

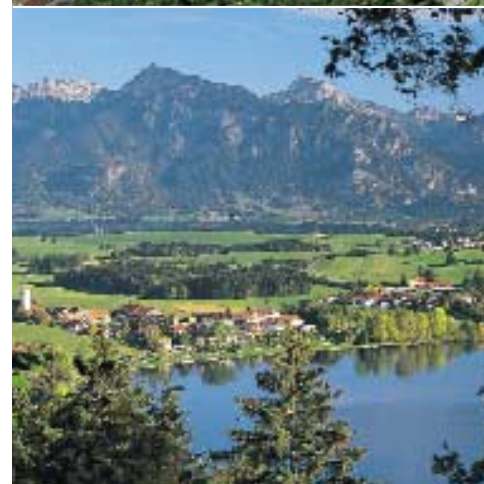
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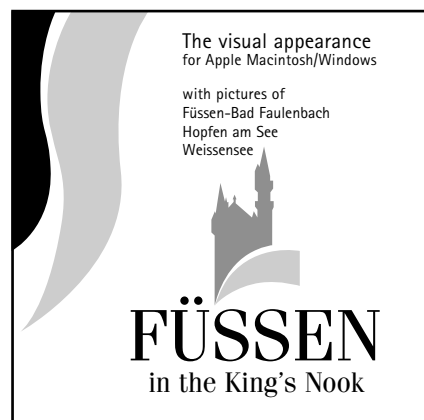
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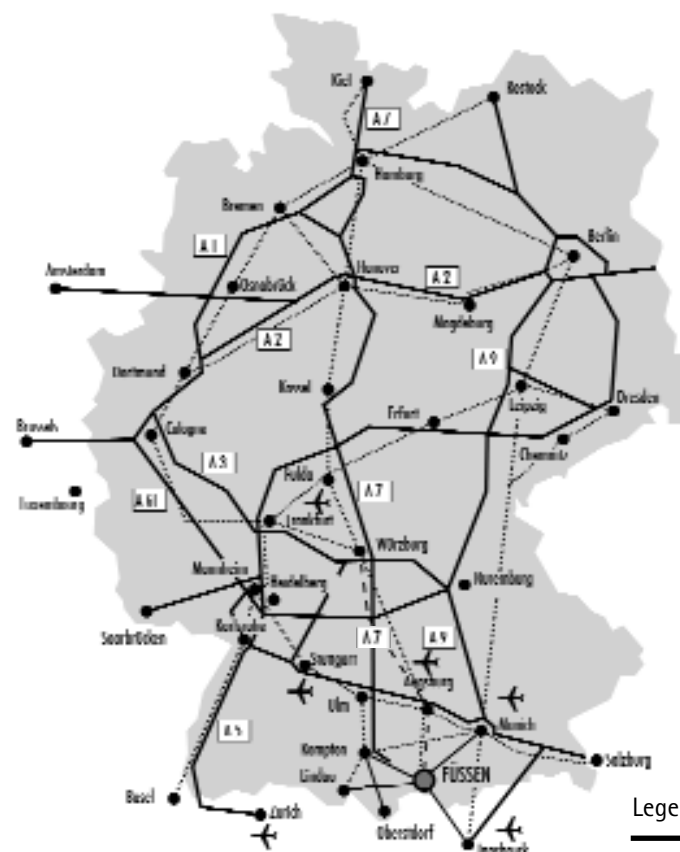
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Arrival

ROADS

BAB (= autobahn, motorway) **A 7** Ulm-Kempten to the end of the motorway, 18 km (11 miles) before Füssen.
B (= country road) **309**, **B 310**, **B 16** and **B 17** (Romantic Road from Würzburg to Füssen)

RAIL

Your railway connections:

ICE lines with trains every hour (Hamburg-Hanover-Göttingen-Kassel-Fulda-Würzburg-Nuremberg-Augsburg and Frankfurt-Mannheim-Stuttgart-Ulm-Augsburg)

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There are connections with hourly trains after changing at Augsburg, Munich and Kaufbeuren for Füssen.

AIR

Augsburg Airport (about 110 km, 68 miles), shuttle buses to Main Station, train connections to Füssen.

Munich Airport (about 160 km, 100 miles), take S-Bahn (rapid-transit train) to Main Station, change for Füssen by railway.

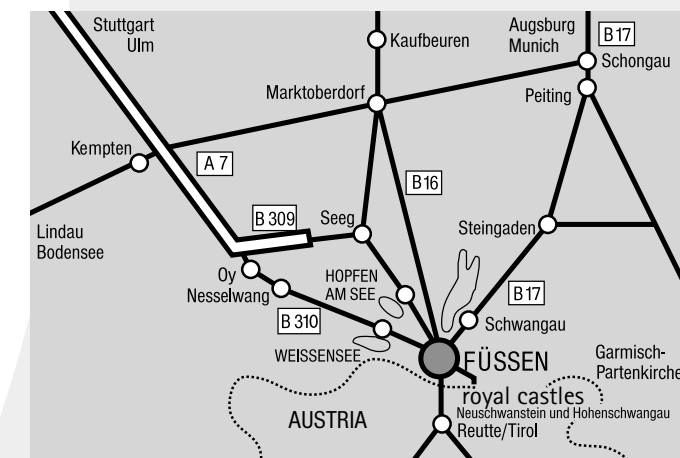
Stuttgart Airport (about 210 km, 130 miles), S-Bahn to Main Station, train connections to Füssen via Augsburg.

Füssen in brief:

- Population approx. 14,000
- Town area: 4.351 ha (10,730 acres)
- Altitude: 800 – 1.200 m (2620 – 3940 feet) (the Bavarian town at the highest altitude)
- Situation: At the southern end of the Romantic Road, 4 km (2.5 miles) away from the famous castle of Neuschwanstein
- Accommodation: Beds 7000, Hotels 30
- Overnight stays: About 1,030,000 in 2003

BUS CONNECTIONS

There are regular bus connections between Füssen, its districts of Hopfen am See and Weissensee and to the Festspielhaus Neuschwanstein (theatre) and to most of the tourist attractions in the surroundings. Buses on the route to the royal palaces of Neuschwanstein/Hohenschwangau and on to the Tegel cable railway run at one-hour intervals during the day.



Füssen in the King's Nook: Jewel in a Majestic Alpine Setting

Füssen greets approaching travellers from afar – this beautiful country town presents a truly idyllic vista, doing justice to the Romantic Road on which it lies. The High Castle, the Baroque abbey of St Mang and the mosaic of rooftops are set picturesquely in the lush green countryside.

The town's 700 years of history have left behind plenty of monuments and relics. In the winding streets and alleyways of the medieval Old Town the Gothic gabled roofs of the tall patrician houses rub shoulders with the remains of the old city walls and Baroque and Rococo churches, creating a contrasting but pleasantly harmonious ensemble. The Hohes Schloß (High Castle) overlooking the town was once the summer residence of the prince bishops of Augsburg; their former residential chambers now house an excellent art gallery, a branch of the great Bavaria State Painting Collections. Directly beneath the castle stand the magnificent Baroque buildings of the former Benedictine abbey of St Mang. Inside travellers will find the town's museum with a great collection of historic lutes and violins, splendid Baroque halls and the famous "Dance of Death" of Füssen.

Füssen has more to offer than cultural attractions, however. The beautiful surrounding countryside is a paradise for walkers and hikers, and also offers opportunities for sporting activities of all kinds, in winter especially for Alpine skiing, cross country skiing and ice-skating. You can choose between the gentle rolling hills of the Allgäu, the wild mountain scenery of the Ammergau, Lechtal and Tannheim Alps and the idyllic lake district in the Alpine foothills. Those interested in health holidays will find outstanding facilities at the health resort hotels and sanatoriums in Füssen and its environs, with a rich selection of health, fitness and wellness programmes.

There are always a wealth of high-class cultural events taking place in Füssen and the surrounding area. One of the cultural "musts" is the romantic "Kaiserfest" (Emperor's Festival), a medieval open-air festival which every year takes place for three days at the old town centre of Füssen. A fascinating event bringing back to life the "golden era" of the town's history.



Füssen's Sights

Medieval town centre

Füssen is a town with deep roots and a past that goes back more than two thousand years. Discover Füssen's varied history and its art treasures on a walk through the historical town centre.

Baroque churches

St Mang (basilica minor), Church of the Holy Ghost Hospital, St Stephan, St Sebastian, St Nikolaus, Frau-am-Berg-Kirche, St Peter and Paul (Hopfen am See), St Walburga (Weißensee).

The Füssen Heritage Museum

(Museum der Stadt Füssen), Lechhalde 3

This museum is situated in the south-west wing of the former Benedictine Monastery of St Mang, which was built at the beginning of the 18th century. The former cells of the Benedictine monks house valuable works of arts and archaeological finds from the 1000-year history of this former abbey, an exhibition about the town's history and one of the finest collections in Europe of historical lutes and violins recalling Füssen's importance as the cradle of the commercial manufacture of lutes in Europe. Discover the magnificently decorated baroque halls (Prince's Hall, library, refectory, colloquium, Chapter Hall), the uncovered medieval cloister and the Füssen Dance of Death, the oldest Dance of Death cycle still preserved in Bavaria.

Opening hours:

April to October Tuesdays to Sundays: 10 am to 5 pm
(closed on Mondays)

November to March Tuesdays to Sundays: 1 pm to 4 pm
(closed on Mondays)

The State Gallery in the Hohes Schloss (High Castle)

(A branch of the Bavarian State Collections of Paintings in the High Castle), Magnusplatz 10.

The medieval complex of the Hohes Schloss, high above the town, was formerly used as a summer residence by the prince-bishops of Augsburg. Today, a branch gallery of the Bavarian State collections houses late gothic panel paintings and sculptures from the Swabian-Bavarian and Allgaeu region. The great Knight's Hall displays a splendid carved wooden ceiling.

