

Zirndorf -- Go Play In Nuremberg's Own Backyard :-)

Zirndorf has existed since the 13th century, with its half-timbered and sandstone buildings representative of old [Bavarian](#) architecture. Located just west of [Nuremberg](#), it enjoys the natural beauty of the surrounding *Fürther Stadtwald* woods and the Bilbert River, which separates the town from Oberasbach to the south.

One of the landmarks you will want to look for is the Vestner Tower, rebuilt upon the design of the 1632 original. From its observation deck, you can see the local landscape, as well as several sights you will want to tour.

These include the 14th-century Parish Church of St. Rochus, with its forty-four Biblical paintings inside, and the impressive Catholic Parish of St. Joseph, featuring intricate mosaics and artistic stained glass.

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Another attraction you will not want to miss is a manor house known as the “Palace of the Red Road,” a beautiful example of half-timbered construction preserved from the 17th century. The town museum is housed in a similar old structure, where you can view displays of local history back to the [Thirty Years' War](#) plus a wonderful collection of toys.

In fact, toy-making has become a Zirndorf specialty. This is the location of the world headquarters of the Brandstätter Group, the toy manufacturing company that produces the **Playmobil** line. Since their Playmobil Fun Park opened here, the town has become a major holiday destination for families. Your children will love spending the day seeing shows, playing with interactive displays, and trying out the many amusement rides available. There is even an 18-hole mini-golf course that adults will enjoy.

Before continuing your tour on the [German Toy Road](#), which Zirndorf is part of, enjoy its traditional festivals, green parks, and a rich offering of culinary delights. Local restaurants offer typical [Franconian](#) cuisine as well as international dishes. Be sure to try the Zirndorf amber beer in an outdoor beer garden, or have a cold treat at a streetside ice cream parlor.

Hospitality tops the menu wherever you go. :-)