



 **Tourismus**
Ravensburg



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Ravensburg 2015





Welcome to Ravensburg

The former free imperial city of Ravensburg with 50,000 inhabitants at the heart of the countryside between the Allgaeu and Lake Constance is the region's economic hub. The former thriving trading centre is today Upper Swabia's main shopping town. The main square Marienplatz is the ideal starting point from which to explore. Take a leisurely stroll through the town's pedestrian areas, or combine a browse through the shops with a tour of the historic old town – either by yourself or on a guided tour.

Guided tours

Discover Ravensburg on various guided tours: In addition to our guided tour of historical Ravensburg, "Ravensburger Stadtgeschichte", you can enjoy an entertaining spectacle with "Die Türmerin" (the tower warder), or "Kulinarischen StadtGänge", a culinary tour of town. A special tour of the town's towers is offered for children: "Geheimnisvolle Türme".



Ravensburger Stadtgeschichte

Saturday all year round 11 am
 July to October and local school holidays:
 Monday and Wednesday 2 pm
 August: Monday – Friday 2 pm,
 Sunday 11 am

Stadt-Schau-Spiel "Die Türmerin"

Saturday 3 pm, Sunday 11 am:
 4/18 April
 9/10/23/24 May
 13/14 June
 11/12 July
 7/14/21/28 August (Friday 3 + 5 pm)
 19/20 September
 10/11 October
 4 Sundays before Christmas 3 pm
 29 November, 6/13/27 December

Kulinarische StadtGänge

Wednesday 6 pm:
 21 January, 11 February, 18 March,
 8 April, 6 May, 10 June, 8 July,
 5 August, 16 September, 14 October,
 4 November, 25 November

Children's guided tour "Geheimnisvolle Türme"

Friday 11 am:
 10 April, 15 May, 12 June, 17 July,
 7 August, 4 September, 2 October,
 30 October

Guided tours for groups

Guided tours for groups in different languages can be booked at the tourist information office.



Towers

Ravensburg's numerous towers can be seen from a great distance. The old trading centre boasts over a dozen of these edifices that give the town its nickname of "The city of Towers and Gates". Ravensburg's trademark is the radiant white "Mehlsack" or "Flour Bag". The Blaserturm in the historic centre offers views over the town. In good weather, they reach as far as Lake Constance.

Climbing Blaserturm (cover picture):

4 April to 4 October
from 11 am to 4 pm every day

Opening times subject to change due to weather conditions.

Self-guided tours

We recommend the book "Historic guided tours" with nine tours that give an insight into Ravensburg's history. Available from the tourist information office (in German only).



Tickets for guided tours

Tickets can be bought in advance from the tourist information office or at www.reservix.de. Reservations possible.



For further information on climbing the towers and guided tours, see www.ravensburg.de or the tourist information office in Ravensburg.



◀ Weingarten
Basilica

B 32 Wangen ▶
A 96 Lindau
Munich
Bregenz (A)

◀ Reutlingen
Ulm (B 32 neu)

B30 Lake Constance ▶
Friedrichshafen

Theme park
„Ravensburger Spielaland“
Weissenau convent church
P+R Weissenau ▶

B33 Meersburg
Weststadt
P+R

B30 Lake Constance
Friedrichshafen ▶

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Playground

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Initiative Ravensburg

Historic tour of the town

(approx. 1 hour)

1 Waaghaus (panel 1)

Built in 1496/97 as the town's trading house. The first floor with its late Gothic interior was used as a drapers' hall and ballroom.

2 Blaserturm (cover photo)

Fire, clock and look-out tower in the centre of town. A tower watchman (Blaser) was posted there until 1911. Height: 51 metres, 212 steps. The tower can be climbed every day between 4 April and 4 October from 11 am to 4 pm.

3 Lederhaus (panel 3)

Market hall for shoemakers, saddlers and tanners. Built around 1400, enlarged in 1512/13. Painted in 1574 with new additions from 1905/06. Today it is used as a post office and official building.

