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On behalf of the entire U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria, we wish you, your family and friends a great stay in our area.

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History of the Grafenwoehr Training Area



1910

Grafenwoehr's first Commander, General Oskar Menzel arrives at the new training area. General Menzel begins the first of many internal improvements and lays-out ranges and fields of fire for testing artillery, and areas for infantry maneuvers.

Establishment of the Bavarian Military Forest Office at Grafenwoehr.

The iconic Grafenwoehr water tower is completed.

On June 30th the first artillery shell is fired at the GTA from a 150 mm Field Howitzer.

1911

By January 1911, more than 10,000 Bavarian soldiers are training at the GTA. The typical Bavarian Infantry Soldier was 18 years old, literate, and from a long tradition of military service. He wore a heavy grey jacket, and wool pants, utility and ammo belt and leather boots. Around his neck, he wore a signal flashlight, which was considered "modern" addition to his kit. His pointed helmet is an allied propaganda icon by the end of World War I.

1912

Bavarian Army Headquarters, based in Munich authorizes training with a new and modern weapon, the machine gun. Other "modern" weapons introduced at the training area, during this time are Balloons and C-type



biplanes to assist with observation and fire-direction.

1913

By 1913, the Grafenwoehr airfield, named "Airfield Hammergmünd" is a fully operational facility for the new science of military aeronautics.

April -

Grafenwoehr hosts one of the largest military exercises prior to World War I, with more than 12,000 soldiers, 540 officers, 1,000 horses, 60 machine guns and 16 aircraft taking part.

1914

June -

Archduke Ferdinand of Austria is murdered by an assassin in Sarajevo. Within weeks, all European powers begin mobilization.

July -

World War I begins. Grafenwoehr becomes a major Prisoner of War (POW) camp. The prisoners create an enduring legacy. They establish a military cemetery for soldiers of all nations at Grafenwoehr.

1915

In early 1915 a second general officer, General Ferdinand Hocheder is assigned to the training area as Commander of POWs. The POW population at Grafenwoehr, by the end of 1915, is more than 15,000 men. Hocheder is a conscientious and honorable warden. The prisoners at Grafenwoehr were healthy, active and productive. The

POWs built places of worship, created sculptures and drawings, staged theatricals, formed concert bands and even established their own bakery.

1916

January -

Trench warfare leads to stalemate and carnage as the Allies – Great Britain, France, Russia- and the Central Powers-Germany, the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empires incur huge casualties everyday with no advantage for the attacker.

1917

April -

The U.S. Declares war on Germany.

June -

General John J. Pershing and the first troops of the American expeditionary Force (AEF) arrive in France. In September AEF soldiers are assigned to the trenches; the tide turns in favor of the Allies as AEF troops attack along the western front. It would take 28 years and another world war before U.S. forces would finally arrive at the gates of Grafenwoehr.

1918

April -

The POW camp at the training area is closed. During the war the training area detained soldiers of all Allied nations, but larger numbers of French, Russians and Romanians.

May thru October -

WWI brought uncertainty, civil unrest, and revolution in Germany.

The Kaiser abdicates.

In November a Republic is proclaimed in Berlin. On November 11 an Armistice is signed in Compiègne, France, and a ceasefire is declared, effectively ending the war. The Grafenwoehr Training Area is converted into a demobilization point.

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1919

June -

The Treaty of Versailles limits the German army to 100,000 men and officers. Because of drastic military cuts in spending the existence and future of the Grafenwoehr Training Area falls into speculation.

The total Allied casualties by the end of the war top 22 million, or 52 percent of all soldiers mobilized.

The Central Powers – Germany and Austria – fighting on two fronts east and west, sustained more than 37 million casualties, about 66 percent of all forces mobilized. Later, all combatant soldiers of the war would come to be known cumulatively thereafter and forever, as “The Lost Generation”.

1920

January -

Following the German defeat in World War I, and the harsh terms imposed by the Allies, the Grafenwoehr Training Area almost closes for good in 1919. In fact, so many soldiers left Grafenwoehr, the local city government used empty barracks to house 74 homeless families. In spring, a dynamic new officer takes command of the German National Army, General Hans von Seeckt. He introduces a new sense of camaraderie in the German ranks, and begins to train the army on the lessons-learned from World War I and promotes new thinking and new tactics. He sees Grafenwoehr as vital to rebuilding the German army.



1922

May -

Seeckt replaces the political GTA commandant who had been elected two years earlier, with the WWI veteran Oberst Fritz Krummel.

1923

August -

Due to inflation and currency devaluation a Soldier’s pay reaches 2 million Reichsmarks, as the currency loses its value daily. By October, Grafenwoehr citizens burn the worthless paper money in their stoves to warm their homes.

November -

Less than 200 miles south of the GTA an attempted coup d’état, the Munich Beer Hall Putsch by the fledgling Nazi Party, led by General Erich Ludendorff and Adolf Hitler, is put-down, after days of brutal street fighting.

1924

An early advocate of armored mechanized warfare, and fast moving mobile armored units, Captain Heinz Guderian explores the use of tanks in an offensive role at the Grafenwoehr Training Area. Guderain becomes a familiar figure at the training area, during the next 20 years. His concept of tank warfare, is later published in 1936 under the title “Achtung! Panzer!”, a seminal work in modern offensive tank warfare.



May -

Training activities at the GTA accelerate. Seeckt appoints Oberst Hoffman as the new GTA commander.

1925

April -

Wooden Tanks! Following WWI, the German Army was prohibited from building or training with armored or tracked vehicles, but as early as 1923 the rebuilt German Army began experiments with “simulated” tanks made of bailing wire and pressboard!

1926

In the spring of 1926 General Hans von Seeckt observes an exercise with one tenth of the entire German Army, with more than 600 officers and 8,300 troops at the GTA. Seeckt retires shortly thereafter. His legacy, keeping the most elite soldiers in the ranks when the allied terms of the Versailles Treaty forced the Reichswehr to purge some 20,000 of its officers in the 1920s.

In 1926, of the 100,000 men permitted to serve in the army 40,000 were NCOs, and each of these were regarded as potential officer material.

The Artillery Observation tower at Schwartzenberg Hill, known today as the Bleidorn Tower is complete.

1927

The GTA hosted many young soldiers through-out the decade, Captain



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Walther von Reichenau, Majors Heinz Guderian and Erich von Manstein, Lieutenant Colonel Franz Halder and Colonel Gerd von Rundstedt, amongst others – all of whom would invent, or go on to perfect, the strategies and tactics of Blitzkrieg, in great part on the ranges of the GTA.

In 1927 Lieutenant Claus von Stauffenberg, a key leader of the German resistance to Hitler, is training on the ranges of Grafenwoehr.

1928

In the parliamentary elections of 1928 less than three-percent of Germans vote for the National Socialist "Nazi" Party.

U.S. War Department officials request Congress fund a Regular Army with an enlisted strength of 150,000 Soldiers.

1929

January -

The world economic crisis at the end of the decade critically destabilizes the government of the Weimar Republic. Various extreme political parties emerge from the civil unrest. A world-

wide Great Depression begins which will last more than a decade.

1930/31

The U.S. Armed Forces was limited in the 1920s and 1930s, following the Great Depression. By 1939, in response to the rise of Nazism and Japanese expansion, the U.S. Army grew considerably, but was not well-equipped or trained for war.

The U.S. Army Air Corps was reorganized in June 1941, as the U.S. Army Air Forces (USAAF), but remained subordinate to ground commanders. By June 1941, shortly before the United States was drawn into WWII, the Army had grown to nearly 1.5 million.

1932

January -

The German government announces it will no longer adhere to the limitations set forth by the Versailles Treaty. In the summer of 1932, General Heinz Guderian tests his theories of mobility and maneuverability, and the possibilities of coordinated tank maneuvers with infantry and air power.

1933

January -

Hitler is elected Chancellor. The German National Socialist Party is on the rise.

1934

August -

German President Hindenberg dies. Hitler, as Reich Chancellor, transfers the president's powers to himself and appropriates authority of the German states.

Bavaria, and all of its military posts, including the Grafenwoehr Training Area, are now directly under his authority.

1935

February -

Heavy Artillery firing at the Training Area commences.

March -

Hitler reintroduces mandatory military service in the German Reich and the army is increased from 100,000 to 550,00 troops, and its name is changed from "Reichswehr" to "Wehrmacht". The scope and tempo of training at the GTA grows exponentially.



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fidence, innovation and excitement to the customer at every touchpoint. Despite the vastness and open-plan design, visitors feel well taken care of in these areas. A charming, pleasant coffee bar and the open reception area round off the building's successful design. The future is already here at the Lell dealership.

Innovation continues to thrive: in 2018, all BMW dealerships will be converted into BMW i locations with the corresponding charging infrastructure and BMW i showrooms. Of course, employees will be trained to become BMW i specialists in the spirit of visionary electromobility.

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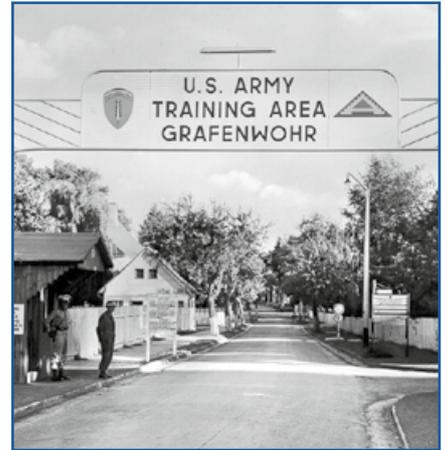


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1936

January -

The second great expansion of Grafenwoehr takes place by order of the War Ministry in Berlin.

The GTA doubles by 35,000 acres to the west of the existing camp to accommodate the stupendous growth of the resurgent Wehrmacht, more than 3,500 civilians are relocated outside the training area.

March -

30,000 German soldiers march into the demilitarized Rhineland border region.

The French back-down in the face of well-trained German troops.

1937

June -

The German Ju 87, better known as the Stuka, a ground attack aircraft and form of aerial artillery, is regularly participating in tank and infantry maneuvers at the GTA. The Stuka is a key element in the early success of the German Wehrmacht attacks across Europe, beginning in 1939.

1938

March -

Hitler occupies Austria.

June -

Hitler visits Grafenwoehr and observes a obstacle breaching exercise. By this time the GTA is second to none in

rifle and machine-gun ranges, combat infantry and armor ranges, and possesses an authentic bunker/pillbox system for training overcoming defensive obstacles.

September -

Hitler occupies the Czech Sudetenland.

November -

Hitler orders Kristallnacht, an anti-semitic program of hate and violence against Jews all across Germany.

1939

September -

Hitler attacks Poland, while the Soviet Union closes in to occupy large areas of eastern Poland. Britain and France declare war on Germany. World War II begins.

1940

May -

Blitzkrieg tactics, in part developed and tested at the Grafenwoehr Training Area, enable the German Army to defeat and occupy Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway and Poland. The French Army, considered the best in Europe is swept aside and the British Expeditionary Force is routed, narrowly escaping capture at Dunkirk, less than one month after Wehrmacht combat operations begin.





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July -
The Battle of Britain begins. In September, sustained Luftwaffe bombing attacks are launched against UK cities.

1941

June -
Hitler invades Russia. More than 4.5 million Axis troops drive east surrounding and capturing large numbers of Soviet troops on four active fronts. Initial break-throughs prove deceptive as Soviet forces regroup later in the year, and slow or stop Wehrmacht advances into the Russian interior.

December -

The United States enters WW II after being attacked by Japanese forces at

Pearl Harbor on December 7th. Four days later Hitler, declares war on the United States.

1942

The Spanish "Blue Legion", more than 18,000 Spanish soldiers, many of who are combat veterans of the Spanish Civil War, swear an oath to fight for Germany.

They arrive at the GTA for their uniforms, equipment and training prior to leaving for the Russia. Like many foreign troops trained at the GTA, The Blue Legion will see action at the Siege of Leningrad and elsewhere all along the Russian Front.

April Regiment "Nordland" three foreign SS Scandinavian units arrive in Grafenwoehr to form the core of a new SS volunteer Panzer-grenadier division. Volunteers are chiefly from Northern Europe but more than 1,200 Romanians are added to their strength.

1943

February -

The Battle of Stalingrad, which began in July 1942, ends with the surrender of the German 6th Army. It is a major turning point in the war. At the same time, Minister of Armaments Albert Speer visits the GTA to observe testing of Germany's heaviest and most powerful tank built to date.



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some 8,000 members of the German SS are sent to prison in Bernreuth.

1947

June -

U.S. General George Marshall as Secretary of State announces a comprehensive program of American assistance to help rebuild Europe. Germany defeated is divided by the Allies into four zones. The American zone consists of Bavaria and Hessen, Southern Germany, and the northern portions of the present day state of Baden-Wuerttemberg.

