwald](#) also provide it a sort of recognition.

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Pretty similar to Rome, the town widens over seven hills, each crowned by a church. This is reason why it is also called as the Franconian Rome.

The town was first mentioned in 902. Henry II, King of the Romans, made the town the seat of a separate diocese in 1007.

The University of Bamberg was established by the name of Academia Bambergensis in 1647. It was first linked to the rail system in 1844. It has been a significant part of its infrastructure ever since.

Subsequent to [World War I](#), while a communist rebellion took command over Bavaria, the administration ran off to Bamberg and had to stay for almost two years.

It comes among the very few cities in Germany that, fortunately, wasn't shattered by [World War II](#)

bombings.

You're going to find some wonderful museums here. The New Palace museum by means of its superb picture gallery is one of them. The Diocesan Museum is also notable and in it, the cathedral treasury is kept. And the Franconian Brewery Museum demonstrates the long custom of beer making in Bamberg. (Their beer is outstanding!)

The Old Town Hall, built on a synthetic island in the middle of the river Regnitz, comes among the only construction of its kind in Germany. The river worked as a boundary between the merchant and episcopal parts of town at that very time. You could see the town hall's façade which has been painted in a baroque style.

The adjacent half-timbered Rottmeister house, which was built in 1688, is a wonderful structure which seems to float above the river. Or the Villa Concordia international arts center, another popular place in the town, sponsors and supports contemporary artists. And you'll love to see some exquisite Meissen porcelain on display at the baroque town hall.