

Rothenburg ob der Tauber Is THE Medieval Town

Regally overlooking the Tauber River, Rothenburg ob der Tauber boasts glorious views, and carefully preserved old world charm. If you go, bring your camera! There will be ample photo-ops in this splendid medieval town.

Stroll the sentry walk along the town ramparts and enjoy the sunny vistas of the Tauber river valley. As you make your way through the picturesque cobble stone streets make sure to snap some photos of the high gabled and half timbered houses and some of the most photogenic side streets you'll ever find. Around every corner you will discover a new surprise.

Immerse yourself in the alluring simplicity of this place that time seems to have forgotten. The beauty of this Bavarian gem is so celebrated that 2.5 million tourists visit it each year; and rightfully so.

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There are plenty of dreamy places to share a kiss or a quiet moment. There is a wide variety of atmospheric restaurants serving up some of the region's finest fare.

This stop on Germany's [Romantic Road](#) is steeped in history. The town itself is a story rich museum. Enrich your experience of the place with an enjoyable guided walking tour which you can arrange for at the tourism office in the *Marktplatz*.

While you are there make sure you stop in at the *Ratsherrntrinkstube* (City Councilors' Tavern) where every hour (on the hour) the doors of the clock open up and celebrate the *Meistertrunk* or Master Draught that saved Rothenburg from destruction in the [Thirty Years' War](#). When the attacking general (General Tilly) offered to spare it if anyone could down three liters of Franconian

wine in one steady chug, the mayor accepted the challenge and was victorious.

The story is also celebrated in an annual play that is staged every June.

The magic of the place is so captivating that it has been the inspiration or served as a backdrop for the Belgian comic book *La Frontiere de la Vie*, the Japanese anime. *A Little Snow Fairy Sugar*, and Disney's fantastical tales, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and *Pinocchio*.

That being said, be sure not to miss the whimsical Doll and Toy museum!