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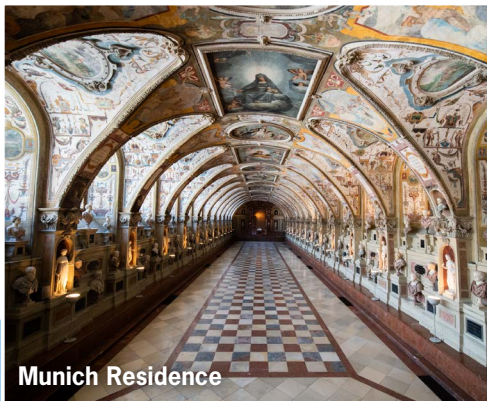


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Munich Residence



Burghausen Castle



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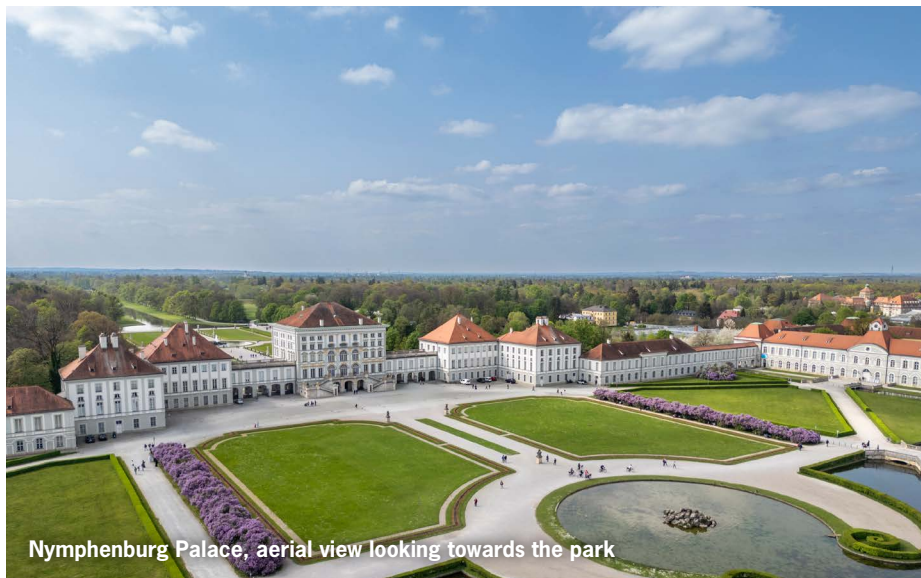
Munich Residence, Grotto Hall



