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THE CITY ON THREE RIVERS

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EDITORIAL

Set on historic ground on three rivers, Passau offers its visitors and its inhabitants an engaging atmosphere which balances self-confident tradition with a young, hip vibrancy. Art, culture, pleasure and trade combine in and around this former prince bishopric to give the town a multi-faceted charm and panache.

In its urban splendour and glorious scenery you will find true friendliness and all the hospitality you need for a wonderfully relaxing stay and for a holiday that becomes one of the highlights of your year. The cathedral square with the baroque St Stephen's Cathedral rising from its centre, bustling alleyways, romantic nooks and crannies, tiny open-air restaurants, cafés, galleries and authentic shops selling handicrafts and regional products, all transform every visit to Passau into an engrossing and entertaining delight for the senses. Leave the daily grind behind, and immerse yourself in the magic of a town that really knows how to spoil its guests.

We look forward to seeing you!

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A MANY-FACETED GEM OF A CITY.

CITY ON THREE RIVERS
 BAROQUE CITY
 CATHEDRAL CITY
 EUROPEAN CITY
 SHOPPING CITY
 FESTIVAL CITY
 UNIVERSITY CITY
 NIBELUNG CITY

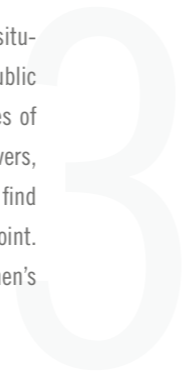


A CONVERGENCE OF DELIGHTS.

Around every corner Passau has new delights in store for its visitors. From the Fortress Veste Oberhaus or the Pilgrimage Church Mariahilf there are superb views of the historic old town with its striking silhouette and its fleet of white ships ready for excursions and cruises. Water sports enthusiasts and cyclists as well as hikers will find the ideal conditions for their pastimes in and around Passau. Passau has many places of interest worth a visit right on its doorstep, in the so-called "Bäderdreieck" (spa triangle) and the Bavarian Forest, but also in Upper Austria and Bohemia. And a plethora of cultural opportunities and unlimited leisure facilities open up unexpected horizons.

Three is the magic number

The number three is ever-present in Passau. The city situated in the border triangle of Bavaria, the Czech Republic and Austria also lies between their three capital cities of Munich, Prague and Vienna. The Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers, clearly recognisable from their three different colours, find their confluence from three directions at this very point. And high above it all soar the three towers of St Stephen's Cathedral.



Three rivers – a blessing and a curse

Its particular location at the confluence of three rivers has characterised Passau for centuries. As the intersection of ancient trade routes, a customs post and a transshipment station, the city was always strategically significant. Salt, or "white gold" was the driving force for its early economic success. But the rivers also brought suffering and destruction when high waters burst their banks and caused flooding.



DIVERSITY WHEREVER YOU TURN

IN THE FLOW – A TRIP ON THE DANUBE

Passau is the perfect starting point for a nice trip on the Danube. Its attractively designed waterfront area invites you to dream of the great wide world.

TASTEFUL – FOOD AND DRINK IN PASSAU

Regional specialities, relaxed outdoor eating, international cuisine, cosy cafés, stylish bars and trendy pubs. Good food and drink keep body and soul together.

IMPRESSIVE – THE SIGHTS OF PASSAU

Passau's baroque cityscape is dominated by sacred and secular splendour, with large squares, romantic promenades, riverside views, crooked lanes and elegant bridges.

HIGH CLASS – CULTURE IN PASSAU

Colourful, cosmopolitan, contemporary – these are the qualities embodied by Passau's architecture, painting, music, literature, theatre, organ-building, glasswork and ceramics.

SPORTY – CITY OF CYCLISTS AND WALKERS

Along the river, up in the lush green hills or exploring the ancient forest – active types will find the city and its surroundings provide wonderful opportunities for exercise.

AUTHENTIC – PASSAU'S "HANDIWORK"

Personalised hats, tailor-made shoes and gold-decorated innovative creations in chocolate can all be found here. Passau has a long tradition of arts and crafts.

VARIED – DAYS OUT FROM PASSAU

A new day, a new destination. Passau's central geographic location in the border triangle makes it the ideal starting point and destination for days out both big and small.

ENGAGING – EVENTS IN PASSAU

Passau's balance of tradition and the avant-garde, the customary and the modern offers a lively and fascinating kaleidoscope to delight visitors over and over again.

