

Hohenzollern Experience Cycle Route

From Ansbach to Nuremberg

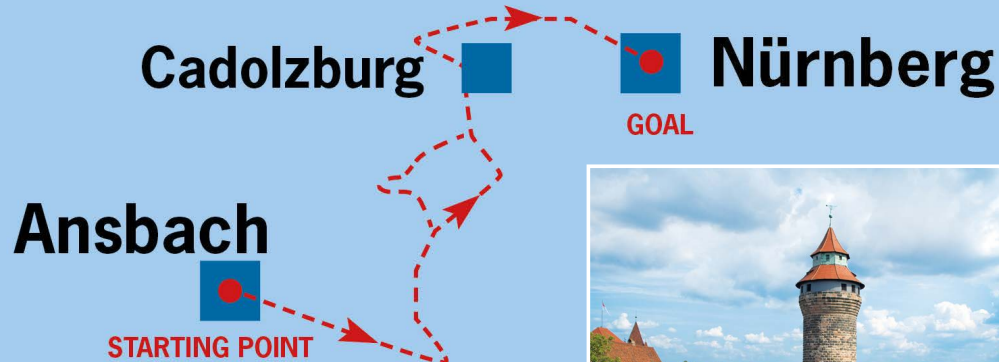


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The sights under the responsibility of the Bavarian Palace Administration can be found at...

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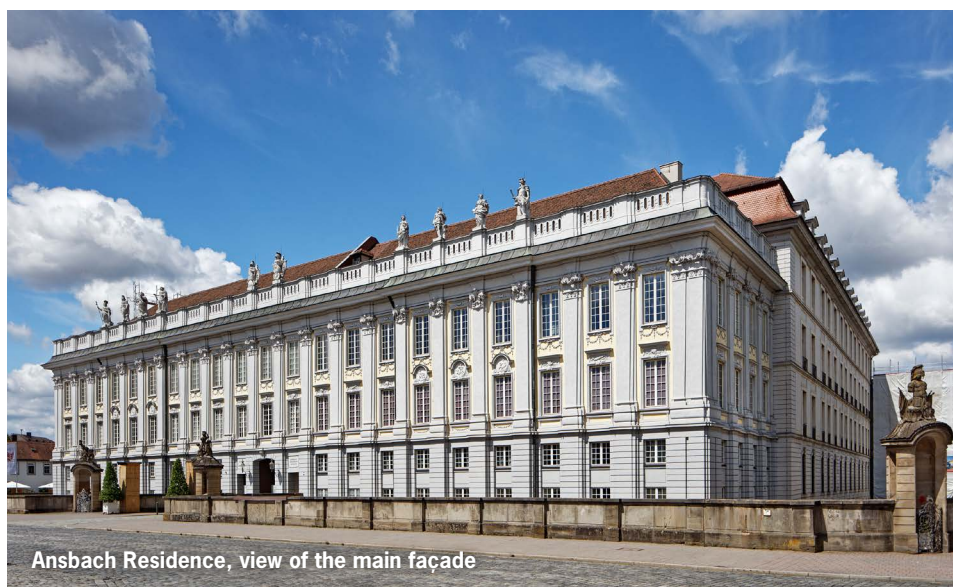
Imperial Castle of Nuremberg with outer courtyard and Sinnwell Tower



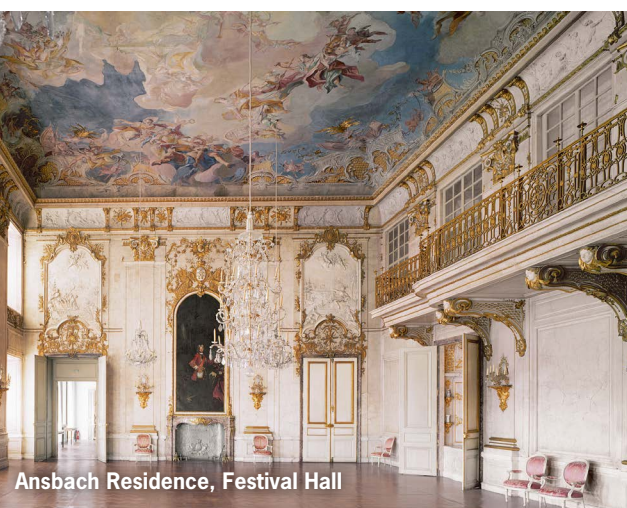
Cadolzburg, view of the castle from the south