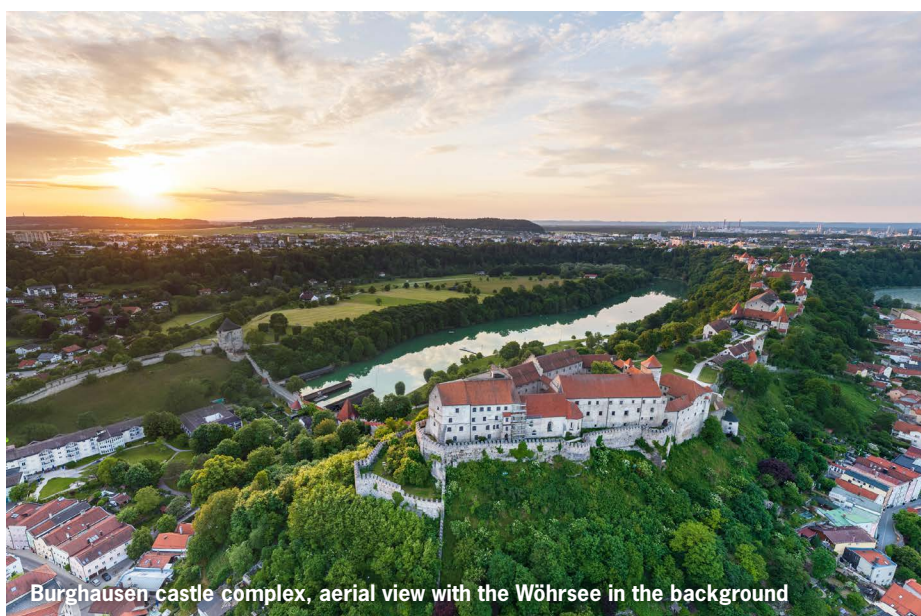
Schleißheim New Palace with flowerbeds



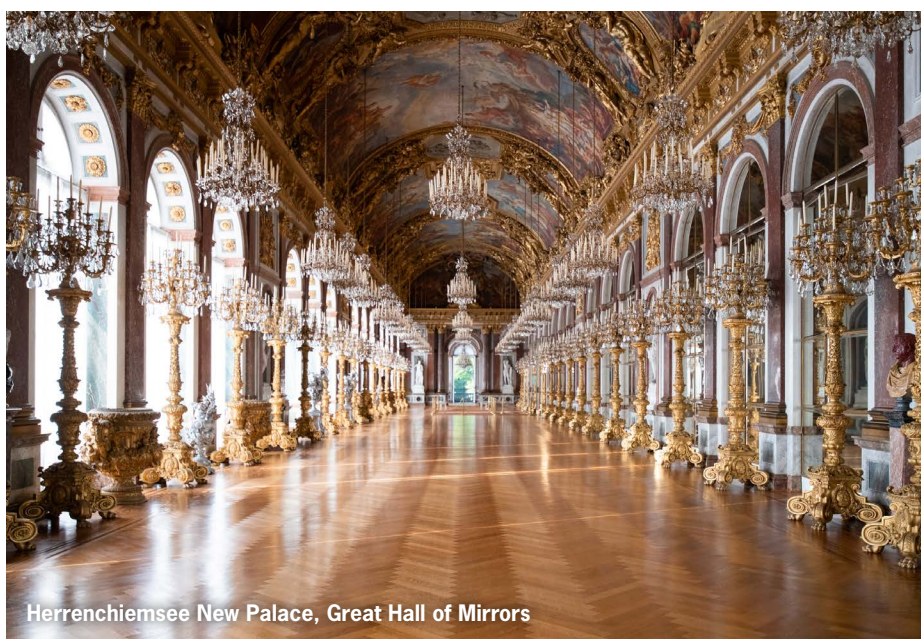
Dachau Palace, northeast façade



Nymphenburg Palace, aerial view looking towards the park



Burghausen castle complex, aerial view with the Wöhrsee in the background



Herrenchiemsee New Palace, Great Hall of Mirrors

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Brief description

This route has a length around 1,200 kilometres which cover the whole of Upper Bavaria in three main circuits. Each of these focuses on special regional features: the north circuit on hops and beer, the southeast circuit on salt and the southwest circuit on art and culture. At the heart of all the tours is the state capital of Munich, which also the location of a number of sites for which the Bavarian Palace Administration is responsible.

Salt Circuit

The varied Salt Circuit, which is around 383 long, runs south of Munich and passes through towns that have been marked by salt mining and the salt trade. Much of the route runs along rivers, with charming views across the sparkling waters of the Inn, the Salzach and the Saalach. There are also picturesque lakes along the way, such as the imposing Chiemsee, the Simssee and the Steinsee. At Chiemsee you can make a detour to the world-famous palace of Herrenchiemsee.

Distance:	383 km
Total ascent:	2 450 m
Total descent:	2 450 m
Highest point:	670 m
Lowest point:	360 m

Art Circuit

The Art and Culture Circuit covers over 340 kilometers between Munich and Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Lech and Tegernsee. This stretch is dominated by the lakes and rivers of Upper Bavaria with the Ammersee, the Walchensee with its air of the Caribbean, and the valley of the River Isar. Numerous monasteries, churches and chapels line the route, including the famous Wieskirche, a UNESCO-World Heritage site. Further features well worth a stop include Nymphenburg Palace and the Residence in Munich. A visit to Linderhof Palace in Graswangtal is also possible by slightly extending the route.

Distance:	340 km
Total ascent:	2 550 m
Total descent:	2 550 m
Highest point:	940 m
Lowest point:	500 m

Hop Circuit

Fragrant hop gardens, gentle hills and tranquil rivers feature on the Hop Circuit north of Munich. The Isar and Danube rivers accompany cyclists on the approximately 268-kilometre route through Hallertau.