VERSATILE – SHOPPING IN PASSAU

A unique atmosphere and range of products. In the streets, alleyways and shops of Passau you can browse, rummage, discover and shop to your heart's content.

LIVING HISTORY.

The Emperor's wedding in Passau

Emperor Leopold I unexpectedly came to the throne after the death of his brother. In December 1676 he married Eleonore of Palatinate-Neuburg in the Pilgrimage Church Mariahilf. They had ten children.

Visitors sense it at once: Passau lives and breathes history. Early finds here originate from the Mesolithic and Neolithic periods. Settled by the Celts in around 100 B.C., from the middle of the first century A.D. Passau began a 400-year stretch as a provincial Roman town with two border forts. The name Passau derives from the town's late-classical name of "Batavis". The second border fort of „Boiotro" in the city centre is linked with St Severin (d. 482). With the establishment of the bishopric in 739, city life in Passau began to take off. From the 10th century the Archbishopric of Passau stretched to Linz and Vienna and as far as the Hungarian border. In 999, Emperor Otto III transferred secular authority over Passau to the city's Bishop Christian. Around 1200 the Bishops became regents of the small, independent principality of Passau, an arrangement which endured for almost 600 years. During this time Passau had its intellectual, cultural and economic heyday and held a prominent position alongside the states of Bavaria, Bohemia and Austria. In 1783 the bishopric lost its Austrian territory. After the dissolution of the principality in 1803 Passau became a Bavarian episcopal city and a border town with Austria. In more recent decades Passau has developed into a modern university city and a centre for festivals, culture, shopping and tourism.

Passau the trading town

Around 1500 Passau rose to the status of a flourishing supra-regional trading city. Its exports were graphite, ceramics and swords, which were known as "Passauer Wolfsklingen" and were much sought-after throughout Europe. Passau also gained its reputation through the trade of salt, grain, spices and linen.



A CITY BETWEEN CHURCH AND EMPEROR.

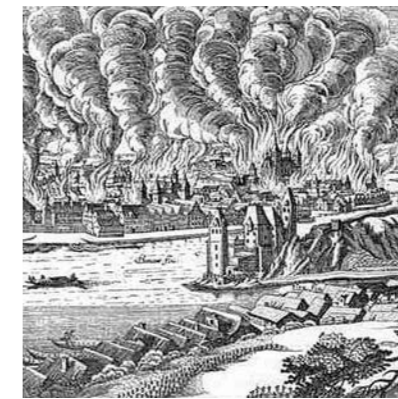


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11th century



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1862



1978



2008

PASSAU IN FAST-FORWARD

- c 100 B.C.** Celtic settlement on a hill in the old town
- c 50 A.C.** First finds from Roman settlement (Kastell Boiodurum)
- 739** Passau becomes a Bishopric
- 11th century** Gisela, sister of Emperor Heinrich II and widow of the King of Hungary, becomes an abbess in Passau. Her tomb is in Niedernburg Abbey
- 1217** Passau becomes a principality and its bishops are designated Princes of the Holy Roman Empire. In the centuries that follow, the city sees the construction of the Fortress Veste Oberhaus, Hacklberg and Freudenhain princely castles and palaces, as well as the Old Bishop's Residence
- 1225** City charter granted
- 1499** The Schachner Building of Fortress Veste Oberhaus is completed
- 1501** First documentation of cataclysmic flooding in Passau, with the Danube's high water mark reaching 13.20 metres
- 1662** A devastating fire destroys three-quarters of all Passau's buildings. The city is subsequently redesigned by Italian master builders
- 1676** Imperial wedding (Leopold I marries Eleonore of Palatinate-Neuburg)
- 1803** Passau becomes part of Bavaria
- 1854** Empress Elizabeth (Sisi's) bridal procession passes through Passau
- 1952** Passau's first post-war European Weeks Festival takes place, and continues to this day
- 1978** Passau becomes a university city
- 2008** Passau's new Centre (Neue Mitte) is completed. Opening of Schalding Harbour as a logistics hub for traffic between Western and Eastern Europe

THE SIGHTS OF PASSAU

A UNIQUE COLLECTION.

Mother Church of the East Danube

St Stephen's Cathedral comprises a Gothic chancel and transept, and Baroque nave and towers. In the interior, Italian Baroque architecture, stucco work and painting combine to create a masterpiece. The vast dimensions of the cathedral bear witness to its status as the mother church both for the area around the Danube and for St Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna.

