

# Winter

## Boundless fun and action

There's no need to be a skier to appreciate the mountain world in winter. You can take the cable cars to the bewitching peaks, explore the 31 miles (50 km) of snow-cleared hiking paths and enjoy the view and the mountain sun in a deckchair at the top terminal. But if you are a genuine winter sportsman Füssen is the right place for you. Here begins the Vitals Land, which extends beyond the Austrian border and comprises 82 cable railways and ski-lifts. Experience it! Skiing equipment, sledges, ice skates and everything else you need can simply be hired on the spot.



Ice skating on natural lakes or at the German National Ice Hockey Centre

## A winter fairy tale

Winter is the quiet season and precisely for that reason a good time to visit Füssen. The palaces, covered in snow, display their romantic aspect, a ride by horse-drawn sleigh through the winter forest makes fairy tales come true, and a mulled wine at the cheerful Christmas Market (December) is an experience you should definitely not miss.

- alpine skiing • curling • hang gliding • ice hockey
- ice skating • fitness • paragliding
- bowling • cross-country skiing • horse back riding
- tobogganing • sledging • ski touring • squash
- walking • tennis • table tennis

31 miles (50 km) of winter hiking paths cleared of snow



White mountains, shimmering lakes and clear air. Winter can be so beautiful.



Füssen sponsors the German Women's National Ice Hockey Team

## ROADS

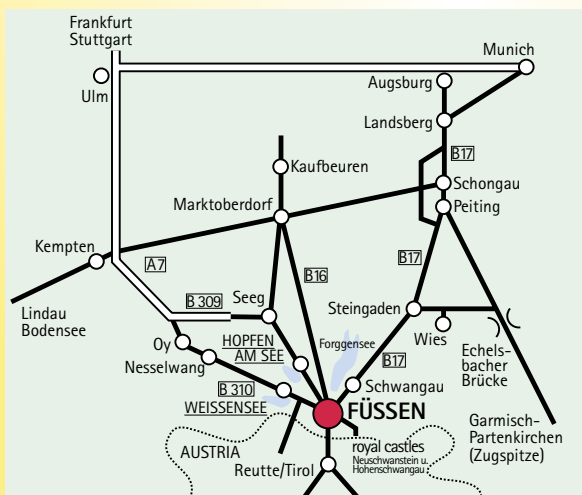
BAB (= autobahn, highway)  
A 7 Ulm-Kempton to the end of the highway, 11 miles (18 km) before Füssen.  
B (= state road) 309, B 310, B 16 and B 17 (Romantic Road from Würzburg to Füssen)

## AIRPORTS

**Augsburg Airport** (about 68 miles, 110 km), shuttle buses to Main Station, hourly train connections to Füssen.  
**Munich Airport** (about 100 miles, 160 km), take S-Bahn (subway) or Bus to Main Station, then continue to Füssen by rail (hourly train connections).  
**Stuttgart Airport** (about 143 miles, 230 km), S-Bahn to Main Station, hourly train connections to Füssen via Augsburg.  
**Innsbruck Airport** (about 62 miles, 100 km).