Beer gardens, breweries and the German Hop Museum illustrate the Bavarian art of brewing from the small hop plant to the finished product. Detours to Oberschleissheim for the Schleissheim palace complex and to Dachau for Dachau Palace are possible without going far out of your way.

Distance:	268 km
Total ascent:	1 120 m
Total descent:	1 120 m
Highest point:	916 m
Lowest point:	105 m

Link to the map

Cycle map: 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.:

- [Upper Bavaria Cycle Route](#)
- [ADFC - Upper Bavaria Cycle Route](#)

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MUNICH – RESIDENCE



Munich Residence, south façade

The Residence developed out of a small moated castle built in 1385, and was the residence and government seat of the Wittelsbach rulers until 1918. Today it is the largest inner-city palace in Germany. With a mixture of styles from the Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo and Neoclassicism epochs, this impressive building boasts over 100 state rooms, festival halls, court chapels and art collections.

There are also special collections: European and East-Asian porcelain, silver services, miniature paintings, reliquaries, sacred vestments and bronze sculpture. A tour of the Residence Museum with the magnificent Antiquarium and the rooms of the Royal Palace as well as a visit to the Treasury are a must during a stay in Munich.

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

Information and facilities for cyclists

- Cycling in the outside areas of the Residence is allowed but depends on whether the inner courtyards are being used. These are sometimes closed if they are being set up for outdoor events. Bikes must then be pushed.
- Please show consideration for the numerous visitors to the Residence and the outdoor area of the wine bar.
- In the arcades around the Apothekehof there are three areas with bike stands (on the southwest side by the coin collection, in the southern arcades and in the eastern arcades by the Academy of Sciences). Bikes may not be left anywhere else.
- A cloakroom is available in the Residence Museum. Larger bags, rucksacks and bulky objects may not be taken into the Residence.

BURGHAUSEN – BURGHAUSEN CASTLE



Burghausen Castle, looking north to the main castle

With a length of over 1,000 metres, Burghausen Castle is the longest medieval fortification in the world. For a quarter of a century – from 1255 to 1503 – it was the second residence of the Lower Bavarian dukes, whose seat was in Landshut. The elongated castle complex has a total of six courtyards, the inner courtyard of the main castle and five outer courtyards. The Princes' Building (Palas) contains the ducal apartment and the castle chapel of St Elisabeth. On display in the State Gallery are Late Gothic altar panels and a monumental painting cycle showing events from Bavarian history.

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

Information and facilities for cyclists

- Cycling is prohibited on the paths within the castle complex for the safety of the other visitors.
- Bikes can be parked at the beginning of the castle complex, at the Cura car park in the middle of the complex by the Stethaimer Weg exit and in the area of the castle café.
- Lockers are available at the visitor centre.
- There are also **free lockers** on the Stadtplatz. Right next to them is a bike repair facility where you can carry out minor repairs on the spot.
- A [list of the charging options](#) for e-bikes can be called up on the town's website.

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HERRENCHIEMSEE – NEW PALACE AND PARK



Herrenchiemsee New Palace

From 1878 Ludwig II had a copy of the Versailles Palace built as a 'Temple of Fame' for the Sun King Louis XIV of France. The state rooms are a high point of 19th century interior design. Particular highlights include the enormous Great Hall of Mirrors, the magnificent marble staircase and the state bedroom. The park with its magnificent waterworks and fountains is also modelled on Versailles and well worth a visit. Since 2025 the palaces of King Ludwig II of Bavaria have been on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

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

Information and facilities for cyclists

- Cycling is prohibited on the Herren- and Fraueninsel for the safety of the other visitors.
- At the Prien/Stock harbour you'll find a [free charging station](#) for e-bikes, as well as free lockers and lockable bike garages.
- Bikes are transported on [the Chiemsee boats](#) when there is enough room. Since large numbers of cyclists are en route in fine weather, there may be occasions when not all bikes can be taken on board for the safety of the passengers (escape routes)
- Detailed information about cycling round Chiemsee is provided on the [Tourismus Prien website](#).



