

Speyer And Its Cathedral -- Enchanting Historic Architecture

The sights of Speyer are reserved for the dedicated traveler who takes enormous pleasure in venturing far from popular tourist traps in search of authentic experiences. And once you're here, you'll be well rewarded for your efforts.

For instance, if you've been touring Europe, you've probably had your fill of cathedrals and ruins. But the **Speyer Cathedral** built in 1061 will have you grabbing your camera as a fresh wave of excitement washes over your jaded spirits.

At this UNESCO World Heritage Site, you have more than fantastic architecture. History lies buried in the crypt and artistic sculptures enrich the surrounding gardens named Mount of Olives.

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Another must-see or rather must-climb would be the Old Gate, the tallest of its kind in Germany. Once you're at the top of this city gate, you get spectacular views of the town spread out all around you like a fairytale kingdom. Church spires, towers, gardens, and woods make this an unforgettable experience.

It's not just the views, the structure itself is a beautiful specimen of historic architecture as you'll soon come to realize from the in-house Museum.

More history and interesting vignettes await you in the Jewish Courtyard, the Town Hall, Memorial Church, Trinity Church, St. Magdalena, and St. Ludwig. Don't forget to visit the Old Mint, the Sculpture Garden and the exciting and popular **Technik Museum** with its submarines and aeroplanes on display.

The Fish Market dating back to 1290 was once a vibrant fish and wood market where fishermen and boat builders went about their busy lives. You just have to shut your eyes for a minute to transport yourself there.

Today, however, it's a beautiful square with sculptures and a fountain from where you can admire the Speyer Cathedral.

So when you're hunting for Germany's oldest cities, this one must be on your itinerary.

Oh, and this town is located in the federal state of [Rhineland-Palatinate \(Rheinland-Pfalz\)](#), south of [Ludwigshafen](#) and [Mannheim](#).