The U.S. Constabulary establishes a training area for the newly activated 370th and 371st Infantry Battalions. The area between Grafenwoehr and Vilseck will be used. In 1948, the U.S. Tank Training Center HQ is established at Rose Barracks, until war damage at Grafenwoehr is repaired.

1948

February -

Soviet coup d'état in Czechoslovakia.

June -

The Cold War Begins. The Soviet Union cuts-off land routes to the Allied zones of Berlin, prompting the Berlin Airlift – U.S. and British forces provide a lifeline of food and fuel to the beleaguered city, until the Soviets yield, and lift the blockade a year later. The U.S. Army officially re-opens Grafenwoehr for unit training.

1949

April -

NATO is established with a headquarters in Brussels. The organization constitutes a system of collective defense whereby its member states agree to mutual defense.

May -

Formed from the three western zones of occupation and West Berlin. The Federal Republic of Germany (FRG)

May -

General Heinz Guderian, as Chief Inspector for Panzer Corps, visits Grafenwoehr to evaluate 250 Panther tanks before their deployment to the eastern fronts.

June -

The 12,000-man Italian San Marco Division begins training at the GTA.

1944

May -

Mussolini visits the GTA to and observe its training.

June -

The Longest Day:
The largest invasion in history commences on the Normandy beaches of France.

American, British and Canadian forces establish a beachhead after breaching Hitler's "Fortress Europe". After fierce fighting they drive east to take Paris.

Reichsführer-SS Himmler, overseer of the extermination camps and commander of the Gestapo visits SS units in Grafenwoehr. His speech, delivered in the local theater promotes loyalty to the regime.

1945

January -

The Battle of the Bulge: Hitler sends a quarter of a million troops into the Allied western front, in deadly winter weather. More than 76,000 U.S. Soldiers are casualties of the onslaught, but win the battle, counterattack and drive on.

April -

Two allied bombing raids take place on the town and post. U.S. 3rd Army Soldiers fighting their way through Bavaria arrive to accept the surrender of the GTA 10 days later.

April/May -

Hitler commits suicide. The Red Army takes Berlin. Germany surrenders.

1946

January -

Americans start training at Grafenwoehr. Tankers attend courses at the 7th Army Tank Training Center near Vilseck, Germany, while artillery and infantry units train at both the GTA and at Wildflecken training areas. In the aftermath of the war, and in the ruins of the main camp, a Prisoner of War collection point is established, while



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divides from the Soviet sphere of occupation and establishes its capital in Bonn.

August -
The Soviet Union explodes its first atom bomb.

October -
The East German Democratic Republic (GDR) is formed and claims as its capital Berlin.

1950

May -
General Dwight D. Eisenhower visits the GTA in his final weeks as NATO Commander. One month later, he returns to the U.S. to campaign for President.

June -
The Korean War begins as Communist forces invade South Korea.

November -
The U.S. Seventh Army, deactivated in 1947, is reactivated.

1951

June -
V and VII Corps arrive in Europe and are assigned to Seventh Army. From 1950 to 1953 large construction projects change the face of the Training Area. The Barracks "Tunisia", "Cheb", "Kasserine", and Camps Aachen, Algiers and Normandy are added. These facilities combined are capable of housing more than 42,000 troops. Developed in the early 1950s, the Honest John Rocket, the first U.S. battlefield, close support nuclear weapon was fired with weighted dummy warheads.

1953

March -
Soviet General Secretary and Premier Joseph Stalin dies.

1954

January -
U.S. Soldiers at the GTA are regularly shown government training films at the local movie theater throughout the Cold War years.

1955

May -
The Soviet Union creates The Warsaw Pact, a military-treaty organization of eight nations initiated and sponsored by the Soviets. It is the Communist Bloc counter to NATO.

November -
The German Bundeswehr is officially established. West Germany joins NATO.

1956

July -
West Germany introduces conscription, and activates the Bundeswehr (German Armed forces). One month later, the first German Bundeswehr soldiers arrive and are billeted at Camp Normandy at GTA. Although early plans for the Bundeswehr called for separate bases, the U.S. establishes a co-use agreement for Camps Algiers and Normandy for joint training and maneuvers.

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October -

The Soviet Union invades Hungary occupying the capital, Budapest, following Hungary's decision to withdraw from the Warsaw Pact. Hungarian resistance is crushed by Soviet troops and tanks.

1957

January -

U.S. Forces across central Europe, including those stationed in France, are using the Grafenwoehr Training Area by this time.

August -

Bundeswehr tanks and soldiers take to the Grafenwoehr Ranges.

1958

November -

Pvt. Elvis Presley, the King of Rock & Roll, visits Grafenwoehr for six weeks of winter training with his unit.

1958 through 1959

A newly remodeled Grafenwoehr Post becomes the headquarters of the Seventh Army Training Center. In addition to the Grafenwoehr Training Area, the Hohenfels Training Area is consolidated under the command. The Seventh

Army Training Center becomes the largest training complex in Germany. Rose Barracks becomes the home of the Seventh Army Combined Arms School.

1960

February -

Elvis Presley returns to Grafenwoehr to train and participate in the NATO exercise "Winter Shield". Maneuvers involve 60,000 men of the U.S. Army and German Bundeswehr. Elvis, now a sergeant, shuns exceptional treatment and duty. In his free time Elvis occasionally visits local taverns in the city of Grafenwoehr, just past the front gate, where he signs countless autographs and patiently sits for photos with his German fans.

1961

August -

At midnight, August 12, units of the East German army install barbed-wire fences along the 124 miles of Allied sectors in Berlin.

October -

High Noon: Soviet and American tanks face-off at Allied Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin. Third Armored Division's General Creighton Abrams photographed

in Grafenwoehr for the cover of TIME magazine.

June -

U.S. Army Europe reaches its peak strength of 277,342 personnel.

October -

President John F. Kennedy speaks to the world in a televised speech from the

Oval Office at the height of the Cuban missile crisis. U.S. and NATO military forces in Europe go to the highest state of alert.

1963

July -

The stone and barbed-wire barricades that dividing Berlin since 1961 are replaced by a permanent, 18 foot high wall around allied sectors that make-up West Berlin.

1964

October -

Communist Party First Secretary Nikita Khrushchev is deposed by the Russian government as leader of the Soviet Union. Leonid Brezhnev and Alexi Kosygin assume power over the state.



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1965

Beginning in the mid-1960s, U.S. Army Europe contributes to the war in Vietnam, by providing personnel. The GTA offers jungle and counter guerilla training for personnel deploying to Vietnam.

1966

January -

Charles de Gaulle, leader of the French government, says he will withdraw military forces from NATO. The United States must vacate its bases in France by the end of the year. Consequently, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army Headquarters merge at Heidelberg in 1967.

December -

Allies then, Allies now: Bundeswehr Forces welcome United States Army units restationed from France into Germany.

1967

March -

President Johnson announces plans to withdraw two divisions from Europe.

1968

August -

Approximately 200,000 Warsaw Pact soldiers, led by the Soviet Union invade Czechoslovakia, for the second time. The soldiers were sent to stop political reforms and freedoms and set-up a new government more closely aligned with the Kremlin.

1969

January -

The largest NATO Exercise to take place in Europe, the first Exercise REFORGER [from return of Forces to Germany] begins. About 12,000 Soldiers come from the U.S. to join the 220,000-man, U.S. Seventh Army in West Germany. In addition, 96 F-4 fighter bombers attend from Stateside to participate. The Soviet news agency, Izvestia, describes REFORGER as, "a new western plot directed at increasing tension in Europe". The exercise is hosted in Bavaria at Grafenwoehr, 50 miles from the Czechoslovak border.

1970

President Nixon's Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird visits Grafenwoehr, where he meets Helmut Schmidt. Schmidt will later become Chancellor of West Germany.

Historical note:

Every Cold War West German Chancellor with the exception of one, Konrad Adenauer visits the Grafenwoehr Training Area in one capacity or another from 1947 to 1991.

May -

The M-16A1 rifle, the TOW anti-tank weapon, the AH-1G Cobra and the OH-58A observation helicopter are added to U.S. Army Europe's arsenal.

1971

November -

A Pentagon reorganization study proposes adding more combat units to USAREUR.

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The USAREUR Soldier in the mid 1980s was many things. More than any other institution, the Army had become America's great melting pot. As a member of an all-volunteer Army the Soldiers assigned to U.S. Army Europe experienced cohesion, teamwork and esprit de corps in picturesque Europe, and by 1987 the Army's recruitment slogan, "Be All You Can Be" was an open invitation to talent from every part of the country, and to individuals from every social or ethnic background.



1972

April -

V Corps Headquarters and the Terrace Club in Frankfurt are bombed by terrorist group Red Army Faction (RAF). The RAF would bomb USA-EUR headquarters in Heidelberg one month later.

1972 to 1973

The Seventh Army Training Center's responsibilities dramatically expand. It is now responsible for all U.S. Army training activities in Europe. Combat support courses from the Combat Support Training Center in Oberammergau are moved to Rose Barracks.

1975

January -

The 3rd Battalion, 509th Infantry is activated at Lee Barracks in Mainz, and moves to Vicenza, Italy. At the same time, the 8th Infantry Division's 1st and 2nd Battalions, 509th Infantry were discontinued and replaced by two mechanized battalions, making the division fully mechanized.

The year 1975 marked the end the Army's largest logistical organization,

the U.S. Theater Army Support Command. The Command has more than 69,000 U.S. and local national civilians, supporting over 400,000 U.S. Soldiers in Europe and the Middle East.

1976

July -

The Seventh Army Training Center becomes the 7th Army Training Command (7th ATC). Established on July 1, 1976, the command is responsible for the Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels Training Areas, the Combined Arms Training Center at Rose Barracks, near Vilseck, and the Training Support Activity, Europe. The 7th ATC facilitates and manages training, including the development of concepts, requirements, and the evaluation of training readiness.

Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), which is critical to moving data on the modern Internet, is introduced in 1976.

1977

January -

RAF terrorists bomb U.S. Army barracks of the 42nd Artillery Brigade at Giessen. Several RAF members are killed in the ensuing firefight.

August -

The first A-10 attack aircraft arrive in Europe and are put through their paces at the Grafenwoehr Training Area for the international press. The A-10, affectionately known as "the Warthog" is a deadly tank killer that supports the infantry.

1979

December -

The Soviet Army invades Afghanistan.

1980

November -

Operation "Real Train" begins at the Hohenfels Training Area. Participating M603A Tanks are the most advanced of the M60 series, but are later replaced by the M1 Abrams in 1984.

1981

From 1981 to 1993, the U.S. Army extends and enlarges Rose Barracks, the southern tip of the Grafenwoehr Training Area. The total cost of renovations and enlargement exceeds one billion U.S. dollars.



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September -

The Red Army Faction (RAF) carry out an unsuccessful rocket propelled grenade attack against the car carrying the U.S. Army's West German Commander Frederick J. Kroesen in Heidelberg.

1982

From the July 1982 Spearhead magazine: "An eight-inch howitzer from the 1st Bn., 40th Field Artillery fires from underneath its camo at the Grafenwoehr Training Area before rumbling down the range road to another firing point".

1983

First M2/3 and M270 Multiple Launch Rocket System is fired at Grafenwoehr. The M270 is a mobile unit, well-suited for the shoot-and scoot tactic it can fire its rockets rapidly, and quickly move-away to avoid returning counter battery fire.

1984/85

The first M1A1 Tanks arrive for trials at Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels.

1985

August - Major upgrades are completed at Grafenwoehr facilities, and the ranges

are renumbered. SIMNET, a wide area network with vehicle simulators and displays for real-time distributed combat simulation is released for testing in 1985, by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. SIMNET is subsequently fielded in 1987, and was used for training until successor programs came online in the 1990s.

1986

April -

The nuclear reactor at Chernobyl in the Soviet Union melts-down and explodes releasing a cloud of radioactivity into the atmosphere over Eastern Europe and Scandinavia.



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1987

July -

Soviet Forces withdraw from Afghanistan. Civil war erupts among tribesmen and multiple rival factions seeking control of the country.

1988

The Combat Maneuver Training Center (CMTC) is activated at Hohenfels. The CMTC mission is to provide realistic combined arms training for U.S. Army Europe, and Seventh Army's maneuver battalion task forces in force-on-force exercises.

1989

November -

Freedom Prevails: After weeks of civil unrest the East German government announces its citizens will be allowed to visit West Berlin, causing a flood of East Germans to the west, and bringing about the fall of the Berlin Wall, more than a quarter century after it was erected.

