

## Landau an der Isar -- From Lower Bavarian Nature To Planets

Along the [Isar](#) River you'll find the most interesting of towns. Besides being one of the largest towns in the region, Landau an der Isar is both historical and quite sports oriented. Plus, being in [Lower Bavaria](#) means spectacular outdoor scenery and beer.

If you start drinking too early, you might not make it to see and do all there is in Landau. So, do your sightseeing first, then enjoy the golden goodness that is called [German beer](#).

Oh wait, you can do a bit of both at the same time when you visit the town's Brewery Museum. :-)

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What good would a medieval town be without its church? In this case, it's plural, churches. Just don't miss the Parish Church of the Virgin Mary, considered to be one of the most beautiful (and largest) ornate Baroque churches in the Isar Valley. Neither should you skip a visit to the Boulder Church. Built after the [Thirty Years' War](#) (1618-1648), it too is an impressive Baroque style and was thought to be an important pilgrimage church of its day.

Also, no good medieval town would be without its castle. Schloss Wildthurn's tower dominates the castle, but sorry there's no chance to see the inside as it has fallen into disrepair. However, the outside is beautiful and will make great photos to take home.

No visitor to Landau should miss out seeing the Ganackerberg Mandl, a Romanesque stone portrait dating from around 1200. To ship the Lower Bavarian Archaeology Museum wouldn't be a good idea, either.

For a more natural history, visit the *Wachsender Felsen* in the village of Usterling. Created by

water, this unusual rock formation has been around for millenia.

After the history of the Earth, why not check out the solar system. Landau has the Planet Walking Way, starting at City Hall. It'll take you through the town and learning about the planets in the far reaches of space.

As if there isn't enough to do here, there's more. Lower Bavaria is one of the most beautiful places and you can enjoy it playing tennis, golf, or at the outdoor swimming pool. In July, Landau hosts an annual triathlon event that brings spectators from all over.

Landau an der Isar sure is a great place to visit with plenty to do to keep everyone happy. You can experience it all here from nature, to the planets, and everything in between.