Cadolzburg, guided tour of the exhibition for children



Ansbach Residence, view of the main façade



Ansbach Residence, Festival Hall



Imperial Castle of Nuremberg, view of the outer courtyard including the Heathens' Tower

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Brief description

Culture, nature, exercise and experience – this is what's in store for cycling enthusiasts on the Hohenzollern Experience Cycle Route in Franconia. This themed tour of around 95 km provides travellers with interesting insights into the history of the Hohenzollerns. The route begins at the Hohenzollern Residence in Ansbach and follows in the traces of the Hohenzollerns up to the Imperial Castle of Nuremberg. There are two variations of this tour: one runs via Grosshabersdorf and one via Rosstal.

Special feature: an accompanying app is available, in which aspects of eleven sights and their history are brought to life in a unique way by means of augmented reality. The app also provides information about gastronomy and other services along the route. An integrated map with GPS-location tracking supplements the road signs and makes the modern treasure hunt easier: the app is thus your ideal tour guide.

The Hohenzollern Experience Cycle Route was awarded third place at the ADAC Tourism Awards for Bavaria in 2018.

Distance:	95 km
Total ascent:	769 m
Total descent:	695 m
Highest Point:	440 m
Lowest Point:	281 m

Link to the map

Cycle map – RadlLand Bayern: This includes various options for displaying information about charging stations, repair shops and catering facilities etc. along the route.

Links to further information

Information about further sights, possible accommodation, signposting etc.:

- [Hohenzollern Experience Cycle Route – RadlLand Bayern \(Radland-bayern.de\)](https://www.radlland-bayern.de)
- [Hohenzollern Experience Cycle Route](#)

Bavarian Palace Administration sights

ANSBACH – RESIDENCE AND COURT GARDEN

Almost no other residence in Germany has kept its original 18th-century appearance as well as the Ansbach Residence. The oldest part of the building today is the Gothic Hall, which dates from the second half of the 16th century. Particular highlights are the ceiling fresco of the Festival Hall by Carlo Carlone, the Rococo Art Gallery with works from the former margraval gallery and the Mirror Cabinet. The Court Garden with its orangery opposite the palace has a representative parterre in the French style, numerous tub plants and a medicinal herb garden.



Further information (e.g. guided tours, current opening times and admission fees) can be found on the [website](#).

Information and facilities for cyclists

- Due to the façade renovation, which is scheduled to continue until 2029, there are no bike parking places in the inner courtyard of the Residence. However, ask first at the cash desk, because depending on the building work, it may be possible to open the inner courtyard. Public cycle racks in the town are reachable on foot. For a combined visit to the Residence and Court Garden, we suggest for example that you park your bike by the theatre.
- Lockers are available for Residence visitors (for bags and helmets).
- There is an [e-bike charging station](#) at Montgelasplatz around 300 metres from the Residence. The charging station is for four bikes, and the charging cables can be borrowed from the Tourist Information.
- Cycling is prohibited on the paths in the Court Garden for the safety of the other visitors.



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CADOLZBURG NEAR FÜRTH – CADOLZBURG



Cadolzburg, aerial view from the southeast



Cadolzburg, interactive exhibition 'A castle and its lords!'

Cadolzburg was built on a steep rocky spur by the Hohenzollerns in the mid-13th century with a palas, imposing ring wall and main gate, and was extended in representative form over subsequent centuries. At the end of the Second World War the castle went up in flames.

Today Cadolzburg is the location of a modern exhibition entitled 'HerrschaftsZeiten! Erlebnis Cadolzburg' (A castle and its lords! The Cadolzburg experience) covering an area of around 1,500 m², which documents the various facets of life in a lords' castle with original objects, elaborate reproductions, dioramas and media stations.