1990

January -

Communist governments fall in Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, and Romania, signaling the end of the Soviet empire in Europe. Latvia and Estonia declare independence five months later.

January -

"Centurion Shield", the last REFORGER is hosted 60 miles west of Grafenwoehr.

August -

Saddam Hussein invades Kuwait. The U.S. responds with Operation Desert Shield. Seventh Army Training Command begins training units for deployment. VII Corps deploys to the region in Nov. where it plays a key role in the "100 Hour War" that liberates Kuwait in February 1991.

1991

February -

Operation Desert Storm begins. In one week, the U.S. led coalition pushes Iraqi forces out of Kuwait and across the border into Iraq, where the coalition halts 150 miles south of Baghdad.

June -

Yugoslavia begins to break apart. The Dayton Accords end the ethnic war, five years later, in December 1995.

August -

The Seventh U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy relocates and becomes a tenant unit of the GTA.

December -

Soviet Premier Gorbachev announces the break-up of the Soviet Union.

1992

U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) begins reducing forces in Germany, closing facilities and communities. Area Support Teams in Amberg and Bindlach are closed as part of the USA-REUR-wide draw down.

1993

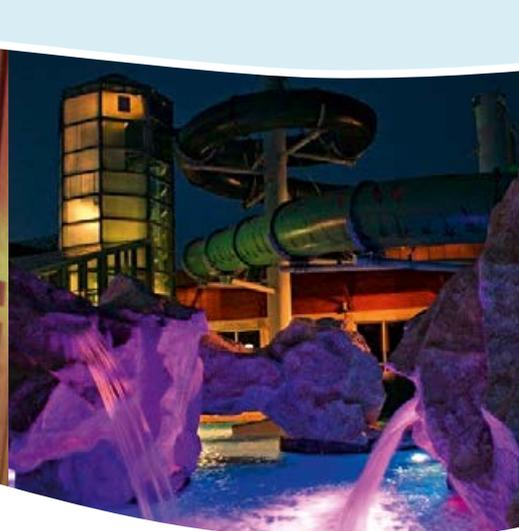
NATO's Allied Land Forces Central Europe becomes operational at U.S. Army Europe's headquarters in Heidelberg with a staff of seven nations: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States. The troops of these armies become regular fixtures on the GTA ranges in years to come.



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September -

In an unusual statistical milestone, for the first time in U.S. history, Army retirees outnumber active-duty personnel because of radical downsizing of the U.S. Army.

1994

April -

The 283rd Base Support Battalion inactivates and the Wildflecken Training Area is returned to the German government.

October -

7th Army Training Center hosts the largest, most technologically complex, joint and combined computer-assisted training exercise in the U.S. Army to date, ATLANTIC RESOLVE 94, which replaces the annual REFORGER exercises.

1995

October -

The Nuremberg AST at Merrill Barracks is closed and returned to the German government.

December -

To enforce a peaceful resolution to the ongoing conflict in the Balkans,

20,000 U.S. Soldiers deploy to Bosnia for Operation Joint Endeavor. In the first three months, the U.S. Air Force flies 3,000 missions, more than 15,600 troops, and delivers more than 30,100 tons of cargo. Many of the combat and support elements are trained, then airlifted from the GTA directly to the Balkans.

1996

January -

7th ATC participates in Task Force Eagle peace support certification operations prior to their departure for Operation Joint Endeavor. The JMTC maintains an active role in training units deploying to the Balkans as part of Operation Joint Guard, and deployments to Albania, Macedonia, and Kosovo for Operation Joint Guardian.

June -

NATO deploys Kosovo Force (KFOR) to promote stability in the Balkans. USAREUR's Task Force Falcon deploys as the main element of the Multinational Brigade.

September -

After years of civil war Kabul and Afghanistan fall to the Taliban.

1997

1997-2000:

The draw-down forces the closure of many USAREUR bases in Germany. With few exceptions the bases are turned over to the German government. Planning begins for the construction of a Multi-Purpose Range Complex at the Grafenwoehr Training Area.

1999

March -

Operation Allied Force, NATO combat operations against Serbia, commence. USAREUR deploys Task Force Hawk to Albania in support of the operation.

May -

The GTA Range 117 modernization and expansion project is completed to meet the new gunnery requirements of the M1A2 Tank. Likewise, Range 204 is completed to meet the standards of the Operation Desert Storm Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Fielding of the new M109A6 Paladin Howitzer and German Howitzer 2000 results in new procedures and firing areas to allow realistic training with new artillery systems.

NATO turns 50.



2000

September -

The Grafenwoehr Training Area is being assessed for possible closure. Its strategic significance and importance to U.S. Army Europe are discussed at the highest levels of the Pentagon.



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2001

September -

On September 11th, a series of coordinated suicide attacks by Al-Qaeda against the United States by 19 terrorists who crash four airliners into the World Trade Center, The Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania.

October -

In response to the attacks, the United States launches Operation Enduring Freedom, (OEF) in Afghanistan. U.S. Army Europe units deploy in support of OEF including SETAF's 173rd Airborne Brigade.

2003

March through April -

Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) begins as the U.S. Army and Marines attack Iraq from bases in Kuwait. The 173rd Airborne Brigade jumps into Iraq in the largest combat airdrop since WWII. Baghdad is captured only 16 days after OIF begins. The 1st Armored Division deploys to Iraq for a 15-month combat tour.

September -

USAREUR introduces Efficient Basing Grafenwoehr (EBG). The EBG initiative enhances training readiness, improves force protection, and provides new or renovated facilities for Soldiers and families.

2004

May -

The first Counter-Improvised Explosive Device training begins at Grafenwoehr.

November -

Plans are announced to transform The Combat Maneuver Training Center (CMTTC) at Hohenfels, into the Joint Multinational Readiness Center.

The transformation will be complete in 2005. After years of study, the U.S. Army unveils a new uniform, dubbed the Army Combat Uniform (ACU). It becomes standard-issue for all deployed troops in the fall of 2005.

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2005

April Rose Barracks begins a \$600 million expansion.

September The Seventh Army Training Command changes its name to the Joint Multinational Training Command (JMTC). The new name represents its key role in supporting NATO and the U.S. European Command's Theater Security Cooperation program. At the same time, CMTC transforms into the Joint Multinational Training Center.

While, the 7th Army NCO Academy is training hundreds of allied and partner nation's noncommissioned officers.

2006

April - 3,500 soldiers of the 2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment move from Fort Lewis, Washington to Rose Barracks Vilseck. The influx of more than 3,500 2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment soldiers doubles the local population.

2007

September - GTA is approved for a series of Department of the Army range projects under the Combined Arms MOUT Task Force initiative. Construction of an Urban Assault Course, a 360-degree live-fire-shoot-house and an Urban Breach

Facility begins, while the GTA live-fire assault building project is completed.

October - United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) is established.

Training with the Shadow Unmanned Aerial System begins at the GTA.

2008

The Joint Multinational Simulation Center opens a state of the art 50,000 square-foot facility for digital models, simulations and virtual training. At this time the JMTC at Grafenwoehr employs close to 3,900 local German nationals. Current salary and wage payments total 160 million Euro per year and contracts with local businesses amount to 2550 million Euro annually. American private purchasing power in the region is approximately 35 million Euro. An additional 30 million Euro per year is spent on rents by American families.

2009

As Grafenwoehr prepares for its centennial, its ranges and facilities are fully operational and teeming with U.S. and multinational soldiers training for deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. While continuing to support combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. Army Europe continues with its most comprehensive transformation program since the end of World War II. The GTA continues to adapt and shape itself to meet the needs of the sol-





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diers preparing for current and future operations.

June 30, 2010

In the spirit of cooperation and partnership that exists between the U.S. and the German militaries, 100 years after the first artillery round was fired at the Grafenwoehr Training Area from a 150 mm field howitzer on June 1910, a crew of German soldiers fired a ceremonial round to honor a century of training excellence. Also on this day, a U.S. crew fired a live-round "on target" to inaugurate the next 100 years.

September 11, 2011

A memorial ceremony was held at Rose Barracks Vilseck to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks to the New York Trade Center, the Washington Pentagon and Pennsylvania. A symbolic handover of an World Trade Center artifact, presented from soldiers of 2d Squadron, 2d Cavalry Regiment to their German military partners 122nd Panzer Grenadier Battalion was donated for a 9/11 Memorial in the city of Oberwiechtach. The monument is dedicated to all those individuals who died that day as well as those German and American Soldiers, Firefighters and Rescue workers who selflessly dedicate their service to their communities.



2012

Saber Junction was the second Decisive Action Training Environment exercise in Europe and the first to feature the Stryker-based 2nd Cavalry Regiment. It was also the first major exercise in more than 20 years to expand beyond the borders of the Army's major training areas in southern Germany.

2013

172d Infantry Brigade was inactivated on May 31, 2013 at the Tower Barracks Parade Field, ending almost one-hundred years of unit history. Following the brigade's inactivation, US Army units from Bamberg and Schweinfurt



were relocated to Tower Barracks, Grafenwoehr.

On September 24, 2013, U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr was redesignated as U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria to reflect its area of responsibility covering Grafenwoehr, Vilseck, Hohenfels and Garmisch U.S. military installations. Keynote speaker at the event was the Bavarian Deputy Minister President and State Minister for the Interior, Joachim Herrmann.

2014

USAG Grafenwoehr hosted Women's Empowerment Day on Mar. 28, 2014 as part of Women's History



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Month. Bavarian State Minister of Labor, Social and Family Affairs and Integration Emilia Müller was the keynote speaker, highlighting the status and accomplishments of women in today's society.

In March 2014, Russia illegally annexed the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, a gross violation of international law and of the territorial integrity of Ukraine. This led to a restructuring of NATO's security posture in Europe.

The European Activity Set (EAS) is a combined-arms, battalion-sized group of vehicles and equipment that is prepositioned in Europe to outfit U.S. Army Regionally Aligned Forces when they rotate into theatre for training or contingency operations. The EAS includes vehicle systems and equipment that would outfit a U.S. Army combined-arms battalion, such as M1A2 SEP v2 Abrams Main Battle Tanks and M2A3 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles, as well as the standard array of tracked and wheeled support systems. The return

of heavy armor means the U.S. Army has an armored force in Europe to train across the full-spectrum of unified land operations alongside allies and partners in the region. Those continuing engagements strengthen interoperability among partners, enhance trust and help build enduring relationships that will be the foundation for future security in the region.

2015

Soldiers of 3d Squadron, 2d Cavalry Regiment participated in Operation Atlantic Resolve in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland and completed the eleven-day, 1,800 kilometer "Dragoon Ride I" road march with their Stryker combat vehicles back to Vilseck, Germany on April 1, 2015. The ground movement was the longest by the U.S. Army in Europe since the end of World War II, highlighting NATO strategic access. Upon their return, Dragoon soldiers conducted a large military parade through Rose Barracks Vilseck and were welcomed home by the military community and German partners.

A partnership tree was put up at Tower Barracks, Grafenwoehr on May 4, 2015.

It is decorated with the crests of the units stationed at Tower and Rose Barracks and their German partner communities and units, as a symbol of German-American friendship and partnership.

Swift Response 15 was the largest combined airborne training on the continent since the end of the Cold War. It was designed to integrate multiple allied nations' high-readiness forces to operate as a cohesive team and demonstrate the alliance's capacity to rapidly deploy and operate in support of maintaining a strong and secure Europe. Paratroopers from 11 NATO nations conducted a massive airborne combined joint forcible entry operation across four European nations during the U.S. Army-led exercise.

On June 26, 2015, Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter visited Grafenwoehr Training Area and the 7th Army



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Joint Multinational Training Command. Carter met with U.S. and Romanian Soldiers participating in Exercise Combined Resolve IV. He observed a Combined Arms Live Fire Training Exercise which demonstrated the superior firepower capabilities possible through tactical level teamwork and successful interoperability. The training also showcased the capabilities of the Grafenwoehr Training Area and its ability to integrate a variety of weapons platforms for realistic training.

2016

The 2d Cavalry Regiment conducted a 2.200 kilometer tactical road march (Dragoon Ride II) of its Stryker combat vehicles from Rose Barracks Vilseck, Germany to Estonia, validating NATO allies' and partners ability of rapidly movement within NATO countries.

