

EXPERIENCE NUREMBERG

SUGGESTED WALKING TOUR



Start your tour at the Central Station and take the Königstraße towards the Old Town. After a good five-minute walk you will reach St. Lawrence Church (Adm: free). This Gothic-style church was built in the 13th century as a three-aisled basilica. Continue on Königstraße and cross the river Pegnitz. From the bridge, you can see the Hospital of the Holy Spirit on the right. Keep to the left until you reach the Main Market Square, where the annual Christmas Market is set up during the Advent season. In summer, the Main Market Square is a perfect location for festivals and open-air concerts as well as weekly markets. If you cross the square, you'll find the Beautiful Fountain, which is a traditional construction built in the 14th century. While in Nuremberg, you must at least once turn the golden ring on the Beautiful Fountain and make a wish.

Start walking up the hill towards the castle. You will see "Bratwurst Häusle" on the left. Depending on the time of day and how hungry you are, this may be a good stop to try "3 im Weckla", 3 Nuremberg sausages in a bun with ketchup or mustard. Keep going, and you'll soon pass the Town Hall of Nuremberg on the right. There you may also visit the Medieval Dungeons (Adm: 3,50 €), which are found in the cellar vaults of the Town Hall. They served as prisoner cells in the 15th century.

Once reaching the castle, take the stairs to get into the inside of the construction. In addition to being a defensive complex, the Nuremberg Imperial Castle mostly served recreational and research purposes. You can visit the outdoor sites within the castle for free. If you want to gain more detailed information on the historical roles of the Nuremberg Castle, check out the Imperial Castle Museum (Adm: 7,50 €), which presents finds from archaeological digging, ceremonial and tournament armor, crossbows, and firearms.

After leaving the castle, turn right on Am Ölberg and walk to the end of the street, where you can turn left. You will reach Tiergärtnerter Square with the famous Albrecht Dürer House (Adm: 5 €). Dürer was a world-famous painter and graphic artist and lived in this half-timbered house in the 16th century. Today, you will find not only reconstructed living areas as well as a large workshop but also a hall with some valuable copies of his paintings.

Take the Bergstraße down towards St. Sebald Church. If you want, you can visit the Historic Rock-Cut-Cellars (Adm: 6 €) on your way, a labyrinth of underground passageways.

St. Sebald Church is the town's oldest parish church built in Gothic style. It was destroyed during World War II and reconstructed in 1957. With a guide, you can even visit one of the towers, which has an observatory on the top floor from where you have a fantastic view over the whole city of Nuremberg.

From St. Sebald Church, cross Weinmarkt and stroll through Weißgerber Gasse, which has numerous well-preserved half-timbered houses worth taking a picture or two.

At the end of Weißgerber Gasse, cross the street and the small parking lot. You'll find a chain bridge over the Pegnitz river. On the other side of the river, turn left and follow Untere Kreuz Gasse to the very end, where you'll find the Hangman's Bridge -probably my favorite spot in Nuremberg! Situated directly over the river this bridge is a scenic and picturesque place frequented by couples and portrait photographers who seek a romantic, hidden gem. Next to the bridge, there is the Hangman's Residence Museum (Adm: 2 €), which tells the story of Franz Schmidt, the most famous hangman in the city and how life had been in the early 17th century.

After crossing the Hangman's Bridge, follow the pedestrian zone. Cross Karlstraße and keep going until you reach Starbucks at Fleischbrücke. Cross the bridge and turn right into Kaiserstraße. At the end of this alleyway, cross the street and take Färberstraße on the opposite side to get to the shopping area. Turn right and follow Karolinenstraße to the Marriage Merry-Go-Round Fountain in front of the White Tower. This fountain relates to the German poem "Bitter-Sweet-Married-Life" and tells the story of a married couple from ardent love to marital fights.

From here, stroll through the other shopping street Breite Gasse. At the second intersection of Breite Gasse, turn right into a small alleyway. Cross Frauengasse and Kornmarkt. Walk through the triumphal arch. You will find yourself in Kartäusergasse aka. The Way of Human Rights with 27 concrete pillars. On each of them, you can read an article of the General Declaration of Human Rights. Also, the main entrance of the Germanisches Nationalmuseum (Adm: 8 €) is located in the middle of this street. This museum is the largest in the German-speaking world and one of the most important in the world. It focuses on cultural history and features numerous world-class pieces of art by Dürer, Rembrandt, and Cranach.

At the end of Kartäusergasse, turn left and walk along the city wall back towards the Main Railway Station. On your way, you will pass the Craftsmen's Courtyard at Königstor Tower, where you can watch goldsmiths, leather workers, gingerbread makers and other craftsmen perform. They also offer their products for sale. Additionally, the local taverns serve traditional and typical Franconian food and beer.



AT NIGHT

From the Main Railway Station, take a walk through Königstraße, where you'll find all kinds of restaurants offering local and international cuisine, such as an Indian restaurant, an American diner, a steakhouse, a Franconian restaurant, etc. If you're on a budget and up for some more walking, I may recommend the area around Insel Schütt. Cross the square behind St. Lawrence Church, take the stairs down to the river shore and turn right to get to the bridge. Next to this bridge, situated on the island is Bar Celona Finca, a Spanish-influenced bar and restaurant offering international cuisine, tapas and cocktails. It's not too expensive and one of my favorite places. Alternatively, check out O'sheas on the opposite side of the river, pretty close to the Cinecitta multiplex cinema. O'sheas is the largest Irish pub in Nuremberg and offers some fantastic pub dishes with huge portions.

WHAT ELSE TO DO?

- **Visit the Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds as well as the Memorium Nuremberg Trials**
- **Great day trip destinations from Nuremberg include Bamberg, Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Franconian Switzerland**

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