

Coburg -- Fairytale Castles, Stately Cathedrals, Dreamy Woods

The magnificent Coburg Fortress in the massive [Veste Coburg](#) said to be the largest of its kind in all of [Germany](#), is a tremendous way to begin any tour of this town.

Originally a medieval fortress, it was later rebuilt in the 16th century. Impressive as it is, you'll also love the large amount of art on exhibition.

This is where Martin Luther found sanctuary when he was in dire straits during the Diet of Augsburg, and you can see the room where he hid, marked by his portrait.

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If you like castles, you'll **love** *Schloss Ehrenberg*, the erstwhile home of royalty and the *Schloss Rosenau*, said to be much loved by none other than Queen Victoria. The *Schloss Callenberg* began life as a medieval fortress and was later changed into a palace in the 16th century. The Chapel within is a repository of valuable historical treasures that you can peruse with pleasure.

While at the *Schloss Rosenau* you might want to visit the Museum of Modern Glass located in its impressive gardens. Guided tours are available to show off the elegant glass art that has to be seen to be believed.

The Coburg Doll Museum in central Coburg is where you'll be enchanted with the exhibition of about 900 dolls from the 19th century to the present times. This beautiful exhibit is housed in a 15th century building which itself is a work of art.

The Benedictine monastery of Banz though of religious origins is of palatial proportions and

impressive interiors. The Imperial Hall and the Abbot's Chapel are all wonderful architectural marvels that will take your breath away. It also holds a museum that has a collection of fossils and Egyptian artifacts.

To get the feel of a place you can't do better than stroll around the local market place. In the old town quarters of Coburg you'll find the vibrant Market Place complete with alfresco coffee shops and restaurants, quaint local shops as well as historic architecture.

The Town House built in the 16th century is a perfect example. While here, you're perfectly positioned to visit the St. Maurice Church and the College, the epitome of Renaissance art. :-)