Opening hours:

April to October Tuesdays to Sundays: 11 am to 4 pm
(closed on Mondays)

November to March Tuesdays to Sundays: 2 pm to 4 pm
(closed on Mondays)

Model Railway Museum "ZeitschieneN"

(Modelleisenbahnmuseum ZeitschieneN), Kemptener Straße 7

Discover the highlights of one of the most important private model railway collections in Germany.

Opening hours:

Monday to Fridays: 10 am to 6 pm

Saturdays: 10 am to 2 pm
(closed on Sundays)

Festspielhaus Neuschwanstein

Im See 1

The elegant building of this theatre with a seating capacity for 1400 people is situated on the banks of lake Forggensee near Füssen and provides a wonderful panoramic view of the royal castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau at the foot of the Ammergau Alps. Enjoy a visit to the 150-metre-long arcade-like foyers and to the extensive parks around the theatre building. The opening night of the new musical production about the famous Bavarian fairy-tale king Ludwig II will take place in March 2005.





From Füssen's Past

The area around Füssen was geologically formed by the various Ice Ages, especially by the force of the Lech glacier. Numerous moraine hills and most of the lakes in the foothills of the Alps are today visible testimonies to those times.

The countryside around Füssen is ancient cultivated land: finds from the end of the Palaeolithic Age and considerable material from the Mesolithic Age (Feuerbichl, Horn, near to the Allgäuer Überlandwerk) indicate at least the temporary presence of man. In historical times the district was settled by a Celtic tribe and from 15 BC was romanised through the campaigns of Augustus's stepsons Tiberius and Drusus. The country belonged for administrative purposes to the Roman province of Rhaetia, which was divided up under Emperor Diocletian (284 – 305 AD) into Rhaetia I (provincial capital Chur) and Rhaetia II (provincial capital Augsburg). To tie the new territory more closely to the Roman Empire Emperor Claudius (41 – 54 AD) had a military road built, the Via Claudia Augusta, which began at Altinum (near present-day Venice) and the Po and ran to the Danube via Füssen and Augsburg. Towards the end of the 3rd century a Roman camp was built on what is today the Schlossberg (palace hill) to safeguard supplies against the invasions of the Alamanic tribes which set in at the beginning of the century. In the centuries that followed the territory was settled by the Allemans, first coming under the rule of the Ostrogoths and later under Frankish sovereignty.

There have been and still are a number of interpretations of the name Füssen. It first appeared in written form on a Roman gravestone from the 4th century (fotensium), after that in a Roman register of all state and court offices written at the beginning of the 5th century and here refers to the Roman

supply camp "foetibus" (ablative) on the present-day palace hill. Whether the word comes from pre-Roman times and was Latinised by the Romans or, as later interpretations suggest, is "original" Latin and means a "place at the gorge" (= the Lech gap at the rocks called Lusaltenfelsen) will have to await further clarification. Be that as it may, on both occasions the Roman terms occur in connection with the military: on the one hand, they refer to a "praepositus Fotensium" (= commander of the Füssen troops), and on the other, to a military camp "Foetibus" (Foetes). The monks of St Mang called the site of their monastery "ad fauces" (= at the gorge), and in 1175 the German name Fozen emerged.



Füssen's coat of arms is made up of three feet. In this way it is a so-called "speaking" coat of arms. One could imagine that it probably came into being in the following way: the original meaning of the town's name was unknown; in the form at the time when it was elevated to the status of a town it was called Fuezzen, which was thought to come from the word for feet (Füsse). After that the coat of arms was created with the three feet, which occurs for the first time in the town seal of 1317. The name is therefore considerably older than the coat of arms. Whether the three feet recalled the meeting point of three spheres of control in the area of Füssen (the Augsburg prince bishops' territory or the Duchy of Swabia, Tiro County and the Duchy of Bavaria) remains an open question. At any rate, the three-feet sign is an old coat of arms symbol.

With the appearance of Saint Magnus the town's history focuses on a new area. Born around 700, probably of Rhaeto-Romanic extraction, he left St Gallen Monastery and worked in our district for 26 years, not so much as a missionary, but rather as a teacher of the common people (see page 7) to help them cope

with life (the beginning of iron mining). On a 6th September in 750 or 772 he died in Füssen. Later, after many alterations and additions, from his cell and a Mary Church the present-day St Mang Monastery developed with its church (1701 – 1717), built by the Allgäu architect Johann Jakob Herkomer in the Italian baroque style.

Under the high altar there is a Romanesque crypt (9th century) containing remains of a fresco painting from the 10th century, the oldest in Bavaria. In the baldachin of the crypt ceiling was the altar tomb of St Magnus. The neighbouring St Anna Chapel houses one of the few still preserved Dances of Death in Germany (painted in 1602). The monastery was secularised in 1802 and has served as Füssen's Town Hall since 1909.

During the 12th century the Guelphs had administrative rights over the monastery and town; they were taken over by the Hohenstaufen in 1191; after they had died out the Duke of Bavaria tried to gain influence in Füssen by building a castle on the present-day Schlossberg in 1298. But the bishops of Augsburg, who had possessed rights in Füssen since ancient times, succeeded in obtaining the Bavarian rights to the Lechrain. Füssen must have been chartered in the last quarter of the 13th century, though the exact date is not known. Füssen governed itself according to its own municipal laws, was a Town of the Empire, but never a Free Imperial Town. In 1995 Füssen celebrated its 700th town anniversary with numerous events.

Füssen comes under the Augsburg bishops (1313 – 1803): Emperor Heinrich VII, being short of money, mortgaged the town for 400 silver marks during an Italy campaign in 1313 to the Bishop of Augsburg. The emperor died, the mortgage was never paid back. From this time on Füssen remained under the rule of the prince bishops of Augsburg until Secularisation in 1802, when it came under Bavaria. The bishops' influence can still be seen in the town's appearance: 1496 – 1505 Bishop Friedrich von Zollern made alterations to the Hohes Schloss and expanded it, resulting in its present form. He had a second ring of town walls built, which is still well preserved in the east (hospital, Bleicher Gateway). In 1628 Bishop Heinrich von Knöringen founded a Franciscan monastery. The present church building, however, goes back to 1763.

Periods of war: Füssen experienced almost all the major wars of modern times at first hand, with the exception of the world wars: the disturbances of the Peasants' Revolt in 1525, the Schmalkaldic War (1546), when Schertlin von Burtenbach conquered the town, the Thirty Years' War, in which the Swedes and their allies sacked the town several times, the Spanish War of Succession (1740 – 1745) with the Peace of Füssen concluded in 1745 in the post inn at that time "Zum Goldenen Löwen" (Golden Lion), the Revolutionary Wars and the Napoleonic Wars (18th and 19th centuries, see the Soldiers' Grave at the Blutanger).

Economic and political upswing: Füssen's fate had been determined from earliest times by its situation on the old long-distance road Via Claudia; this applied not only to the many expeditions but also to the town's economic rise and decline. Goods from the south and the north were stored in Füssen,

forwarded by Füssen companies or reloaded onto rafts, in short, it was the Italian trade that contributed in particular to the town's heyday in the 15th century. In addition there was a hard-working class of craftsmen, which especially in the 15th/16th centuries attained international importance in making lutes and violins. Füssen is regarded as the cradle of the commercial manufacture of lutes and violins. The town experienced its golden age during the reign of Emperor Maximilian I (1492 – 1519). This ruler visited Füssen almost 40 times and gave the town its splendour and significance.

Füssen in the 19th and 20th century: As a result of wars in the 16th – 18th centuries Füssen lost its importance and economic vigour in the course of time. Not until the second half of the 19th century did economic improvement take place with the founding of the mechanical rope-making factory (in 1861, today the Füssener Textil AG). With the building of the royal castles of Hohenschwangau and above all Neuschwanstein (built 1869 – 1886) and the growth of Alpine activities in the second half of the 19th century, tourism began to develop in the Königswinkel. Whereas before 1930 it was chiefly the well-to-do citizens who went to Füssen for their summer holidays and to other towns on the edge of the Alps, in the thirties Füssen became a destination for larger numbers of holiday-makers in connection with the "Kraft durch Freude" programmes, a popular holiday scheme for the masses. Today Füssen, both as a holiday resort and health spa, attracts about 1.1 million visitors a year from all over the world. The town also became internationally well known as an ice hockey stronghold: the Füssen Ice Hockey Club was the German champions 16 times and the town is today the location of a National Ice Hockey Centre. The centre's arena, completed at the beginning of the nineties, is considered to be one of Germany's finest ice stadiums and has already been the venue of the Junior World Ice Hockey Championship on two occasions. Here the Füssen curling teams are also at home, which have won the German and European Championships several times.



First impressions

A conducted tour through Füssen's medieval town centre

Füssen is not only a popular spa and holiday resort set in the lovely foothills of the Alps, but also a town with deep roots and a past that goes back more than two thousand years.

