

## "Along the German Alpine Road"

Known colloquially in Germany as the Queralpenstraße, this holiday road is not only one of the most scenic routes in all of Germany but also the oldest of its kind. The route winds exclusively through the Bavarian Alps and passes by some of Germany's most famous natural and manmade landmarks. Below is a list of sights that are bound to lure you on a wondrous journey along this world-famous Alpine roadway.

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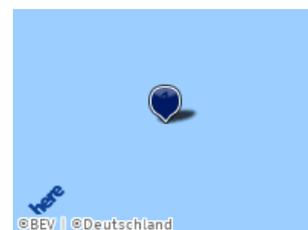


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### Lindau

"Town by the Lake"

Capital of the Lindau constituency, Lindau is an scenic town located on the Obersee section of Lake Constance. Records have it that it was a monk from St. Gallen who gave the town its name. With its location, surrounded by waters of the majestic lake, it makes for a perfect location for adventure activities like sailing, hiking and even camping. The town is also peppered with a number of historic attractions of which the lighthouse Mangturm, Peterskirche Lindau and the old town hall are noteworthy.



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### Lake Constance

"Famous Lake Near the Alps"

Lake Constance is perhaps one of the most famous lakes found in the German Alps. During the ice age, the Rhine Glacier melted, creating the lake that visitors can explore today. The lake's deep blue waters reach a depth of 252 meters (827 feet), while the length of the lake spans an impressive 63 kilometers (39 miles), making it one of the largest lakes in Europe. Steamboats can take visitors on a tour of the lake, passing islands, towns, and coves along the way.



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### Hohenschwangau Castle

"Picture Perfect Castle"

Standing out amid the dense verdure of Bavaria, the imposing facade of the Hohenschwangau Castle looks nothing short of a castle from a fairytale. Dating back to the 19th Century and credited to Maximilian II of Bavaria, the castle was home to King Ludwig II when he was a child. The architecture and interiors of the castle are simply spectacular. The castle is open to public visitation throughout the year and also offers guided tours in several languages. The castle is one of the prime tourist attractions in the city. The Schloss Hohenschwangau is also one of the few castles in the country that remained unscathed during both World War I and World War II.



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## Linderhof Palace

### "Royal Splendor"

The Linderhof Palace, nestled in the western corner of Ettal, is the smallest castle to have been constructed by King Ludwig II. The tour of the palace gives visitors a glimpse into the opulent life that King Ludwig II led. From various chambers, dining rooms, grottos, and the King's favorite Hall of Mirrors, the ornate castle and its breathtaking expanse gives an up and close peek into the royal life. In winter when the castle is covered in snow, it resembles a spectacular, magical snow globe. While the castle is the smallest in size among all three palaces commissioned by King Ludwig II, it is also one of the most beautiful and exquisite royal complexes.



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Linderhof 12, Ettal



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## Allgäuer Alpen

### "Imposing Mountain Ranges"

With an elevation of 8,714 feet (2,656 meters), Allgäuer Alpen is a mountain range that is known for its rich and diverse landscape. Regarded as a prominent hiking spot, one of the range's defining features is the Grasberge (Grass Mountain), whereby a peak is covered with lush green vegetation.



Bahnhofplatz, Oberstdorf

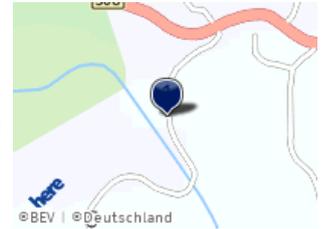


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## Scheidegger Wasserfälle

### "Majestic Waterfalls in Scheidegg"

Classified as a geotope, the Scheidegger waterfalls make for a fascinating attraction owing to its scenic location between Lake Constance and towering mountains. Located along the iconic German Alpine Road, these waterfalls nudge the Germany-Austria border, and are a popular pitstop for roadtrippers along this route. The waterfall flows over several craggy rocks and steps, turning into a beautiful cascade that cannot be missed. There are viewing platforms to take in the panoramic sight.



