

Donau-Ries District Is A Sightseer's Delight

The Donau-Ries District has been home to cave dwellers, Roman legions, Celtic nomads, [Bavarian](#) tribes, [Swabian](#) royalty, and now you... at least for the few days it will take you to see its many sights. The most difficult question you will have to ask yourself is where to begin.

Donau-Ries District Map

Towns & Villages in the Donau-Ries District

- Alerheim
- Amerdingen
- Asbach-Bäumenheim
- Auhausen
- Buchdorf
- Daiting
- Deiningen
- [Donauwörth](#)
- Ederheim
- Ehingen am Ries
- Forheim
- Fremdungen
- Fünfstetten
- Genderkingen

- Hainsfarth

- [Harburg \(Schwaben\)](#)
- Hohenaltheim
- Holzheim (Rain)
- Huisheim
- Kaisheim
- Maihingen
- Marktoffingen
- Marxheim
- Megesheim
- Mertingen
- Mönchsdeggingen
- [Monheim \(Bavaria\)](#)
- Möttingen
- Munningen
- Münster (Lech)

- Niederschönenfeld
- [Nördlingen](#)
- Oberndorf am Lech
- [Oettingen](#)
- Otting
- [Rain \(Lech\)](#)
- Reimlingen
- Rögling
- Tagmersheim
- Tapfheim
- Wallerstein
- Wechingen
- [Wemding](#)
- Wolferstadt
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Highly recommended is [Donauwörth](#), one of the 28 stops along the popular [Romantic Road](#). Drop by the Teutonic Municipal Art Gallery here to see magnificent paintings from the 17th and 18th centuries.

In Harburg, you can see something truly rare in Germany: a castle that has endured undamaged by

war and fires since the 12th century. When you step inside, you will feel like you have been transported right back to the Middle Ages.

At [Oettingen](#), you can see the King's Tower, a well preserved fortification with jail cells dating back to the 13th century. A visit to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in [Rain \(Lech\)](#) will reveal stunning frescoes from 1480. And [Monheim](#) stages a biennial festival in its medieval town square, but of more modern interest are its many motocross and sidecar racing events.

Oh, and don't miss out on [Nördlingen](#), where you can visit the Ries Crater Museum and learn about a natural disaster that occurred in this area 15 million years ago. Rocks quarried at the nearby meteor site contain tiny diamonds created by intense impact. You can actually see them in some of the stone buildings around town.