Learn about Füssen's varied history on a walk through the historical town centre. It lies at the foot of the palace called Hohes

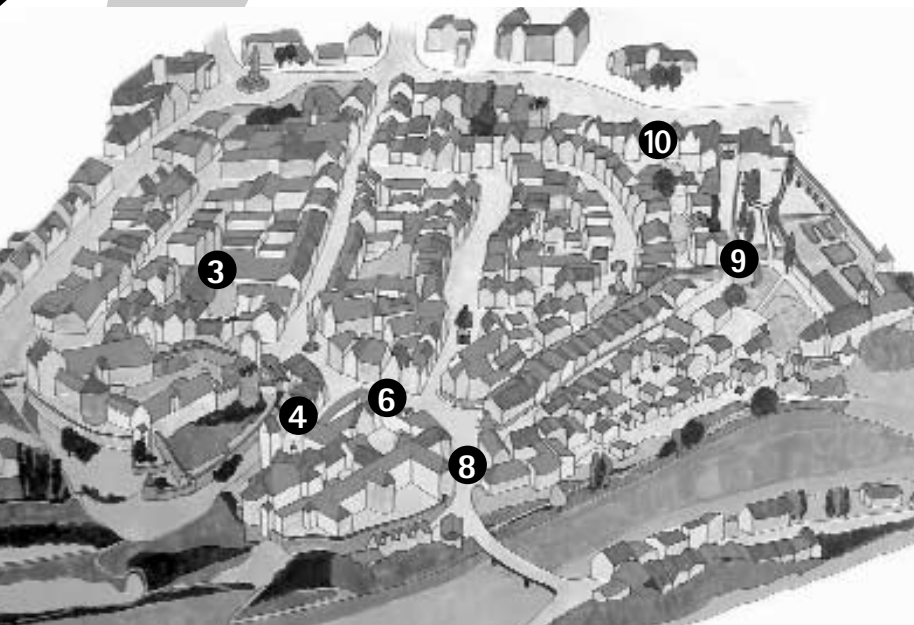
Schloss with the late medieval houses of prosperous citizens charmingly situated side by side with baroque churches. This walk through the town begins at the old Sebastian's Cemetery **10**, where the grave of the Bavarian court painter Domenico Quaglio can be found and which offers you the best view of the last longer section of the old town walls that still exists. From the lookout point at the Franciscan monastery **9** with St Stephan's Church the walk continues along the River Lech to the Füssen Holy Ghost Hospital with the impressive, richly decorated façade of its church **8**. After taking in the baroque courtyard of the former Benedictine monastery of St Mang **4** on the way, you continue past the Lute-Makers Fountain **6** to the former monastery and present-day Parish Church of St Mang, the largest and most magnificent of Füssen's baroque churches. The last stop is the interior courtyard of the Hohes Schloss **3**, which for centuries

was the official residence of the prince bishops of Augsburg here in Füssen and is considered to be one of the best preserved late gothic castle complexes in Germany.

Duration: 1.5 to 2 hours
(it can be shortened if so desired).

If requested, the town walk may also include a conducted tour of the Füssen Heritage Museum. There the Füssen Dance of Death is on view in the Anna Chapel. This is only possible during the opening hours of the museum (see pages 9 and 10).

The total price for the town guide in this case increases by €10.00 plus 16% VAT in each case for each extra hour or part of an hour. In addition €2.00 per person for admission to the museum has to be taken into consideration.



The price per guide is:

English, French, Italian, Spanish and Russian:

- * For groups of up to 29 persons: €50.00
- * For groups of 30 or more persons: €60.00

16% VAT has to be added to these prices

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The Füssen Heritage Museum

The Füssen Heritage Museum is situated in the south-west wing of the former Benedictine Monastery of St Mang, which was built under the architect Johann Jakob Herkomer from early 18th century Venetian examples and, together with the Hohes Schloss, constitutes one of the main features of Füssen's townscape. The former cells of the Benedictine monks house valuable works of art and archaeological finds from the over 1000-year history of this former abbey, which was not only the spiritual centre but also the focal point of government and culture in the Füssen area. The medieval cloister that was uncovered below the baroque corridors also provides an insight into the medieval epoch of the history of the Monastery of St Mang. One of the finest collections in Europe of historical lutes and violins recalls Füssen's importance as the cradle of the commercial manufacture of lutes in Europe. Here in the town on the River Lech the first European lute-makers' guild was founded in the 16th century, and up into the 19th century the town produced renowned violin-makers. In addition to the lutes and violins from the 17th to 19th centuries, the Munich master violin-maker Karl Leonhardt donated the equipment of his workshop which documents the various stages in the production process of a violin.

One of the museum's highlights is the monastery's magnificently decorated baroque halls: the Prince's Hall, created under the architect Andrea Maini; the library (see picture above) and the refectory beneath it with sculptures by Anton Sturm; the domed Colloquium with frescoes by the Kempten court painter Franz Georg Hermann; the Chapter Hall with the only extant oil paintings by Paul Zeiller, which depict the Benedictine daily saints. In the Anna Chapel, converted into baroque style under Herkomer, the Füssen Dance of Death by Jakob Hiebeler (1602) can be viewed, the oldest Dance of Death cycle still preserved in Bavaria. A further section of the museum houses an historical miller's room with richly ornamented wooden panelling and an exhibition on the town's history entitled "Emerging into Modernity".



Opening hours:

April to October:

Tuesday to Sunday: 10 am to 17 pm
(closed on Monday)

November to March

Tuesday to Sunday: 13 pm to 16 pm
(closed on Monday)

Entrance fee per person:

- * Adults: €2.50
- * Groups (from 6 persons): €2.00
- * Combined ticket (Heritage Museum & State Gallery): €3.00

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Guided tour through the Füssen Heritage Museum

Duration: 1 to 1.5 hours (The tour can also be combined with a sightseeing tour through Füssen's medieval town centre.)

The price per guide is:

English, French, Italian, Spanish and Russian:

- * For the guide: €25.00
- * The entrance fee has to be added

16% VAT has to be added to the price for the guide (price for the guide for a combined tour through the town centre and the museum: see preceding page)

The State Gallery in the Hohes Schloss

In the medieval complex of the Hohes Schloss (High Castle), high above the town, a branch gallery of the Bavarian State Collections of Paintings was set up in 1931 and reopened in 1977 on the basis of a new concept.

The great Knight's Hall (Rittersaal) with its splendid carved wooden ceiling from the late 15th century is the setting for a collection of late gothic panel paintings and sculptures from the Swabian-Bavarian and Allgäu region. A large part of the holdings come from Prince von Oettingen-Wallerstein's collection, which he once sold to the Bavarian king, Ludwig I. It contains rich treasures from the Monastery of St Mang, which was dissolved in the early 19th century. Some of the most important pictures are the life-size Salvator Mundi by an Augsburg master from about 1494, the Sippen Altar by an unknown Allgäu master around 1520, the panels created in 1510 showing the plague and war and the eight scenes from the legend of the holy imperial couple Heinrich and Kunigunde. The Bavarian National Museum has added sculptures from the same epoch and landscape to the collection.

Special exhibitions have been added to this collection: Munich Painters in the 19th Century and the Pocci Collection.

Opening hours:

- * April to October
Tuesday to Sunday: 11 am - 16 pm, closed on Mondays
- * November to March
Tuesday to Sunday: 14 pm - 16 pm, closed on Mondays

Entrance fee per person:

- * Adults: €2.50
- * Groups (from 6 persons): €2.00
- * Combined ticket
(Heritage Museum & State Gallery): €3.00

Guided Tour through the State Gallery

Duration: 1 to 1.5 hours (The tour can also be combined with a sightseeing tour through Füssen's medieval town centre.)

The price per guide is:

- English, French, Italian, Spanish and Russian:
- * For the guide: €25.00
 - * The entrance fee has to be added

16% VAT has to be added to the price for the guide (price for the guide for a combined tour through the town centre and the museum: see page 8)



Impressive: Guided tour through the baroque St Mang Basilica

Around 850 a monastery was founded at the grave of St Magnus in Füssen with the help of the bishop of Augsburg. The design and execution of the baroque church and monastery complex of St Mang at the beginning of the 18th century are the work of the architect, painter and stucco worker Johann Jakob Herkomer from Sameister near Rosshaupten. He is regarded as the founder of the so-called Lech Valley Building School.

In the interior of the Church of St Mang, too, the visitor is surrounded by the spirit of the baroque period. The uniform effect of the space is beautifully designed, its architecture strong and clear, festive as a result of its brightness and height. Well-known artists contributed to the design such as Dominikus Zimmermann, who later built the Wies Church, and the sculptor Anton Sturm, a resident of Füssen. Below the presbytery is the crypt with the oldest fresco still preserved in Bavaria (about 980, Reichenau School).

Guided tours can be arranged for groups through the basilika and crypt which last about 45-60 minutes. Price by arrangement.

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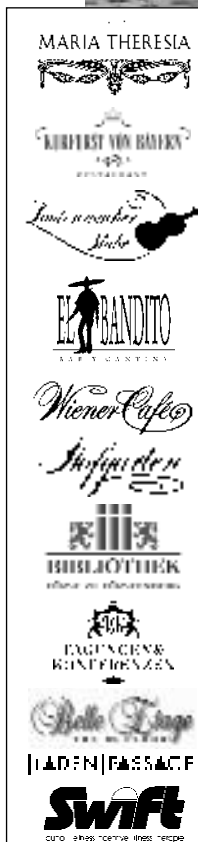
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The King's Palaces



Neuschwanstein Castle

The foundation stone was laid by King Ludwig II of Bavaria on 5th September 1869. The building was intended as a medieval knight's castle in the 12th/13th-century style. The outer façade of the gateway was completed in 1873. The main building and the adjoining buildings were faced with Schwangau marble from the quarry at Schwanssee (Swan Lake). It was modelled largely on the Wartburg in Thuringia. The castle was to consist of five buildings: the gatehouse, the Knight's Building, the Bower (women's apartments), the King's Building (the main residential tract) and the keep. The original construction work lasted 17 years and had to be discontinued because of Ludwig's early death.

By then, of the rooms in the main residential tract only the ground floor (kitchen and adjacent rooms), the third storey (the king's apartments and the Throne Room) and the fourth floor (Singers' Hall) had been completed. The rooms are richly decorated with works of the arts and crafts, there are portrayals from the Tannhäuser saga, from Lohengrin, Tristan and Isolde, the Nibelungenlied, Parzival and from the life of Walter von der Vogelweide, a medieval German lyric poet.

The first concert in the Singers' Hall was held in 1933 to mark the 50th anniversary of Richard Wagner's death. Since 1969 the Neuschwanstein Castle Concerts have taken place every year in September.

For further information see page 15.



Hohenschwangau Castle

The ancient Schwangau castle of "Schwanstein", which was already dilapidated and uninhabitable when the Schwangau aristocracy died out, was purchased in 1535 by the patrician and Imperial Counsellor Johann von Paumgartner zu Paumgarten and completely rebuilt from 1538 to 1547. He gave it the new name "Hohenschwangau". Almost 300 years later the Paumgarten building was again in ruins. In 1829 the Bavarian Crown Prince Max, the son of Ludwig I, came to the district of Füssen on the occasion of a "history excursion" with his teacher and acquired this crumbling building. He had it rebuilt according to ancient extant plans by the architect and theatre painter Domenico Quaglio, who, although he originally came from the area of Lake Como, had long since settled in Munich. The whole complex lives in the spirit of the romantic era. Such names as the Swan Knight's Hall, Guelph Room and Hohenstaufen Room are indications of a living attachment to sagas and history. The Castle Courtyard, whose finest ornamentation is the Mary Fountain, is immediately adjacent to the Castle Garden, which is enclosed by a castellated outer wall. In the centre of a circular flowerbed is a pool with a water-spouting swan.