THE SIGNATURE OF ITALIAN MASTERS.

The old town rises up gracefully from the narrow peninsula at the confluence of the Danube and the Inn rivers. Little alleys and stairways open up onto the water. The charming cityscape we see today, with all its Mediterranean flair, was constructed out of the ruins of devastating fires in the 17th century by Italian Baroque master builders. They erected the churches of St Paul, St Michael and St Nikola, the Bishop's Residence, the Town Hall and the canons' houses as well as numerous town houses. St Stephen's Cathedral, from which the largest cathedral organ in the world has rung out since 1928, was constructed by Carlo Lurago, Giovanni Battista Carlone and Carpofo Tencalla. In later times the Residence and town hall chambers were decorated by Bavarian and Austrian artists. The Baroque cityscape of Passau is dominated by expansive squares, romantic promenades, crooked alleyways and elegant bridges. Framed by the Fortress Veste Oberhaus castle complex and the Pilgrimage Church Mariahilf, Passau's old town has the feel of a proud and mighty vessel. →

IN THE BAROQUE PERIOD, THE CHURCHES OF ST MICHAEL AND ST PAUL WERE ERECTED NEAR ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL, ONE OF THE LARGEST CATHEDRALS NORTH OF THE ALPS.



Amazing Church Organ

The Passau cathedral organ acquired its epithet of "largest cathedral organ in the world" because of its vast scale: 233 stops, 17,974 pipes and a five manuals can all be operated from the main console and blend together in magnificent harmony.



New Episcopal Residence and Wittelsbach Fountain

The New Bishop's Residence with the Diocese Museum and the Cathedral Treasury is located directly opposite the cathedral. It was built between 1712 and 1730 in the Viennese late Baroque style. The interior staircase, with its stucco work and ceiling fresco depicting the Gods of Olympus, is particularly impressive.



GREAT LORDS IN CHURCH AND CASTLE

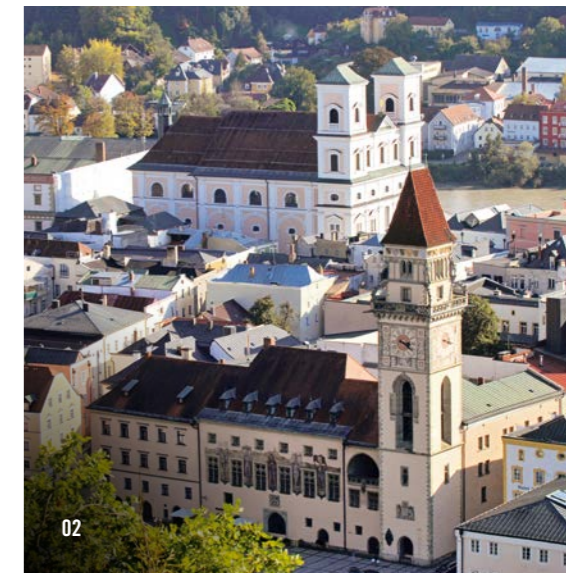
On the left bank of the Danube, the Fortress Veste Oberhaus towers over Passau. Built in 1219, it was for many years the castle and residence of the Prince Bishop of the Passau Hochstift. The fortress conveyed the impression of military strength and was an important support for the princely title conferred on Passau bishops in 1217. Between 1250 and 1482 it survived five unsuccessful sieges. On the other side of the river Inn, the Pilgrims' Church Mariahilf rises from a hill in the south of the city. The covered staircase erected on the hill in 1628 has 321 steps.

Next to the castle complex of Fortress Veste Niederhaus flow the Danube from the west, the Ilz from the north and the Inn from the south. Also situated on the banks of the Danube is the 14th century Town Hall with its 38-metre tower. Not far from here is the former Jesuit church of St Michael and the former Jesuit College, while further towards where the rivers meet is the former Benedictine convent of Niedernburg. The Parish Church of St Paul is first documented in 1050, and the building today dates from between 1663 and 1678. The Schaibling Tower, a striking fortification constructed in the Middle Ages, amongst other things to protect the loading and unloading of salt, awaits those out for a stroll on the Inn Promenade.