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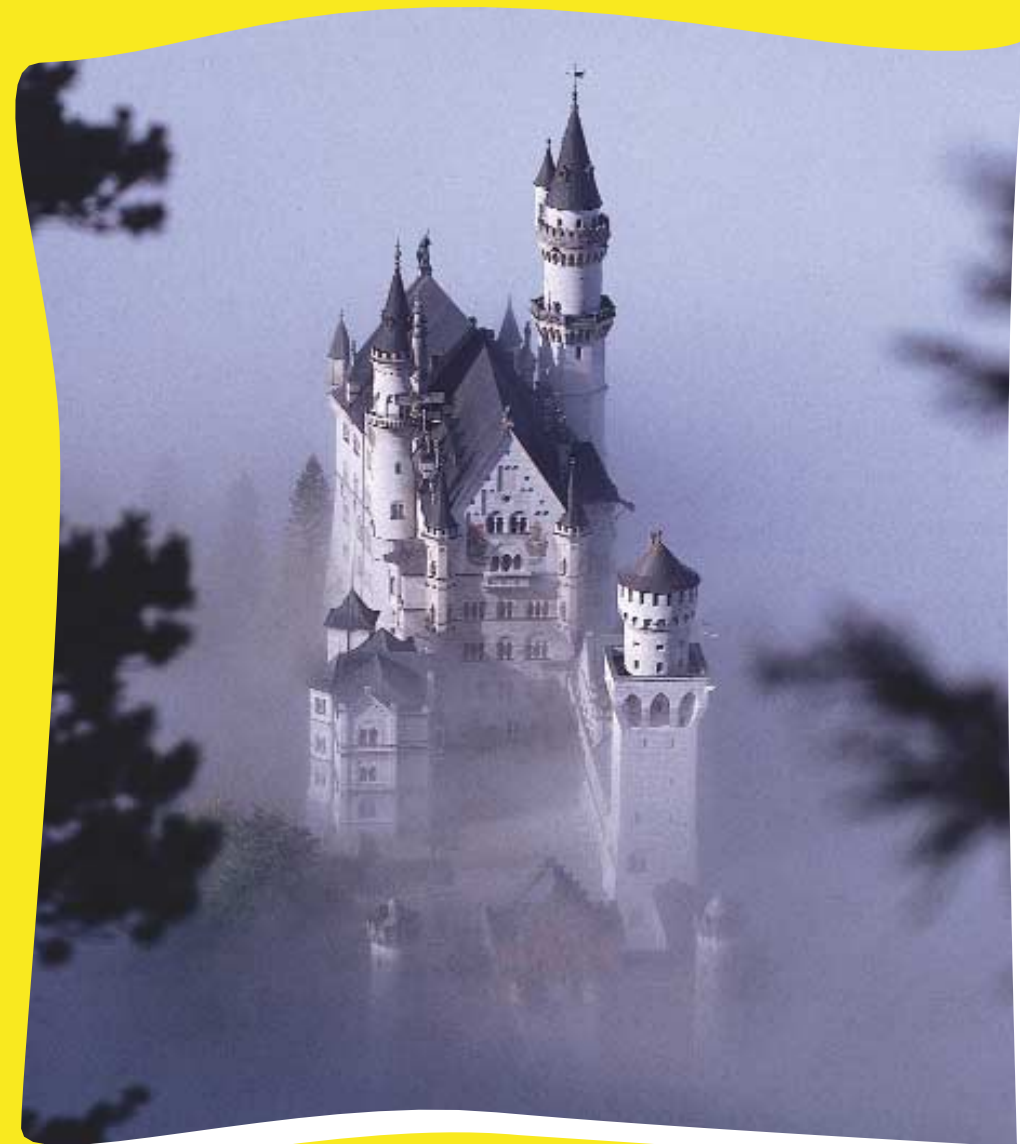
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# FÜSSEN

## in the King's Nook



Füssen · Bad Faulenbach · Hopfen am See · Weissensee

English

Füssen



Dream or reality?  
There is one place  
where both meet.  
The magic of the  
monarchy and typical  
folklore, wild moun-  
tains and gentle hills,  
a rich culture and  
imposing nature.  
Discover this place for  
yourself – and one of  
Bavaria's finest beauty  
spots at the same time.  
Füssen awaits you.



# The Castles



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 Jan.; Carnival Tuesday, 24th, 25th + 31st Dec.

## 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  
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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 984 feet, 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 (1312 feet, 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 295 feet (90 metres) 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.



King Ludwig II of Bavaria



Neuschwanstein Castle is situated above the roaring Pöllat Gorge, 3 miles (5 km) from Füssen.