For further information see page 15.



Linderhof Palace

In addition to Schwangau, familiar to Ludwig from his childhood experiences, it was particularly Graswang Valley that he had come to know as Crown Prince from his many excursions from Hohenschwangau. His father, King Maximilian II, owned a hunting lodge there in "Linderhof".

In the palace, completed in 1878, the only one that Ludwig II finished and lived in, the spirit of the rococo was revived. Behind the richly ornamented façade of the relatively small palace exuberance runs riot: glistening mirrors and glittering gold, wall hangings and paintings, velvet, plush and crystal chandeliers, lapis lazuli, malachite and porcelain.

The major sights of the artistically laid out landscape garden include the "King's Little House", the old King's Lime Tree, on whose raised hide the king sometimes took his breakfast, the Moorish Kiosk with the Peacock Throne, the Moroccan House and the Hunting Lodge. An 'open-sesame rock' leads to an artificial grotto with a waterfall and lake. The grotto was heated and illuminated by electricity. Waves could be produced on the lake. State-of-the-art technology to make royal dreams come true!

Information: Tel. 0 88 22 - 92 03-0.

A tour service

to the Castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau

Füssen is an ideal starting point for visiting the world-famous royal castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, only four kilometres away. Both of these castles can only be viewed as part of regular tours conducted throughout the day and offered in German, English and other foreign languages. The admission tickets should be purchased or booked in advance through the Ticket Centre in the village of Hohenschwangau (see page 15).

Füssen Tourismus supplements the castle tours with a tour service for groups. Although our guide is not allowed to conduct tours inside the castles, (s)he can be of help in fetching the admission tickets, accompanying the group to Neuschwanstein and/or Hohenschwangau Castle and to the viewing points "Jugend" and "Marienbrücke" and providing additional background information on the castles, the Bavarian royal family and their fondness for the Königswinkel, or King's Nook. If requested, a detour to Ludwig II's favourite spot on the Alp Lake, the so-called "Pindarplatz", is possible.

The price per guide:

English, French, Italian, Spanish and Russian:

* Per hour €25.00
(including waiting times during the castle tours)

16% VAT has to be added to these prices

Booking and information

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King Ludwig II – a brief biography



The people living between Säuling and Auerberg and between Nesselwang and Trauchgau certainly have a special relation with their king. Even though they have long been influenced by a republican system of government, even though most of them carry out the duty of upright citizens by taking part in democratic elections, their loyalty and love for this king is perhaps unique throughout the world. Deep down in their hearts many of them have remained monarchists, but this allegiance to the monarch is focused on a special person. And that is the king who grew up in their Füssen countryside, who spent most of the years of his life here and who built the most regal of his castles here: Neuschwanstein. He is and will always remain their king. He has long been immortal. He was born in Nymphenburg Palace in Munich on 25th August 1845.

The Crown Prince by no means enjoyed a carefree childhood. He and his brother Otto, two years younger, were supposed to become accustomed to the burden of royal duties at an early age. They were not allowed to associate with other children, and any contact with their parents was reduced to a minimum. The princes' teachers were convinced that keeping their parents at a distance would promote their independence. The royal brothers spent much of their childhood away from the capital of Munich at Hohenschwangau Castle. Separated from their parents, brought up by down-to-earth civil servants who kept to the rules and who were mainly intent on making the Crown Princes familiar with the realities of the world, Ludwig lived here, however, in an environment remote from the great affairs of state. A fantastic natural landscape and a castle-like palace, filled with romantic murals depicting German fairy tales, sagas and the omnipresent swan images, were a formative influence on Ludwig, who was of an imaginative and sentimental disposition. Secretly the youthful Prince began to occupy himself at night with what interested him most: theatre, opera librettos and literature. On 2nd February 1861, the 15-year-old Prince was deeply moved by his first performance of an opera. Wagner's Lohengrin was to become for him a key experience. From now on he became one of Richard Wagner's most ardent admirers and his greatest patron.

Still very young – 18 years old – the Crown Prince ascended the Bavarian throne on 10th March 1864, after his father, King Maximilian II, had died unexpectedly only 53 years old. He could be sure of the support of his subjects: Ludwig, young and

attractive, was regarded as the most handsome king and the most popular one with the women of the day.

A very close and personal relationship grew up between the King and his cousin, Empress Elisabeth of Austria, called Sissi. They had much in common and were kindred spirits: Ludwig and Sissi liked to behave unconventionally, loved solitude, hated the constraints of the court, were both keen on education and very well read, especially as far as classical literature was concerned. Both were opposed to war and violence, had a very self-assured attitude towards the church and sought sincere friendship with those in whom they could find disinterested support. Neither of them was spared disappointments.

In the years that followed, the King, often described by his ministers as being out of touch with reality, withdrew more and more into the fantastic dream-worlds of his palaces in the wild solitude of the mountains. In only two decades on the throne, new and ever bolder plans emerged. Some – for example, Falkenstein Palace – never materialised. Others were turned into reality and are admired to this day by visitors from all over the world: the rococo Linderhof Palace, built in the French style, Herrenchiemsee Palace inspired by Versailles and, as a climax, the famous fairy-tale castle Neuschwanstein, modelled on the medieval Wartburg.

Loved by his people, but hated by his ministers, Ludwig II was declared insane in 1886 and deposed. Neuschwanstein would also be his last place of residence before he was taken to Berg Palace on the banks of Lake Starnberg. On 13th June 1886 he mysteriously died in the lake. To this day the circumstances surrounding his death give rise to diverse speculations. Was it an accident while Ludwig was trying to escape, was it suicide or even murder by his political opponents? The records of the secret house archives that could perhaps shed light on the mystery are still closed. Ludwig II experienced Neuschwanstein as a building site enclosed in scaffolding. He never saw it as it presents itself to the eye of the present-day visitor. The construction work was not completed until after his death.

The legend of the fairy-tale king lives on, for Bavaria and guests from all parts of the world.

Viewing the castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau

Tickets for both castles are only obtainable from the

Ticket Center
Alpseestraße 12
87645 Hohenschwangau

Sale of tickets for Neuschwanstein

- * 1st October to 31st March 9 am to 3 pm *
- * 1st April to 30th September 8 am to 5 pm *
- * Throughout the year from Monday to Sunday

Neuschwanstein opening hours

- * 1st October to 31st March 10 am to 4 pm
- * 1st April to 30th September 9 am to 6 pm
- Closed on 1st January; 24th, 25th and 31st December

Sale of tickets for Hohenschwangau

- * 1st October to 31st March 9 am to 3.30 pm *
- * 1st April to 30th September 8 am to 5.30 pm *
- * Throughout the year from Monday to Sunday

Hohenschwangau opening hours

- * 1st October to 31st March 10 am to 4 pm
- * 1st April to 30th September 9 am to 6 pm
- Closed on 24th December

Prices of admission per person

	Scale of charges I	Scale of charges II
* Neuschwanstein:	€9.00	€8.00
* Hohenschwangau:	€9.00	€8.00
* King's Ticket (valid for both castles)	€17.00	€15.00

- Scale I** Adults
- Scale II** Groups of at least 15 people, senior citizens of 65 or over, conscripts in the armed forces and those doing alternative service, school children, disabled persons and their necessary escort (pass must be shown).
- Free admission** Children and young people under 18 years of age accompanied by adults (does not apply to school classes at Hohenschwangau), tour guides and tour operators' drivers.

For groups advanced ticket reservation is absolutely recommended. The advance booking of guided tours at fixed times is possible.

Ticket Center
Telephone 0 83 62-93 08 30
Telefax 0 83 62-9 30 83 20
info@ticket-center-hohenschwangau.de
Tickets can also be booked online:
www.ticket-center-hohenschwangau.de

Reservation charges

Per person for the reservation of less than 15 tickets Hohenschwangau or Neuschwanstein	€1.60
King's Ticket	€3.20
Groups of 15 persons or more: per person Hohenschwangau or Neuschwanstein:	€0.80
King's Ticket	€1.60

The time it takes to walk from the Ticket Center to Neuschwanstein: about 40 minutes
to Hohenschwangau: about 20 minutes

The approach road to Neuschwanstein Castle is closed to general motor traffic.

In the village of Hohenschwangau horse-drawn carriages are available at Hotel Müller which take you to the castle inn located 300 metres/yards below Neuschwanstein Castle.

Fare uphill €5.00
Fare downhill €2.50

Information: Josef Müller, Colomanstraße 22, 87645 Hohenschwangau, Tel. 0 83 62 - 8 11 22, Fax 8 11 23

Buses ply between Hotel Lisl and the "Jugend" lookout point. From there it is a steep downhill walk of about 10 minutes (400 metres/yards) to Neuschwanstein Castle (not suitable for anyone who has difficulty walking and elderly people).

Fare uphill €1.80
Fare downhill €1.00
Combined ticket €2.60

From the "Jugend" lookout point it is a 2-minute walk to the Marien Bridge situated 90 metres (295 feet) above the Pöllat Gorge with a fine view of the castle and the 45 metre (147 foot) high waterfall.

A conducted tour through Neuschwanstein Castle or Hohenschwangau Castle lasts about 35 minutes. During the tour in Neuschwanstein Castle there are 170 steps both up and down. Taking photographs during the castle tour is strictly prohibited.

Prices as of August 2004. Subject to change.

Journeys of discovery:

Sightseeing trips through the Königswinkel

Discover one of Bavaria's most beautiful holiday regions. Seeing the idyllic landscape of the Königswinkel (King's Nook) between Alpine mountains, gently rounded hilltops created by moraines and the more than 15 lakes in the surroundings of Füssen is a great experience in any season of the year. No wonder that the Bavarian kings came here for their summer holidays back in the 19th century.

