

Ostallgäu District -- Experience This Majestic Castle Country

The Ostallgäu District neighbors Austria with rugged terrain and a series of serene lakes well worth your visit. Boat rides on extensive [Forggensee](#), for example, yield magnificent landscapes and photo opportunities you will not want to miss. :-)

Ostallgäu Map

Towns & Villages in the Ostallgäu District

- Aitrang
- Baisweil
- Bidingen
- Biessenhofen
- [Buchloe](#)
- Eggenthal
- Eisenberg im Allgäu
- Friesenried
- [Füssen](#)
- Germaringen
- Görisried
- Günzach
- Halblech
- Hopferau

- Irsee

- Jengen
- Kaltental
- Kraftisried
- Lamerdingen
- Lechbruck am See
- Lengenwang
- [Marktoberdorf](#)
- Mauerstetten
- Nesselwang
- [Obergünzburg](#)
- Oberostendorf
- Osterzell
- Pforzen
- [Pfronten](#)
- Rettenbach am Auerberg

- Rieden am Forggensee
- Rieden (Kaufbeuren)
- Ronsberg
- Roßhaupten
- Rückholz
- Ruderatshofen
- [Schwangau](#)
- Seeg
- Stötten am Auerberg
- Unterthingau
- Untrasried
- Waal
- Wald (Ostallgäu)
- Westendorf

Just five kilometers from the Austrian border, at a height of 808 meters, you will arrive in [Füssen](#), the highest town in all of [Bavaria](#). Its gothic-style *Hohes Schloss* ranks among the state's best preserved castles, featuring priceless Renaissance works of art from the Bavarian State Paintings Collection.

In nearby [Schwangau](#), you must see two more spectacular fortresses. One is the 19th-century

[Hohenschwangau Castle](#) built by Bavarian King Maximilian II. The other is the [Neuschwanstein Castle](#), or so-called “castle of the fairytale king,” with more than 6,000 visitors a DAY in summer (!) making it one of the most popular sites in all of Europe.

In [Buchloe](#), you can observe another kind of spectacle — the sky full of stars with incredible clarity at the people’s observatory of the local astronomical society. In existence since 800 A.D., this town focuses more on the future than the past under its designation as a “potential resources center.”

In the far north of the district, you will find its capital, [Marktobersdorf](#), a resort town offering peace and tranquility in abundance. One sight worth seeing here is a two-kilometer road, the *Kurfürstenallee*, which is flanked on either side by linden trees more than two centuries old.