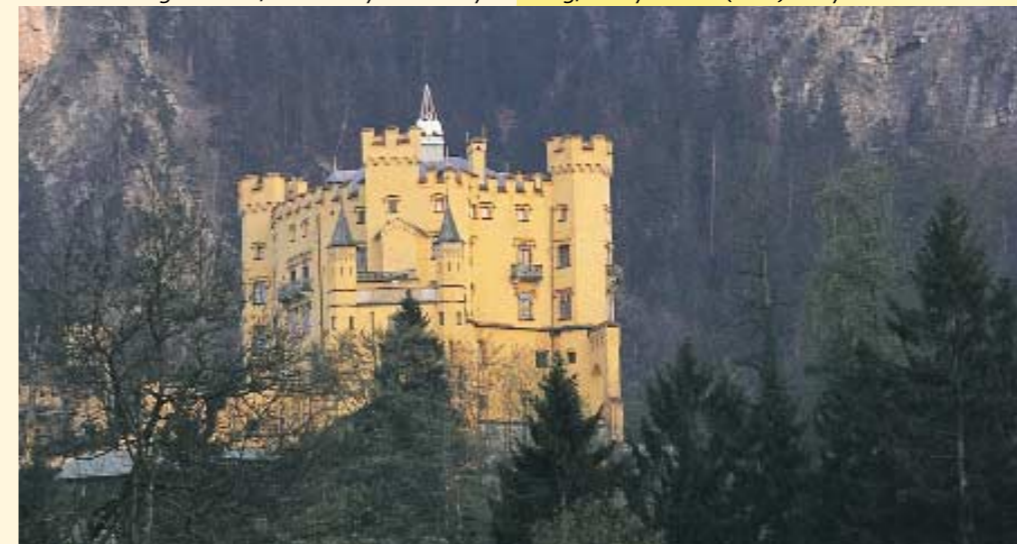


The Throne Room at Neuschwanstein



Detail of Neuschwanstein Castle

Hohenschwangau Castle, the nursery of the fairy-tale king, is only 3 miles (5 km) away from Füssen.



Castle romance

# The Town



Füssen on the Lech, a view across the gables of the medieval town centre to the former St Mang's Benedictine Abbey and the High Palace (Hohes Schloss).



*Southern European flair in the Reichenstrasse*



*The clock tower of the High Palace*



*Shopping as the mood takes you*

Enjoy the town's special charm while strolling through the town and taking a look at the shops: that, too, is something that is especially enjoyable in Füssen. Far from the roar of the traffic, you can enjoy the atmosphere of the Reichenstrasse, wander down crooked lanes and discover many a fine souvenir. Culinary delights and typical beer gardens all inclusive, of course.

# City Tour

**1** The Reichenstrasse  
Historical patricians' houses, huddling side by side, line the main shopping street in the pedestrian precinct, which is identical with the route of the earlier Roman road Via Claudia Augusta.

**2** The Town Fountain at the upper end of the Reichenstrasse shows St Magnus, Füssen's patron saint. At the fountain a narrow metal strip has been let into the street paving to recall the earlier route of the Via Claudia Augusta in this area.

**3** The High Palace (Hohes Schloss)  
The former residence of the Augsburg prince bishops, with unique illusionist paintings on the façades of the courtyard, is one of the most important late gothic castle complexes in Germany. It now houses the Town Gallery of Paintings and a branch of the Bavarian State Collections of Paintings, where late gothic and Renaissance works of art are on display.

**4 5** St Mang Monastery and Basilica  
The former Benedictine monastery goes back to the 9th century. It was given its present baroque style by the Füssen architect Johann Jakob Herkomer. Today the historical rooms house the municipal authorities and the Füssen Heritage Museum. For 50 years summer chamber music and jazz concerts have been held in the magnificent Prince's Hall. The former monastery church and present-day parish church is the largest and most impressive of Füssen's baroque churches. The crypt is thought to go back in its architectural history to the times of St Magnus and houses Bavaria's oldest fresco.



## The Füssen Heritage Museum

Archaeological finds and art treasures have provided evidence of 1000 years monastery history. The splendid baroque rooms, which include the Prince's Hall, give some idea of the former monastery's wealth. The museum also boasts one of the finest collections of historical lutes and violins in Europe. In the Anna Chapel, which can be reached over the museum, is the impressive Death Dance cycle by Jakob Hiebeler (1602), the oldest of its kind in Bavaria.

**6** Holy Ghost Hospital-Church  
The richly decorated rococo façade of the Holy Ghost Hospital Church depicts St Florian as a help in preventing fires (the previously gothic church was burnt down in 1733) and St Christopher, who, as the patron saint of raftsmen, has his appropriate place here on the mighty River Lech.