The Passauer Tölpel
(Sculpture of a muddler)

The origins and age of this piece are disputed. Experts suspect that it came from one of the cathedral figures destroyed in the city fire in 1662. The Passauer Tölpel is known throughout the city and even inspired Privy Councillor Goethe to pen some witty lines.



- 01 / Fortress Veste Oberhaus and Oberhaus Museum high above Passau
- 02 / Passau Town Hall with Baroque council chambers; behind it the Jesuit Church of St Michael
- 03 / Pilgrimage Church Mariahilf and prayer stairway with 321 steps
- 04 / Schaibling Tower and Inn Promenade
- 05 / Confluence of the rivers Danube, Inn and Ilz



CULTURE AT ITS LOVELIEST.



Brought back to life after the floods in 2013:

The magnificent theatre in the Fürstbischöfliches Opernhaus (Prince Bishops' Opera House) is an impressive venue for operas, operettas, musicals, concerts and plays.

A CENTRE FOR THE ARTS – COSMOPOLITAN AND ENERGETIC.

Passau's status as a prince bishopric and trading town stimulated creative activity of all kinds, but especially architecture, sculpture, painting, music, organ building, theatre, literature, glasswork and ceramics. Evidence of Passau's reputation as a city of art and culture is provided by such illustrious works as the epic poem *The Song of the Nibelungs*, the Gothic architecture of the cathedral and the rebuilding of the city after its fires. Important contributions were also made by cathedral and court music, and by famous names such as painters Wolf Huber and Ferdinand Wagner, and writers Adalbert Stifter and Hans Carossa. The spirit of this heritage gave rise to some important cultural institutions: the annual European Weeks Festival, the productions at the city theatre, the cabaret and jazz club ScharfrichterHaus and a multitude of open air events, concert series and festivals. The cultural offer is completed by museums such as the Oberhaus Museum, Roman Museum Kastell Boitro, Diocese Museum and Cathedral Treasury Museum, Passau Glass Museum and the Museum of Modern Art as well as by numerous galleries and craft studios. →

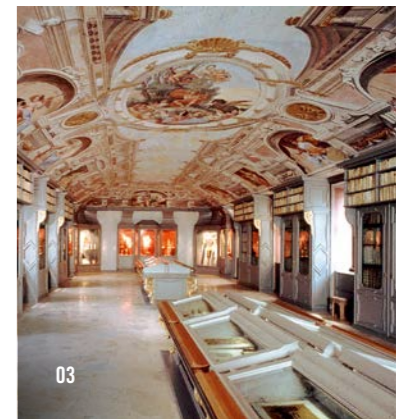
A WHOLE RANGE OF HISTORIC ARTIFACTS ARE WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED IN PASSAU'S MUSEUMS. THEY TELL THE STORY OF THE CITY'S HISTORY, ILLUSTRATE GLASSWORKING AND DISPLAY ARTWORK FROM THE "BORDER TRIANGLE".



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01 / Castle life in the Middle Ages can be seen in the Oberhaus Museum 02 / Experience the Romans in Passau: Roman Museum Kastell Boitro 03 / Diocese Museum and Cathedral Treasury Museum 04 / Museum of Modern Art (MMK) 05 / Artwork in world's largest Museum for European glass, Passau Glass Museum



FROM PASSAU TO THE WORLD

The Eisenbarth organ workshop and Perner bell foundry have always taken orders from all over the world – and today this is more the case than ever. Passau's tradition also includes the art of violin-making, and grand and upright pianos are repaired in a master craftsman's workshop. "Made in Passau" has even more meanings, though. The city's shopping areas are home to small and charming shops where you can purchase "Passau originals" and take a look behind the scenes to experience centuries-old craftsmanship close up. At the milliners, for instance, or the florist's, shoemaker's or chocolatiers' - or the jewellers', some of whom have been practising their filigree artwork for decades.

The premier address for arts and handicrafts is the Höllgasse, the so-called "artists' alley", which houses row upon row of studios, galleries and workshops of painters, sculptors, glass-blowers, ceramicists and wood carvers. You're not just permitted to look over the shoulders of these artists as they work – you're expressly invited. Of course it is also possible to purchase the one-off items they make. The City of three rivers combines culture, workshops and outlets full of character to offer a unique shopping experience. Passau has authenticity to spare for all its visitors.



