

## Puchheim -- A Bavarian Town That Has Risen From Dark Days

It's hard to talk about Puchheim, in the [Fürstenfeldbruck District](#) of [Bavaria](#), without mentioning its close proximity to [Munich](#). It's a small suburb of some 19,000 residents located only about 18 km or 10 miles away.

The area of Puchheim dates back to at least the Bronze Age, circa 4000-3000 B.C., though the town's name was only first mentioned in the year 948. Sadly, it was destroyed by a fire in 1422 and a large part of the population was killed in the plague of 1634.

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Sadder still, the town of Puchheim was once the home to a WWI prison camp, where some 24,000 soldiers, mostly Russian and French, were held in 1914 alone. These prisoners were used to dry and clear the land for future housing, making the town pretty much what you see today.

Puchheim today, is now famous for its Gymnasium, one of the most difficult and prestigious schools in all of Bavaria.

While staying here, you'll be perfectly located to see some of Bavaria's most historical sites, not to mention that you'll have the chance to enjoy some of the area's local cuisine, including *Weißwurst* (white sausage) and without a doubt, some really great beer!

When you're all done the eating and the sightseeing, you'll be able to just spend the day relaxing at the Puchheim's local pool. For only a few Euros you'll be able to enjoy the warm water pool all day long.

You also won't have to go too far to join in on one of the town's cultural association meetings or meet some of the local artists; just head on over to the town's Central Cent Rum.