**7** The path along the banks of the River Lech runs upstream to the district of Bad Faulenbach and downstream to Lake Forggensee. During a walk you repeatedly catch sight of fine views of the river, which up

into the 19th century was an important traffic and trading route navigated by rafts.

**8** The Franciscan Monastery  
The venerable monastery buildings with the baroque St Stephan's Church are situated on a small hill above the River Lech from where there is a magnificent view of the medieval town centre. Next to them is the old St Sebastian Cemetery **9** with historical gravestones, parts of it bordering on the old town wall.

**10** The area of the present-day Bread Market is thought to have been the origin of the medieval town. Today it is here that the Lute-Makers Fountain recalls the historical importance of Füssen as the "Cradle of Lute-Making" in Europe. In the enchanting lane called Brunnengasse **11** is the house where the famous baroque sculptor Anton Sturm once lived.

**12** The Schrankenplatz once served as the town's corn market. The late gothic Corn House is nowadays a popular meeting point. Opposite stands the former administration office.



The High Palace against the 6716 feet (2047-metre)-high Säuling



The crypt of St Mang



Baroque angels in St Mang



The Lute-Makers Fountain



In the monastery courtyard of St Mang



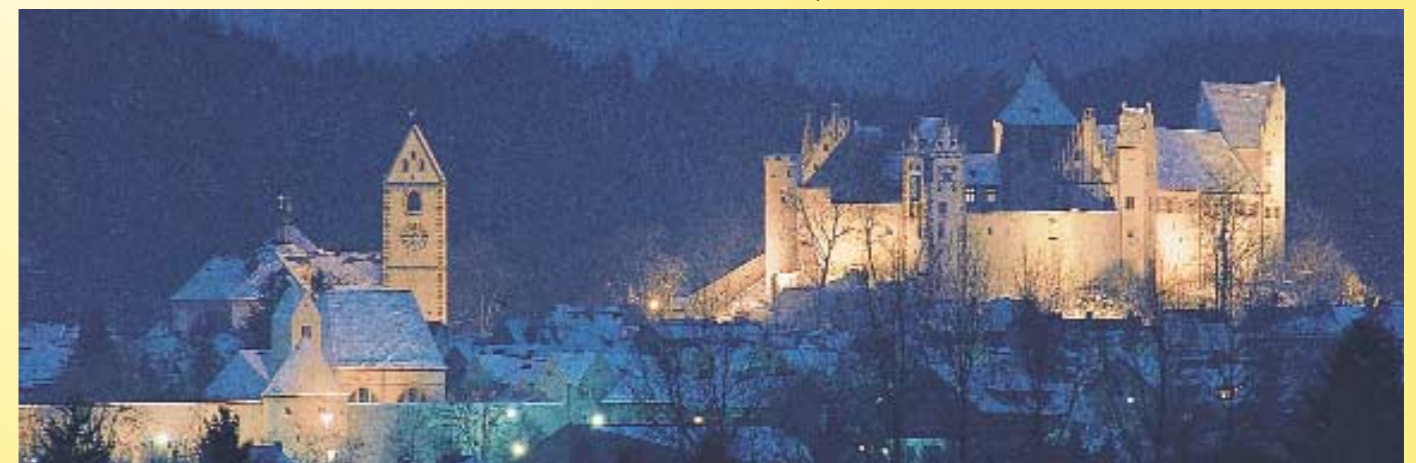
A medieval house with painted gables



Old patricians' houses



Enter the fray of jousting knights and cheering spectators at the Emperor's Festival in summer



Always fascinating: Füssen illuminated in the evening

# Shopping and Culinary Delights



The romantic flair of Füssen's medieval centre invites you to go on journeys of discovery into the past, but also on a leisurely walk through the shops. Souvenirs and handicrafts from the region, Bavarian costumes, sports equipment, international fashion brands – the shops and boutiques have something to

offer every guest. Spend a break in between in one of the many pavement cafés, which lend an almost Italian ambience to Füssen's Old Town in the summer. Or you can pamper yourself with culinary specialities from the Bavarian cuisine. Parking is no problem. Füssen has 1500 parking spaces for cars and coaches

in the town centre, and there are other large car parks at lakes Forggensee, Hopfensee, Weissensee and at the Neuschwanstein Festival Theatre.