Curtain up on careers in cabaret

Every year at the end of the cabaret season in the cabaret and jazz Club ScharfrichterHaus, the 'Executioner's Axe' is awarded to an up-and-coming artist. The award is a springboard to success in German-language cabaret and a high accolade for those treading the boards. Hape Kerkeling, Günter Grünwald and Luise Kinseher are just a few examples of how effective the Passau ScharfrichterHaus can be at giving a career a kick-start



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European Weeks Festival

Ever since the first festivals in post-war Germany in 1952, the Passau European Weeks Festival has been inspiring its spectators. Each year between June and August, locally and internationally renowned artists have met here. The festival is divided into opera, operetta, oratorio, concerts, theatre and exhibitions and has a different theme each year. Venues are provided by stunning churches, monasteries, castles, palaces, ballrooms and open-air sites in Passau, Eastern Bavaria, Upper Austria and Bohemia.

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU.

The Brückenfest (Bridge Festival)

It's just wonderful! Once a year the suspension bridge transforms itself into a promenade. The colourful hustle and bustle, the culinary delights and the night-time sea of lights provide a feast for all the senses.

A FASCINATING KALEIDOSCOPE ALL YEAR ROUND.

Passau is almost unique in the way it combines respect for its illustrious past with an innovative and forward-looking cultural life. Tradition and the avant-garde, the customary and the modern, offer a bright and fascinating kaleidoscope. The popular and lively funfairs and the Ilzer Haferfest (district festival) can look back on centuries of history that is continually renewing itself. But the atmospheric Christkindlmarkt (Christmas market) in front of the cathedral, the Eulenspiegel outdoor festival and the many music, art and street festivals also make for an exciting year and invite you to while away the time here.

Visitors and natives alike are inspired by Passau's many museums and galleries, its cultivation of music and literature, its theatres and cabarets.

A cosmopolitan and tolerant environment is what attracts so many people to live in, and love, the nearly 2000-year-old City of three rivers with surprises round every corner. It's worth spending a few days here, taking in whatever exhibitions are on and strolling through the popular weekly market. From deluxe hotels to guest houses to more affordable touring hotels or youth hostels, there is a wide variety of overnight accommodation for visitors.



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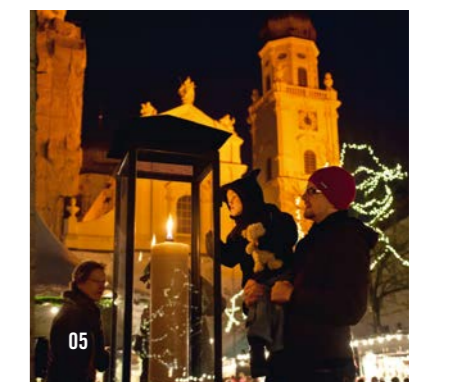
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01 / Passau traditional costume parade in the old town, seen here with golden bonnets 02 / Passau funfair in the Kohlbruck exhibition park in May and September 03 / Summer festival in front of the ScharfrichterHaus 04 / Eulenspiegel outdoor festival with national and international performers 05 / Christmas market on cathedral square



Conviviality in unique surroundings
 When you get a sense of charm, flair and that certain je ne sais quoi, you realise. Passau brings people together.

FOOD AND DRINK IN PASSAU

COME DINE WITH US.

From crispy roast veal shank to thick fluffy Topfenschmarrn (shredded pancakes), from the local Danube catfish to sweet “Schlosserbuaam”, Passau is the stomach of Lower Bavaria. It’s just marvellous how the City of three rivers combines traditional treats with light and aromatic modern cuisine. And does it all with such warm hospitality.

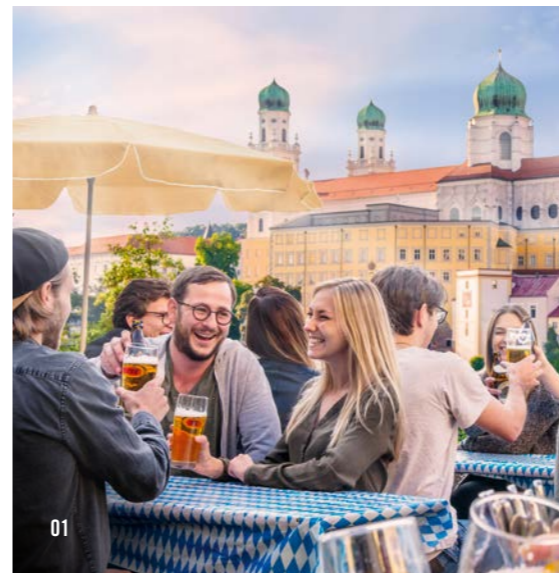
Passau’s restaurants serve Bavarian, Austrian and Bohemian dishes as well as international specialities. From rustic taverns to friendly beer gardens and wine bars, from cosy cafés to trendy pubs, bistros, bars, clubs and discos, visitors will find they could wish for.

