

In Schwangau Live The Luckiest People On Earth

The 3,360 or so people who live in the [Bavarian](#) town of Schwangau are the luckiest people on the planet. I'm sure I've said this before, but that was before I saw this place.

Chances are you've seen Schwangau before, and not even realized it. You know all those pictures of [Neuschwanstein Castle](#) and [Hohenwchwangau Castle](#)? Yup, in Schwangau. I don't care how much [Füssen](#) takes credit. ;-)

King Ludwig II's grand masterpiece that is Schloss Neuschwanstein is one of the most famous castles in the world. Some say he was "mad," I think he was a creative genius. How else could you create a castle this opulent?

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His father, King Maximilian, bought the ruins of the original Schloss Hohenschwangau then turned it into one the loveliest castles around. Ludwig spent summers here as a child — and I can't think of a more beautiful place to grow up.

I guess these two kings who built such stunning castles here makes Schwangau the right place to have the Museum of Bavarian Kings.

What else can you find in Schwangau? Oh, the [Forggensee](#) for starters, where you can fish, surf, or sail all you like.

Off the banks of this Alpine lake is the Parish Church of Sts. Mary & Floria, as well as a bunch of hiking & walking trails.

If you're traveling along the scenic [Via Claudia Augusta](#) route, you're only one town over — so I would try to get over here if I were you. No trying necessary if you're on the [Romantic Road](#) as you're coming right through.

Winter's just a good time as any to come to Schwangau. A whole bunch of winter sports lovers flock here to do everything from cross-country skiing, to downhill skiing, and everything in between. You can even walk across the Forggensee this time of year.

And every season is just right to enjoy all the comforts and services of the *Königliche Kristall-Therme* (Royal Crystal Thermal Spring). What's a health resort town without a spa?

Do you see why I say the people who live in Schwangau are the luckiest around? And even if you're not lucky enough to live here, hopefully you'll be lucky enough to visit and stay a while! :-)