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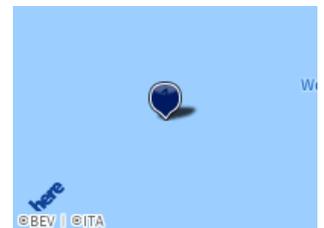


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## Weissensee

### "Picturesque Lake"

Weissensee is a freshwater lake that is very popular in the township for bathing and several activities that take place here during summer and winter months. Four boats and one speedboat are the only water vehicles that operate in the lake and the water body comes under the protected zone of Austria. Located within the Gailtal Alps, it is the largest bathing lake at this height in the entire city and houses fish species such as pike, tench, perch, carp and trout. During winters, the lake freezes completely and many ice skating and skiing tournaments are held at this site.



Off Neusach, Neusach

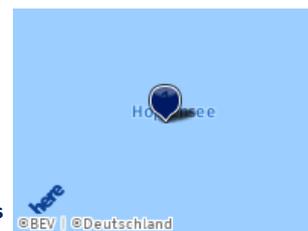


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## Hopfensee

### "Breathtaking Alpine Panorama"

Located between the small town of Hopfen and Füssen proper, Lake Hopfensee forms a busy attraction in the Schwaben region. Offering breathtaking, unrestricted views of the Alps that surround it, Hopfensee is quite popular with tourists as well as locals, thanks to the several business establishments, restaurants and taverns that are located in the area. The lake is 4.6 meters (15 feet) deep and is a result of the Lechtal Glacier. The eastern part of the lakeshore also has camping facilities where friends and family can spend quality time while admiring the natural beauty that this region is blessed with. Come winter, the snow covers the lake's environs while the frozen lake looks enchanting and transforms into a natural ice rink for visitors.



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Uferstraße, Füssen

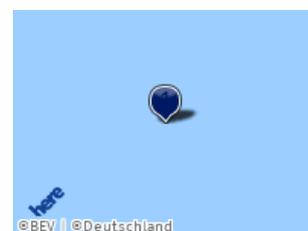


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## Forgensee

### "Scenic Views & Water Activities"

The glorious azure lake of Forgensee is located a little north of the city center of Füssen. The lakeshore stretches to 12 kilometers (7.5 miles) in length and 3 kilometers (1.9 miles) in breadth and offers some of the best views of Bavaria. One of the largest lakes in the state, Lake Forgensee is a thriving tourist attraction which also offers water sports and activities such as boating and cruises, while the terrestrial periphery of the lake is often used for activities such as hiking and biking.



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Forgenseestraße, Füssen



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## Füssen

### "Romantic, Scenic German Town"

Located in Bavaria, Füssen is one of the last towns at the end of the Romantic Road, before the Germanic-Austrian border begins. The town is set in charming, romantic locales, with the Alps forming striking views in the backdrop, while the River Lech flows through the town's midst. Famous for its violin-making industry, Füssen is also home to the Hohes Schloss, a stately landmark and former summer residence of the Prince-Bishops of Augsburg that preserves several Renaissance and late Gothic artworks.



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## Neuschwanstein Castle

### "Ludwig II's Dream"

Located on a mountainside overlooking the Hohenschwangau valley, the Neuschwanstein Castle is a dream-like structure in an idyllic setting. Construction of the castle began in 1869 but was not completed until 1892. King Ludwig II commissioned its construction so that he could stay in a beautiful castle when he wanted to escape the royal courts. However, the king did not live to see the castle's completion. Visitors can explore the castle's Byzantine, Romanesque, and Gothic-inspired interior, including the third and fourth floors, which were supposed to have been the king's residences. These floors house opulent murals and spectacular wood carvings. Tours of the castle are available throughout the day. Visitors must visit the nearby Mary's Bridge, from where the view of the castle and its surroundings is stunning.



