

Gunzenhausen Is The Jewel In The Crown Of Middle Franconia

Gunzenhausen's charms are many and you'd do worse than start your exploration at the picturesque Market Place. Half-timbered homes galore vie with splendid Baroque and Renaissance facades to give the place a medieval charm that captivates.

The *Stadtvogtei*, the bell tower, the administration building, the *Gasthof zum Lamm*, and The Mansion are just a few examples.

The cobbled pedestrian zone lets you relax and take it all in at your own pace.

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Gunzenhausen has more delightful historic gems such as the Heydenab Palace which now does duty as the Heritage Museum, the stunning 14th century Dyer Tower which used to be a prison and even a tannery at some stage, the 18th century Baroque Zocha Palace which is now the Town Museum, and the Ansbacher Tower which is all that's left of the four city gates dating back to the medieval period.

Make sure you take a guided tour when you visit the tower. Besides, you really shouldn't miss the top floor lookout from where you get fantastic views of this historic city.

Gunzenhausen's historicity is emphasized by the presence of a number of museums dotting the town. The Archaeological Museum, the Fossil and Stone Printing Museum, the *Erzgebirgsschau* and *Weipert Heimatstube* are just a few that are well worth visiting.

When you've had enough of the indoors, consider the Altmühl Promenade. There really is no

better way to spend a late afternoon than a stroll down that 500 meter long walkway past genteel historic buildings lining the promenade.