

## Freising Is A Major Religious Landmark

Listen... In Freising, rich with religion, you will find the **world's oldest beer brewery**.

In 1040 the monks of the Benedictine monastery of Weihenstephan were allowed to brew and serve their own beer. Located at Weihenstephansberg 9, this brewery is easily reached on foot.

Ask — the brewery may still offer guided tours on business days!

Northeast of the brewery, and a short walk, is the Old Town or *Altstadt*, housing a number of canons' quarters. A canon is a clergyman belonging to the staff of a cathedral or collegiate church. Tours run occasionally, but check before you go.

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On a low hill above the *Altstadt*, *Mariendom* is a Romanesque basilica featuring twin towers. Appearing plain on the outside, the interior is rather extravagant. From the oldest Romanesque crypt in Germany to the *Bestiensäule*, a medieval sculpture, this is truly an artist's delight.

Freising also offers an 8th century library, and the **largest diocesan museum in Germany**. Plan to spend a day here sightseeing. Have lunch at the brewery and bring walking shoes.

This town is a religious treat to not only Catholics, but historians as well. There have been important historical documents written from 900 to 1200 within the monastery, including the first Roman-script continuous text in a Slavic language. The scripts, even though written here, are housed today in nearby [Munich](#).

Its residents are generally students from abroad, and [Munich Airport](#) personnel. With buses and

trains running conveniently to and from Munich, it makes this location superb for anyone relying on public transportation.