**White sausages (Weißwürste mit Brezen)**  
White sausages (veal) with pretzels and sweet mustard go down well with wheat beer.



**White beer radish (Bier-Rettich)**  
Salted white radish with (chive) bread and salad.

**Apple strudel (Apfelstrudel)**  
Apples wrapped in sweet strudel pastry with vanilla ice cream and/or whipped cream.



**Knuckle of pork (Schweinshaxe)**  
Roast pork with a bread dumpling and cabbage salad.



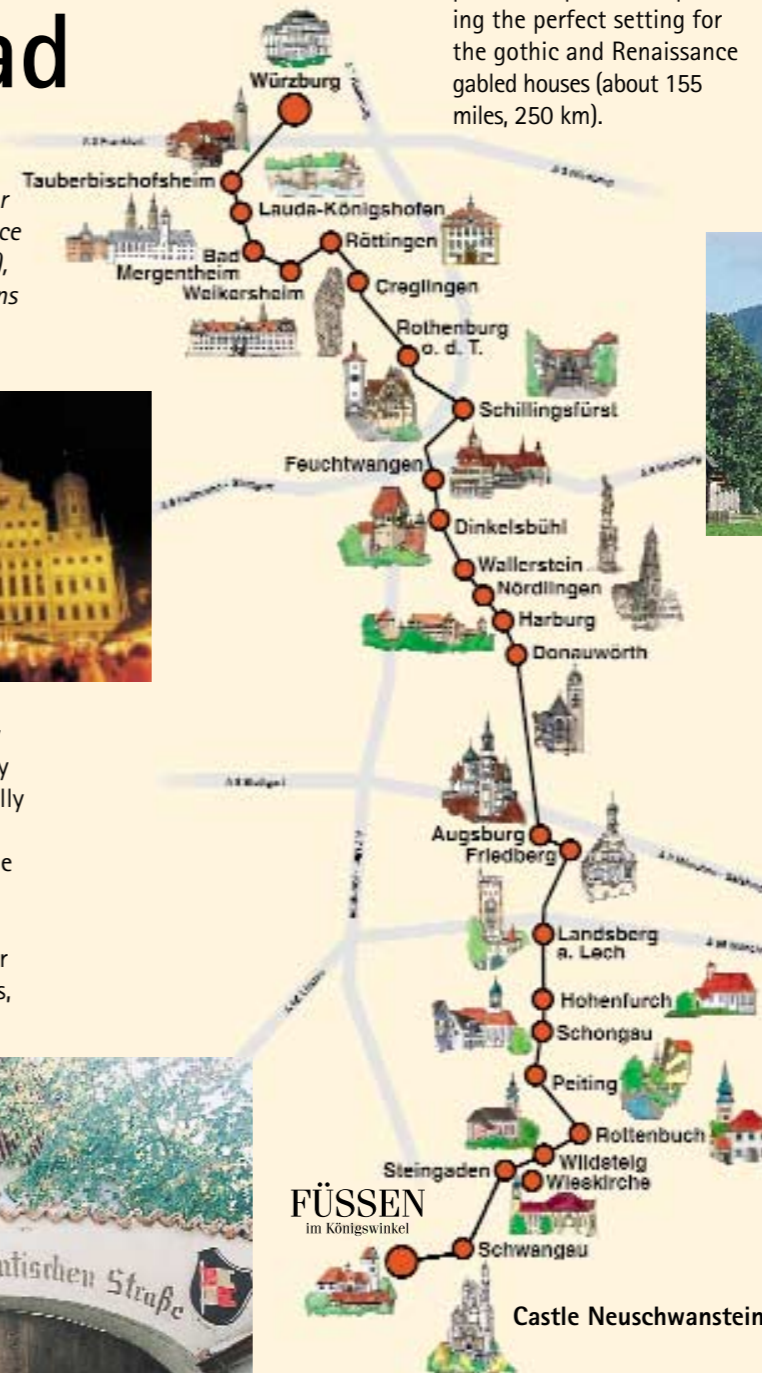
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**Rothenburg ob der Tauber**  
The medieval appearance of this little town bewitches every visitor. The wall encircling the town, for example, is still preserved, providing the perfect setting for the gothic and Renaissance gabled houses (about 155 miles, 250 km).

