

Tutzing -- Mad King Ludwig's Fishing Retreat

You'd probably have to travel to some far, remote place to find someone who hasn't heard of mad King Ludwig II. What most folks probably haven't heard about him is that he used to like coming to the [Upper Bavarian](#) town of Tutzing to fish (and do a whole lot more that he shouldn't have ;-).

Now good ol' mad Ludwig really did like the fishing off the shores of [Lake Starnberg](#), and he really enjoyed the "private meetings" on Tutzing's *Roseninsel* or Rose Island. Located only about 170 meters off the Tutzinger beach, Rose Island has only one inhabitant — the fulltime groundskeeper! More than 4,000 visitors a month make it to Rose Island, so no clandestine meets like in Ludwig's day!

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Honestly, the Starnberger See has some of the best sailing, swimming, surfing, and water skiing you can imagine. Maybe this is why [Bavaria](#) is the most visited region of Germany? Who knows... I just know that Tutzing is pretty fantastic.

In addition to all its watersports, the town has some historical sites as well. Ludwig II wasn't the only member of royalty to come here. Waldemar of Prussia (um, that's easier to say than his full name of Wilhelm Ludwig Friedrich Viktor Heinrich, Prince of Prussia ;-) was buried in the Forest Cemetery when he died here in 1945.

Lucky for us common folk we can enjoy Tutzing, too. One of the most visited sites is the Kloster Bernried, built in 1121. A year later the monastery's church of St. Martin was built. Although the farm and Baroque Hall wasn't added for another few centuries.

But, if you only have the chance to see one monastery, make it the Kloster Andechs. Yes, yes, it

has a Pilgrimage Church, but this one makes beer. :-)

Another place to drink is the Buchheim Museum. Yes, a museum — this one has all sorts of sculptures but, it also has a bar.

Just save the drinking 'til after you've seen the old Roman Manor, the *Vetterhaus* (Tutzing's oldest house), and the Bronze & Iron Age grave hills.

I know I've earned that drink after all this. Care to join me? Great — last one to the bar is a rotten egg!