

Reutlingen Resides In A Gorgeous Mountain Setting

Located in [South Germany](#), Reutlingen is sometimes called the **Gate To The Swabian Jura** because of its proximity to a low range of mountains. If you visit there, you will want to spend some time exploring the beautiful countryside around the city.

Many tourists enjoy hiking on the nearby Achalm (see [Achalm webcam!](#)), a distinctive lone peak near the city that provides breathtaking views of the town, and the surrounding [Swabian Alb](#). There are also remnants of a medieval castle to be explored at the summit.

One important historic and beautiful sight in the city itself is the Gothic-style Church of the Virgin Mary. It was constructed between 1247 and 1343. It is said that the people of the area decided to build the church after withstanding a siege by enemy forces. Legend states that the battering ram left behind by the defeated army was used to determine the length of the main part of the church.

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Even though parts of the interior were destroyed by a large fire that swept through the city in 1726, the church has been lovingly restored. It is beautifully lit at night which shows off a gilded angel from 1343 that is mounted at the top of the west tower.

You can still see remnants of life in the Middle Ages if you visit Reutlingen. One interesting spot is called Spreuerhofstraße. This has been certified by the Guinness Book of Records as the **narrowest street in the world**. It is only 31 centimeters wide at its narrowest point.

Walking in the area gives you the feeling of traveling back in time, especially when you see the Tübingen Goal; a 13th century gate tower that stands at the western edge of the city. You can also see some interesting wall houses which were built into the original fortress walls and have been

lovingly tended by their owners for centuries.

There are museums of all kinds in the city, including one which features natural history, several art galleries, and one which showcases life in the area during the 18th century and the effects of the Industrial Revolution.

All in all, Reutlingen is a friendly city that welcomes you with a wide variety of pubs, beer gardens, restaurants, and bistros. Be sure your trip to Germany includes time for a visit to this lovely area.