

BAYERISCH-SCHWABEN
HIGHLIGHTS FOR EXPLORERS



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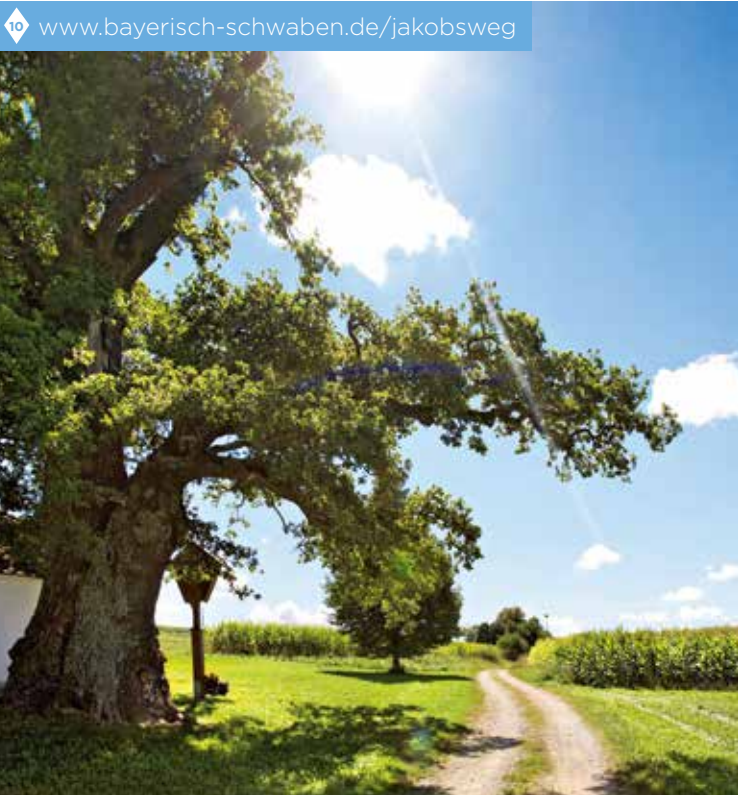
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NATURE IN ALL ITS GLORY

- 8 Formed around 14.5 million years ago, the **Ries meteorite crater** is today one of just 17 national geoparks in Germany. Newly developed “adventure geotopes” serve as windows into the history of the Earth. Also fascinating: The Ries Crater Museum with a real piece of Moon rock.
- 9 The **Danube Cycle Route**: One of Europe's most popular long-distance cycling trails crosses Bavarian Swabia. Charming historical cities line up like a string of pearls along nearly 130 kilometers. Vast woodlands, meadows and lakes form the natural scenery in the Swabian Danube valley.
- 10 About 150 kilometers of the **Camino de Santiago** (also known as the Way of St. James pilgrimage) travel through Bavarian Swabia – from the Ries over the Lech plain to Augsburg, then continuing into the Allgäu over two different routes. An experience of calm, inspiration and spirituality between quiet landscapes and romantic towns, churches, art and abbeys.



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Also available in English:

- 1 – Audio tour „Waters of Augsburg”
The historical water industry of the Swabian capital city is unique and now a UNESCO world heritage site. From Augsburg's splendid fountains and canals to the water towers and beyond through the drinking water protection area to the Hochablass dam. Discover the thrilling natural phenomena of water and the power that has driven Augsburg since Roman times.
- 2 – Audio tour „The Little Vienna in Bavarian Swabia” in Günzburg
This sightseeing walk leads you back to the 500 year Habsburger era, in which Günzburg was expanded into a „Little Vienna”.

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INCREDIBLY VIVACIOUS

- 3 With its 161.53 meters completed in 1890, the **Ulmer Münster** remains today the highest church tower in the world. It is the symbol of the Danube twin cities Ulm/Neu-Ulm that connect Bavaria and Baden-Württemberg.
- 4 Today people still pay the symbolic rent of 88 cents per year to live in the oldest social housing settlement in the world. The idyllic **Fuggerei** is one of the historical highlights of the Swabian capital Augsburg that glows with many other attractions – like the grand “Goldener Saal” in City Hall.
- 5 Germany’s only completely walkable city wall surrounds the wonderfully preserved old town of **Nördlingen**. Even today the night watchman’s call “So Gsell, so!” rings down from the celebrated tower “Daniel” over the round little city in the Ries.



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ROMANTIC TREASURES

Majestic fortresses, imposing churches, outstanding architecture: Bavarian Swabia delights with an abundance of historical backdrops. Renowned for the Fugger dynasty, Augsburg is surrounded by destinations sparkling with cultural options, perfect for short getaways and day trips. Many points of interest are connected by the Romantic Road, and the line of picturesque towns along the Danube shimmers like a string of pearls. Colorful festivals, Wittelsbach castles and numerous museums recount the moving past of this down-to-earth region where Bavaria and Swabia merge.

Whether gliding alongside rivers on a bike, grasping the history of the Earth in the Geopark Ries or replenishing strength in cosmopolitan convents: Bavarian Swabia is always worth the trip. And that is true for younger visitors too: LEGOLAND® Germany and the famous Augsburger Puppenkiste (puppet theater) make the destination a family favorite.

- 1 **Harburg** One of the largest, oldest and best preserved fortresses in Southern Germany. Enjoying unparalleled views over the Wörnitz and the Ries, the imposing ensemble is enthroned above the pretty little town of Harburg on the Romantic Road.

- 2 Germany’s best known holiday route, the **Romantic Road** also travels across Bavarian Swabia – from the Ries into Wittelsbach Land, with seven attractive stops: Wallerstein, Nördlingen, Harburg, Donauwörth, Rain, Augsburg and Friedberg.



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- 6 More than 55 million LEGO® pieces, 64 attractions, fantasy worlds in 4D: **LEGOLAND® Germany** is the family highlight of Bavarian Swabia. Furthermore it’s possible to stay overnight in the LEGO® world – in the holiday village.
- 7 Jim Knopf, Urmel aus dem Eis and the Bavarian-Swabian Kasperl: The **Augsburger Puppenkiste** has enchanted audiences for decades with its marionette productions. The inhouse puppet-theater museum “die Kiste” delights with scenes from legendary films and other exhibits.



EXTRA TIP

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