Long-distance Walking Trail
Romantic Road

To go walking is to discover slow time. Getting around on your own two legs relieves you. Walking takes you away from the hectic commotion and pressing of everyday life and into a dimension of reflection. It highlights possessions and details, as well as the beauty of a hedge, the pure clear air of a heathwalk, the song of a skylark high above the fields of ripe rapeseed flowers. On the Romantic Road long-distance walking trails, walkers can appreciate the spectacularly unique character and beauty of nature, from the vineyards by the river Main and along the Tausendsee Valley, the European Roulette in the Frankenhäusel Forest Park, the historic village of the Central Franconian Woods, the mysterious Ries, the Isenbach Valley and the hills along the foothills of the Alps. There is a vast variety of woods, meadows, grasslands, pine forests and snow-covered water-meadows and high towns, magical valleys and picturesque villages, which inspired so many Romantic painters in the 19th century.

Starting in Würzburg and ending in Füssen, the Romantic Road long-distance walking trail covers a distance of almost 500 kilometers. It is supported all the way and takes you through an atmospheric landscape of traditional variety, with picturesque little towns, markets and villages, each with its new historic, heritage-protected centre. The trail follows the Romantic Road for almost its entire length, passing along woodland and country paths and quiet little roadways that give access to the countryside. In the towns, it takes the historic town centres and gives walkers an opportunity to sample the individual local colour and everyday life of the inhabitants. Going on a walking tour without stopping for something to eat and drink would be an unfeasible mission on this garden-path that is the Romantic Road. A rest in a village inn often becomes a culinary highlight. A good meal with hearty regional food and a glass of Franconian wine on the table in front of you or a view from a local micro-innery – such stops remain as enduring memories. Traditional dishes from Frankenbraten and Upper Bavaria all find their way onto the tables of the local inns along the way.

If your feet start to hurt, then just hop aboard the Romantic Road Coach. This service runs every day from April to October from Frankfurt via Würzburg, Rothenburg and Füssen to Füssen. Further information is available at www.romantischestrasse.de.

The Romantic Road

Germany’s best known and most popular holiday route. The trail of nature, culture and hospitality has been the trade mark of the Romantic Road for over 60 years. Running from the River Main to the Alps, it is Germany’s best known and most popular holiday route. The same Romantic Road offers what many tourists are looking for when they take holidays at home or abroad: a trip to see something special and a sense of being transported back in time. From Würzburg to Füssen, the Romantic Road proves a wealth of European history, art and culture to travellers. On the way from north to south, the landscape changes from river valleys, fertile agricultural land, forests and mountainous stretches to meadows, vineyards and the lovely Danube Valley. From Würzburg and the Tausendsee Valley, the Tausendsee Valley and Rothenburg, via the Ries, Lichtenfels and Pfaffenwinkel districts to the castle of King Ludwig, Bavaria’s Romantic Road offers much more than beautiful countryside and culinary delights. The Romantic Road places its emphasis on the harmony of culture and hospitality, on the unending diversity of nature and the historic landscapes, on towns with magnificent buildings that have preserved their original appearance over the centuries. Balthasar Neumann designed the Residence in Würzburg. Titian, Rembrandt and Mozart have all passed through the Romantic Road, and Wagner was inspired by the castle of King Ludwig. The trail of nature, culture and hospitality is the basis for the Romantic Road's long-distance cycle trail. With 460 kilometers, the Romantic Road is Germany’s best known and most popular holiday route. The name Romantic Road expresses what many people associate with Germany: the famous Bavarian King Ludwig II, the castle of King Ludwig in the Tausendsee Valley and the palace of Neuschwanstein. Fascination and the sense of being transported back in time have been the characteristic features of the Romantic Road’s route.

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