

## Waldkirchen -- On The Golden Path From Munich To Prague

Little did the residents of medieval Waldkirchen know that they would be ransacked quite a few times by some marauding Bohemians. Those rascally Czechs knew how important Waldkirchen was along what was then called the *Goldener Steig* or Golden Path. That should have been their first tip-off.

What this actually was, was a salt trade route between other parts of [Bavaria](#) and Bohemian; since Waldkirchen was (and still is) in the center of the [Munich](#) – Prague – Vienna triangle.

Those pesky marauders caused villagers to build a protective *Ringmauer*, parts of which still stand today. Actually, there are ten military and two gate towers that remain of this defensive *Ringmauer*.

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Those days might be gone, but you'll still enjoy it. Come to Waldkirchen's Market Place ([see webcam!](#)) while you sit at an outdoor cafe enjoying a good [beer](#). Did you honestly think I was going to tell you to come to Bavaria and not have a beer?

After a pint (or two, maybe three) come visit Waldkirchen's St. Peter's Church; otherwise known as the Bavarian Forest Cathedral. It did have to be rebuilt in 1945, but no need to get into that.

There are two other chapels in Waldkirchen that you need to see. The *Karolikapelle* is a grand Rococo design from 1756 and the *Marienkappelle* is a wee bit older, built in 1708.

As much as the nearby [Bavarian Forest](#) is great for walking, hiking, golfing (9-holes), and everything else that can legally be done outside, there's also the Erlauzwieseler See. You don't have to try and say its name, just go and enjoy all sorts of watersports. ;-)

If you can bear to bring yourself indoors (trust me, it's HARD) go visit Waldkirchen's small museum dedicated to art, nature, and culture.

As soon as you're done, get back outside and shop at the Christmas Market in November or enjoy the Summer Celebration mid-July.

As I've said over and over, you'll never go wrong with visiting anyplace in Bavaria. And, I can think of a million other reasons that Waldkirchen could (should) be on a Golden Path.