Füssen Tourismus provides expert guides for the following excursions through the King's Nook:



Short tour

Füssen, Lake Alatzsee in the Faulenbach Valley, lake Weissensee, direction of Pfronten (fine view of the Falkenstein Castle ruin), Eisenberg (past the ruins of Hohenfreyberg and Eisenberg), Hopferau, lake Hopfensee, Wiesbauer, Hopfen am See, lake Forggensee, Füssen.

Duration: about 2 hours

Price per Guide:

English, French, Italian, Spanish, and Russian:

€50.00

16% VAT has to be added to these prices

Long tour

Route as described for the short tour, but additionally the tour goes from Hopfen am See past the Festspielhaus Neuschwanstein and then around Lake Forggensee via Rosshaupten and Buching.

A short photo break at St Coloman Church (magnificent view of the royal castles and Mount Tegel (Tegelberg) and back to Füssen via Hohenschwangau.

Duration: about 3 hours

If you don't have a coach at your disposal, we can arrange contacts to local bus companies.

Price per Guide:

English, French, Italian, Spanish and Russian:

€70.00

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Guided tours

Allgäu Round Trip

Our tour guides, competent and with good background knowledge, accompany you on your journeys of discovery through the green foothills of the Allgäu Alps. We offer different variants for this round trip in your group's own coach:



Tour A:

Breitachklamm – Oberstdorf – Visit to an Alpine dairy

Füssen – Pfronten – Tannheim Valley – Oberjoch (road over the Joch Pass) – Bad Hindelang – Sonthofen – Breitachklamm (walk through the gorge accompanied by our guide) – Oberstdorf (walk through the town with our guide, followed by lunch) – Rettenberg am Grünen – Wertach (visit to a mountain farmers' dairy, with cheese tasting if desired) – Nesselwang – Pfronten – Zell – Eisenberg – Hopferau – Hopfen am See – Füssen.

Additional costs:

Admission to Breitachklamm: €2.50 per person.
Guided tour through the dairy with cheese tasting: €5.00 per person.
Without cheese tasting: all-inclusive charge for the whole group: €25.00.

Duration: 8 – 9 hours

Price per Guide:

English, French, Italian, Spanish and Russian:

€160.00

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Tour B:

Oberstdorf – Kleinwalsertal – Visit to an Alpine dairy

Füssen – Pfronten – Tannheim Valley – Oberjoch (Joch mountain pass) – Bad – Hindelang – Sonthofen – Oberstdorf (a walk through the town with our guide) – Kleinwalsertal (midday break in Mittelberg or Riezlern) – Rettenberg am Grünen – Wertach (a visit to a mountain farmers' dairy, if desired with cheese tasting) – Nesselwang – Pfronten – Zell – Eisenberg – Hopferau – Hopfen am See – Füssen.

Additional costs:

Guided tour through the dairy including cheese tasting: €5.00 per person.
Without cheese tasting: all-inclusive charge for the whole group: €25.00.

Duration: 8 – 9 hours

Price per Guide:

English, French, Italian, Spanish and Russian:

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Tour C:

The Mountain Farmers' Museum at Diepolz

The open-air museum, opened only a few years ago in the Bergstätten area above Immenstadt, takes the visitors on a journey in time: the Allgäu, before it was discovered by tourists, was considered to be one of the poorest regions in southern Germany. The world of the mountain farmers in the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century comes alive again in several restored farms, in the large outdoor area and in an Alpine hut moved from the Oberstdorf mountains into the museum. **Please note: In winter from October to April, Duration: 8 – 9 hours and the coach tour is therefore only possible on certain days.**

Route: Füssen – Pfronten – Nesselwang – Wertach (visit to a mountain farmers' dairy) – Rettenberg am Grünen – Immenstadt – Diepolz (to a tour with our guide through the museum and outdoor area, a 15-minute ascent to the Höfle-Alpe, a meal in the Alpine hut with a magnificent panoramic view of the entire range of the Alps between Ammergau and the Swiss peaks) – Sonthofen – Bad Hindelang – Joch Pass to Oberjoch – Tannheim Valley – a visit to the church in Tannheim – Grän – Pfronten – Füssen (or if preferred also Grän – Gaicht Pass – Reutte – Füssen).

Additional costs:

A guided tour through the mountain farmers' dairy: €25.00 for the whole group.

Entrance fee of the Alpine Farmers' Museum: for groups of 15 persons or more the reduced admission price of €2.50 per person applies. Lunch at the Höfle Alpe: according to what you eat.

Price per Guide:

English, French, Italian, Spanish and Russian:

€160.00

16% VAT has to be added to these prices

Duration: 8 – 9 hours

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Guided tours

Allgäu Round Trip



Tour D:

Alpine farmers' dairy with cheese tasting

Füssen – Hopfen am See – below the Eisenberg Castle ruins and along Hohenfreyberg – Pfronten – Nesselwang – Wertach (visit to the Alpine farmers' dairy with cheese tasting or a meal of cheese noodles) – Unterjoch – Tannheim Valley – Grän – Pfronten – Füssen (if preferred also Grän – Gaicht Pass – Reutte – Füssen).

Additional costs:

- 1) Guided tour through the dairy with cheese tasting: €5.00 per person.
- 2) Guided tour through the dairy without cheese tasting: €25.00 (charge for the whole group).
- 3) plus cheese noodles (Kässpätzle) tasting: €6.50 per person (on request).

Duration: 3 – 4 hours

Price per Guide:

English, French, Italian, Spanish and Russian:

€70.00

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Excursion:

Wies Church – Oberammergau – Ettal – Linderhof Palace



Oberammergau: (about 50 km, 30 miles)
This holiday resort is well known for its Passion Play, though the paintings on the walls of the houses, so-called "Lüftmalereien", and the artistic woodcarvings are themselves well worth a visit.



Wies Church (about 30 km, 19 miles):
This rococo church (1746-1754) is the major work of the brothers Dominikus and Johann Baptist Zimmermann and a UNESCO World Heritage site. And rightly so: seldom have cheerfulness and holiness been combined more beautifully than in this light-flooded interior, which can also be enjoyed during the many concerts held here.



Plansee (Austria) (about 20 km, 12 miles):

This mountain lake, 76 metres (250 feet) deep, is so beautifully situated that Ludwig II wanted to build a palace here as well.



Ettal (about 55 km, 34 miles):
It is the idyllic location of this Benedictine monastery, built by Emperor Ludwig the Bavarian in 1330, that first of all appeals to us. After a walk through the wonderful basilica try the beer from the monastery brewery!



Linderhof Palace (about 45 km, 29 miles):
Small is beautiful. This palace built by Ludwig is for many the best of all. Particularly impressive are the Hall of Mirrors, the Palace Park with its Moorish Kiosk, the Peacock Throne and the artificial grotto with a wave-machine where Ludwig II had himself rowed along in his shell-shaped boat.



Guide Service:

Wies Church - Oberammergau - Ettal - Linderhof Palace

Combine your stay in Füssen with a detour to the places of interest in neighbouring Ammergau.

Füssen Tourismus offers groups with their own coach and an expert guide service for a varied roundtrip by coach. The full-day tour begins and ends in Füssen, departing in the early morning and returning in the late afternoon.

The tour covers the following:

- **the Wies Church**, the rococo gem in the Pfaffenwinkel (a brief conducted tour with the courier);
- **the baroque pilgrimage church of the Ettal Benedictine Monastery** (a brief conducted tour with the courier);
- **Linderhof**, one of King Ludwig II's fairy-tale palaces, a refuge picturesquely situated in the unspoilt landscape of the Ammergau Alps. Not only the little palace in rococo style but also the surrounding gardens and park are well worth seeing. (Participation in a regular palace tour is necessary)

In **Oberammergau** there is an opportunity to take a guided stroll through this woodcarvers' village with its long tradition or to visit the Passion Play Theatre (a short tour conducted by the courier). A midday stop in either Oberammergau or Ettal. The route from Linderhof continues along the idyllic lake of Plansee back to Füssen via Reutte in the Tyrol.

(For pictures of this tour see page 19)

Duration: 8 - 9 hours

Price per Guide:

English, French, Italian,
Spanish and Russian:

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Shopping:

Fair and with flair



Hustle and bustle, quiet lanes: Füssen's medieval town centre is an invitation to take a look around the shops. The spectrum of goods ranges from international to regional, and also as far as the food is concerned everything is on offer, from stuffed cabbage leaves to chop suey. This diversity gives Füssen a very special flair. And everyone is so friendly. Whether in the pavement cafés, in the Reichenstrasse, in the lovingly decorated covered market or in the small shop on the corner. Everywhere a smile is thrown in for free.

In the shops you can browse without any obligation to buy, and in the restaurants great importance is attached to service. No matter whether you are being pampered at a candle-light dinner, in a traditional inn or on the terrace of one of the lake restaurants.

"1, 2 - parking hours free!": The town and the local traders' association pay

for three hours of free parking for you as a guest:

- on the marked APCOA parking spaces P 3 (Morisse car park) and P 5 (multi-storey car park in the Savings Bank building)

- if you purchase goods for at least €15.00 in one of the shops that is a member of the traders' association. These shops can be recognised by a sticker at the entrance door: "1, 2 - Parkstunden frei!" (1, 2 - parking hours free).

Please get your parking ticket punched in the shops.

TIP: Many festivals, fairs and markets regularly enliven Füssen's medieval town centre. Especially worth seeing: the Füssen Schindaufest (middle of August), the Christmas Market (beginning middle of December) and the Kaiserfest (July / August).

