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# Discover Historical Treasure

Old Town Walk



# Welcome to the Old Town Walk

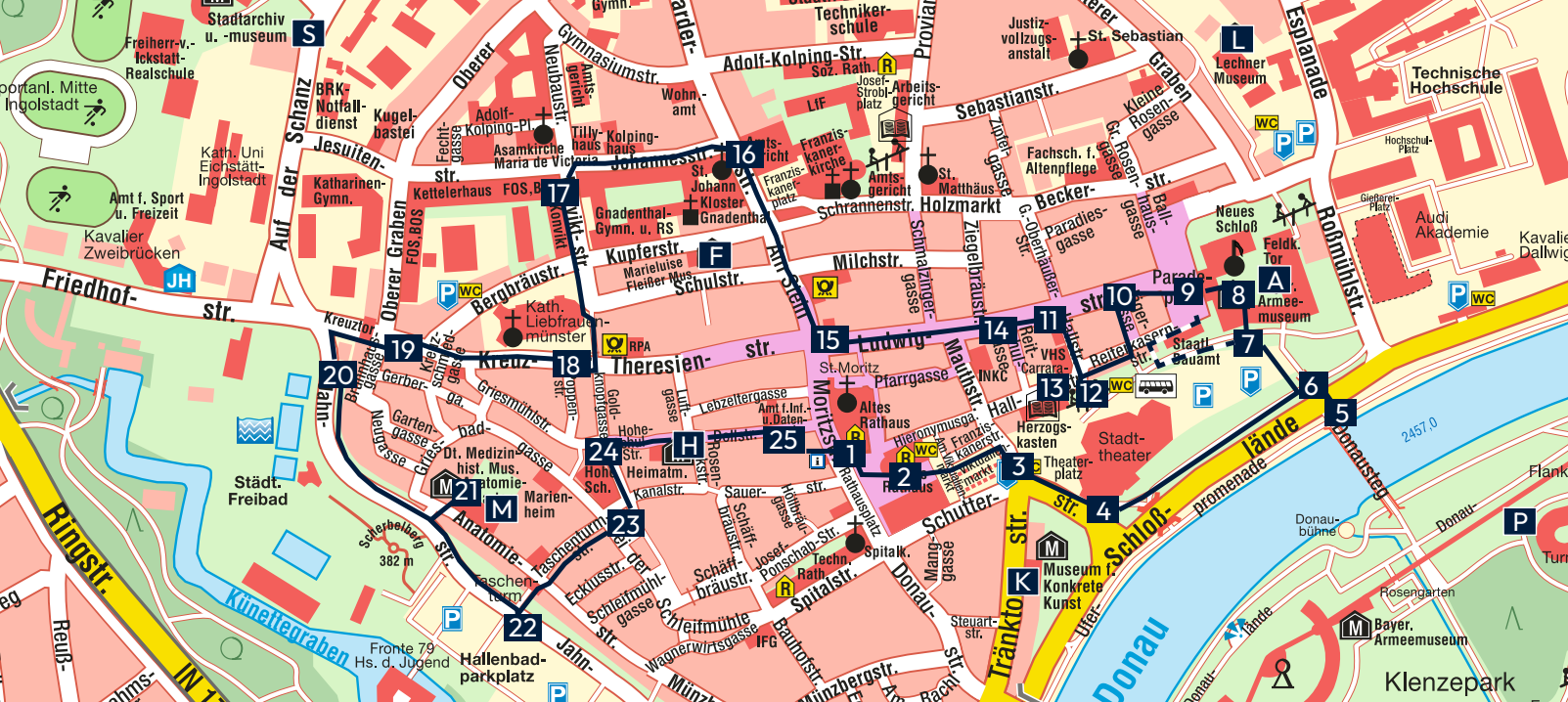
Over the centuries, Ingolstadt has played an important role in Bavarian history, both as a **garrison town and as a centre of learning**.

The first written record of this settlement on the Danube – referred to as **Ingoldesstat, the place of Ingold** – is to be found in a testament drawn up by Charlemagne in 806. The town was granted its charter around the year 1250 and the Old Castle became a ducal residence, which functioned as the **palace of the medieval fortress**.

From 1392 to 1447, Ingolstadt was the capital of the Duchy of Bavaria-Ingolstadt. It was during this period that **Duke Ludwig the Bearded** laid the foundation stones for such imposing Gothic buildings as the New Castle, the Minster and the Prebendary House.

