

Nuremberg (Nürnberg) Is The Jewel In The Bavarian Crown

Some people tend to hold pre-conceived notions on hearing Nuremberg (German: *Nürnberg*). They quite easily associate the city with the infamous trials and wars. But wait till you really discover this magnificent medieval city yourself.

There's **about 1,000 years worth of interesting history and cultural traditions** that are still palpably present in the fabric of this [Bavarian](#) urban district. (Some are even more specific and mention it as being Frankonian.) Around the 16th century, it enjoyed pre-eminence in trade, commerce, and industry which slowly declined and went bust by about the 19th.

The medieval glory of the history of Nuremberg is to be witnessed in its Old Town laid out on either side of the river Pegnitz. The river conveniently divides it into the Sebaldus Quarter and the Lorenz Quarter.

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Quaint bridges let you cross over from one side to the other in what has to be the most enchanting landscape you would have seen in a long time.

The whole area is pedestrian; so grab your most comfortable walking shoe, and let's go! :-)

The buildings on either side of the cobble-stoned streets are picture-perfect and clad in spectacular blossoms from climbers, bushes and trees.

As you make your way along to the Market Square (*Hauptmarkt*), you'll find yourself in an authentic medieval atmosphere. A massive fortified wall about 5km (3 mi) long encompasses the area, preserving its fairy tale quality.

Here you'll find the *Schöner Brunnen*, a spectacular fountain with a lucky ring which you have to turn thrice to bring you good luck. There's also the highly entertaining *Mannleinlaufen* that strikes the hour with a song and dance routine. Try to be there at 12 noon.

The [Nuremberg Castle a.k.a. Kaiserburg](#) enveloped in beautifully landscaped grounds will have you in raptures. Make sure you visit the National Museum; it is a treasure house of information and interesting artifacts.

The *Fembohaus*, *Albrecht Dürer Haus*, *Heilig Geist Spital*, and the Church of Our Lady (*Frauenkirche*) are also some of the attractions you really shouldn't miss.