St. Gangolf's

St. Otto's

Old Town Hall

Structurally the oldest church in Bamberg. It was started

in Late Romanesque style under Bishop Otto the Saint and

altered to the Gothic style around 1400; it was later given a Baroque interior. Together with St. Stephan's, St. Michael's

and St. Jakob's, St. Gangolf's was Bamberg's fourth chapter, a

The Catholic parish church was built for the market garde-

A bridge spanned the river at this point as early as the 11th

century. The town hall was built in the mid-14th century and

rebuilt by the people of Bamberg after a fire in 1440. Michael

Küchel added the Baroque and Rococo style from 1744-1756. The wonderful architecture is complemented by the

beautiful frescos that display impressive plasticity. Today, the

The former Prince-Bishop's town palace was erected from

1585–1587. Surrounded by water, it is situated on an island between the Old Canal and the left branch of the River Reg-

nitz. Today, Schloss Geyerswörth houses several department of the city council and is currently being refurbished (as per

The old fishermen's houses are endearingly referred to as Little Venice and are best admired from "Leinritt" (opposite).

Small mediaeval half-timbered buildings with balconies and tiny gardens line the bank of the River Regnitz. "Klein

Venedig" is the picturesque backdrop for various events at the "Sandkerwa" in August, including Fischerstechen (the

"Maxplatz" is the largest square in the town centre. It is dominated by the Baroque façade of the present-day town hall, built by Balthasar Neumann from 1732–1737. Today, the

square hosts numerous cultural events and markets

Old Town Hall is home to the outstanding Ludwig Colle

featuring exquisite porcelain and faïence.

Little Venice (Klein Venedig)

Geyerswörth Palace

Fishermen's Joust).

Maximiliansplatz

ners' district from 1911-1914 by Orlando Kurz, First 20th

century church to become a listed building.

The Cathedral, the New Residence with its Rose Garden, the Old Court, the Old Town Hall perched in the middle of the river, and the mediaeval row of houses known as Little Venice are just some of its many highlights.

### Art and Culture

The world-famous Bamberg Symphony Orchestra is the flagship of this city of culture. Treasures of European rank fill Bamberg's museums, while a collection of modern sculptures adds vitality to the cityscape.

## City of Beer and Good Food

Be it vegetables from Bamberg's market gardeners or specialities from "Bamberg's Beer Universe": The Bamberg region is known for many delicious delicacies. The colourful world of culinary creativity and the cosy atmosphere of the age-old inns have a long tradition in Bamberg. In the summer months, the beer cellars on the hills attract many visitors eager to quench their thirst.

## Shopping

The diversity of small shops and pretty boutiques in the heart of the historical town are perfect ingredients for a high-end shopping experience. With more than 30 antique shops, Bamberg is a paradise for collectors and people who love old treasures.

### Christmas and Nativity Town

During the Christmas season, Bamberg is a wonder fully romantic city. Festively lit, authentic, historical, and atmospheric, it not only offers traditional Christmas markets, but also a colourful mix of cultural events and, of course, the true highlight of Bamberg's Christmas season: a plethora of nativity



Emperor Heinrich II. establishes the bishopric of Bamberg. Bamberg becomes the centre of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation.

Pope Clemens II. dies and is interred in Bamberg's Cathedral – the only papal tomb north of the Alps.

Experiences can be booked at en.bamberg.info/topangebote

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Following a devastating fire in 1185, the Cathedral is rebuilt and consecrated. The Late Romanesque-Early Gothic edifice with the Bamberg Horseman is still regarded as a highpoint in German architecture to this day.

Bamberg's first Town Hall (today, the Old Town Hall) is built on an artificial island in the River Regnitz.

## Bavarian Purity Law.

The Bamberg Purity Law for beer is introduced - 27 years before the famous

## 1595-1631

Witch hunts in the Bishopric of Bamberg lead to a great loss of life, ending only after the death of Prince-Bishop Johann Georg II., Fuchs von Dornheim

1802 to Bavaria.

## 1808-1813

E.T.A. Hoffmann, famous multi-talented The Bishopric of Bamberg now belongs personality of the Romantic Period, lives and works in Bamberg.

### St. Martin's

Lock no. 100

St. Getreu

Heinrich Dientzenhofer.

**Villa Remeis** 

St. Michael's Monastery

- his former Jesuit church was built by the Dientzenhofer
- brothers. Particularly worth seeing: the trompe l'oeil dome 14th century Pietà on the side altar to the right.

The last of the 100 locks along the old Ludwig-Main-Danube

Canal, which was built from 1836-1845 under King Ludwig I.