## Romantic Road

The Romantic Road is one of Germany's most popular tourist routes. On a distance of only 217 miles (350 km), there are tourist attractions one after the other like beads on a chain.



**Augsburg**  
This once so powerful city under the merchant family of the Fuggers is historically closely connected with Füssen. Even today it is the seat of a Roman Catholic bishopric and has sights from many epochs to offer its visitors (about 62 miles, 100 km).



**Wieskirche**  
This rococo church (1746-1754) is a UNESCO World Heritage site and should be a stop on every travel route. Seldom have cheerfulness and devoutness been combined more beautifully than in the light-flooded interior, which can also be enjoyed during one of the frequent concerts (about 16 miles, 25 km).



# Excursions

## Ideal for day-trips

With its unmistakable ambience and the wide variety of accommodation available, Füssen is the ideal starting-point for discovering the beauty of southern Germany. The best places can easily be reached on a day-trip.



**Herrenchiemsee Palace**  
(about 90 miles, 145 km) – Can be easily reached by car.  
In the middle of Bavaria's largest lake Chiemsee there is Ludwig II's unfinished palace. It was built in the style of Versailles, uses the whole island as a palace park and can only be reached by a romantic boat trip.



**Kempten**  
(about 28 miles, 45 km) – Can be easily reached by car.  
Kempten, the metropolis of the Allgäu, is one of Germany's oldest towns, which fact is proved not only by the "Cambodunum" archaeological park.



**Munich** (about 71 miles, 115 km) – hourly train connection.  
Hofbräuhaus, Oktoberfest, Olympia Centre, Deutsches Museum (for science and technology) and the internationally renowned collections of paintings in the three Pinakothek galleries make Bavaria's capital one of the cities in Germany with the most visitors.



**Garmisch-Partenkirchen and the Zugspitze**  
(about 43 miles, 70 km) – Can be easily reached by car.  
This pleasant town is one of the favourite meeting points for the jet set and is situated at the foot of Germany's highest mountain, the Zugspitze. From here its almost 9842 feet (3000 m) high peak can be reached by rack railway, or you can take the cable car from Ehrwald (Austria) past the imposing West Wall or the Eibsee cable railway from Grainau at lake Eibsee.

## Experience more

Anyone coming to Füssen should have plenty of time to spend. There is so much to discover here. A fantastic mountain world, mysterious lakes and, of course, cultural highlights. Ottobeuren, for example, with one of Germany's most important baroque monastery churches, is only 40 miles (65 km) away. And to Kempten, one of the oldest towns in Germany with the archaeological park "Cambodunum", it is a mere 28 miles (45 km). But in between there are many large and small sights. From the typical hayloft and the first edelweiss to a visit to a genuine Allgäu dairy and the many local customs which have been kept up here.

Take your time. For to see a lot you don't always need to travel very far...



**Innsbruck**  
(about 74 miles, 120 km)  
– Can be easily reached by car.  
Twice, in 1964 and 1976, the capital of the Tyrol hosted the Winter Olympics. The opportunities for shopping, the rich cultural life and the Old Town decorated with its many oriel windows, the Ottoburg and the Golden Roof also deserve a few medals.



**Oberammergau**  
(about 28 miles, 45 km) – Can be easily reached by car.  
This holiday resort is world-famous for its Passion Play. Yet the numerous house-wall paintings, called Lüftlmalereien, and the artistic wood carvings are themselves worth a visit.



**Lindau**  
(about 143 miles, 230 km) – Can be easily reached by car.  
Discover the only Bavarian town on Lake Constance: Lindau. It is popular for its historical Old Town flair, round trips by ship and aquatic sports on the lake and a fantastic view of the Bregenz Forest (Austria) and the Swiss Alpine peaks on the other side (distance: 62 miles, 100 km). Detours to the flower island of Mainau are possible via Meersburg.