In old vaulted cellars, in shady gardens by the river, in a stylish designer pub or on one of the many terraces with fantastic views over the city – a real feast awaits you in

Passau. Local fish and game from the surrounding forests have only a short journey before arriving lovingly prepared on your plate. If you need to fortify yourself during a stroll around town or a shopping trip, you’ll find delicious snacks readily available. You won’t find fresher sausages, sweeter or spicier mustard or crisper pretzels anywhere. Try a glass of beer with it. Full-bodied, genuine, unpretentiously local. What more could your heart desire?

Passion in a glass

With four breweries still operational, Passau is right to call itself a “Bierstadt” (city of beer). And the Hallertau, the largest contiguous hop-growing area in the world, is only a stone’s throw away, too. In brewery taverns and open-air restaurants visitors, locals, craftsmen, students and business people come together to sample the region’s “nectar”



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in all its forms. Passau even has own vineyards in Austria in the Wachau Region, where fine wines are produced. The Heilig-Geist Foundation tavern serves wines produced from its own Riesling and Grüner Veltliner grape varieties, and sells them in local shops. Passau’s restaurateurs are equally dedicated to both beer and wine. Guests may choose whatever they prefer according to the occasion, the time of day and their personal taste.

- 01 / Passau – where life is delicious
- 02 / Friendly beer garden: an inviting place to take a break
- 03 / Traditional grilled skewered fish is a delicacy
- 04 / The Heilig-Geist Foundation tavern
- 05 / Passau is famous for traditionally brewed beer



Pure enjoyment

The Passau Stiftswein is produced and bottled in Austria by the Salomon vineyard in Stein an der Donau and are highly sought-after. The Passau city magistrate and Münzmeister (master of the mint) Urban Gundacker started a wine foundation as early as 1358, which is faithfully managed by the City of Passau to this day. Any profits made by the Passau Heiliggeist Foundation go to a retirement home of the same name.

UNEXPECTED PERSPECTIVES.



Ship Ahoy!
Passau is a popular starting point for all kinds of excursions that let you just sit back and relax, and discover new vistas round every bend in the river.

THE BEST ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND PASSAU.

Life in Passau has always been centred on the water. The great Danube artery is river, border and waterway all at once, including for European inland navigation. In addition to its celebrated “Three Rivers” city tour, the local shipping company offers trips into the Bavarian and Upper Austrian Danube Valley lasting several hours. Buffet trips, themed trips, evening trips with music and dancing and two-day trips to Vienna offer an outstanding range of experiences for all age groups.

Passau is a true paradise for cyclists. Both short and long tours will keep you coming back for more. A range of themed cycle routes such as the Römerradweg (Roman trail) and the Via Danubia, or long-distance routes such as the Danube Passau-Vienna Cycle Trail, the Inn Cycle Trail and

the German Danube trail ensure your two wheels give you a spectacular experience of nature and culture. Passau has fifteen beautifully situated golf courses, all of which are within quick and easy reach.

Sport and Leisure all year round

The river valleys and surrounding hills have a system of well-constructed pathways that offer superlative hiking. You can also discover the landscape in winter, with downhill and cross-country skiing trips, horse-drawn sleigh rides, snowshoeing, dog-sledding, tobogganing and curling. Nature entices you, calls you, and invites you in. Downhill fun is guaranteed for skiers, snowboarders and snowshoers in the Bavarian Forest ski resorts as Arber, Mitterfirmiansreut, Dreisesselberg and Hochficht.



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Waterworlds

Passau's waterways are a paradise for those who like to stay active, both within the city and in the natural solitude of the Ilz and Inn valleys. The Danube and the Inn are perfect for exploring by rowing boat or canoe, while the white water of the Ilz requires a more energetic approach and a kayak. The “peb” water park has indoor and outdoor pools, a sauna and spa area for both sport and relaxation.