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## Wieskirche

### "Stunning Rococo Architecture"

While visiting the neighboring town of Fussen and Neuschwanstein Castle, make a small detour to see the Wieskirche or the Pilgrimage Church of Wies. This stunning building is a true expression of the baroque and rococo styles, and the interiors throw a brilliant light on the craftsmanship and artistic expression of this period. Listed on the UNESCO World Heritage list, Wieskirche is a must-visit. The beautiful frescos painted by the Zimmerman brothers, ornate windows, and the fine stucco work elaborate on the theological theme and bring it to life. The church is, to this day, a popular pilgrimage destination.



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Wies 12, Steingaden



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## Oberammergau

### "Home of the Passion Play"

Oberammergau is a charming Bavarian village tucked away in the district of Garmisch-Partenkirchen. For more than 380 years, the village has been putting on Passion Plays, a tradition that has continued as a result of a legendary vow. Mounted every ten years at the historic open-air Passion Play Theater, the plays attract many offbeat wanderers from all over the world to the sleepy town. Oberammergau is also famous for its wood-carving heritage along with being home to traditional craftsmen families, including potters, glass painters, and sculptors. Dotted with quaint cafes and local artisans' shops, Oberammergau is a beautiful mélange of art, tradition, and culture that awaits to be explored.



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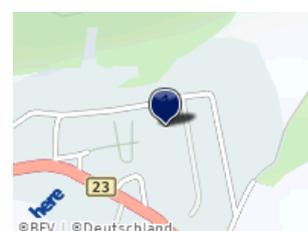


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## Ettal Abbey

### "Spectacular Religious Edifice"

Among the largest of its kind, Ettal Abbey is an active Benedictine abbey. Though it was established by Emperor Ludwig in 1330, it is the Baroque designs of the architect Enrico Zuccalli after 1744 that laid the foundation for the beautiful structure that stands today. Featuring a stunning façade, the monastery is regarded as one of the most prominent sacred destinations in the area. Visitors can visit the bookstore to peruse the titles on display, stroll through the picturesque monastery garden, or explore the distillery that produces the famous Ettaler Kloster Liqueur. Guided tours of the complex are also offered.



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## Werdenfelsee Land

### "Historical and Natural Treasure Trove"

Located in Upper Bavaria, the Werdenfelsee Land cradles a rich assemblage of natural and historical treasures. Named after the Werdenfels Castle, the region's prosperity during the Middle Ages has earned it the moniker of "Golden Land". Stretching from Mittenwald to southern Farchant, certain parts of the mighty Bavarian Alps are a part of this picturesque region. Blessed with verdant valleys and castle ruins, the region is made up of several quaint Bavarian towns like Krun, Ettal and Murnau, to name a few.



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Werdenfelsee Land, Garmisch-Partenkirchen



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## Zugspitze

"Wetterstein Mountains' Highest Peak"

Not only is Zugspitze the highest mountain in Germany, but it is also the highest summit of the Wetterstein Mountains. The mountain towers at an impressive height of 2,962 meters (9718 feet) above sea level. A famed ski region, the area surrounding Zugspitze has a variety of activities and attractions on offer for both skiers and non-skiers. Cable cars run up the mountain, offering visitors a chance to take in spellbinding alpine views from this iconic peak.



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## Garmisch-Partenkirchen

"Popular Ski Destination"

Garmisch-Partenkirchen is a spa and ski town in the Oberbayern region of Germany. The town was originally made up of two separate towns, Garmisch and Partenkirchen, but have been brought together and functioning as one since 1935, when they were merged for the 1936 Winter Olympics. A premier destination for winter sports, this little town has a lot to offer visitors. Ski resorts and spas abound in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, and Germany's highest mountain Zugspitze is accessible from here. There are plenty of opportunities to explore nature, go hiking, or simply relax at a world-class spa while taking in the stunning Alpine scenery.



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Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Garmisch-Partenkirchen



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## Karwendelgebirge

"Imposing, Stunning Mountain Range"

The shallow lagoons of a primordial ocean formed the basis for the Alps. The Karwendel chain arose through tectonic displacements of the marine limestone deposits 200 million years ago. Since then wind, sun and water have weathered the stone. This has resulted in craggy peaks, steep rock faces and formations, such as the Vomperloch tributary valley which is popularly called the 'Grand Canyon' of the Karwendel Alpine Park. Hikers and mountain climbers will be rewarded with extraordinary views and wild unspoiled natural settings, but must also take rather difficult tours upon themselves.