4 Seelhaus (panel 50)

Founded in 1408 by the patrician Frick Holbein as a hostel for pilgrims with 21 beds. Guests were expected to help the founder achieve salvation through prayer.

5 Town Hall (panel 4)

Built in 1386. Two late Gothic council chambers. The oriel on the northern facade dates back to 1571. The Ravensburg ell at the eastern entrance was an imperial measure of length (61.59 centimetres). It is well worth taking a look inside.

6 Gäldrich patrician mansion (panel 20)

Late mediaeval residence of the patrician and merchant family Gäldrich von Sigmarshofen. Built in 1436/93 as a stone house. The late Gothic interiors can be admired in the salesrooms of the music shop.

7 Museum Humpis-Quartier (panel 21)

Living quarters of the Humpis patrician and merchant family comprising seven buildings. Built from 1375 to 1503. Late Gothic oriel with family coat of arms, 1435. Gothic interiors. Today Museum Humpis-Quartier.



8 Ravensburg Museum of Economics

Around 1470, Jacob Humpis lived in the building on Marktstrasse 22. Previously, the land had allegedly belonged to the residence of the Möttelin family of merchants. From 1823, it housed the oldest district savings bank in Württemberg. After 1937, the building was used by Otto Maier publishing house. Since 2012, it has been home to the Museum of Economics set up by the Foundation of the Kreissparkasse Ravensburg.

9 Ravensburger Museum Town house of the Knights of Schellenberg zu Kißlegg (panel 22)

Built in 1416 as the residence of the merchant family Möttelin. Owned by the Knights of Schellenberg zu Kißlegg from 1500 - 1650. Murals date back to the 18th century. Since 1883 headquarters of the book and games publishers Otto Maier (Ravensburger AG). Today "Ravensburger Museum".

10 Ravensburg Art Museum

Former production building belonging to Ravensburger book and games publishing house. Since 2013, new Ravensburg Art Museum with the Selinka collection. The museum building won the German Architecture Award in 2013.

11 Former Franciscan convent of St. Michael (panel 23)

Originally a beguine convent founded by the patriciate of the town in 1395, the building was used as a Franciscan convent from 1406 to 1811. The convent church of St. Michael that was next door to the Mehlsack was demolished in the 19th century.

12 Mehlsack (panel 24)

The round tower was built between 1425 and 1429 to defend the town against attacks from the castle situated higher up. The name comes from the shape of the tower, which looks like a flour bag. It is the town's landmark.

Height: 51 meters, 253 steps.

13 Obertor (panel 27)

Late mediaeval town gate facing towards Wangen. The gate tower that presumably originated in the Hohenstaufen era was rebuilt in 1432 and 1485. Height: 42 metres. Behind the gate on the right is the former gate watchman's house.



14 Romanic House (panel 25)

Built in 1179. Romanic window in the rear with cushion capital. In the 13th century, it housed the imperial trading house, the town hall and the bakers' market hall. From the 14th to the 16th century, it was the town residence of the patrician family Humpis.

15 House of the Great Ravensburg Trading Society (panel 26)

Main office of the Humpis merchants who imported luxury goods from Italy, Spain and Poland from the 14th century to the beginning of the 16th century. The family company was formerly known by the name Great Ravensburg Trading Society. Since 1530 it has housed the inn Zum "Schwarzen" Mohren.

16 Gänsbühl (panel 28)

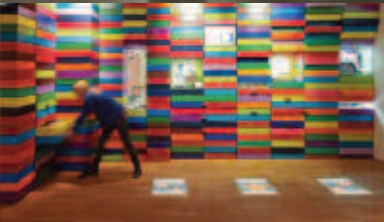
Originally a hollow that was home to the town's commercial district from the 12th to the 14th century with mills, tanneries, dye works and a lime kiln.