Nearly 5,000 participants from 16 NATO and European partner nations participated in Exercise Saber Junction 16 at the U.S. Army's Hohenfels Training Area in southeastern Germany, Mar. 31 - April 24, 2016. Countries participating in the exercise included Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Saber Junction 16 evaluated and assessed the readiness of the U.S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade to conduct land operations in a joint, combined environment and to promote interoperability with participating Allied and partner nations. The U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard also supported Saber Junction 16 by providing a personnel air drop and air landings in support of airfield seizure and reinforc-

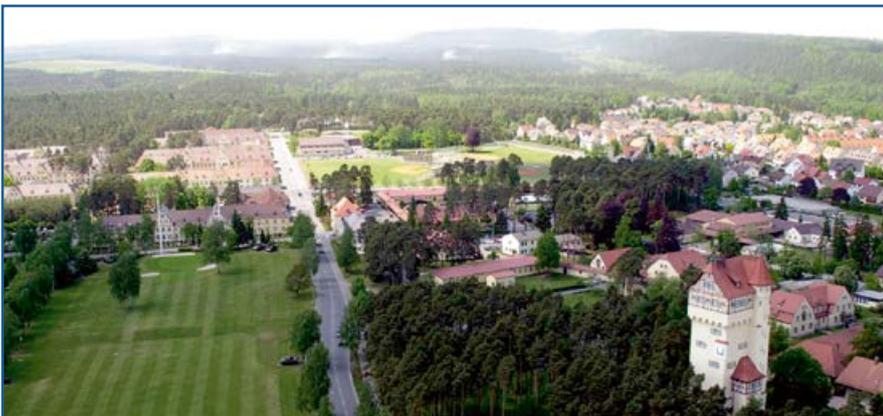
ing the U.S. commitment to stability and security of Europe.

The Joint Multinational Training Command changes its name to the historical 7th Army Training Command.

2017 – 2018

Rotational forces continued to cycle through Europe to train, while improving interoperability and strengthening relationships with NATO Allies and partner nations.

More than 140,000 visitors attended the 60th annual Grafenwoehr German-American Volksfest, celebrating the German-American friendship with country and Bavarian type music, as well as with hot dogs, burgers and bratwurst.



Grafenwoehr – Your Home away from Home



Dear american Guests,

let me tell you something about “your Home away from Home” Grafenwoehr. Through its 650-year history the city of Grafenwoehr has provided its residents and visitors with a plethora of entertainment and activities. This tradition continues today.

Visitors can explore historical documents in the Altstadt (historical town center), starting with the late Gothic Rathaus (town hall), which was constructed in

1462, and is therefore older than Columbus’ famous voyage to the Americas. Currently, the city’s administration conducts business in the Rathaus. The City Council meets there and residents hold wedding ceremonies in the building’s historical rooms. In the past, the building also functioned as a school, a bank, fire department, police station, night-watchman quarters and as a prison. The Rathaus is a single building in the center of the market square, which is typical for a 14th century town. In front of the Rathaus is the Mariensaeule (Saint Mary column), which was constructed in 1922 in memory of the Grafenwoehr residents who died in World War I. It also honors the victims of World War II and the allied bombings on April 5 and April 8, 1945. The plague column located at the lower market square dates back to 1496. It is assumed that it was constructed in appreciation by the survivors of the plague.

History buffs will be interested in the Oberpfälzer Kultur- und Militaermuseum (Cultural and Military Museum), which is located next to the city pond and city park. The newly designed exhibition at the Culture and Military Museum in 2015 considered in addition to the history now, the development of the training area Grafenwoehr and shows the many facets of coexistence of the local population with the stationed soldiers of the US Army. It also warns about the consequences of military activities. Complex groups of visitors, also members of the allied forces stationed, can thus discover an interesting and unique exhibiton. Grafenwoehr’s churches and small chapels provide another opportunity for exploration. For example, the 15th century “Alte Pfarrkirche” with its rich Baroque interior, provides a sharp contrast to the modern Friedenskirche (Peace Church) which boasts a 114-square meter altarpiece.



Gourmet Movie Theater at the Naturbühne am Schönberg.



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Traces of Life – the Footprints walk

Where or with whom do I leave a mark? Has anyone left his mark on me? The 7th grade of the class of 2013/14 dealt with these philosophical questions and produced works of art during a workshop with artists. The final result was the Footprints walk that invites you to think about life's fundamental questions.

Naturbühne am Schönberg

The ridge of "Schönberg" mountain almost reaches the center of Grafenwoehr. While walking through the park-like forest, no one expects such an overwhelming sight. The mighty sandstone blocks of the former quarry draw attention to themselves. For many years, the outdoor stage was used by the Catholic theater group for performances. This was no longer possible



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because the constant weather changes worsened its condition. The renovation brought the stage back to life.

Loop Hiking Trail Schoenberg/Annaberg

A loop hiking trail along the attractive hills of Schoenberg and Annaberg was established together with the renovation of the natural stage on "Schoenberg." Starting point is the newly built parking at Gößenreuther Weg. There is also an information board which provides visitors with an overview of the route.

The looped trail is marked with yellow signs and goes along paved paths. However, sturdy shoes should be worn. First, go south to the foot of Annaberg and enter the park-like forest behind the historic storage buildings. In a gentle slope, the trail leads up to Annaberg, past the rock cellars, the "Lourdes grotto," along a Way of the Cross to Annaberg Church. Then it goes along a forest clearing in the direction of the elevated tank, the centerpiece of Grafenwoehr's water supply. From there, you can see the training area when looking south and across Thumbach meadow. The trail then continues to the west, along the ridge of Annaberg mountain which is also known as "Calvarienberg." The farmlands in this cadastral section are still known by that name. After 500 meters, the border of the military training area forces you to turn

north. The "Katzenwinkel" area then marks the beginning of the wild and romantic nature of Schoenberg mountain. A small path takes hikers back down into a valley named "Grabengrund." Continue east on the slopes of Schoenberg to the natural stage. From here, it is only a short distance back to the starting point. After your hike, the near-by town center, especially the historical old town, offers hikers many possibilities to stop for food and drink. In the summer months, many beer gardens can be found here as well. The western part of the loop trail leads through an attractive natural area and is ideally suited for recreation. But please remember that this part of the trail is also a haven for flora and fauna. Therefore, we ask that you use this route during the day and keep dogs on a leash.

Shoppers will find a variety of restaurants and specialty stores along the Neue and Alte Amberger Strasse.

Farmers Market

On April 23, 2015, the first market was held and over time, its range of goods was expanded.

It was a great idea of Mayor Edgar Knobloch to hold a farmers market in front of the town hall because both customers and vendors are totally satisfied with it. Weekly offers range from fresh fish to beef and pork meat, smoked goods and homemade cheese

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plus bread baked in a wood-fired oven, fruits and vegetables, marmalade, honey and homemade schnaps. Warm meals are also served at the market to include goulash with noodles, or white sausages with Brezen – every week, a different selection. Recently, flowers have been added and seasonal goods such as asparagus are also sold. Coffee and cake are on sale, inviting customers to linger. Good conversations are guaranteed as well. Special attention is paid to the freshness of the goods at the Grafenwoehr farmers market. Customers can shop for them every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Institutions in Grafenwoehr

In addition, the city's public places offer entertainment for the entire family, including the Waldbad (outdoor pool), Stadthalle, child development services, kindergardens, schools, a library, the Mega Fun (Indoor-playground), Sportpark and senior citizens homes.

Grafenwoehr is socially committed with the More Generations House, the Buergerladen and a Buergerflohmaket (citizens' flea market).

Grafenwoehr citizens have established and maintained strong ties with American soldiers and civilians over the years. The joint celebration at the annual German-American Volksfest offers many opportunities for the two cultures to get to know each other. Also, the German-American KONTAKT Club and the German-American Community Council (DAGA) support the cultural and social exchange.

The city's proximity to the Natural Park Noerdlicher Oberpfaelzer Wald offers a variety of activities for outdoor enthusiasts. Several bicycle and walking paths provide great views of the surrounding mountainous and forested areas, including the Fichtelgebirge, the Steinwald and the Oberpfaelzer Wald region.



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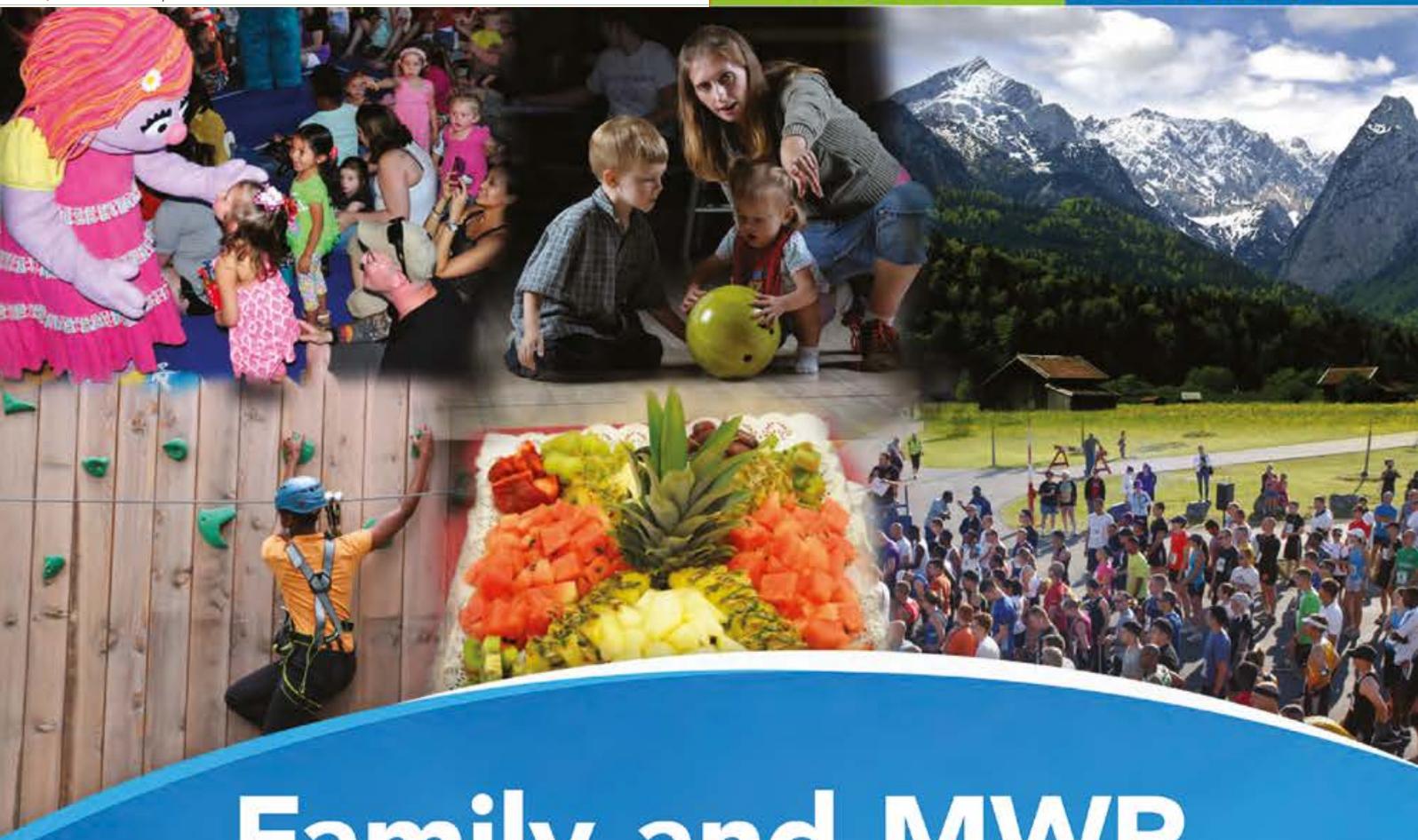
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Vilseck is a historical charged town, with tower armored fortifications, a one-thousand-year-old mighty fortress, centuries old stately homes, glorious churches, pretty chapels, dreamy corners: Vilseck holds the tranquillity of a small town, grown in the Middle Ages, but is continuing its impressive old town image until today, and the experts in terms of cultural history and cultural assets certify an extraordinary quality.

Vilseck also stands for rural idyllic scenes in dozens of villages, hamlets and solitudes; this is also "Oberpfälzer" (Upper Palatinate) charming hilly landscape with many ponds, extensive forests, pristine nature with living space for many rare animals and plants. A wide network of well marked hiking trails encourages the visitor to challenge also the surrounding areas of the historical center. The trails run through most of the 35 villages which belong to the city. But primarily they offer a walker a piece of earth with peculiar charm. From the gentle mountain ranges with its, in parts sloping valley borders, a gorgeous view, far into the country, is offered.

The landmark of the city of Vilseck is the "Vogelturm". The building is a part of the medieval city fortification and was the accommodation of the tower keeper. Nowadays it is used as the "Erste Deutsche Türmermuseum", the First German Tower Museum, whose arrangements and equipments give a

live impression about the meager life of a tower keeper in the Oberpfalz (Upper Palatinate). The museum is open from Fridays – Sundays, and on legal holidays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The oldest and most important historical building in the city of Vilseck is the Castle Dagestein. The origin can be dated back to the year 930. The oldest, still preserved part is the ground floor of the Bergfried (Donjon), built around 1200.