There are many opportunities for active involvement, whether through games, media applications and touching stations or the detailed accompanying educational programme.

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Cadolzburg, view from the south across the castle

Information and facilities for cyclists

- Cycling is not permitted within the castle complex for the safety of the other visitors.
- There are bike racks and charging facilities for e-bikes in the bailey. A suitable charging cable can be borrowed for a deposit during museum opening times.
- The nearest other charging facility for e-bikes outside the castle complex is by the Cadolzburg Historical Museum (Pisendelplatz).
- Lockers for helmets and bags are available by the museum cash desk.
- Bike shoes may not be worn in the Residence rooms.
- A bike service station with tools and pumps is available at the station in Cadolzburg.
- For refreshments there is a beer garden (open from April to October) 'am Vesperhäusla' in the Cadolzburg bailey. It is open in dry weather from 11am on museum opening days.



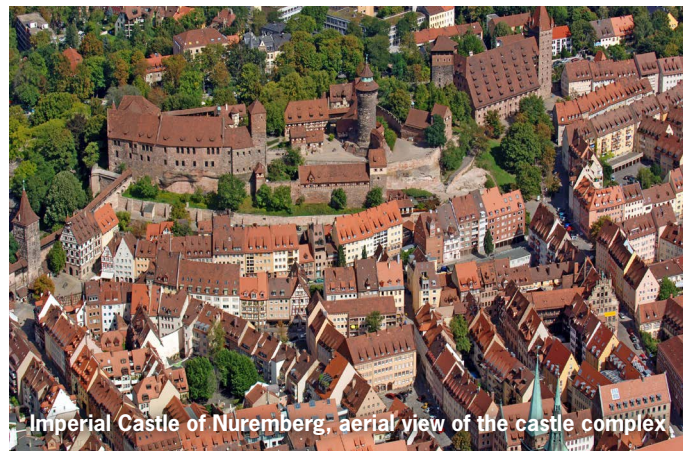
Cadolzburg, experience the Middle Ages with all your senses

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NUREMBERG - IMPERIAL CASTLE



Imperial Castle of Nuremberg, aerial view of the outer castle



Imperial Castle of Nuremberg, aerial view of the castle complex

During the Middle Ages, the Imperial Castle in Nuremberg was one of the most important imperial palaces in the Holy Roman Empire. For centuries it stood at the heart of European history with representative accommodation for the Empire's head of state.

One of the oldest sections still in existence is the famous Romanesque double chapel. The permanent exhibition entitled 'Kaiser-Reich-Stadt' (Emperor – Empire – City) with valuable works on loan, rooms devoted to particular themes and a film about the building history invites visitors on a journey of discovery. The attractive castle garden extends across the bastions, which were originally built for defence purposes.

There is a panoramic view of Nuremberg from the Sinwell Tower, which originates from the second half of the 13th century; the projecting gun platform and Renaissance helm roof were only added 300 years later.

The Deep Well in the centre of the outer courtyard is a highlight of a visit to the castle. The shaft goes down nearly 50 metres into the castle rock, and is impressively visualized with a film in which the camera descends to the bottom.

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Information and facilities for cyclists

- The castle complex including the access paths is marked as a pedestrian precinct. Cycling on the paths and in the castle garden is therefore prohibited for the safety of the other visitors.
- Bikes can be parked by the Vestner Gate in the north part of the castle and directly on the 'Freiung'. They may not be parked within the castle complex.
- Lockers for museum visitors (accessible with an entrance ticket) are available near the cash desk.
- Bike shoes may not be worn inside the castle for the protection of the historical wooden floors.
- There are no charging facilities for e-bikes at the castle. At the main station there is a bike garage with a charging station. Further charging stations are available in the city.



Imperial Castle of Nuremberg, permanent exhibition in the Imperial Hall



Imperial Castle of Nuremberg, permanent exhibition 'Kaiser-Reich-Stadt' (Emperor – Empire – City)

Want to know more? Information about all 45 palaces, castles and residences as well as other monuments or artist's houses under the responsibility of the Bayerische Schlösserverwaltung can be found on our website.

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