01 Alpine or Nordic / Close to Passau there are plenty of opportunities for downhill and cross-country skiing **02 Europe's biggest golf area** / Picturesque landscapes, a wide variety of fairways and well-ended greens means you can enjoy your golf whatever your handicap **03 Swimming and spas** / Passau and its environs provide the ideal conditions for water sports enthusiasts and swimmers **04 Hiking** / Passau is at the intersection of national and international hiking trails such as the Goldsteig, Donausteig, Danube panorama trail and Ilz valley hiking trail



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DISTANCE MARKERS

To help you plan we show how far destinations are from Passau in kilometres.

Hiking without limits

To the north, south, east and west of Passau, unique treasures open up for hikers and nature lovers. Conservation areas are on the doorstep, as are pilgrim paths and trails steeped in history, such as the Donausteig and Goldsteig.

DAYS OUT FROM PASSAU

IN THE BEST COMPANY.

Diversity is the order of the day in the region around the City of three rivers. A myriad of destinations, such as the Bavarian Forest National Park, are easy to reach from Passau.



DAYS OUT AROUND PASSAU.

Passau is the ideal for day trips in the surrounding area. Eastern Bavaria and Upper Austria with their mountains, forests, lakes, rivers, glassworks, museums, spas and leisure facilities are inviting locations all year round for relaxing, getting some exercise or having an adventure. Visitors are particularly drawn to the Bavarian Forest National Park, the Chrystal Road, the Pullmann City Wild West adventure park and the Bavarian Golf and Thermal Spa Region.

If it's culture you're after, many tourist attractions in the region between the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers have been part of the area's history of civilisation and settlement: there are medieval castles and ruins, Romanesque and Gothic churches and chapels, and palaces and monasteries with all the exuberance of the Bavarian Baroque.

The Bavarian Forest Museum Village offers a trip back in time, with exhibits of traditional farming from the 17th up to the 19th centuries.

Along the Danube the Route of Kings and Emperors runs from medieval Regensburg to Passau and Vienna and on to Budapest, linking cities of culture, historical treasures and landscapes of global importance. The route can be travelled not only by water but also by train, bicycle or on foot along the Donausteig hiking trail. The Donausteig is a spectacular outdoor experience and offers sensational views, for instance from Penzenstein church in Upper Austria down to the former Cistercian Engelszell Abbey.

- 01 Linz (A) / old town
- 02 Krumau (CZ) / old town with Vltava River
- 03 Bavarian Forest (D) / glassworking town of Frauenau
- 04 Schärding (A) / Baroque town square

Neighbours and Friends

The centuries-old links between Passau and towns in Upper Austria and Bohemia such as Schärding, Linz, Budweis and Krumau have developed into warm cross-border partnerships.

POPULAR DAYS OUT FROM PASSAU:

Linz (A) / The regional capital of Upper Austria performs quite a balancing act, delighting its visitors both with the composer Anton Bruckner and the electronic arts.

Budweis (CZ) / Always worth the trip: the town in South Bohemia is a diocesan seat and is known throughout the world for its beer.

Krumau (CZ) / Krumau Old Town with its medieval castle and palace is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Salzburg (A) / The world-famous birthplace of Mozart is a sweet and unforgettable experience.

Regensburg (D) / The UNESCO World Heritage Site abounds with sights, tourist attractions, festivals and exhibitions.

Bavarian Forest (D) / Großer Arber, the highest peak of the 100 km mountain ridge on the border between Bavaria and the Czech Republic, rises to 1,456 metres above sea level.

Innviertel (Schärding) and Mühlviertel districts (A) / Along with Baroque town squares and unspoiled nature, these regions have rural structures and villages dating back more than a thousand years.

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International and vocational