The hiking experience

Füssen Tourismus can arrange experienced hiking guides for exciting hikes which are also suitable for groups:

- **Half-day hikes** with a leisurely rest in an original Alpine chalet in the surroundings.
- **Shorter hikes** which include a visit to an Allgäu dairy or a local brewery (with beer tasting)
- **Evening and torchlight hikes**, for example, through the idyllic Faulenbach Valley or around the lakes of Weissensee or Hopfensee (with a stop at a pub if desired)
- **Half- or one-day flower hikes** to the most beautiful areas for Alpine flowers in the Ammergau, Tannheim, Lech Valley and Allgäu Alps (June to September)
- **Half-day botanical hikes** in the Schorenmoos (marshland) south of Hopfensee (May to October)
- **Half-day hikes** to the Allgäu's greatest castle ruins, Hohenschwangau and Eisenberg, with a visit to the Castle Museum in Zell.

In some cases the hikes can be combined with an ascent by cable car.

The costs of the hiking guides depend on the duration and route of the hike. Please contact Füssen Tourismus as early as possible and also let us advise you on the necessary gear.



Hiking in King Ludwig's tracks

A hike which takes you through the Königswinkel (King's Nook), where Ludwig II spent a large part of his childhood and youth. The route takes in the area of the towns of Füssen and Hohenschwangau and touches on all those places that had special significance for the Bavarian royal family:

Füssen - Theresienbrücke - Maxsteg am Lechfall - Alpenrosenweg (in winter: Königsstrasse) - Pindarplatz at the Alpsee - Hohenschwangau - Marienbrücke, a bridge above Neuschwanstein Castle (or the ruin of the medieval Frauenstein Castle as a good vantage point for viewing both of the royal castles) - return to Füssen via the Swan Lake Park (Schwanseepark) and the Königsstrasse, or King's Road (or return by regular bus is also possible).

Duration: about 3 to 4 hours (the time for stopping for a drink or food or for going into the castles has to be added).

This hike can be combined with a visit to Hohenschwangau Castle and Neuschwanstein Castle or with a detour to "Bleckenu", the royal hunting lodge (today a mountain restaurant), turning it into a whole day's programme. Because the mountain huts are well booked up throughout the year we recommend you to arrange the dates as early as possible with Füssen Tourismus to avoid disappointment.

The price per hiking guide:

* English per hour: €25.00

16% VAT has to be added to this price



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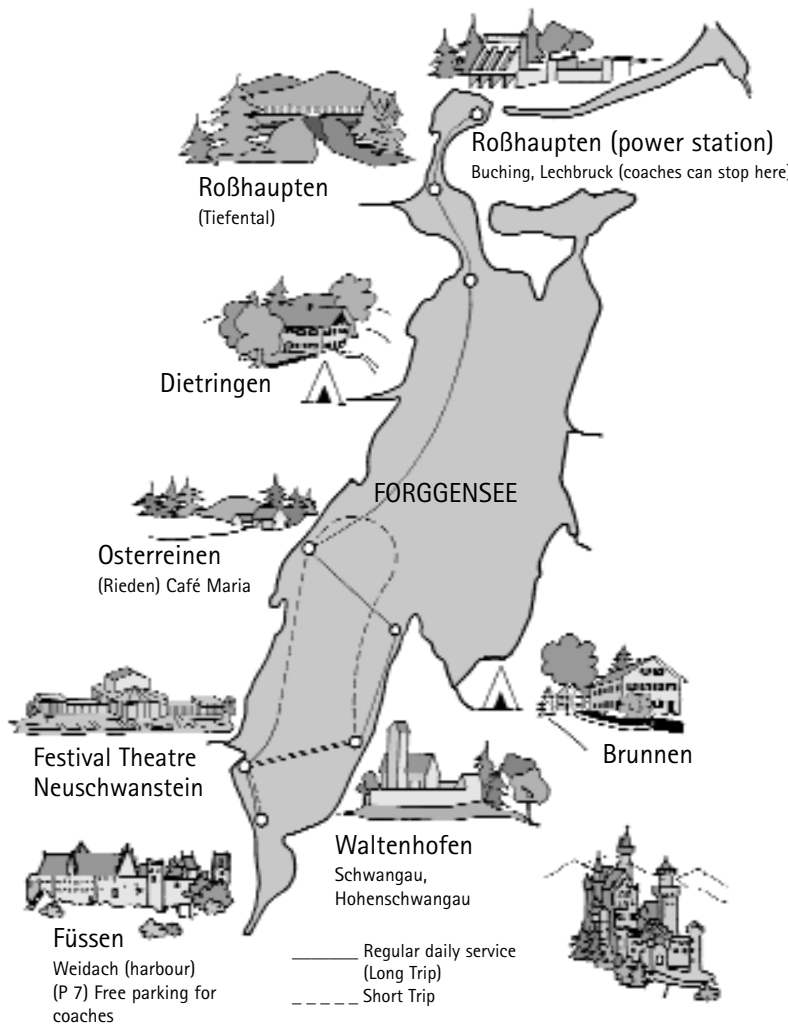
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Holiday on the water: Shipping on Lake Forggensee

Lake Forggensee, at the foot of Neuschwanstein Castle, is today one of the finest areas for aquatic sports and leisure-time activities in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. What nobody can see when the water is at its highest level is that the fifth largest Bavarian lake is a creation from post-war times. Where a melt-water lake once broke through at Rosshaupten after the Ice Age and emptied the Füssen Basin, a huge dam was built from 1950 to 1954, and the free course of the River Lech was again closed off. The damming up of the Lech at this point fulfils two functions: first, the Forggensee serves as a head reservoir for the hydroelectric works located down stream on the River Lech at the steps of the dam. And secondly, the lake is important for regulating flooding, especially in the spring when the Lech carries large quantities of water after the snow begins to melt. Filled with this meltwater, each year the Forggensee reaches its highest level on 15th June.

Experience the King's Nook (Königswinkel) from the water for a change: during the summer season from 1st June to mid-October passenger ships of the Municipal Forggensee Shipping ply across the lake. The further away you move on the lake from the southern banks, the more magnificent the panoramic view of the mountain world of the Ammergau, Lechtal and Tannheim Alps, of the royal castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau and the townscape of Füssen becomes. The MS Allgäu and the MS Füssen go on two round trips of different lengths several times a day, starting from the harbour (see timetable on page 23). Both ships offer on-board catering – but it is possible to leave the ship, take midday or coffee breaks at every stopping point. You can also combine one stage of a hike or a cycle tour (signposted Forggensee cycle tour round the lake) using the round trip by boat. Special trips for groups: outside the regular scheduled times, after 6 pm, the passenger ships are available for special outings such as works and school excursions, company parties, weddings and family celebrations with catering. For these trips special all-inclusive prices are charged, depending on the duration of the trip. The following capacities are available:



MS "Allgäu": in the saloon seating for 110; on deck seating for 110; buffet catering for up to 80 guests.

MS "Füssen": in the upper saloon seating for 120 (can also be booked separately for a scheduled trip); in the lower saloon seating for 130 and on deck for 150; buffet catering for up to 200 guests.

Please book your group well in advance with the Forggenseeschiffahrt (Forggensee Shipping Company), even if you are planning a trip during the regular scheduled times.

We should be pleased to advise you.

Booking and information

Städtische Forggenseeschiffahrt

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Fax 0 83 62-92 13 64
Mobile 01 77-7 92 13 63 or 01 78-2 47 88 62
schiffahrt@fuessen.de

Timetable Beginning of June to mid-October

Long Trip

Regular daily service from 10 am to 5 pm
(duration 2 hours)

Departure	Departure	Departure	
10.00	12.30	15.00	Füssen (Harbour)
10.05	12.35	15.05	Festival Theatre
10.15	12.45	15.15	Waltenhofen (Schwangau)
10.20	12.50	15.20	Brunnen
10.30	13.00	15.30	Osterreinen (Rieden)
10.45	13.15	15.45	Dietringen
10.55	13.25	15.55	Roßhaupten (Tiefenthal)
11.00	13.30	16.00	Roßhaupten (Power Station)
Returning to Füssen			
11.15	13.45	16.15	Dietringen
11.30	14.00	16.30	Osterreinen (Rieden)
11.40	14.10	16.40	Brunnen
11.45	14.15	16.45	Waltenhofen (Schwangau)
11.55	14.25	16.55	Festival Theatre
12.00	14.30	17.00	Füssen (Harbour)
Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	

Short Trip

Daily from 10.30 am to 12.25 pm and from 1.15 to 5.25 pm
Duration about 50 minutes from Füssen
Ships dock at the Neuschwanstein Festival Theatre, Osterreinen and Waltenhofen, if there are enough passengers (at least 10 adults) from Füssen.

Dep.	Dep.	Dep.	Dep.	Dep.	Dep.	
10.30	11.30	13.15	14.20	15.30	16.30	Füssen
10.35	11.35	13.20	14.25	15.35	16.35	Festival Theatre
10.50	11.50	13.35	14.40	15.50	16.50	Osterreinen
11.10	12.10	13.55	15.00	16.10	17.10	Waltenhofen
-----	12.20	14.05	-----	-----	17.20	Festival Theatre
11.20	12.25	14.10	15.10	16.20	17.25	Füssen
Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	



Cancellation of a trip
During fog or heavy storms trips may be cancelled.

Long trip

* Adults	€8.00
* Children (4 - 14)	€4.00
* Groups (at least 20 passengers)	€7.00

Tickets can be purchased on board ship

Prices as of August 2004. Subject to change.

Fares

per person including VAT

Short trip

* Adults	€5.50
* Children (4 - 14)	€3.00
* Groups (at least 20 passengers)	€4.50

Group trips:

For groups of 20 passengers or more the above-mentioned price reductions apply if one person pays for the whole group.



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the suites shows comfort at its best. Your room has minibar, radio, TV, direct telephone, internet access, heated floor... A dream!

Emotion near the musical hall: Starting the day with champagne breakfast buffet – going on with lunch in the Mediterranean Wintergarden with fireplace – having gorgeous cakes from the pastry shop – enjoy the dinner with live music in the restaurant where you are near to the Bavarian sky.

Inspiration at your Kurcafe: Sweet dreams become reality at the pastry shop of the Kurcafe. The Schoell Family has produced truffles, gateaus, cakes, chocolates since generations. Come, see and stay where you are very near to the Bavarian Heaven!

