

Places of interest

The City of Augsburg:

Brief **history**: founded in 15 B.C by the Romans at the confluence of the rivers Lech and Wertach, Augsburg is one of Germany's three oldest cities along with Trier and Kempten. Particularly during the Renaissance, Rococo and industrial eras, Augsburg played a leading role Europe-wide. Famous sons of the city include the business magnate Jakob Fugger, who founded the "Fuggerei" in 1516, the composer Leopold Mozart (father of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart) and the writer Bertold Brecht.

A guided **citytour** starts every Saturday and Sunday, 2.00 p.m., in front of the tourist office, Rathausplatz; 5,- €ticket for students with identity card (the guide speaks English and German)

You will see the most important points of interest:

The "**Fuggerei**" (it is a "town within a town" and is famous as the world's first social settlement for hardworking, honest but impoverished citizens who were Catholic).

Town Hall and "**Goldener Saal**" (was built between 1615 and 1620, most important secular structure north of the Alps.)

The Cathedral: Romanesque and Gothic Cathedral St.Mary.

Mozart House: House where Leopold Mozart was born; a patrician house from the 16th and 17th century.

Fugger City Palace and Fugger Monument City Hall.

It is a 1 hour 15 minutes ride by "Regional train". Using the "Bayern Ticket", up to 5 persons can go for 28.- €

Further information: <http://www.augsburg.de/index.php?id=12307>

The City of Biberach:

It is also a very nice, old city, which was first mentioned in documents 1083.

During the guided **citytour** you will see a lot of picturesque, old houses with framework and **two City Halls**, the "**White Tower**", **Spitalkirche** and the **marketplace**.

A guided city tour starts every Saturday and Wednesday, 2.00 p.m., from the Spitalhof (the inner court of the Museum). In December: 12th, 26th, 30th.

2.- €ticket for students.

It is a 20 minute ride by "Regional train", using the "Baden Württemberg Ticket".

Not far from Biberach (13 minutes by train) is the nice old city of **Bad Schussenried**.

Points of interest are the **Monastery** (founded in 1183) and the "**Bierkrug Museum**" (Beer Mug Museum, opening hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.; 3,50 €ticket for students).

In the monastery you can visit a very interesting "**Crib Exhibition**". You can see cribs from all over the world. The cribs show Nativity Scenes of Jesus Christ.

Opening hours: Tuesday – Friday 1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, Public Holiday 12.00 – 6.00 p.m. 2.30 €ticket for students.

Further information about Biberach: <http://www.biberach-riss.de>

Further information about the Crib Exhibition:
<http://www.krippen-im-neuen-kloster.de/index2.php>

The City of Ravensburg

Brief history: under the citadel “Ravensburg” – once the main place of the Guelfes – in the 12th century grew a settlement which soon reached the marketpermission and 1278 was titled with Free Imperial City. It developed in the 14th century to one of the leading trade-towns of upper Germany and had its flowering time in the 14th and 15th century, especially with the trade of linon, material and paper. This was the time where the mayor part of the impressing buildings were built and the city got the name “**the city of towers and gates**”.

A **guided city tour** starts every Saturday 11.00 a.m. from the Tourist Information Office, Kirchstraße 16. 5.00 €ticket for students.

It is a 1 hour ride by “Regional Train”, using the “Baden Württemberg Ticket”.

Further information: <http://www.ravensburg.de/rv/english/index.php?lg=en>