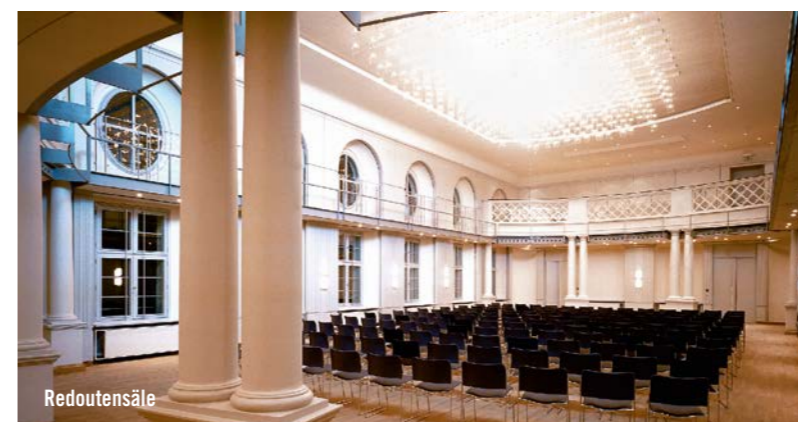
The University of Passau is divided into four Faculties: Law, Economic Sciences, Philosophy, and Computer Technology and Maths. It is acclaimed for its highly vocational, interdisciplinary and internationalist approach. Many of its study pathways have a pronounced international component and great emphasis is placed on subject-specific training in foreign languages.

BUSINESS, CONFERENCES, CAMPUS: A CITY MAKES ITS MARK.

With unparalleled tourist attractions, first class culture, a wide range of leisure activities and above all the perfect infrastructure, Passau provides a wonderful setting for conferences, trade fairs, presentations and symposiums. Situated close to the city centre on the Inn river, the University complex is also well integrated with the life of the city.

In its 30 years of existence, the young university has achieved outstanding results in terms of reputation and prestige. Beyond the university, Passau has become a sought-after location for business and social events. As a historical conference setting, Passau has everything you could possibly need. The Event and Exhibition Centre Kohlbruck and several multifunctional event halls and meeting places as the Redoutensäle and the Dreiländerhalle stand ready alongside comfortable hotels with the latest conference technology and facilities. And the elegantly furnished Danube ships provide extraordinarily stylish meeting venues. →

FOR EVENTS THAT MAXIMISE SYNERGIES AND MAKE THE MOST OF CREATIVE POTENTIAL, SETTING IS KEY. PASSAU PROVIDES THE IDEAL SPACE FOR ENERGY TO FLOW SO THAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS.



Meetings and conferences

Planning a meeting or a symposium? A specialist team is at your disposal in Passau to help make your event a success.

Event and Exhibition Centre

Whether you're staging top-quality music or trade fairs and exhibitions, a glittering ball or the magic of theatre, the newly-created Dreiländerhalle has just the space for you. 30,000 m² of outdoor space is available for trade fairs, exhibitions and open-air events. And there's a modern rink for those of you who can't get enough of ice-skating during the autumn and winter.





PERFECTLY SITUATED – EASILY ACCESSIBLE.

Passau is in the ideal geographical location. The city enjoys outstanding connections to motorways and international rail networks, and Munich, Linz and Salzburg airports are all close by.

With around 50,000 inhabitants the self-governing university city of Passau is the second largest city in the administrative district of Lower Bavaria. But it isn't only an administrative centre and economic powerhouse, it's also an important educational centre for the region. Many of Passau's schools have a catchment area that stretches well beyond the city's boundaries into the neighbouring areas of Rottal, Bavarian Forest and Upper Austria. Twinned with many cities in Europe and overseas, Passau sustains many warm friendships. Within the city there are two nature conservation areas, three protected landscapes, six areas protected under the EU Habitats Directive and three geotopes designated by the Bavarian Environmental Agency.



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At the heart of Europe

Passau has been at the heart of Europe since at least the opening of the East German border. The mountain peaks between Bavaria and Bohemia, consisting of the Bavarian and Bohemian Forests, are known as the "green roof of Europe". The centrepiece of the Bavarian Forest is its National Park.

Transport links

Passau is right on the **A3 motorway**.

Rail services include the **ICE** (intercity express) and **IC** (intercity) and various regional services.



Distances from Passau

Regensburg (D)	120 km	(motorway)
Munich (D)	190 km	(motorway)
Nuremberg (D)	230 km	(motorway)
Linz (A)	80 km	(motorway)
Salzburg (A)	120 km	(main road)
Vienna (A)	300 km	(motorway)
Krumau (CZ)	125 km	(main road)
Budweis (CZ)	140 km	(main road)
Prague (CZ)	230 km	(main road & motorway)

Accessibility by public transport

We have an extensive transport network which means that most destinations are accessible by means of public transport. **Further information from:**



Bus

www.stadtwerke-passau.de

www.rbo.de

www.postbus.at



Rail

www.ilztalbahn.eu

www.bahn.de

www.oebb.at



Boat

www.donauschiffahrt.de

www.travelinfo.de

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