It connected the River Danube and the River Main and had to

overcome an elevation of around 200 metres. Today, the lock

The former Benedictine monastery was founded in 1015 at the

suggestion of Emperor Heinrich II. and rebuilt in a post-Gothic

style in 1610 following a devastating fire. Inside, the ceiling

catches the eye, depicting a heavenly herbarium with 578 flowers and medicinal herbs. The tomb of St. Otto and the Holy

epulchre Chapel are just as impressive. The terrace behind the

Restaurants, Brewery Museum, theatre and vineyard are additional attractions at Michaelsberg. The new Visitor Centre

One of the most significant Baroque churches in Bavaria,

St. Getreu was built in 1652 according to plans by Justus

The church is undergoing substantial restoration works

his Classical villa once belonged to Dr. Karl Remeis (died

a lovely café, serving homemade cakes at fixed times of the

Built as the surgical ward of the general hospital by architec

1882); it commands a wonderful view of the town and has

with a shop and café are also worth a visit.

and is currently closed to the public.

City Archives (Stadtarchiv)

the Municipal Archives in 1991.

church commands a breath-taking panoramic view of Bamberg

is still in service for sports boats and canoes and is operated



reopen in 2025 after

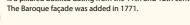
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## St. Jakob's

- The only almost completely Romanesque church in Bamberg
- is a pillared basilica dating from the 11th and 12th centuries. The Baroque façade was added in 1771.



## Cathedral (Dom)

- The construction of the Cathedral was ordered by Emperor Heinrich II. and started in 1002. After an incredibly short cons
- truction period of just 10 years, the Cathedral was completed in 1012. Unfortunately, this house of worship and its successor both burnt to the ground. The third building, which displays both  $% \left\{ \left\{ 1\right\} \right\} =\left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{$ Late Romanesque and Early Gothic elements, has survived to the present day. The most important sights include the tomb of the imperial couple Heinrich II. and Kunigunde by Tilmann Riemenschneider, the Bamberg Horseman, the "Marienaltar" by Veit Stos and the papal tomb of Clemens II.
- The Cathedral is closed for organ concerts every Saturday a 12 p.m.-12.45 p.m. from May to October. Closed to visitors during services and events.

### Old Court (Alte Hofhaltung)

The Old Court is the former imperial and bishop's palace and was once directly connected to the Cathedral. The "Schöne Pforte" or "Beautiful Gate" leads to the inner courtyard framed by half-timber buildings. In the summer, it is the picturesque backdrop for the open-air Caldéron Theatre Festival. The complex reflects various architectural epochs. The Renaissance building with the Council Cham ber is particularly striking and is home to the Museum of History.



- The four-winged complex was erected in two stages. The Baroque wings facing the Cathedral were built by Leonhard Dientze from 1697-1703 as the prince-bishop's residence under Prince
- Bishop Lothar Franz von Schönborn. The rose garde wonderful view of the town centre and St. Michael's.

Carmelite Monastery

- The monastery was founded in the 12th century and was given a Baroque facelift from 1692-1701 by Leonhard Dientze Behind the Baroque façade of the entrance, a late Romanesque
- Construction work is currently under way until mid-2023. During this period, visits are by appointment only.
- St. Elisabeth's
- St. Flisabeth's was once the infirmary church of a benevolen foundation in the Sand district. Thanks to several generous
- donations, the church was fitted in 2020 with several new stained-glass windows by artist Markus Lüpertz. The window denict scenes from the life of St. Flisabeth in the context of the seven acts of mercy according to the Book of Matthew.

The Bamberg Symphony Orchestra is

### Bamberg's Old Town is added to the **UNESCO List of World Heritage Sites** established by former members of the "German Philharmonic Orchestra Prague"

# irst mentioned in 1109, it was initially used as a place of re-

fuge, and later as the bishop's residence. After the castle was pillaged in the 16th century, it was rebuilt in the Romantic period. The terrace commands a panoramic view of Bambero

To find out what's on, visit www.villa-concordia.de

the International House of Artists.

**Altenburg Castle** 

Upper Parish (Obere Pfarre)

St. Stephan's

**Böttinger House** 

Villa Concordia

he Church of our Lady is the only purely Gothic church in

interior is in the Baroque style. Of particular significance is

the painting of "The Assumption of Mary" by Tintoretto.