17 House of Ravensburg Museum Society (panel 29)

Part of the Humpis quarters. The half-timbered building was constructed in 1470 by the mayor and tradesman Wilhelm von Neidegg as an extension of his front-facing house in Marktstraße 47. Gothic interiors.

18 Brotlaube/Old Theatre (panel 14)

Market building erected in 1625 for bakers, butchers and furriers. The Renaissance hall was used as a theatre from 1698 to 1881.



Ravensburg Art Museum

Ravensburg Art Museum presents works from the collections of Peter and Gudrun Selinka. They cover three areas of focus: Works by German expressionists as well as by the Cobra and Spur groups of artists. The Art Museum also holds temporary exhibitions on Classic Modernism and contemporary art. Extensive programme of events, especially for children and teenagers.

Guided tours:

Sun 3 pm

Children's atelier: Sat 11 am

Opening times:

Tues – Sun 11 am to 6 pm,

Thurs 11 am to 7 pm except between exhibitions

www.kunstmuseum-ravensburg.de

Ravensburger Museum

Visitors to Ravensburger Museum are taken on an interactive journey through the history of the company with the trademark blue triangle right up to the present day. The tiptoi® Museum Rally gives children and teenagers the opportunity to find out exciting and interesting things about this interactive museum.

Opening times:

Tues – Sun 10/11 am to 6 pm

Open on Mondays during school holidays in Baden-Württemberg.

www.museum-ravensburger.de

Museum Humpis-Quartier

The Humpis district is one of the best-preserved late medieval residential quarters in southern Germany. The museum presents the town's history and culture from the 11th to the 21st centuries in an unusual venue with authentic artefacts. Visitors can walk through the museum's seven buildings and enjoy a fascinating experience. Take a journey back to the Middle Ages!

Guided tours:

Thurs 6 pm, last Sunday in the month 11 am (guided tour for families)

Opening times:

Tues – Sun 11 am to 6 pm,

Thurs 11 am to 8 pm

www.museum-humpis-quartier.de

Ravensburg Museum of Economics

The Ravensburg Museum of Economics tells the story of the region's economy in the 19th and 20th centuries with amusing anecdotes and original exhibits. Temporary exhibitions get to the bottom of economically relevant topics.

Guided tours:

Every 2nd Sunday in the month at 2 pm

Opening times:

Tues – Sun 11 am to 6 pm,

Thurs until 8 pm

Ravensburg Museum Ticket: Four museums in one!



Town of games

Ravensburger is a games and book publishing company that has carried the town's name out into the world for more than 130 years. Many people know Ravensburg above all as a town of games. This is reflected in the town-scape with the nearby theme park Ravensburger Spieliland, Ravensburger Museum, children's games boxes in restaurants and hotels as well as the blue play figure.



Ravensburger Spieliland

Theme park set between Ravensburg and Lake Constance.
www.spieliland.de

Ravensburger Museum

Interactive museum.
www.museum-ravensburger.de

Children can stay free of charge

in seven hotels in Ravensburg.
www.ravensburg.de

Ravensburger children's games boxes

in 40 hotels and B&Bs.
www.ravensburg.de

Other services for families

Town rally, toys in the old town, nursing and changing rooms, handcart rental at the tourist information office, free entry to museums for children (except Ravensburger Museum) etc.





Markets and events

According to official documents, markets were held in Ravensburg as early as 1152. A large number of markets were held within the walls of the former imperial town. Today, in the 21st century, the various markets in Ravensburg's town centre still attract visitors from near and far.

Ravensburg weekly market

every Saturday 7.30 am to 1 pm

Flea markets

16 May 9 am to 6 pm

15 August 4 to 10 pm

Ravensburg Christmas market

27 November to 20 December

Ravensburg has a vibrant cultural scene. The town is a magnet for the entire region with four exciting museums in the Museum District, concerts ranging from classical to pop music and from jazz to rap, an extensive choice of theatre plays, cabaret and numerous readings. It also has plenty to offer for children with puppet shows, concerts and story-telling as well as interactive programmes in the museums. The town cultivates its traditions, as can be seen every year at "Fasnet" (carnival) and the "Rutenfest", a historical town and children's festival.