From 1472 to 1800 Ingolstadt was home to the first **Bavarian State University**. With the construction of extensive fortifications in the 19th century, Ingolstadt became the Bavarian State Fortress. **Lovingly restored gabled houses, imposing town gates, impressive towers and forbidding fortifications set the tone of the cityscape**. On the opposite bank of the Danube, the prizewinning Klenze Park will invite you to make a short detour to the south of the Old Town, while a foray to the north-west will take you close to the City Museum in the Cavalier Hepp fortification. The Old Town Walk, signposted as Altstadttrundgang, is an entertaining tour lasting **between one and a half and two hours**.





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| 1   | Old Town Hall (Altes Rathaus)           | 13 | Carraraplatz, Electoral Riding School         | 25 | Old university building                    |
| 2   | New Town Hall (Neues Rathaus)           | 14 | Left-turn towards Ickstatthaus                | 25 | Church of St. Moritz and „Whistling Tower“ |
| 3   | Market Place and Theatre Square         | 15 | Schliffelmarkt crossroads, Harderstraße       |    |  |
| 4   | Ciy Theatre                             | 16 | Franciscan Basilica and Gnadenthal Church     | K  | Museum of Concrete Art                     |
| 5/6 | Detour to fortifications at Klenze Park | 17 | Tilly House & Asam Church „Maria de Victoria“ | A  | Bavarian Army Museum                       |
| 7   | New Castle                              | 18 | Minster („to our Dear and Beautiful Lady“)    | P  | Bavarian Police Musuem                     |
| 8   | Castle Court Yard, Barocke Clocktower   | 19 | Cross Gate (Kreuztor) town gate               | L  | Alfred Lechner Museum                      |
| 9   | Paradeplatz                             | 20 | left-turn into Jahnstraße                     | F  | Marieluise Fleißer Archive                 |
| 10  | Pedestrian Precinct, Ludwigstraße       | 22 | Old Anatomical Faculty (Alte Anatomie)        | S  | Citymuseum, Toys- and Danube Museum        |
| 11  | Left-turn into Hallstraße               | 23 | Taschenurm town gate                          | M  | German Museum of History of Medicine       |
| 12  | Right-turn towards the Old Castle       | 24 | left-turn towards old university building     | H  | Niemes-Prachatitz Folk Museum              |

# Walk through Ingolstadt's Historic City Centre



1. The starting point of this entertaining walk around the Old Town is the **Old Town Hall**, which was rebuilt in its present form and neo-Renaissance style by Gabriel von Seidl in 1882. It now serves as the seat of the Lord Mayor.

2. Walking to the left of the **New Town Hall** or through the passage by its main entrance and we come to

3. the **Viktualienmarkt** market place, the site of the Monastery of the Augustan Hermits which fell victim to aerial bombing in April 1945. Every Wednesday and Saturday the Ingolstadt market, held in the area stretching from here to the City Theatre, offers a wide range of regional produce, and in December the square in front of the theatre sparkles in the splendour of the **Christmas Market**.

K. A detour of about 100 metres to the right, along the Tränktorstraße, leads to the **Museum of Concrete Art** (non-representational) in the former Danube Barracks building.

4. We now walk to the path leading to the right of the **theatre complex** and under the road to the Danube. On the other side of the river you can see the **impressive fortifications**.







5. Now proceed along the embankment to the footbridge, where you can cross the river to the **award-winning Klenze Park**, site of the 1992 Bavarian Garden Festival and a **unique open-air-museum** of German fortification architecture. The **Bavarian Army Museum** provides the exhibits for both the section of the history of the First World War and the **Bavarian Police Museum** in Reduit Tilly and Turm Triva, respectively.



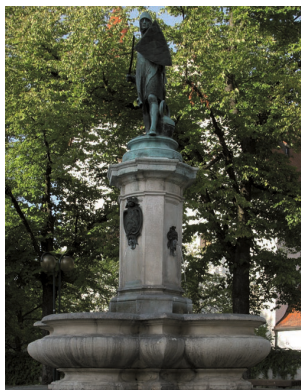
6. Returning across the footbridge and crossing the road to the path on the right of the theatre car park, leads to

7. the **New Castle**, which was built by Duke Ludwig the Bearded in the first half of the 15th century.



A. Today it houses the **Bavarian Army Museum** with its wide range of historic weapons, armoury, tin soldiers and other important exhibits of military history. (After 5 p.m. when the door to the courtyard is locked, please walk around the castle, see dotted line on map.)

8. Passing the elaborately decorated cannons in the **castle courtyard**, our route takes us through the **Baroque clocktower**.



