

Nuremberg Shopping -- Cheeses, Handcrafts, Gingerbread

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Nuremberg shopping experiences are diverse and unique. From crafts to fresh produce to designer goods and that Nuremberg staple, gingerbread, you're sure to find it all.

Nuremberg Shopping Tip

Most German shops are closed on Sundays, so be sure to get your souvenirs taken care of beforehand! Generally, the shops stay open from 9.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Monday to Saturday (locally till 10 p.m.). Some smaller shops may close earlier on Saturdays.

The Must-Buy

Nuremberg is famous for its gingerbread.

The gingerbread heritage goes back to the days when Nuremberg was an important stop along the ancient spice trading route. It began when some innovative Franconian monks baked *Honigkuchen* (honey cake) and *Pfefferkuchen* (pepper cake), the precursors to this famous treat.

No trip to Nuremberg is complete without it, and it makes a wonderful souvenir.

Handwerkerhof

Those looking for that really special, one-of-a-kind souvenir should head here, to the *Handwerkerhof* or Crafts Yard. This spot is the craftsmen center of Nuremberg. You'll find leather,

handcrafted dolls, pewter items, glass engravings and other beautiful handcrafts.

The *Handwerkerhof* is only open from March to December, Mondays to Saturdays.

Breite Gasse and Karolinenstraße

This bustling Nuremberg shopping area is located just near the Church of St. Lawrence. Breite Gasse and Karolinenstraße offer that perfect combination of bargain and designer shops, along with a beautiful setting of the Old Town. Whether you are in the mood for haute couture, vintage or window-shopping along a gorgeous street, this is the place to be.

Kaiserstraße

The city's market square can be found near Kaiserstraße. This Nuremberg shopping square has a daily farmer's market where you can check out and sample the freshest produce, as well as sausage, cheese and flowers, the city has to offer.

Kaiserstraße's shopping district also boasts quaint little shops selling a variety of jewelry, antiques and other unusual souvenirs. Just head down the little streets around the market square and below the castle, and you're sure to discover some unique treats.