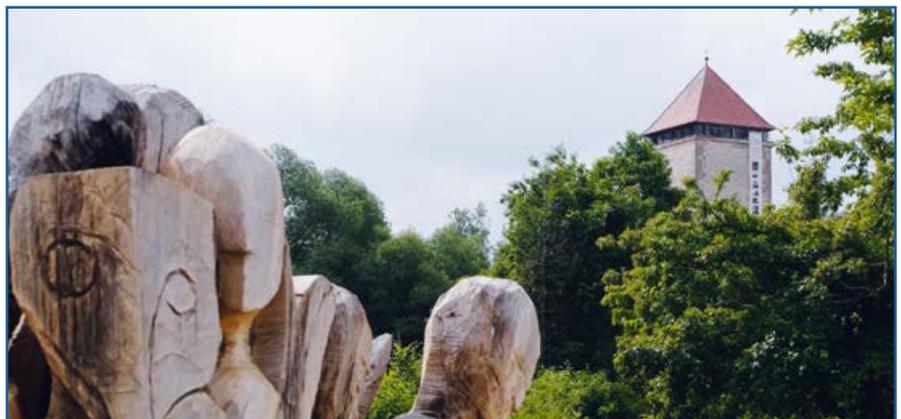
In the gate hall with its sandstone groined vault from the late Romanic timeframe, civilian marriages can be arranged. Whoever wants to say "Yes" up high over the roofs of the Old Town, can do so at the look-out of the castle tower. (Bergfried). Room for a wedding with historical ambient is available at the Zehentkasten (Tithe place), right next to the Castle Tower. The Donjon is open on Sundays and legal holidays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The historical ambient of the castle's inner ward is suited for all kinds of events; like concerts, markets, Kirchweih (festivity, usually related to the patron of the church) etc. The highlight of course is the "Ritterlager auf der Burg", a knights camp at the castle, with numerous marketers, chandlers, craftsmen, jugglers, knights high on horses and maids who change the place to a medieval market. The Vilsaue between castle "Burg Dagestein" and Vils (river) is in close vicinity to the historical trade routes to

Nuremberg, Bamberg, Eger, Pilsen and Prague. The green belt was an outstanding area for creating new ways along Land-Art-Works and other artist works. At a joint artists symposium 2015 in Vilseck six international artists (DE, US, CZ, CA, FI) faced up to the motto "The Golden Road - Artists construe historic routes". The ways along the artworks anytime are open to public viewing. In front of the magnificent backdrop of the "Burg Dagestein" rised idyllic oasis of calm along the river, elementariness places, a fitness course, a pavilion and a footbridge in the reeds.

Vilseck has one of the best located outdoor pools in the Oberpfalz! It is equipped with a 50 meter pool, as well as a 3 meter and a 1 meter diving platforms. In the non-swimmers area guests can enjoy underwater massage jets, a water fountain. The wading pool for the little ones was just renewed and is embedded in ranking green. This is perfect for toddlers and their families not to be disturbed from other things going on and to relax. Besides swimming, there is a beach volleyball field, a sand soccer field and also a ping-pong table to be active. A well sorted kiosk offers food and drinks, which can be enjoyed at a big sun terrace. The season starts depending on the weather on or around May, 1st and ends usually in the middle of September. The pool is open daily from 9.00 a.m. until 8.00 p.m.



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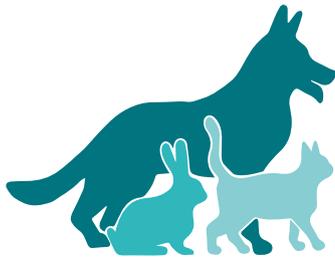


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Eschenbach i.d. Opf – a livable and loveable town

This is our motto and we would like to present our town to you, our American fellow citizens, and to show you what Eschenbach offers to you and your families. With this welcome-brochure we want to invite you to a brief ramble through the Rußweiher town.

History

Local historians assume that Eschenbach was founded in the 8th or 9th century. The village of Eschenbach surrounded the parish church which is still located at the same place. This church was the center of the village Eschenbach, later the market and then the town. In 1285 the village was listed as market town for the first time and on January 11th 1358 Charles IV granted town privileges to Eschenbach. The following centuries were marked by several destructions, pillages and lootings as well as devastating town fires that laid big parts in ashes but the inhabitants always kept their chins up. After World War II the town persons responsible had to cope with the enormous task of accommodating and integrating numerous refugees. This also included creating new jobs and improving education offers and health services.



New building areas were designated and this led to a steadily increasing population. Nowadays, more than 7,500 people – including the American families – live in the town.

The core of the town

In 1990 Eschenbach started to redevelop the town center, a process that is almost finished. The town hall can be seen as the central building, built in 1570. The town core is an attractive residential area but also the perfect location for several retail shops, banks, gastronomy and many health services. In addition to the characteristic churches at the East and West end of the old town, also the art works of the town hall and rotary fountains and the glass art at Marienplatz show the beauty of this area. Strolling through the alleys pays off as well.

Nature and relaxation

The Eschenbach "Erholungswald" (forest for relaxation) is just the second forest in Bavaria that received this title. This is a sign for extraordinary relaxation. The forest contains of the natural reserve "Vogelfreistätte Großer Rußweiher" (the lake area of Rußweiher) and the forest nature trail "Holzweg" which we would like to inform you briefly about:

Natural reserve "Vogelfreistätte Großer Rußweiher"

The natural reserve includes a range of fish ponds and is at the same time breeding habit for many bird species, especially mire crows. Designated trails with different watching towers and observation platforms allow the visitors to get an insight in the special flora and fauna of the region.

Forest nature trail "Holzweg"

A cooperation between Eschenbach, the nature park Nördlicher Oberpfälzer Wald, Waldjugend Eschenbach and the local forest authority fostered the creation of a natural adventure park next to highway B470 (direction Pressath) in 2002 that offers quality time in unspoiled countryside for everyone. English brochures about both sights can be found in the registration office in Eschenbach.

Leisure time

Circular walk around "kleiner Rußweiher"

Walking, bicycling or inline skating, alone or with the family – there are offers for everyone in Eschenbach. Our asphalted circular way invites the visitors to relax when walking the 5.3 kilometers around the bathing lake Rußweiher and to enjoy the gastronomy offers of "Hexenhäusel", the camping and leisure facility, the hotel and restaurant "Glutschaufel" or the "Hotel am See".





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Lake “Rußweiher”

The outdoor facilities of the Rußweiher lake which were built in 2007 and recreated in 2011 with a special fun area for the young children offers fun and relaxation for all sun worshippers and bathers. It is the only bathing lake in the region with the opportunity to explore Rußweiher lake with a paddleboat. Refreshments will be served by the kiosk.



Family and children

Many playgrounds can be found in Eschenbach. Additionally, the local kindergarten offers 4 childcare groups for children between 3 and 6 years and two groups for the youngest aged 1–3, that are also used by our American families.

Netzaberg/Partnership

In 2006 the laying of the foundation stone for Netzaberg, a new part of the

town, took place. The name belongs to a group of houses that was mentioned in a document of 1844. On an area of 60 hectares 830 houses were built for the families of our American friends, which shall be a “temporary home” during their deployment in Grafenwöhr and Vilseck. Due to a fully developed bikeway all Netzaberg inhabitants can reach Eschenbach easily by foot or bike.

The city of Eschenbach enjoys a great and very intensive partnership with the soldiers and families of at Grafenwoehr stationed 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment.

Warmly welcome to Eschenbach.

Peter Lehr, 1st Mayor

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Visit our beautiful fests and tour our historic towns. Enjoy the beautiful, pristine nature of the Upper Palatinate Forest. Get to know the people and try the culinary specialties of our region! That's the best way to get to know your "home away from home," find new friends and surely discover that we have a great deal in common.

I wish you lots of joy doing that! You and your family are welcome here and we welcome you with open arms. Therefore, I believe that you will feel comfortable here and Bavaria will become your "second home."

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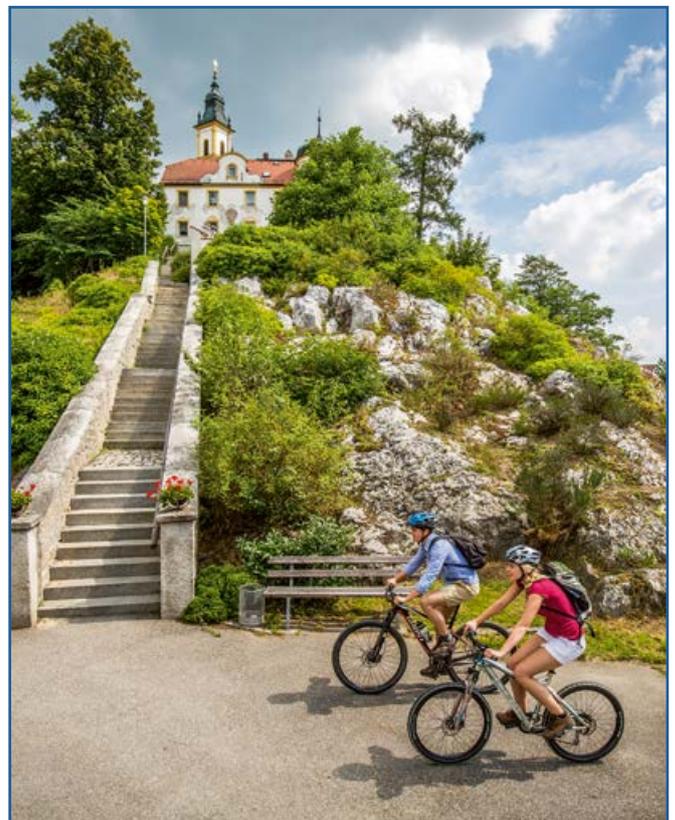


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Schlossberg in Tännenberg



Biker in front of the Rosenquarzfelsen Pleystein



A cordial welcome to our county of Neustadt a.d.Waldnaab

**Dear new residents, dear guests,
we would like to briefly introduce our county to you:**

Neustadt a.d.Waldnaab County with 38 communities is located in the heart of Europe in the government district of the Oberpfalz in northeastern Bavaria. In the East, we are sharing a conjoined with the Czech Republic by a 38-km-long border. The unincorporated city of Weiden i.d. Opf. and Grafenwoehr Training Area are also located in the county.



Economy and infrastructure

“Tradition and Progress” - that is one of Neustadt a.d.Waldnaab County’s guiding principles. It turned from the former center of lead crystal glass-production into



Nature conservation area Waldnaabtal

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Landscape, sights and culture

Neustadt a.d.Waldnaab County is located in the Upper Palatinate Forest, just north of the Bavarian Forest. Both natural landscapes, along with the Bohemian Forest in the Czech Republic, make up the largest, continuous forest area in Europe.