Consecrated by Pope Benedikt VIII in 1020 and altered by

Giovanni Bonalino and Antonio Petrini in the 17th centu

St. Stephan's has been the city's main Protestant church

The court counsellor, Ignaz Tobias Böttinger, had this

a terraced garden. Today, the house is in private ownership

## Bamberg's Sculptures

Every few years, Bamberg hosts an open-air exhibition of modern sculpture. World-famous artists such as Botero, Plensa, Mitoraj, Lüpertz, Wortelkamp and Avramidis, to name just a few, have exhibited their works in Bamberg. An exhibit by all of these artists has been purchased by the citizens of Bamberg and various donors and they now stand proud in prominent spots around the Old Town. The large sculpture create exciting and unexpected aspects of the townscape,

www.en.bamberg.info/kunst/

## **Museums and Exhibitions**

- **Market Gardeners'** and Wine Growers' Museum The museum is a unique gem in the market gardening district.
- With its managed house garden, it reflects the world of a market gardening family around 1900. At the same time, it tells a humorous and lively story of the culture and history behind the urban cultivation of vegetables, liquorice and wine, all in a Bamberg dialect. It also explores the tools, the garden house's history, the trade, the guild and the religious customs of the

market gardeners and wine growers 96052 Bamberg

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The Natural History Museum has one of the world's most beautiful natural history galleries. The elegant room was built in 1791. The classical display cabinets contain more than 2000 colourful stuffed animals, most of which are birds. This "Museum in a Museum" transports its marvelling visitors into another world. The Natural History Museum also hosts various







The historical site of the former brewery operated by the Benedictine monks features a great variety of exhibits, takin visitors on a journey through the craft of brewing - from stalk



## **Ludwig Collection**

- Meißen porcelain and Strasbourg faïence are at the heart of the Ludwig Collection in the Old Town Hall. Figurines for table decorations, animal-shaped tureens, fragrance holders and dinner services are reminiscent of the lavish lifestyle of the few in bygone years. Meißen set new standards in 18th century dining. The collection not only traces the development of Meißen's porcelain creations, but also features chibits from all the important porcelain manufactories of the 18th century. Several special exhibitions take place here
- Altes Rathaus, Obere Brücke 1, 96047 Bamberg
- E.T.A. Hoffmann House
- The home of the Romantic writer, composer and illustrator from 1809-1813, featuring the poet's study, the room of reflec-

tions, the interactive music drawers and an enchanted garden.

It hosts literary readings on a regular basis. 96047 Bambero

# Franconian Brewery Museum



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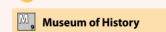


# Diocesan Museum

The museum is located in the Cathedral's chapter house and cloister and emerged from the former Cathedral Treasury. The imperial mantles, among them the famous "Star Mantle", elonging to Emperor Heinrich II and his consort Kunigunde are at the heart of the collection. The only surviving mediaeva papal vestments from the tomb of Pope Clemens II (d. 1047), examples of treasury art, and the original statues from the Cathedral's portals are further highlights of the collection

Several special exhibitions take place during the year. Domplatz 5,96049 Bamberg

Limited ground level access. Access through the cloister b



Located in the Old Court, this museum is home to the impressive and rich art gallery and examples of 19th century

Regnitz – Bamberg and its River" presents Bamberg as a "Jewish Life in Bamberg". Several special exhibitions take

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## Bamberg Museum of Nativity Scenes The biggest collection of nativity scenes in Germany show

scenes from over 40 different countries and four centuries.

During the Christmas period, a different special show every year attracts visitors from far and wide.

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ly valuable books. Its international standing is underscored by the three mediaeval manuscripts that have been added to JNESCO's list of World Heritage documents (Memory of the World). Changing exhibitions give further insights into the rich reasures held at the State Library in Bamberg. Visitors can view unique manuscripts dating from around 1000 in a virtual library

Levi Strauss Museum The birthplace of Levi Strauss – an old half-timbered house – is now home to a museum dedicated to the life of Levi Strauss and his most famous product, Levi's jeans. English audio guide

**Surrounding Area** 

www.bambergerland.de

available. Great museum shop 96155 Buttenheim

# Seehof Palace near Memmelsdorf

The building of Seehof Palace started in 1686 as a summe residence for Bamberg's prince bishops. Visitors can stroll through palace itself

www.schloesser.bayern.de

## Weissenstein Palace in Pommersfelder

The summer palace of Prince-Bishop Lothar Franz von Schönborn ranks among the best-preserved cultural assets of the Baroque period. Visitors can admire original furnishings.

96178 Pommersfelde

## Treetop Canopy Experience

Experience the forest from a completely different perspective Enjoy the incredible views or the finer detail of the forest from the 42m tower. Most of the path is in the treetops, offering fascinating impressions of the surrounding woodland. Made predominantly from wood, the walkway stretches for 1150m and winds its way up through the deciduous forest of Ebrach.

96157 Ebrach

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