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Karwendelgebirge, Scharnitz



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## Walchensee

"Turquoise-tinted Lake"

A stunning spot of turquoise dominates the alpine landscape wedged between the Heimgarten and Herzogstand mountains. This is the stellar Walchensee, one of Germany's largest and deepest lakes. Endowed with spectacular natural beauty, the lake forms the habitat of various native flora and fauna, including crayfish and other migratory birds. With ample opportunities for hiking, picnicking, and other water sports, Walchensee is a must-visit attraction along the German Alpine Route.



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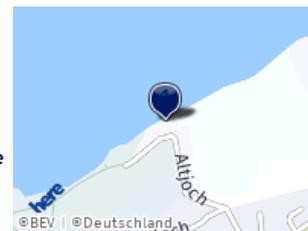


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## Kochelsee

### "Serene Views"

Lake Kochel lies at the periphery of the Bavarian Alps, in the municipality of Kochel am See as well as the Schlehdorf town. Its name comes from the Latin for cone, cocula, and it was created by the Loisach-Isar glacier. The glacial lake lies on the river Loisach and is surrounded in part by forests and in part by a bog-land. A spectacular natural formation, the scenic environs of the lake are ideal for hikers and outdoor lovers.



Kochelsee, Kochel am See

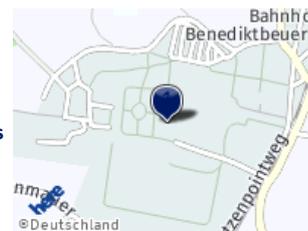


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## Benediktbeuern Abbey

### "Historic Monastery"

With roots dating as far back as the 8th Century, Benediktbeuern Abbey is among the most revered religious edifices in the region. Spanning centuries of history, the monastery, which was consecrated to Saint Benedict and Saint James, serves as a residence for the Salesians of Don Bosco. A cultural symbol, various events, community services, festivals, and concerts are held here. The abbey comes to life during the Christmas and Easter celebrations, when locals and tourists alike flock to the grounds in large numbers.



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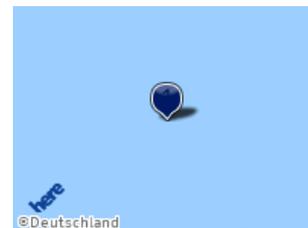


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## Tegernsee

### "The Foothills of the Alps"

Located south-east of Munich, Lake Tegernsee has been a magnet for tourists for many years. The lake nestles at the bottom of a range of mountains which rise up from the water's edge, among them Wallberg and Risserkogel. Hikers will be well and truly in their element here, while those looking to relax will enjoy the lovely route to Schliersee. The lake is classified as a 'Zungenbecken' in geographical terms, also known as a tongue basin, and is believed to have been evolved during the ice age. Now part of a popular recreation area, the lake also serves as a point for boating activities.



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Sudliche Hauptstrabe, Tegernsee



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## Schliersee

### "Small and peaceful"

Located about 10km east of Lake Tegernsee, Lake Schliersee is smaller, more romantic and just as popular with day-trippers. In the summer, tourists flock to the villages dotted around the lake for swimming, walking, cycling, boat-trips and health spas, as well as for skiing in the winter. Despite all that, the lake has remained relaxed, because of heavy restrictions on construction at the water's edge, so that the walk around the lake is still relatively unspoilt. The lake is surrounded by high, forested mountains, which are perfect for hiking. At the end of an energetic day, several restaurants and pubs tempt visitors in to sample their delicious (fish) suppers. The easiest way of reaching Lake Schliersee is by train and information is available at the main railway station.



