

Ravensburg -- Towers, Medieval Gates, Board Games

As a lovely Alpine town surrounded by the major cities of [Munich](#), Zurich and [Stuttgart](#), Ravensburg is an ideal location for tourists. This traditional and culturally-rich city has enough to offer to keep its visitors from straying too far towards its more popular neighbors.

Ravensburg has a rich collection of medieval architecture. It is home to three exquisitely constructed gates and ten soaring towers. These architectural beauties are the reason the town's nickname is "The City of Towers and Gates."

Most of the structures are from the 14th and 15th centuries and were built in varying designs and styles. It is possible to take a tower-climbing tour during the warmer months of the year.

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Some of the highlights include the *Obertor* gate, which is the oldest. It houses "the poor sinner's bell," which would be rung during executions. The *Schellenberger Tor* is also known as the *Katzenliesele's* because of an eccentric old woman who used to live there with her cats. It is in a ruined state today after being hit by lightning over 300 years ago.

This city of towers has another nickname, "The City of Games." If you have ever played a board game in your life, there is a good chance that it may have come from here.

Ravensburg is home to the popular Ravensburger company. In addition to board games, they create puzzles and children's books. Their theme park is also located here, with over 40 attractions geared towards the young and the young-at-heart.

There's much more fun and games to be found in this town with its many festivals. The *Rutenfest* is

the most popular and is held in July as a historical and children's festival. Ravensburg at Play is a time to come together and try out new games and reconnect with old ones.