Events in 2015

- 14.2.-21.6. Lothar Fischer exhibition
- 16.2. "Rose Monday" carnival procession
- 28.3. Night-time shopping
- May - Sept. Concerts in the Town Hall
- 5.-8.5. Ravensburg Reading Festival
- 8.5.-9.11. The Humpis in Barcelona
- 9.5. Jazz in Town
- 20.6. Live Night
- 27.6. 25 Years of Ravensburg City Run
- 11.7.-8.11. Natural Processes in Art
- 24.-28.7. Rutenfest – historical town and children's festival
- 14.8. Long Museum Night in the Museum District
- 12/13.9. Ravensburg at Play
- 25.9. Art Night
- 4.10. Shopping Sunday
- 10.10. Los! Start of the cultural season
- 10.-18.10. Upper Swabian Show
- 31.10.-8.11. Children's autumn festival
- 11.-15.11. Trans4Jazz Festival
- 20.-22.11. gusto consumer fair
- 28.11. Night-time shopping
- 28.11.-10.4. Max Pechstein exhibition
- 29.11.-2.2. Baroque nativity scene

The entire programme of events can be found in German at www.ravensburg.de. Tickets for all events can be bought from the tourist information office. Access to the public Wi-Fi network of the town of Ravensburg with "free-key Ravensburg".

Obertor (Upper Gate)



Schellenberger Tower



Frauentor (Lady's Gate)

The Frauentor was built as part of the town's fortifications in the 14th century. Pitch was poured down from the machicolation high up on the 36m tower. It was completely rebuilt following a devastating fire in 1982.



Ravensburg Museum District

Four new museums at the heart of the upper town: Humpis-Quartier Museum, Ravensburger Museum, Ravensburg Museum of Economics, and Ravensburg Art Museum.

