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The Danube in Eastern Bavaria - between Kelheim and Regensburg

(2017). It all began around 10,000 years ago with the first settlements in the Danube region. Later, the Danube was considered the border of the Roman Empire and an important European trade and transport route. Celts, Romans, Charlemagne and the Wittelsbach dynasty all left their mark on the eastern Bavarian region, which can still be seen today.

The eastern Bavarian Danube region stretches from Weltenburg to Passau, through picturesque landscapes and culturally rich towns and cities. It is like a silver ribbon between the landscape areas of the Bavarian Forest and Bavarian Golf and Thermal Land. The unspoilt nature along the banks, varied floodplain landscapes, vibrant towns with great history and ducal charm, impressive monuments, magnificent monasteries and an almost limitless range of leisure and holiday attractions invite you to marvel, relax and enjoy a relaxing holiday.

Hiking along the Danube Panorama Trail

Discover the different facets of the Danube Panorama Trail. The long-distance hiking trail leads from Weltenburg over a length of 220 kilometres to the three-river city of Passau. The close combination of nature, culture and enjoyment makes this hiking trail unique. A boat trip is always worth the experience to shorten the walk or to enjoy the spectacular views of nature and cities. Many cultural highlights are located along the trail: the UNESCO World Heritage Limes, the Weltenburg Monastery at the Danube Breakthrough, which dates back to the 7th century, the Hall of Liberation as the landmark of the city of Kelheim, the UNESCO World Heritage city of Regensburg and the Walhalla Hall of Fame offer plenty of variety on the Danube Panorama Trail.

Danube Cycle Path

The Danube is not only an adventure for hikers, but also excites many cyclists. The Danube Cycle Path runs from Donaueschingen to Passau with a length of 228 kilometres in eastern Bavaria alone and is one of the best-known and best-developed cycle paths in Germany. It was recently awarded 4 stars by the ADFC. On the way along the Danube, you can immerse yourself in the history of the Romans. The archaeological museum in Kelheim, the Abusina fort in Eining, the Gäubodenmuseum in Straubing and also the Roman museum in Künzing document the life and daily routine of the Romans in Eastern Bavaria. In terms of gastronomy, the cycle route is very well connected and offers a variety of overnight accommodation.

Culture and nature along the Danube

Everyone who travels along the Danube should also walk up to Walhalla. Situated on the Bräuberg near Donaustauf, it is one of the most important classicist buildings in Germany. The Walhalla was built in 1863 on the Greek model by King Ludwig I, who dedicated it to important personalities in the German-speaking world.

In the Danube Gorge, between steep cliffs and wooded slopes at a bend in the river, lies Weltenburg Monastery. Built in 620, the monastery is still run by Benedictine monks today. Guests can get a lot of information and impressions about the history of the monastery, the monastery brewery, which is



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the oldest in the world, and the Weltenburger Enge nature reserve at the visitor centre. The main attraction is the monastery church of St. George, which is considered an artistic crowning work of the Baroque period and was designed by the Asam brothers. Passenger boats run regularly from Kelheim to the monastery from March to October.

The Danube in eastern Bavaria combines boundless nature, culture and hospitality.

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