Schliersee, Schliersee



by Michimaya

## Herrenchiemsee New Palace

"Bavarian Versailles"

The Herrenchiemsee New Palace is one of the most intriguing places to visit on the island of Herreninsel. Drawing inspiration from the Palace of Versailles, the Neo-Baroque castle was built in the 19th Century. Commissioned by King Ludwig II of Bavaria, the palace was his way of showing admiration not only for the Palace of Versailles but also the French monarch King Louis XIV, as indicated by the resplendent Hall of Mirrors. Intricate marble carvings, chandeliers and gilded designs in the Rococo style, ballrooms, and bedrooms reflect the grandeur of the royal Bavarian life. With sprawling gardens embellished by fountains and marble sculptures, the palace is bound to evoke awe among visitors.



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## Lake Chiemsee

"Lake With Islands"

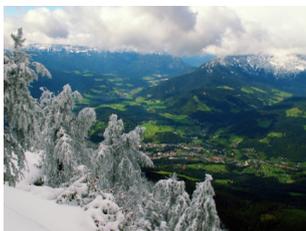
Chiemsee refers to the freshwater lake in southern Bavaria as well as the small town of Chiemsee, which exists on two of the islands located in the lake itself. The islands, Herreninsel and Fraueninsel have small year-round populations but attract visitors during the summer. Herreninsel boasts a castle intended to be a replica of the Palace of Versailles, and Fraueninsel has a Benedictine Nunnery in which the nuns make a special liquor and marzipan. The lake is quite large-about 80 square kilometers (30 square miles)-and offers all kinds of water sports during the warm season.



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Chiemsee, Chiemsee



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## Berchtesgadener Land

"Scenic Stretch of Land"

With the mighty snow-capped Watzmann forming its backdrop, Berchtesgadener Land is a beautiful canvas awash in myriad colors of nature. It is essentially characterized by verdant hilly regions, glassy lakes, and medieval houses exuding an old world charm. It comprises three towns, namely Bad Reichenhall, Freilassing and Laufen and several smaller municipalities. Attractions like Berchtesgaden National Park and Königssee beckon tourists from far and wide. This quaint mountainous district is also a popular holiday destination for the locals.



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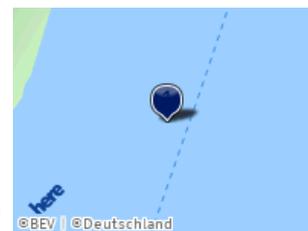


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## Lake Königssee

"A Bavarian Gem"

Königssee, a natural gem, located within the Berchtesgaden National Park, is known for its glorious emerald-colored waters and the gorgeous panoramas it offers. Nestled within the majestic alpine regions of Bavaria, the freshwater lake stretches to almost 7.7 kilometers (4.8 miles) in length and 1.7 kilometers (1.1 miles) in width. No matter what time of year it is, Königssee makes for a beautiful view. In summers, this shining lake, an oasis of clear water, is flanked by thick stands of lush forests, while spring welcomes picturesque waterfalls that run into the lake. Fall turns the surrounding forests into a patchwork of reds and golds and the winter sees ice move across the surface of the lake, creating a natural skating rink. There's an electric launch that ferries visitors around the regal lake for those that do not have a boat of their own.



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Königssee, Berchtesgaden National Park, Schönau am Königssee



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## St. Bartholomew's Church

### "A Tranquil Pilgrimage Church"

A beautiful pilgrimage church, St. Bartholomew's was built in 1697, and features a striking red-domed roof with two onion domes that can be spotted from a distance. The interior of the church displays stunning stucco work attributed to renowned Salzburg artist Joseph Schmidt, and the church's spellbinding architecture and surrounds draw numerous visitors to its steps. A pilgrimage to the church takes place every year.



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Off Eiskapellenweg, Schönau am Königsee



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## Wimbachklamm

### "Gorgeous Gorge and Hiking Trail"

In the town of Ramsau bei Berchtesgaden, the Wimbachklamm gorge is one of the most prominent attractions. Comprised mainly of limestone and featuring stunning waterfalls, the area is accessible by piers created in the 19th century, allowing visitors to embark on a short trek across the platform to admire the landscape's beauty.



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