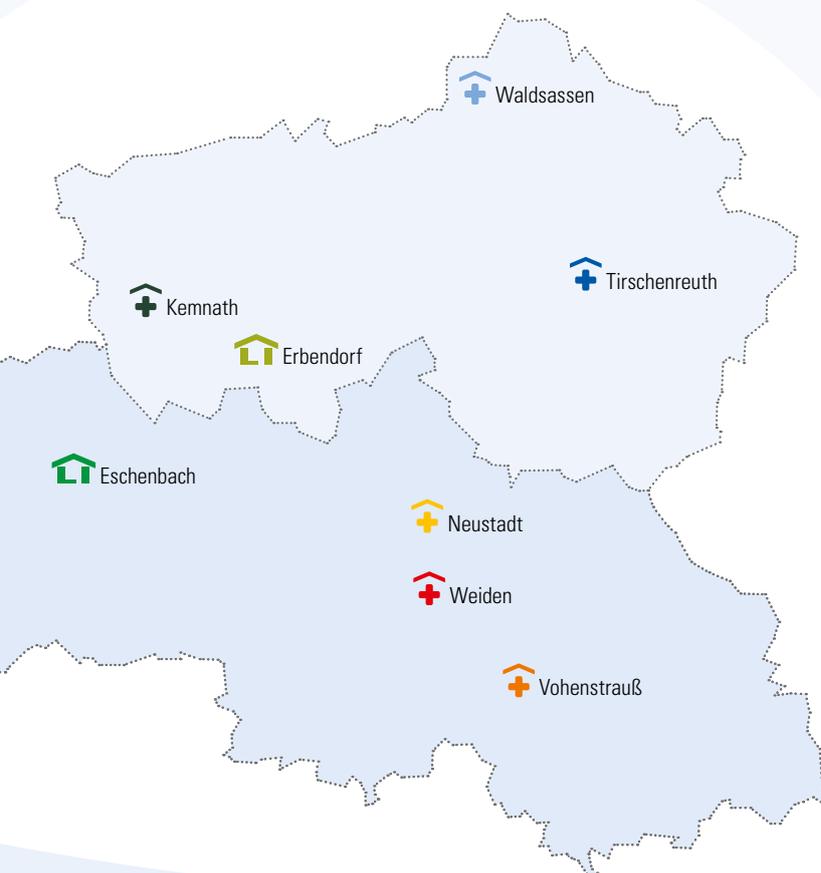
The nature protection areas “Waldnaabtal”-valley near Windischeschenbach, “Doost” near Floß and “Rußweiher” lake near Eschenbach i.d. Opf. offer romantic hiking routes for nature lovers. Apart from the “Goldsteig” and: “Nurtschweg” hiking trails that cross the county, bike trails are also well-developed. The “Bockl bike trail” along former railroad lines, for example, is Bavaria’s longest bike trail with a length of 52 kilometers. The 595 meters-high volcano Parkstein is described as “Europe’s most beautiful basalt mountain cone.” You have a beautiful panoramic view over the entire county from its summit. Parkstein’s “little brother,” the “Rauhe Kulm,” is located to the west and the Northern Upper Palatinate nature park is situated in-between, crossed by the Haidenaab and Creußen rivers. The Premonstratensian monastery Speinshart with its lovely monastery village, the Kreuzberg monastery in Pleystein, located on a rose quartz rock, the pilgrimage churches in Fahrenberg near Waldthurn, St. Quirin near Ilsenbach, St. Felix in Neustadt a.d. Waldnaab, Wieskirche near Moosbach and the GEO-Center at the KTB (continental deep borehole) near Windischeschenbach are sights worth seeing. Additionally, there is a wide variety of festivals, concert series and traditional events such as the St.-Jodok-Ritt in Tännesberg with a historic market and the German-American Volksfest well as many serenades, concerts, village and baking oven fests.



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General, visceral and thoracic surgery Head physician: Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Dietl	ext. -30 02	Oncological center Head physician: PD Dr. Werner Heinz	ext. -31 44
Vascular surgery Head physician: Dr. Eberhard Müller	ext. -30 22	Clinic for anaesthesiology / intensive care Head physician: Dr. Jürgen Altmeyen	ext. -32 02
Traumatology and reconstructive surgery Head physician: Dr. Thomas Neubauer-Gartzke	ext. -30 41	Neurological clinic / stroke unit Head physician: Dr. Michael Angerer	ext. -35 02
Medical clinic I (gastroenterology, oncology, internal intensive medicine, ...) Head physician: Prof. Dr. Frank Kullmann	ext. -31 02	Department of neurosurgery Head physician: PD Dr. Hisham Bassiouni	ext. -55 96
Medical clinic II (cardiology, nephrology, internal intensive medicine, ...) Head physician: Prof. Dr. Robert Schwinger	ext. -31 52	Radiotherapy Head physician: PD Dr. Bernd Gagel	ext. -34 51
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Children´s hospital Head physician: Dr. Fritz Schneble	ext. -33 52	Radiological diagnostics / interventional radiology / neuroradiology Head physician: Prof. Dr. Christian Paetzel	ext. -34 01
Perinatal center Head physicians: Prof. Dr. Anton Scharl, Dr. Klaus Adam	ext. -33 52	Palliative care unit Head physician: Dr. Stephanie Kuchlbauer	ext. -63 70
Socio-paediatric center Head physician: Dr. Susanne Rinnert	ext. -33 31	Externally service medical specialist departments ENT, Ophthalmology, Maxillofacial, Surgery	
Pain clinic (day care and outpatient) Head physician: Dr. Susanne Neumeier	ext. -32 41		
Physiotherapy Departmental Head: Jens Hegebart	ext. -46 00		

Amberg and the County of Amberg-Sulzbach



Dear soldiers of the U.S. Army, family members and guests

The city of Amberg and the district of Amberg-Sulzbach have many different, beautiful faces. They contain an intact natural environment and offer guests a variety of scenery. Our region also leaves little to be desired when you are ready for a bit of relaxation and recreation. You will find plenty of opportunities for cycling and hiking and Monte

Kaolino in Hirschau is the world's only artificial mountain where you can go skiing during the summer. You will also not want to miss the traditional Kirwan and mountain festivals. The historic old city (Altstadt) is one of the things that make the city of Amberg special. It's a great place for shopping or just strolling and passing the time. With many businesses as well as taverns, cafes, and beer gardens, you are sure to find our city to be very hospitable. There is also a rich offering of cultural and recreational opportunities, including many pleasant surprises. For example, thanks to its unique Air Museum and air-related art exhibitions, Amberg has been declared Germany's only Luftkunstort.

But the best way to learn about our city and region is to visit the many intriguing places and take some time to enjoy the comfortable atmosphere that the city of Amberg and the Amberg-Sulzbach district have to offer! We are sure that you will feel at home here.

Yours truly,

Michael Cerny
Mayor of the City of Amberg

Richard Reisinger
Head of the administrative district

The district of Amberg-Sulzbach lies at the heart of Bavaria. For a long time now our region has been a popular destination for hikers, Nordic walkers, water-skiers and sand-skiers, for caving or potholing, for canoeists, anglers and cyclists. But it is our country-side that has most to offer visitors. In our district the Jura unfolds into its richest forms and reveals small hills, canyons, dolines, limestone reefs, stalactite caves, brilliantly coloured mixed forest, slopes covered with flowers, idyllic streams and countryside covered with ponds. With almost half of the surface area of Amberg-Sulzbach, covered with forest, it is considered one of the most richly forested regions of Bavaria and is the

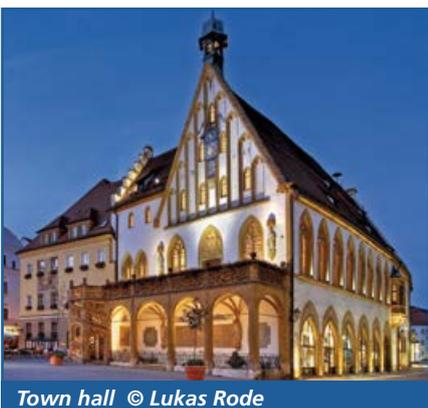
home of some of the traditional forests which today are partly designated as nature parks. The bare juniper moorland of the Lauterach valley and the lower river Vils present a completely different picture. Not without reason is this stretch of land known as the "Bavarian Tuscany."

But the district can also offer many cultural attractions. Numerous fortresses, ruins, castles and monasteries bear witness to the historic importance of this region. Feel like taking part in a local celebration or festival? In Amberg-Sulzbach alone there are over 120 church festivals. Visitors come from far and near to visit the unique „hill“ festivals. Throughout the year our restaurants and hotels have something on offer for everyone. The special „game“ weeks are famous beyond the borders of our district; likewise the delicious Jura-distel lamb, which is known to have a special local flavour. To accompany this we have a unique choice of beers: 14 breweries, of which one alone brews 13 different sorts of beer.

“Opposites attract”

Amberg is a living example of this proverb. With its almost thousand years, the town is full of history and historical

settings. However, Amberg represents itself as a modern shopping and service center with a broad range of cultural events. Modern and traditional features forming a harmonious entity which provides an excellent quality of life. Discover our beautiful sights. One of the most famous landmarks of Amberg is the "town spectacles", which is part of the town wall encircling the ancient city. The Gothic town hall, mighty churches and many other historical buildings are characteristic for the unique image of Amberg. Our town guides are pleased to show you more of it. Another sight is the town theatre, which is accommodated in a former church. Remarkable performances und concerts take place there. But Amberg has even more to offer as regards culture: Sophisticated events in the Amberg Congress Center, a varied program during the Summer Festival, high-powered literature in the library and a wide choice of films shown in the cinema. You will be pleased by the personal shopping atmosphere in the old town center. During or after your shopping tour you may rest and dine in our restaurants and cafes. In the evening you may spend some time in pubs and clubs.



Town hall © Lukas Rode



Cycling on former train tracks © Anton Mirwald



Canoeing on the river Vils © Clemens Zahn



Pilgrimage church St. Maria © Werner Johann



town spectacles © Touristinformation

The "Mariahilfberg" with its pilgrimage church and its large forest are available for recreation. Here the legendary mountain festival takes place. Together with the town festival in June and the "Dult" – a big fair in spring and autumn – prove that Amberg know how to celebrate. Join them! Further leisure-time pursuits are provided in the indoor leisure pool, the open-air swimming pool and in the ice pavilion.

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Valley of Hirschbach © Clemens Zahn



Sandboarding at the Monte Kaolino © Alfred Härtl



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Hospital St. Marien Amberg

The St. Marien Hospital in Amberg has a long tradition of serving American communities in the greater Amberg region. As a Tricare Network Facility and as one of the main medical hospitals in the area we provide top-notch medical support to US soldiers, their families, retirees and DOD personnel. We work very closely with the US Medical Clinics on the military installations in the region. Your physicians and staff cooperate very closely with our medical staff. We have an agreement to report medical findings and treatment recommendations to the military Primary Care Managers either on the day of care or within just a few days at most. This allows your military physician to manage your care without delay. It is our supreme goal to make our American patients feel welcome and comfortable.

Our hospital has 598 beds and covers with its broad medical spectrum all domains of a modern, differentiated tertiary care. We ensure medical care at highest level and offer specialized medical services in 17 departments (General, Visceral, Thoracic Surgery; Vascular Surgery; Trauma Surgery and Orthopedics; Obstetrics and Gynecology; Pediatrics; Internal Medicine I, II, III and IV; Neurology; Neurosurgery; Urology; Anesthesia and Operative Intensive Care; Radiotherapy; Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology; Institute for Laboratory Medicine and Microbiology and Pain Therapy) and four in-patient divisions (Ophthalmology; ENT; Oral and Facial Surgery; Orthopedics).

Specialists of different disciplines are committed to the diagnostic investigation and therapy of special diseases (e. g. tumor- or vascular diseases) in our several specialized Medical Centers (Oncology Center; Center for Intestinal Cancer; Trauma Center; Geriatric Trauma Center; Center for Prostate Cancer, Kidney Cancer and Bladder Cancer; Prosthetics Center; Hyper-

tension Center; Center for Vascular Diseases; Breast Care Center; Center for Gynecological Oncology; Perinatal Center North-East Bavaria). That means for you as a patient that all medical skills are concentrated to help you.

In our Perinatal Center North-East Bavaria Amberg-Weiden, for example, specialized obstetricians and pediatricians offer the best care and thus maximum safety for mother and child. Should complications occur, our experts help you deliver your baby within only a couple of minutes and attendant specialized pediatricians take care of your baby. The Perinatal Center allows for effective, comprehensive, high-quality medical care for risk-pregnancies, premature infants and neonates. For the medical care of ill premature infants and newborn babies, there is also a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, which meets the highest technical and modern requirements.

Our regional Trauma Center is integrated in the Trauma Network of East Bavaria (TNO). It has been certified since 2009 and ensures prompt and highly qualified emergency medical intervention for poly-trauma patients.

In our specialized Chest Pain Unit and Stroke Unit, our patients benefit from prompt and high-quality emergency medical care rendered by an interdisciplinary team of medical specialists. An immediate medical care can be provided in critical situations like heart attacks or strokes. In both specialized units there is a high quality standard concerning the medical, organizational and human resources. Both units are certified at regular intervals.

Our Central Emergency Room is the contact point for all cases of emergency, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. In our Emergency Room we focus on a rapid diagnosis and therapy of medical emergencies. An interdisciplinary team of physicians is on standby

for you day and night. Depending on the indication, you will be medicated out-patient or in-patient in the appropriate department of our hospital.

In our Health Center St. Marien, which is attached to the hospital, our patients can be medicated and counseled out-patient. The spectrum of our Health Center is differentiated and highly specialized. It is meant for patients who will have to be treated in-patient and for out-patients after an in-patient therapy as a follow-up care. The specialists of the Health Center St. Marien cooperate with the departments of the hospital and with physicians in private practice.

The St. Marien Hospital in Amberg is an academic teaching hospital of the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg and the University of Regensburg and thus highly committed to the medical education of junior staff.

At Hospital St. Marien Amberg about 1,800 motivated employees take care of approximately 70,000 patients every year. All staff members are committed to give their best for you. Trustful and honest communication is an extremely important factor for your recovery process. Do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions pertaining to your medical treatment or to your hospitalization in general. Our motto "health. humanity. hand in hand." is not only a mission statement – we want to give you the best personal and humane treatment you can get to contribute to your recovery with all the medical and nursing capabilities at our disposal and to make your stay at St. Marien Hospital in Amberg as pleasant as possible.