Beautiful views

• Tegelberg Cable Car

Your mountain experience in a royal landscape: only 10 – 20 minutes by car from Füssen.



• The Tegelberg Cable Car

in Schwangau: in this large cabin cable car you soar to an altitude of 5640 feet (1.720 metres) in 8 to 10 minutes and enjoy the breathtaking panoramic view extending far into the foothills of the Alps. The panorama restaurant in the top terminal with its large sunny terrace offers a view to the south of the Ammergau and Lechtal (Lech Valley) peaks. Or you can watch the paragliders and hang gliders jumping off the starting ramp right beside the top terminal. Experienced mountain hikers can combine the ride by cable car with the ascent or descent along the cultural Schutzensengel path or the nature path Ahornreitweg (Maple Bridle Path), which the Bavarian royal family used in the 19th century. A detour to the Branderschrofen, the 6160 foot (1.880 metre) high peak of the Tegel Mountain massif, is also possible. At the Tegelberg cable car base terminal the family adventure world awaits you with a summer tobogganing run, dodgems, a trampoline area and a large children's playground.

Operating hours: Summer (daily) 8.30 am – 5/5.30 pm
Winter (daily) 9 am – 4.30 pm
Reduced group fares (for 15 persons or more):
price per person: €14.00

• Breitenberg Cable Car



• The Breitenberg Cable Car

in Pfronten carries you up into the vast Alpine meadow region of the Pfronten high Alps: just one big sunny terrace at the foot of the distinctive Aggenstein massif. The Breitenberg mountain with its Alpine huts, or hostels, providing fine views, is recommended as a hiking area. From the base terminal of the four-seat cabin cable car at an altitude of 4900 feet (1.500 metres) the Alpine house Allgäu and the Hochalplhütte (High Alpine Hut) can be reached in a few minutes on foot, and the Bad Kissingen Chalet and the Ostler Hut in about 1.5 hours. By changing into the Hochalp chair lift (not in operation in summer 2004 because of construction work; a new four-seat cable car is opening in the winter season 2004/2005) you can reduce the walking time by one hour in each case. Experienced mountain hikers can reach the 6500 foot (1.987 metre) high Aggenstein peak in 2.5 hours. The Ostler Forest Path into the Enge Valley and the newly built 3.5 mile (6 km) long high Alpine Forest Path down from the top terminal to Pfronten guarantee mountain bikers a fast and enjoyable ride.

Operating hours: Summer (daily) 8.30 am – 5/5.30 pm
Winter (daily) 9 am – 4.30 pm
Reduced group fares (for 15 persons or more):
price per person: €14.00

• Buchenberg Double-Chair Lift



• The Buchenberg Double-Chair Lift

starts in Buching and ascends the Buchenbergalpe, at an altitude of 3740 feet (1.140 metres), with its large sun terrace and a 360-degree panoramic view: you feel you can almost touch the Ammergau peaks, and on the other side you can see the lush green Allgäu meadows. Hiking paths of between one and 3.5 hours connect the Buchenbergalpe with Buching, the Drehhütte or the Tegelberg. The Buchenbergalpe is also a good place to celebrate chalet parties: it can be reached without exertion by chair lift (special rides in the evening for groups possible on inquiry); drop in for a hearty meal and afterwards hike down with flaming torches to the base terminal via the Alpe Ebene.

Operating hours: Summer (daily) 9 am – 5.30 pm
Winter (daily) 9 am – 4.30 pm
Reduced group fares (for 15 persons or more):
price per person: €7.00

Booking and information

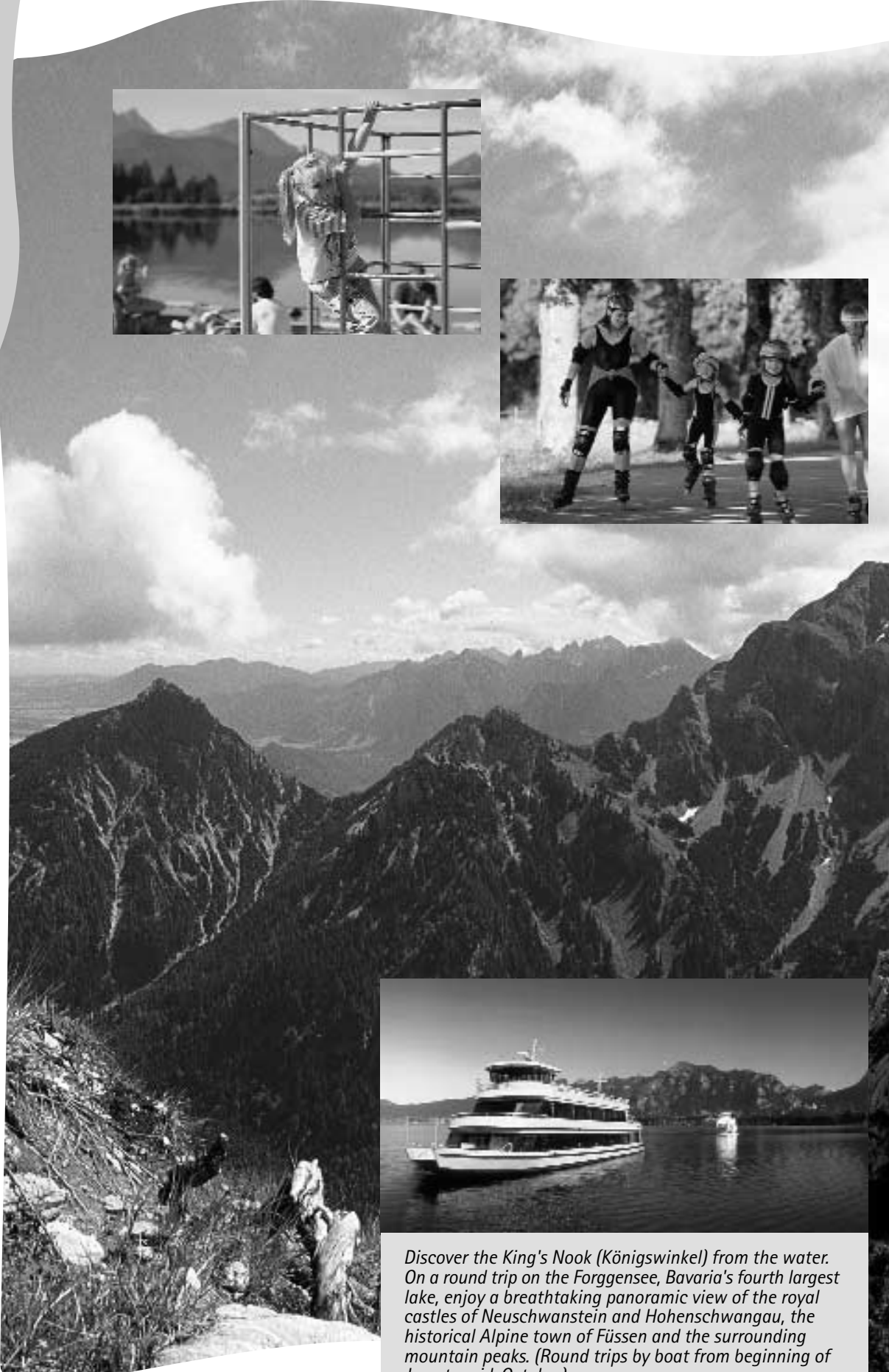
Group bookings for all three cable cars:
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Sports and Activities



Cycling along a Roman road, aquatic sports on seven different lakes and hiking in the Ammer mountains, one of Germany's largest conservation areas. In Füssen highlights are guaranteed.



Discover the King's Nook (Königswinkel) from the water. On a round trip on the Forggensee, Bavaria's fourth largest lake, enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the royal castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, the historical Alpine town of Füssen and the surrounding mountain peaks. (Round trips by boat from beginning of June to mid-October)



Ascending Tegelberg, about 5577 feet (1.700 m), by cable-car

- gliding over the Alps • fishing • swimming • ballooning • mountain hiking • archery • boating
- curling • hang gliding • ice hockey • ice skating • fitness • garden chess • paragliding • jogging
- bowling • riding in a horse-drawn carriage • miniature golf • motorboat trips • cycling • horse back riding • shooting • sailing • squash • walking • tennis • table tennis • hiking • windsurfing

Tegelberg

Tegelberg is a mountain for everyone. 5640 feet (1.720 m) - see page 24 - above sealevel you can take in the breathtaking view across the Allgäuer and Tyrolian mountain ranges, the numerous lakes, watch the daring hang- and paragliders and not to be forgotten - enjoy the country which King Ludwig II made his home. Already his father - King Max II- chose the site above the Alpsee for his castle Hohenschwangau and the son - enchanted by the beauty of the mountains - chose the rock above the Pöllat river for his castle Neuschwanstein.

Already 10,000 years ago our ancestors settled around the lakes at the foot of Tegelberg to hunt and collect the fruits of nature. The Romans were another prominent tribe to build their homes and farms at the Tegelberg site. The Roman bathhouse and the Roman farm right at the entrance to the Tegelberg cable car station bear witness to their prosperity. The richness in culture and tradition is one of the greatest assets in the so-called "Schwanengau".

Go for a hike on the nature trail "Ahornreitweg" or the culture trail "Schutzengelweg"!

In winter we have numerous sport activities. Beginners and experts will find their ideal slope for skiing and snowboarding. 4 ski tows and the cable car take you up for a ride on well prepared slopes and the 2.5 miles (4 km) long downhill run from the top of Tegelberg.

Do you prefer cross-country-skiing? No problem - there are over 18.5 miles (30 km) of cross-countryroutes from simple to difficult.

Also available are guided snow-shoehikes - just ask at the local tourist information or our cashiers.