**Linderhof palace**  
(about 31 miles, 50 km) – Can be easily reached by car.  
This palace is also by Ludwig II, and for many Ludwig fans it is even the finest. The Hall of Mirrors, the Palace Park with its Moorish Kiosk and Peacock's Throne as well as the artificial grotto with a wave machine, through which the king was rowed in his shell boat, are some of the exceptional sights.



**Legoland Obergünzburg**  
(about 68 miles, 110 km) – Can be easily reached by car.  
Legoland – the super attraction, not just for children. In a 60-hectare park a miniworld has been built up using over 50 million Lego building blocks. There are children's driving schools, Jungle-X-peditions, open-air theatres, the Journey through Time and much, much more. Simply fantastic!

# Sports



Ascending Tegelberg, about 5643 feet (1.720 m), by cable-car

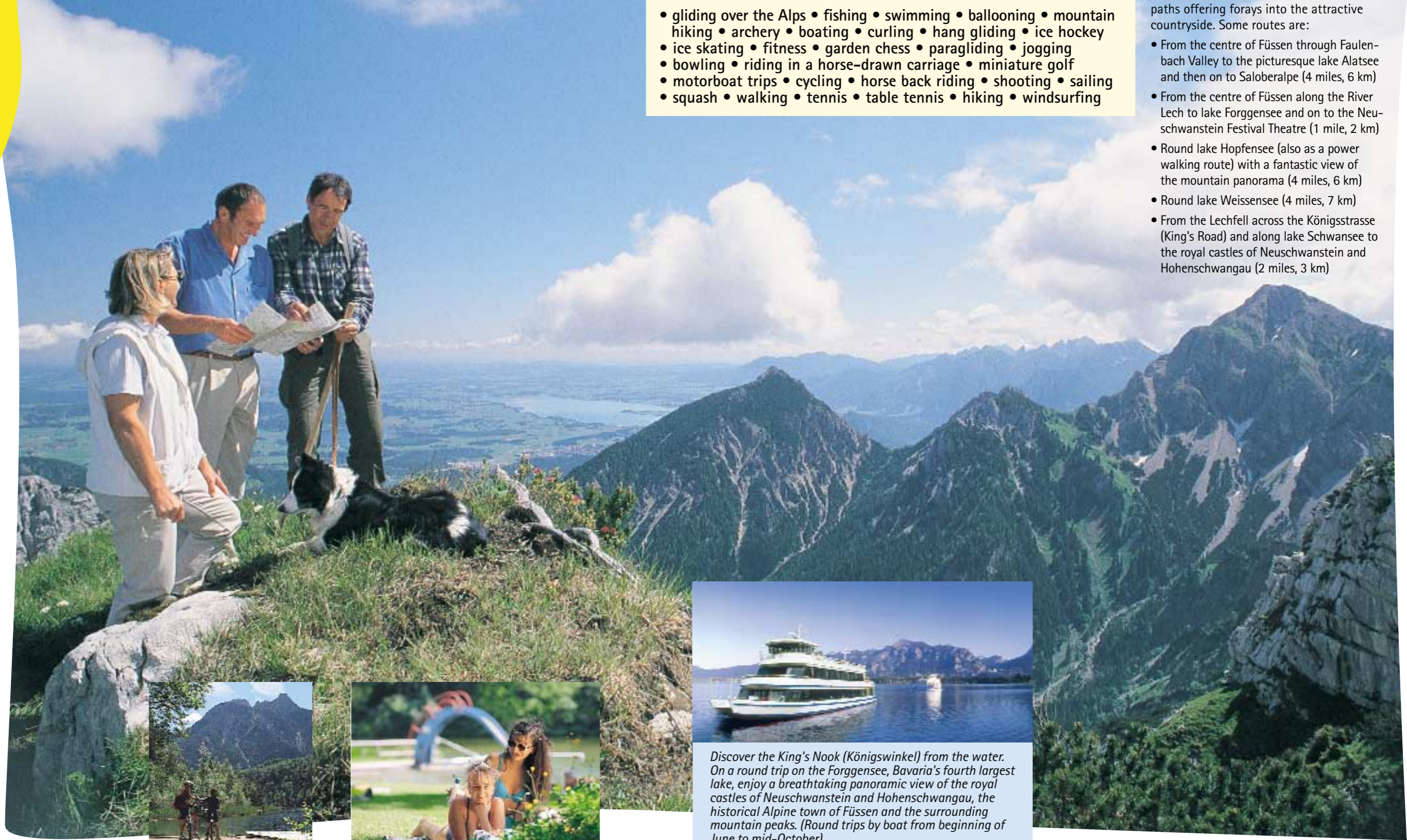
## Hiking opportunities

### 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 Faulenbach Valley to the picturesque lake Alatsee and then on to Saloberalpe (4 miles, 6 km)
- From the centre of Füssen along the River Lech to lake Förgensee 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 Schwannsee to the royal castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau (2 miles, 3 km)

- 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



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 Förgensee, 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)

Idyllic bathing lakes nearby

# The King's Nook



Füssen's surroundings – where Bavaria is most beautiful



## Suggestions for tours

Please also note the following tips:

- Use only bicycles that are in good mechanical order.
- Only ride along forest and Alpine roads which are sufficiently wide (2 m/2 yards). (To protect sensitive natural areas, avoid erosion and damage to the vegetation)
- Take along a few medical requirements and suntan lotion.
- Don't forget a repair kit, pump, cleaning rags and a cloth to clean your hands with.
- For mountain-bike tours it is essential to wear a helmet. A cap to protect you from the sun is also useful.
- Hikers have right of way.
- Show consideration for animals and plants.