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Specialised medical services in the departments
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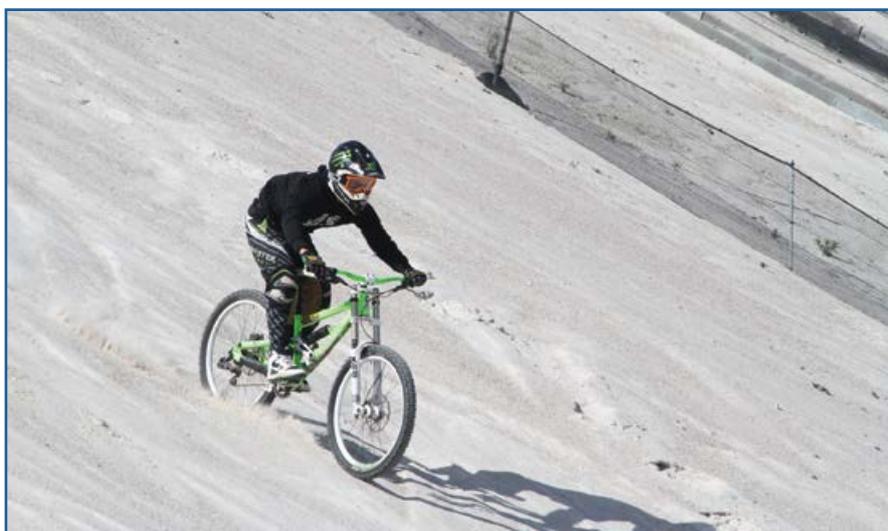
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Total recreation at the “White Giant” Monte Kaolino sand hill in Hirschau



Caribbean flair in the Upper Palatinate

Monte Kaolino rises above the beautiful, diverse landscape of the Upper Palatinate Forest. The sand dune, made up of over 32 Mill. Tons of quartz sand, is the only sand skiing hill in the world with a stationary lift and it really is a paradise for skiing and sport enthusiasts. Racing down the sand slope, taking curves and caprioles down to the valley – and doing all that in a bathing suit, trunks or bikini. The finest white quartz sand and spectacular desert flair have established the giant sand dune as a Mecca in the international board scene. Anyone who has no sand skis, a board, or a sledge can borrow them on the spot. You can take the lift or climb the hill and be rewarded at the top by the magnificent panoramic view. At the base of the hill, the recreation park Monte Kaolino offers unique leisure or sporting activities. After the experience on the dune, enjoy the Caribbean beach feeling in the adjacent heated Dune pool. A 25 m swimmer’s pool and a diving area with 3 m and 1 m diving boards, an adventure pool with underwater jets and a 50 m water slide make each bathing day an unforgettable experience. The 70 square kilometers large children’s pool in the shape

of a sailing boat and the sand-pit with moats and water courses, really get the children’s pulses racing. Refreshments in between can be partaken on the sun terrace or in the Café-Restaurant “Am Monte Kaolino”.

The Monte Coaster is the first roller coaster in the world to be built on sand – on the Monte Kaolino. Using state of the art sledge technology, a Coaster-sledge on rails takes you to the highest point of the quartz sand hill in 2 minutes (the uphill drive in Hirschau is one of the steepest in the whole of Germany). Down it goes, over jumps and waves, round hair-pin bends to the valley, on a roughly 1000 m long track – the perfect roller coaster experience!

One of the biggest attractions on the Monte-Coaster is the spectacular 365 degree panorama roundabout with a photographic system, which automatically takes your picture and measures your velocity.

High tension is guaranteed on the adjoining Forest high wire park with 5 courses with different levels of difficulty. Without impairment of nature or damage to the trees, in 4-13 m height and under professional guidance, certain exercises have to be accomplished and under the treetops, the path passes over steel wire rope, swings, ropeways and boardwalks.

Another new attraction is the Team high wire park where the exercises can only be completed by the group. This is about a specific manager training, the ability of colleagues to work as a team or to gain expertise in private as well as social areas. Courage, self-confidence, flexibility and a readiness to assume risks, go hand in hand with communication, mutual trust, solution oriented thinking and personal effort, and all that as a group. The exercises have to be successfully completed at 5 stations on the Team high wire park. Visitors from near and far are welcome to make a longer stay at the Camping ground with its pleasant, family-friendly atmosphere. The sanitary facilities, which also cater for the needs of people with disabilities, are state-of-the-art. The camp mobile service station and the caravans for rent gladden all campers. The camping ground offers 220 tourist campsites and 30 sites for camp mobiles in a quiet location directly next to the Dune swimming pool. Wooden huts for four people can be rented and groups can book the new tipis. The recreation park Monte Kaolino extends an invitation and guarantees diversified experiences.

www.montekaolino.eu



Total recreation at the "White Giant" Monte Kaolino sand hill in Hirschau



Sandboarding – Sandskiing – Summer Roller Coaster – Eventarena – Dune Open Air bath
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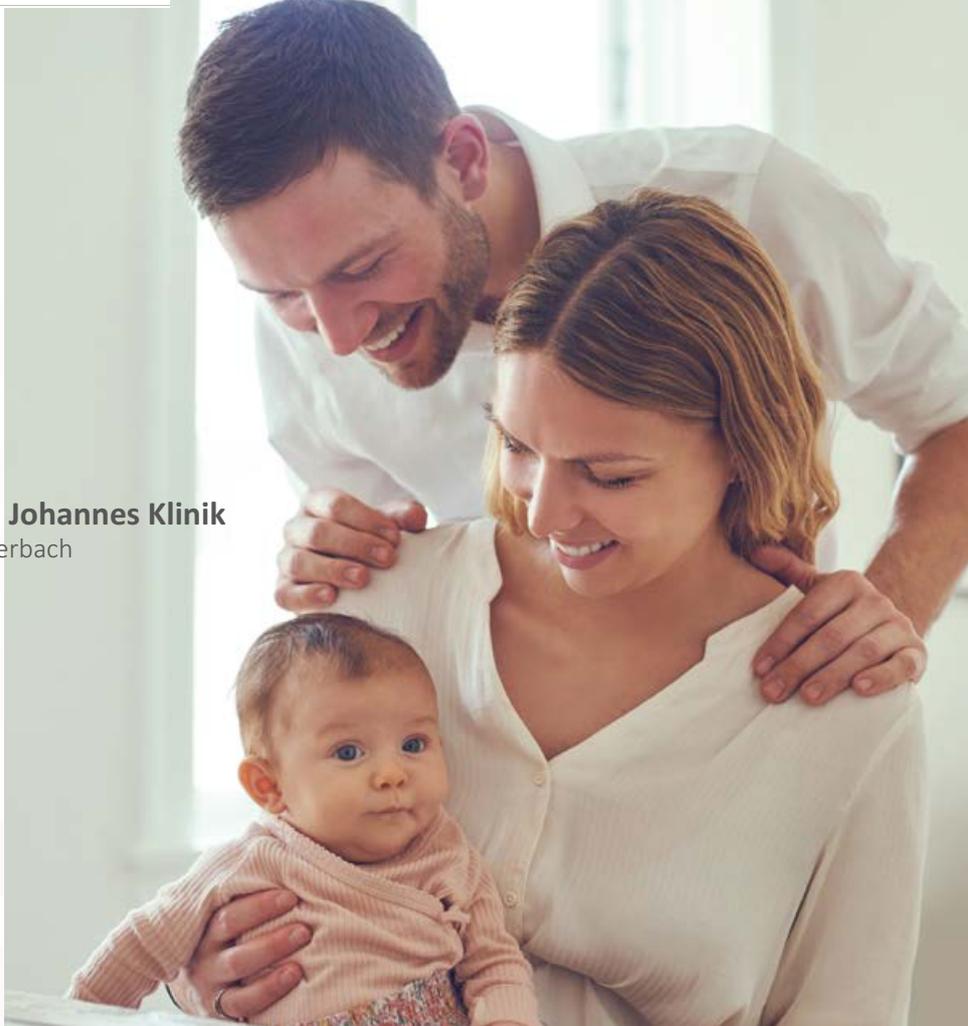
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As primary care Clinics, we have a variety range of services developed for you and we have a fully competent staff with a focus on patient safety and satisfaction.

An emergency care provider to the Amberg/Sulzbach county, this communally owned organization provides medical care both to the county's approx 100,000 residents and to residents of the adjacent areas. We also provide inpatient and outpatient care to the U.S. Military Community located at the Grafenwoehr and Vilseck Area. We provide top-notch medical support and it is very important for us that our American patients, feel welcome and comfortable.

Room features

- 2-bed or single rooms
- equipped with bathrooms
- TV, internet (WLAN), telephone, radio (fees will apply)
- accompanying person possible
- Menu selection between three meals (including a vegetarian meal)

Medical Cooperation

- Amberg Association of orthopedics (OGA)
- Dr. Pöllath/Dr. Scherer, surgical practice clinic / hernia centre



OUR RANGE OF SERVICES

	St. Anna Hospital	St. Johannes Clinic
Internal medicine		
Gastroenterology	✓	
Cardiology	✓	
Acute geriatrics		✓
General internal medicine	✓	✓
Surgery		
General and visceral surgery	✓	
Certified hernia centre	✓	
Traumatology and orthopedics	✓	
Spine surgery	✓	
Certified Endo Prosthetic Centrum	✓	
Gynecology and obstetrics	✓	
ENT	✓	
Geriatric rehabilitation		✓
Central Emergency Room, seven days a week, 24 hours a day	✓	✓
Intensive care	✓	
Radiology	✓	✓
Anesthesia	✓	
Laboratory	✓	✓
Endoscopy	✓	✓
Ultrasound	✓	✓
Physical therapy	✓	✓
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Speech therapy	✓	✓
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Case Management	✓	✓

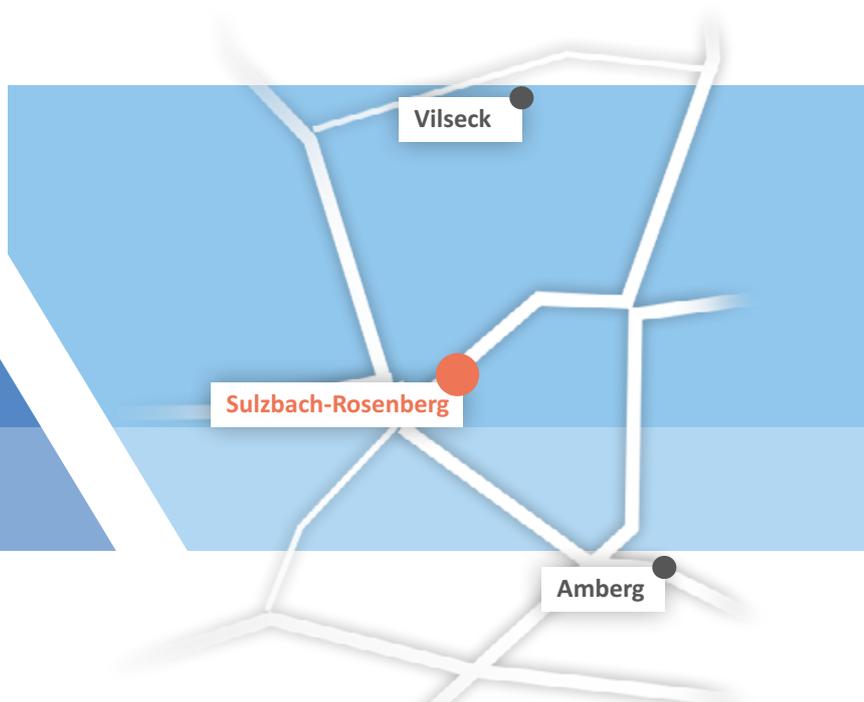
In our Physician's specialist centre St. Anna which is part of the hospital, our patients can be treated and counseled as out-patients in the following:

- **Neurology**
Dr. med. Klaus Gebel, Consultant for neurology and psychiatry
- **Neurosurgery**
Marc Wenzl, Consultant for neurosurgery
- **Otolaryngology**
Dr. med. Stefan Wagner, Consultant for ear, nose and throat diseases

The St. Anna Hospital and the St. Johannes Clinic are providing the highest quality of medical care.