Hiking opportunities

The King's Nook - a paradise for hikers

From a simple walk to a climbing tour - everything is possible. In Füssen alone there are 125 miles (200 km) of hiking paths offering forays into the attractive countryside. Some routes are:

- From the centre of Füssen through the Faulenbach Valley to the picturesque lake Alatssee and then on to Saloberalpe (4 miles, 6 km).
- From the centre of Füssen along the River Lech to lake Forggensee and on to the Neuschwanstein Festival Theatre (1 mile, 2 km).
- Round lake Hopfensee (also as a power walking route) with a fantastic view of the mountain panorama (4 miles, 6 km).
- Round lake Weissensee (4 miles, 7 km).
- From the Lechfell across the Königsstrasse (King's Road) and along lake Schwansee to the royal castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau (2 miles, 3 km).



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Perfect place to start shopping and sightseeing and to reach the musical hall. Welcome!

Treff Hotel Luitpoldpark ★★★★★

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The ****Treff Hotel Luitpoldpark is right beside the Town Park. All 131 luxury rooms and suites, beautifully appointed with WC, marble bathroom, makeup mirror, hair dryer, satellite TV, radio, telephone, safe and minibar. Five conference rooms (15-130 persons / 40-130 square metres) with the latest conference technology are available for conferences and seminars; for celebrations two banquet rooms offer seating for up to 130 guests each.

Vital-Hotel Sommer ★★★★★

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Welcome to Hotel Sommer. Magnificently located on lake Forggensee, providing a wonderful view of the royal castles. The natural landscape of the Allgäu mountains and good air. A town with a Roman past and a cultural present. Living in Alpine luxury. Breakfast in the winter garden, the pavilion or on the terrace. Gourmet meals and tea time in the lobby. Guests meet in the hotel bar in the evening. Golf courses close by. The new VITAL ISLAND right beside the lake – a superlative wellness temple with a bathing landscape, a seawater outside bathing pool, sauna world, beauty, fitness, mud packs, baths, massages and a private spa suite.



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Our hotel has been family owned since 1908, that's tradition in Allgäu. A hearty welcome for our guests, sitting together with friends and taking pleasure in one another's company. The enjoyment of good food and wine. Our guests feel so at home because these traditions have been upheld at Ruchti's for decades. That's Allgäu hospitality. All rooms have a shower/WC, tel., TV and safe. Most rooms have

balconies and offer a marvellous view of the Allgäu Alps, incl. Füssen's local mountains, the Säuling. After an eventful day what could be more relaxing than our Finnish sauna. Our chef uses fresh produce from local suppliers to prepare delicious meals. A popular choice on the menu are our well renowned "Schnitzels". The Alatsee or Mathilde dining rooms provide the appropriate surroundings for cosy dining or special celebrations. Whether mountains or valley, on foot or by bike, Bad Faulenbach's nature reserve, which begins in front of our hotel, is just waiting to be explored. The middle and upper lakes and lake Alatsee invite you to take a swim. Bad Faulenbach is a paradise for walkers. There is such a lot to discover! the "Hohes Schloss" from Füssen, the Lech waterfall, Füssen's romantic old town centre, the St Mang Church, the castles "Neuschwanstein" and "Hohenschwangau", the castle ruins of Freyberg-Eisenberg and Falkenstein and the Wies Church.

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The hotel is situated right beside Lake Hopfen with a magnificent view of the Allgäu Alps. Three restaurants, lunch, coffee and cake, snacks and evening meals with seating for 180 people. Package rates for overnight stays of 2 or more nights. Two lake terraces, sauna, lift, coach parking space. Rooms, suites, apartments to satisfy every taste. All rooms have friendly appointments with cable TV, telephone and balcony, sauna, solarium, bathing and massage department at the hotel.

Hotel Hirsch

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100 years of tradition and hospitality

Traditional bavarian hotel, directly in the town centre of Füssen. 53 individually furnished rooms offer modern comfort and the typical way of Bavarian living. With love to detail are the theme rooms (N/S). Their subjects are dedicated to the scenery or the history of Füssen, e.g. King Ludwig, Sisi, River Lech, Mountain Säuling... In the cosy restaurants, we serve tasty regional specialities, using local products. From the roof terrace you can enjoy the fabulous view overlooking the historic town and the breathtaking mountain view.

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Centrally situated by the pedestrian zone • Easy to reach – parking at the hotel • Starting point to King Ludwig II's castles • Bus transfer to the musical and Neuschwanstein Festival Theatre • Via Claudia, the Romantic Road • Culture right outside the hotel: the High Castle, St Mang's Monastery, the historical town centre • All rooms with bath/WC en suite – lift • Lavish breakfast/half board • Special group rates • All tickets to castles & museums

Events that take place at Füssen every year

July to September	The concert cycle: "Fürstensaalkonzerte" (Prince's Hall Concerts) in the baroque hall of the former Monastery of St Mang: chamber music and jazz evenings with renowned international ensembles
Mid-July	King-Ludwig-Marathon
Beginning of August	Schindaufest on the Schrankenplatz in Füssen's historical town centre
July / August	Kaiserfest (The Emperor's Festival): three-day medieval open-air festival
25. August	The birthday of King Ludwig II: events at the Festspielhaus Neuschwanstein (theatre), in Füssen and surrounding villages
From mid of december	Christmas Market at Füssen (accompanied by a varied supporting programme).



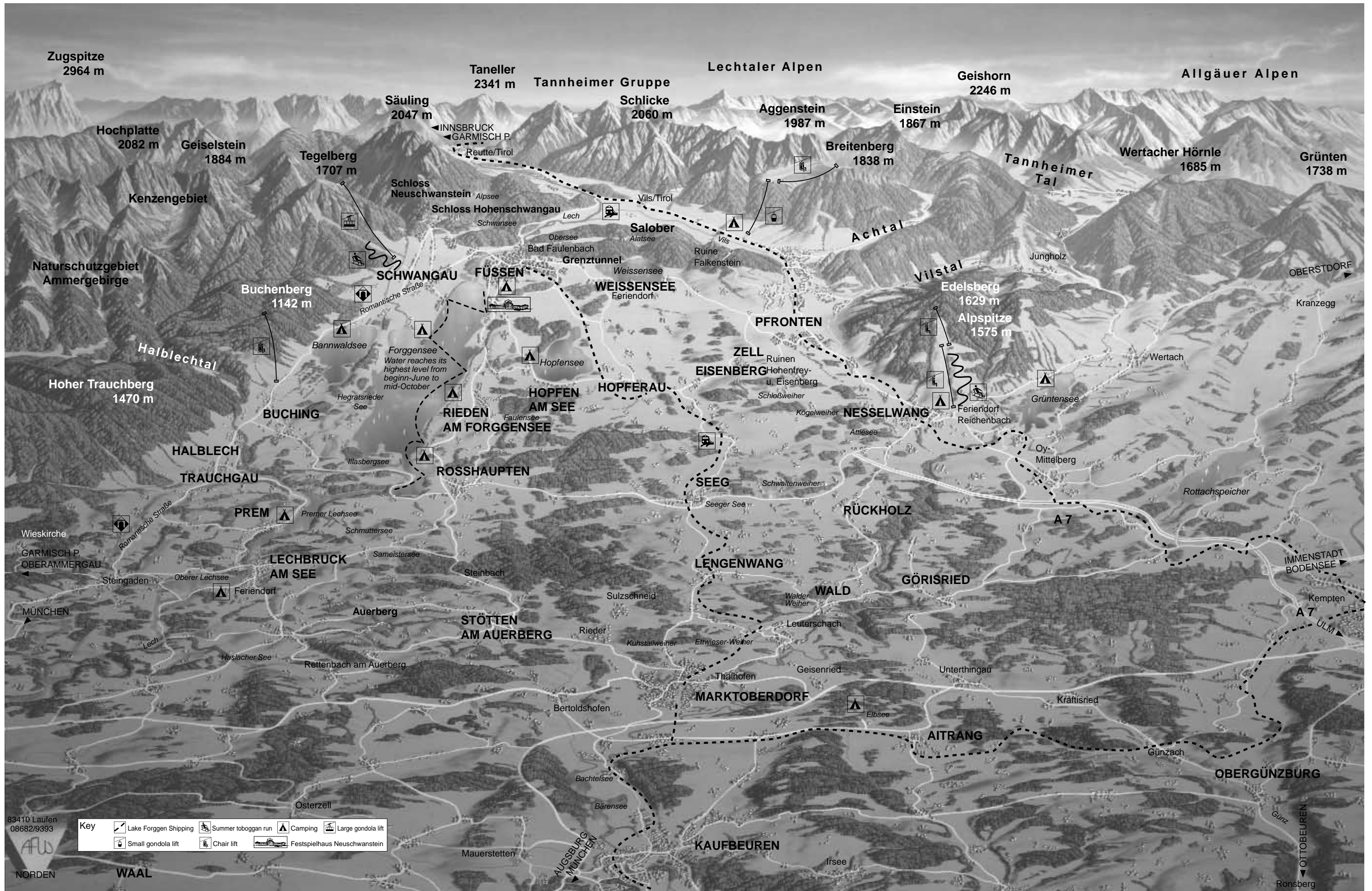
Füssen Promotional material

You can order the following brochures free of charge:

- Image brochure English / Italian / Japanese / Chinese / French / Spanish / Portugese
- Sales Guide English / Italian / Japanese / Chinese
- Town map with short Information English / French / Italian / Japanese
- Image brochure "Romantic Road" English / French / Italian / Japanese

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Our parking guide: Parking in Füssen



Coach parking

Coach parks are to be found:

- P3** Moriseparkplatz (10 places, charge for parking)
 - P6** Kurhaus Füssen (5 places)
 - P2** Bundesleistungszentrum Eishockey (2 places)
 - P1** Festplatz (40 places)
 - P7** Bootshafen/Forggensee (6 places)
 - P8** Festspielhaus Neuschwanstein (20 places, charge for parking)
- Hopfen am See, Haus Hopfensee (4 places)
Weißensee, Freibad (2 places)

P1 Fairground

P2 Ice Sport Centre Arena

*	Multistorey car park Luitpoldpark	
	Multistorey car park City/Sparkassenhaus	
	Multistorey car park Schwedenweg (Kurhaus)	
	Harbour	
	Festspielhaus Neuschwanstein	
	Morisse	

If you follow these signs you will soon find all the important car parks

* Private operator