Herrenchiemsee New Palace, bedroom

HERRENCHIEMSEE – AUGUSTINIAN MONASTERY HERRENCHIEMSEE (OLD PALACE)



Augustinian Monastery Herrenchiemsee (Old Palace)

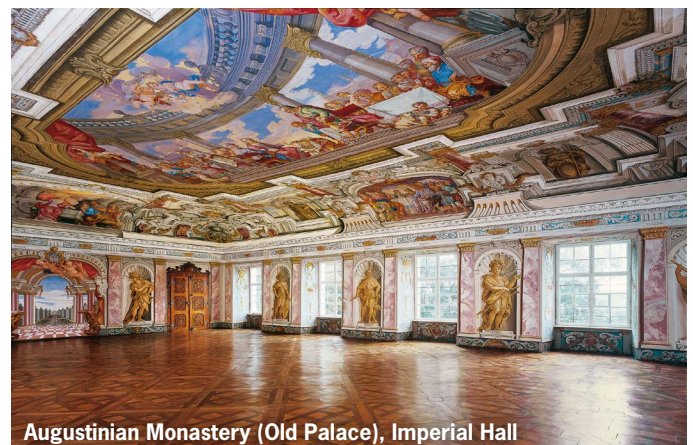
The former monastery building today houses a museum designed on modern principles, which presents 1,200 years of Bavarian history, divided into four areast:

- 'Vom Kloster zum Königsschloss' (From monastery to palace) – state rooms in the Princes' Wing (Imperial Hall, Garden Room)
- The private rooms of King Ludwig II.
- 'Der Wille zur Freiheit und Demokratie. Der Verfassungskongress von Herrenchiemsee 1948' (Paving the way for freedom and democracy. The 1948 Constitution Convention of Herrenchiemsee 1948)
- The 'Maler am Chiemsee Gallery', which has over 50 paintings from the 19th and early 20th centuries by artists working around the Chiemsee, and the 'Julius Exter Gallery', which contains some 150 paintings from all the artist's creative periods

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Information and facilities for cyclists

-> Similar to the information provided for New Palace



Augustinian Monastery (Old Palace), Imperial Hall

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MUNICH – NYMPHENBURG PALACE AND PARK



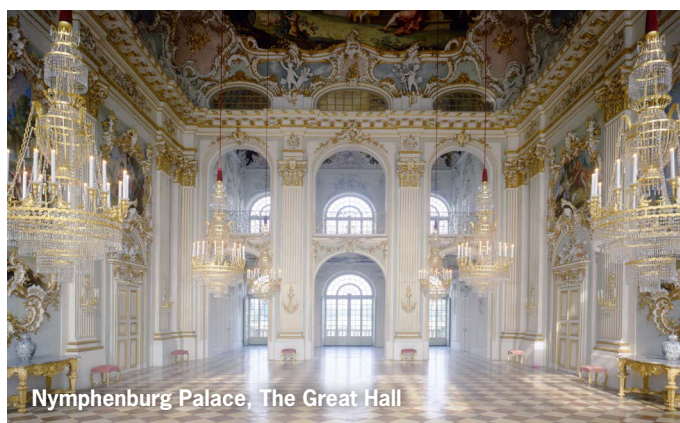
Nymphenburg Palace is one of the most extensive palace complexes in Europe and was used by the Bavarian rulers in the 18th century as a summer residence. In addition to numerous magnificent residential rooms, of which the Great Hall or Stone Hall with its fresco cycle and the famous Gallery of Beauties of Ludwig I are the main highlights, the Marstallmuseum is a mine of information about carriages and royal travel, with over forty coaches, carriages, sleighs and riding accessories from the last 300 years on display.

The 180-hectare palace park with its unique waterworks, wide variety of sculptures and outstanding park pavilions is also well worth exploring.