What particularly defines us, is our high standard. Our patients always feel safe and secure. They are treated and taken seriously with their medical problems and their individual wishes.
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Market Town of Hohenfels



Population: 2,135
Area: 137 km²
Location: 390 m above sea level

Tourism and Local Recreation

The municipality of Hohenfels is located on the Jurassic plateau at the east district borderline with its many scattered hamlets and farms. The St. Ulrich parish church is still the landmark of the town with its Asam paintings and the trout creek rising right from underneath the church. The guest and nature lover is offered a diversity of walking and hiking trails throughout the Hohenfels countryside with its interesting flora and fauna, many guest houses and restaurants offering refreshment and delicious food.

Directions

Hohenfels can be reached via rural roads, the state road 2234 arriving from the west, crossing the town center and leaving in southeast direction.

It is the connection to the major traffic junctions, the interstate Autobahn A3 Regensburg – Nuremberg in the west and the state road Regensburg – Amberg in the east.

Bike trail between Hohenfels and Rohrbach

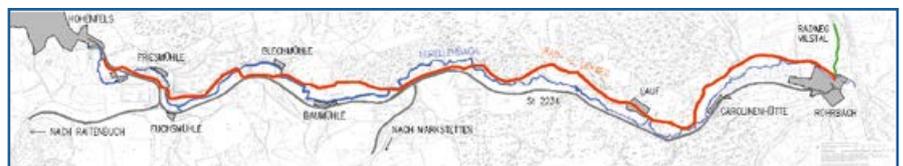
The municipalities of Hohenfels and Kallmuenz proudly present the recently completed hike and bike trail from Hohenfels to Rohrbach. This trail connects the two communities embedded in the breathtaking trout creek valley. In Rohrbach, there are connections to the bike trail alongside the Vils river leading to Amberg as well as to the so-called five-river trail alongside the Naab river towards Regensburg.

The construction of the bike rail significantly enhanced the recreation options within the area Hohenfels and Kallmuenz. The positive feedback from our fellow citizens testifies to the popularity of this beautifully located bike trail.

We wish all the users of the trail fun in motion in nature, on a bike ride or on a walk through the breathtaking trout creek valley.

For information, contact:

Municipality of Hohenfels
 Pfarrer-Ertl-Platz 3
 92366 Hohenfels
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Market Town of Hohenfels



Market square with pergola



Community Brewery, now the Village Shop



The Upper Palatinate Open Air Museum



Activity Days

As the “central museum for country life and agricultural history in the Upper Palatinate”, the open-air museum organizes several activity days during the season between March and September. On these, old artisan technology and traditional ways of working in the house and on the farm are demonstrated. Special exhibitions and talks on folklorist subjects complete the program. Every Sunday during the museum’s season you can buy the famous museum bread, traditional Upper Palatinate style, which is baked in the old oven at the “Schallerhof”.

Come and meet our animals on the farms and surrounding fields: sheep, goats, horses, cows, oxen, chickens, geese, peacocks and pigs. Lambing time is usually around mid-April onwards.

Catering

The Tavern Inn of the Museum offers a charming beer garden and traditional food and drinks.

Experience everyday history

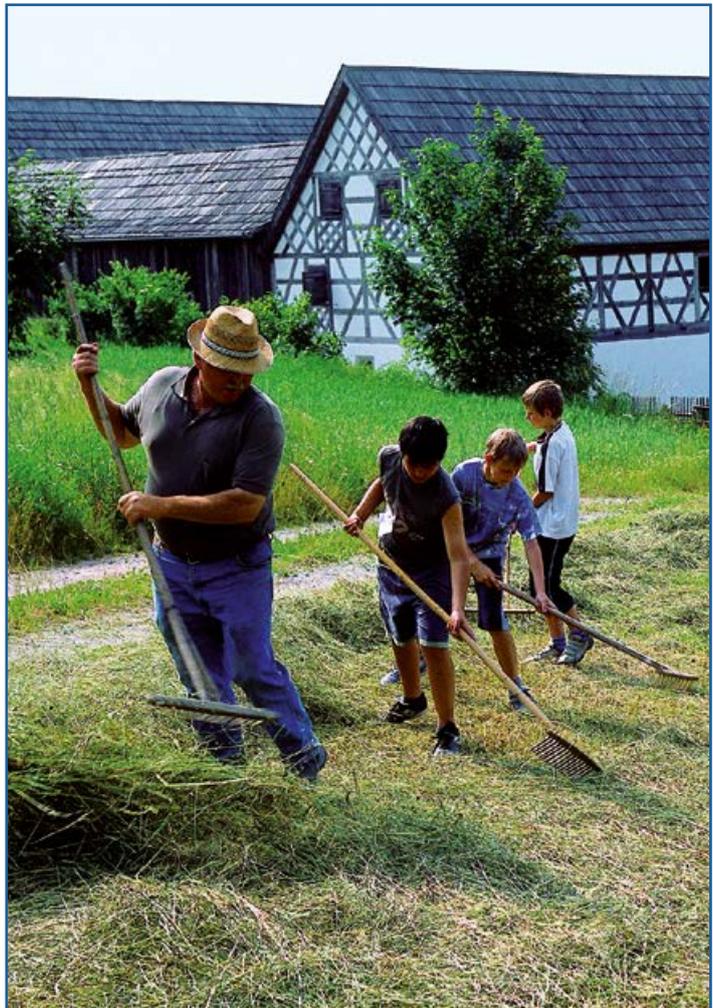
The open – air museum of the Upper Palatinate Administrative District in Neusath – Perschen near Nabburg offers an insight into country and farming life of earlier days. There are now 50 re-erected buildings, showing the various ways people lived, worked and built, according to region and social standing. The houses were originally occupied by farmers, smallholders, peasants, day laborers, weavers, herdsmen, millers, huntsmen and

nobles. The buildings, which could no longer be kept on their original sites, have been transferred to the museum as cultural and historic evidence. They are furnished in the authentic way. Qualified museum workers cultivate the fields and woods with horses, oxen, cows and ancient agricultural machines. Orchards and herb gardens have been laid out round the houses. Loosely arranged meadow orchards show the way in which fruit trees have typically been cultivated in the area.

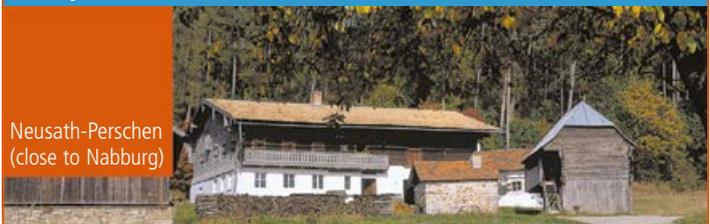




The Upper Palatinate Open Air Museum



Experience everyday history!



Neusath-Perschen
(close to Nabburg)

Upper Palatinate Open Air Museum  

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- Neusath-Perschen
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Season: March – November



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Absolutely unique: Garmisch-Partenkirchen, located amidst breathtaking mountain scenery at the foot of Germany’s highest mountain, the Zugspitze (2962 m), is the epitome of vast and pristine alpine nature. It is a unique place in an awesome setting where outdoor activities are extraordinary experiences — between mountain and valley, in the water or in the air. It is a region that has shaped human beings and their culture. Here, you still find typical Bavarian traditions in their original form. A place where you get closer to nature and discover something about yourself.

Discover Unique Alpine Nature

Stimulating, exciting or calming — in the Garmisch-Partenkirchen region, you experience the rough beauty of breathtaking mountain scenery. You are surrounded by more than 400 mountain peaks. Mountains, almost 3000 metres high, are fissured by deep canyons with meadows up high in the mountains, and mountain peaks such as the Alpspitze or the Zugspitze, towering above everything. Highlights that are hardly measurable and unlimited possibilities allow you to find your very own way and rediscover yourself. Adventure, inspiration or relaxation — Garmisch-Partenkirchen inspires everyone with its sheer energy. Everyday life is left far behind; your mind becomes as fresh as the clear air up high in the mountains. Garmisch-Partenkirchen is very proud of the “Heilklimatischer Kurort” seal of quality, which certifies the healing climate of the health resort.

Outdoor Paradise All Year Round

The variety of alpine nature around Garmisch-Partenkirchen can hardly be surpassed. Active holiday-makers make the



most of this unique outdoor centre: No matter which season, Garmisch-Partenkirchen is always an attraction: Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing or ice hockey in winter, canoeing, paragliding, mountain biking or hiking in summer. Garmisch-Partenkirchen stands for activity and sports — “both in and with nature”.

Unique experiences for the whole family: a hike through the breathtaking and geologically interesting Partnach Gorge: next to roaring waterfalls and cataracts, this expedition is one of the most impressive wonders of the Alps, in summer as in winter.

A number of trails through the surrounding area start at the Partnach Gorge. Trails along pathways steeped in history lead to the King’s House on the Schachen, which used to be King Ludwig II’s mountain refuge.

Garmisch-Partenkirchen is also Germany’s first choice for winter sports: for holiday-makers — and for top athletes. As an internationally renowned winter sports

resort with world-class events, the town has a fixed place on the yearly winter sports agenda, having established an excellent reputation around the world. The very best alpine skiing athletes compete in the ski world cup races every year. The world’s elite of ski jumping fly to new lengths during the famous New Year’s Ski Jumping from the new jump — the futuristic landmark of modern Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

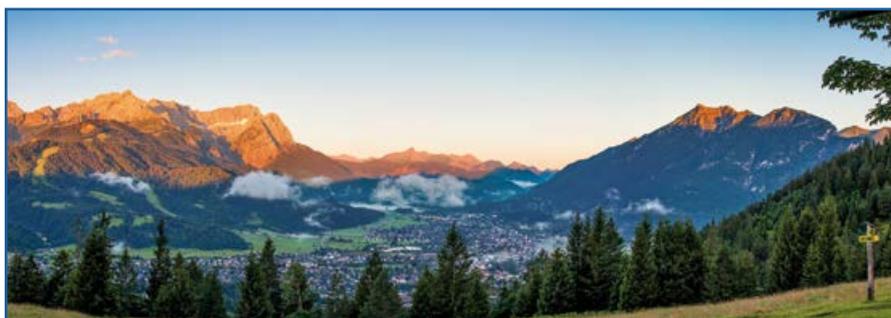
Proverbial Naturalness and Openness

A stroll through streets like Frühlingsstraße in Garmisch or the historical Ludwigstraße in Partenkirchen makes tradition come alive. The so-called Lüftlmalereien, magnificent facade paintings, tell you stories about the houses’ inhabitants, the region and its customs, that even non-German speaking visitors understand without a guide. The local people themselves greet the visitor with openness, lust for life and their Bavarian charm.



One part of their unmistakable way of life is reflected by the excellent cuisine. From delicacies like the famous Bavarian Schmankerl to modern, wholesome and regionally produced organic food up to exquisite meals in classy gourmet restaurants, every taste is catered for. The same is true for the choice of accommodation, ranging from rural inns to cosy apartments or first-class luxury hotels.

World-famous Bavarian history can also be experienced at places and cultural monuments nearby, like Oberammergau, Linderhof Palace or the abbey of Ettal. The Bavarian capital München (Munich) can be reached by car in only 40 minutes.





Garmisch-Partenkirchen

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Traditions alive and well in Garmisch-Partenkirchen

At first glance, one may not notice just how many layers form the unique character of Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Some may describe its native folk with adjectives such as hearty, proud and down-to-earth. Others may praise the people as being exceptionally musical and artistic. Even the rich texture of local tradition, however, isn't the sole layer wrapping up the cultural heart of this town.

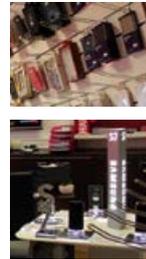
Preserving historic cultural treasures is as important to the people of Garmisch-Partenkirchen as cultivating their deeply rooted traditions. Full of pride, this hearty folk incorporates age-old customs into their daily lives. During the Festival Weeks in July and August as well as in the procession of the Feast of Corpus Christi and on the Feast of the Assumption, all the locals dress up in their finest traditional regalia. For many locals, time-honored garments are still the order of the day. It is not unusual to see lederhosen and dirndls swishing through the streets on a work day. Another important aspect characterizing hearth and home is the subtle (or sometimes overt) nuances in the dialects. Even the short distance that "separates" Garmisch from Partenkirchen is reflected in the language. Art, plays and folk songs help keep the unique dialects alive and flourishing. The Layman's Theater, known as the Laienschauspiel and established the end of the 19th century, is one of the oldest playhouses in Bavaria.

Furthermore, Garmisch-Partenkirchen enjoys an excellent world-wide reputation for cultural events and opportunities. Summertime's Richard Strauss Festival is one of the many high points in the calendar year. Dedicated to the famous composer who chose Garmisch-Partenkirchen as his adopted home and who was inspired by the Zugspitze to write his classic „Alpine Symphony,“ the already legendary music weeks commemorate the honorary citizen with performances by internationally acclaimed conductors, soloists and orchestras.

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