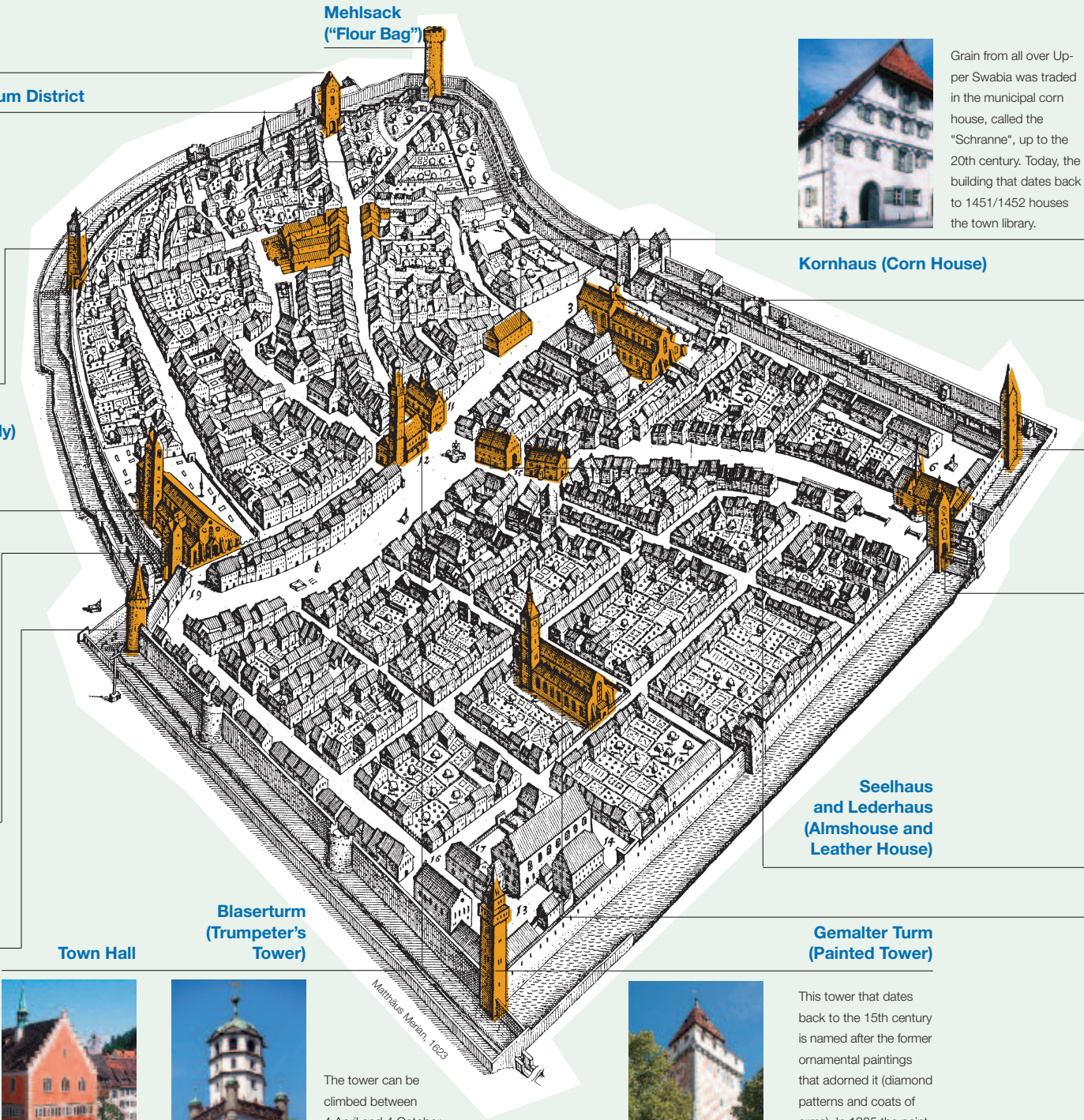
Liebfrauenkirche (Church of Our Lady)



The Liebfrauenkirche was built in the 14th century in the Gothic style. A beautiful tympanum on the western portal portrays the life of the Virgin Mary.

Grüner Turm (Green Tower)

This tower was built in the early 15th century and owes its name to its green roof tiles. Unlike Ravensburg's other mediaeval towers it has a round shape with a pointed pinnacle and small windows under a hipped gable roof.



Town Hall



Blaserturm (Trumpeter's Tower)

The tower can be climbed between 4 April and 4 October every day from 11 am to 4 pm.



Gemalter Turm (Painted Tower)

This tower that dates back to the 15th century is named after the former ornamental paintings that adorned it (diamond patterns and coats of arms). In 1985 the paintings were restored.

Mehlsack ("Flour Bag")



Kornhaus (Corn House)

Grain from all over Upper Swabia was traded in the municipal corn house, called the "Schranne", up to the 20th century. Today, the building that dates back to 1451/1452 houses the town library.



Evangelische Stadtkirche (Protestant church)

With its flat raftered ceiling and simple monumental forms, this former convent church of the Carmelite order that dates back to 1349 features the typical architecture of a mendicant order.



Spitalturm



Untertor (Lower Gate)

The Untertor was built in 1363 as part of the town's fortifications. Like the Frauentor, this gate has a machicolation to defend it against attacks.

The Seelhaus was founded in 1408 as a refuge for pilgrims. The Lederhaus was built in 1400 for shoemakers, saddlers and tanners to sell their wares and was expanded in 1512/13.

Seelhaus and Lederhaus (Almshouse and Leather House)



Church of St. Jodok

This church was built by the city of Ravensburg and Weißenau Monastery as a parish church in 1385. The unplastered, three-nave basilica has retained its original character even today.



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