**Route 1 round Forggensee Lake (about 32 km/20 miles)**  
Füssen – Rieden a. F. – Rosshaupten – Dam at the power Station – Kniebis – Greith – Brunnen – Waltenhofen – Horn – Füssen. Should you find you are getting out of breath you can make use of the Füssen Forggensee Lake Shipping Company to help you on your way. At seven stops round the lake you can board or leave the ship. The route is marked with the symbol shown above.



**Route 2 „Dampflokrunde“ (former railway tracks, about 80 km/50 miles)**  
Lechbruck – Rosshaupten – Marktoberdorf – Ebenhofen – Biessenhofen – Kaufbeuren – Mauerstetten – Osterzell – Königsried – Ingenried – Burggen – Dessau – Lechbruck. Connection to the walk round Forggensee Lake from/to Füssen. The route is marked with the symbol of the steam locomotive.



**Route 3 (about 15 km/9 miles)**  
Füssen town centre – Augsburgur Straße cycle path – Feldkirche – after 50 m/yards turn left into Moosangerweg – national road in the direction of Wiesbauer – turn left before Achbrücke through the Wasenmoos (surveyors' road) – cross the B 310 road to the dam path – uphill gradient to Alatsee Lake – Faulenbach Valley – Bad Faulenbach – Füssen town centre.



**Route 4 (ca. 13 km/8 miles)**  
Füssen town centre – Augsburgur Straße cycle path – Hopfen am See – direction of Hopferau – after about 2 km/1.5 miles turn left to Reinertshof – at Bach onto the road in the direction of Füssen – Wiesbauer restaurant – cycle touring path back to Füssen – Moosangerweg – Augsburgur Straße cycle path – Füssen town centre.

**Route 5 (about 22 km/13.5 miles)**  
Füssen – centre of Schwangau – Brunnen – on the King Ludwig Path via Hegratsried – Greith – Pfefferbichl – Bayerniederhofen – Bannwaldsee Lake – Mühlberg – Schwangau – Füssen.

**Route 6 (about 17 km/10.5 miles)**  
Füssen – Hohenschwangau – Alप्see Lake – Fürstenstrasse (2 difficult uphill gradients) – border crossing – Schluxen Restaurant (Tyrol) – back along the same route (valid identity card or passport necessary).



**Route 7 Round trip to the castles (about 10 km/6 miles)**  
Füssen – on the path round Forggensee Lake to Rieden a. F. – Höllmühle – Faulensee Lake – Koppental – Hopferwald – Hopfen am See – Heidelbuch – Erkenbollingen – St Urban – along the path round Forggensee Lake back to Füssen. Alternative route: Hopfen am See – path round Hopfensee Lake – Wiesbauer – cycle touring path back to Füssen.

Detailed maps and information on hiring bicycles are obtainable direct from Füssen Tourist Information.