9. and across the Paradeplatz square with its **fountain/statue of Ludwig the Bavarian**

10. to the **pedestrian zone**.

L. Only a few minutes from here, to the right and along the Esplanade, is the **Lechner Museum** with the famous sculptor's steel exhibits weighing many tons

11. After walking along the **Ludwigstraße** for some hundred metres, past large department stores and small boutiques, our route turns left into



12. the Hallstraße and, following the road turning right, to the **Old Castle**. This **former ducal castle** from the 13th century is the oldest secular building in the town and now houses the **Marieluise Fleißer public library**.

13. Also looking on to the **Carraraplatz**, the square named after Ingolstadts Italian twin-town, there is the former Electoral Riding-School, which houses the institute of Adult Education.

We now return to the pedestrian precinct via the Reitschulgasse on the other side of the square and then turn left towards



**14. the Ickstatt House** (Ludwigstraße 5). This residential home of both professor and reformer Johann Adam Baron von Ickstatt (1702 - 1776) has the tallest Rococo facade in southern Germany and is among Ingolstadt's most impressive sights.

**15.** At the **Schliffelmarkt** crossroads we turn right into Am Stein street, which takes us to the Harderstraße.

**F.** A left-turn into the Kupferstraße leads to the **Fleißer House** (Kupferstraße 18), where you can find the Marieluise Fleißer Archive, a documentary place of the writer's life and work. It is housed in what used to be her parental home.



**16.** Continuing along the Harderstraße, to the right we see the **Franciscan Basilica** (built in 1275) with its many intriguing memorial stabs and to the left the Convent of St. John in the Valley of Grace's Church, where we turn left into the Johannesstraße.



17. At the next crossroads stands the **Tilly House** (Neubaustraße 2), where the General of the Catholic League, Count von Tilly, died from his wounds in 1632. Diagonally opposite in the same street, the exterior of the famous **Asam's Church of Maria de Victoria** gives merely a hint of the splendour within. This jewel of Baroque architecture boasts a phenomenal ceiling fresco by Cosmas Damian Asam as well as the **most valuable monstrance in the world**.





18. The Minster „to our Dear and Beautiful Lady“, with its massive roof and two towers set at an angle, is an imposing building and one of the largest late Gothic churches of its kind in Bavaria. The grand high altar, unusual sidechapels, reliefs, pictures and carvings are all worth a closer look.



19. Continuing past the Minster and along the Kreuzstraße, we can see the **medieval Cross Gate**, which is Ingolstadt's **best-known landmark**. The name comes from the leper house with its chapel „to St. Cross“ that used to be here outside the town.

S. Turning right after the Cross Gate takes us, after some 200 meters, to the **City museum** in the Cavalier Hepp Fortification, which also houses the **Toy Museum** and the **European Danube Museum**.



20. If, instead, we turn left after the Cross Gate, the Jahnstrasse leads us to

21. M. the **Baroque Old Anatomical Faculty building** which houses the unique **German Museum of the History of Medicine**. With tools, instruments, equipment and apparatus of all kinds, this unique collection documents the history of medicine from antiquity to the present-day. The botanical garden displays a wealth of medicinal plants, and a **sensory „garden of smell and touch“** has been designed in such a way that it is also accessible to the disabled.



22. Our walk now takes us outside the medieval Town Wall as far as the **Taschenturmtower**, which used to be one of the minor gates in the Town Wall, which we pass through on our way back towards the town centre.

23. After about 150 metres we turn left to what used to be



**24. the University.** Originally built by Ludwig the Bearded as a prebendary house (for the prebends who were to pray for his soul after his death), it was the seat of the First Bavarian State University, which became one of Europe's most renowned academic institutions, from 1472 until it was transferred to Landshut and later to Munich in 1800. Passing the old university treasury building and porter's house, which today houses the

**H. Niemes-Prachatitz Folk Museum,** our walk takes us into the Dollstraße with its numerous restaurants and cafes.



**25.** Our Old Town Walk comes to an end at the **oldest church of Ingolstadt, St. Moritz's**. Next to the church tower and rising high into the sky is the Gothic „Whistling Tower“, which used to be the Town's watchtower.

A few paces to the right and we arrive back at our starting point, the Old Town Hall.



Located in the centre of Bavaria, Ingolstadt is an attractive, lively city, full of variety and well worth a visit. The city offers a fascinating mixture of the historical, the traditional and the modern. Therefore we invite you to explore the city of Ingolstadt.



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