

Bamberg - UNESCO World Heritage site

Bamberg is a beautiful medieval town located in the wide valley of the river Regnitz and spread over seven hills, sometimes even compared to the ancient Rome. It has been the residence of a prince-bishop for more than 1000 years. Fortunately the city remained mostly unaffected by the troubles of numerous wars. Therefore the complete old city center was considered as a European architectural historic monument and became a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1993, among only 11 other places in Germany. The picturesque city of Bamberg offers many cultural highlights as well as a large variety of restaurants, pubs and lovely beer gardens. The town has 70000 inhabitants, but attracts more than 6 million visitors each year.

Main attractions

Outstanding historical buildings are the *Imperial Cathedral* (from 13th century, late romanic/early gothic style) with the world-famous

Bamberg Rider

, the baroque

New Residence

with its beautiful

Rose Garden

, the medieval premises of the

Alte Hofhaltung

next to the Cathedral, the

Old Bridge Town Hall

in the middle of the river Regnitz, the renaissance

Townhall Castle Geyerswörth

, and numerous other churches and historical places and viewpoints. Bamberg has more than 2400 historically important buildings listed in

[Bavaria's register of historic buildings](#)

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Hopefully you will find time to explore these beauties during your stay in Bamberg. If you should not like to do it on your own, the Tourist Center of the city offers daily [guided tours](#) .