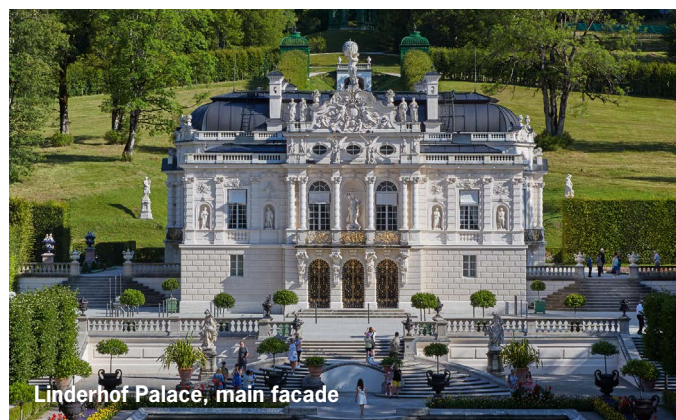
Further information (e.g. guided tours, current opening times and admission fees) can be found on the [website](#).

Information and facilities for cyclists

- Cycling (as well as pushing your bike) is prohibited on the paths in the palace park for the safety of the other visitors.
- There are bike racks in Maria-Ward Strasse and under the North and South Galleries.
- Free lockers are available for palace visitors during opening times.



ETTAL – LINDERHOF PALACE AND PARK



Linderhof is the only one of his three famous palaces that King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. The detailed façade and the magnificent rooms of this architectural masterpiece invite you to immerse yourself in the world of the fairy-tale king. The Venus Grotto is a particular highlight, a fascinating artificial dripstone cave, which was built into the hillside from 1875 and enchants visitors with its magical atmosphere. The palace park also features exotic park buildings, harmoniously integrated into the breathtaking mountain backdrop. Since 2025 the palaces of King Ludwig II of Bavaria have been on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

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

Information and facilities for cyclists

- Cycling is prohibited for the safety of the other visitors on the path between the cash desk and the palace and on Schlossplatz.
- Places where you must get off your bike, e.g. the path from the cash desk to Schlossplatz, are marked.
- Bike racks are available (right at the bus stop at the Linderhof car park).
- Lockers big enough for cases are available by the cash desk and there are also lockers of handbag size at the palace WC.
- The nearest available public charging stations for e-bikes are at the [Ettaler Mühle](#) restaurant and in [Oberammergau](#).



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FELDAFING – ROSE ISLAND

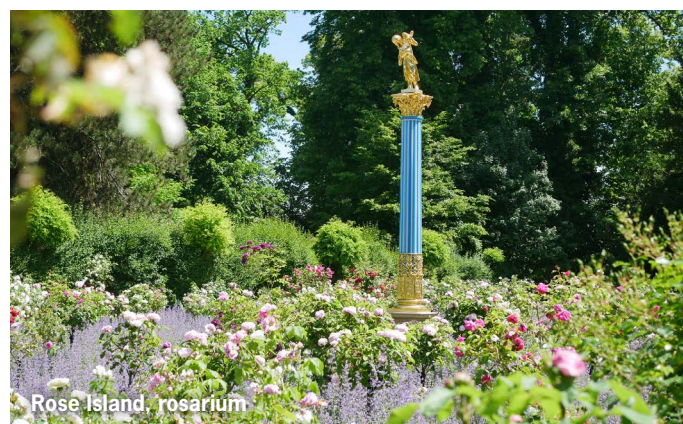


Rose Island with the small island villa, the so-called Casino, and the rose garden, was one of King Ludwig II's favourite places. It was here that he hosted guests such as Tsarina Maria Alexandrovna, Richard Wagner and Empress Elisabeth of Austria. On the guided tours of the Casino, visitors learn all about the history of the island, the park with the rose garden and the building itself.

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

Information and facilities for cyclists

- Bikes may not be taken onto the island. There are bike racks by the jetty. You can only cross over to the island with the [official ferry](#). There are no lockers.
- Bike shoes with spikes may not be worn in the Casino for the protection of the historical floors.
- Cycling is not permitted in Feldafing Park for the safety of the other visitors. You can only ride on the path along the lake shore – please be considerate of pedestrians.
- There is no e-bike charging station close by. Charging facilities are available in [Feldafing](#).



DACHAU – DACHAU PALACE AND COURT GARDEN



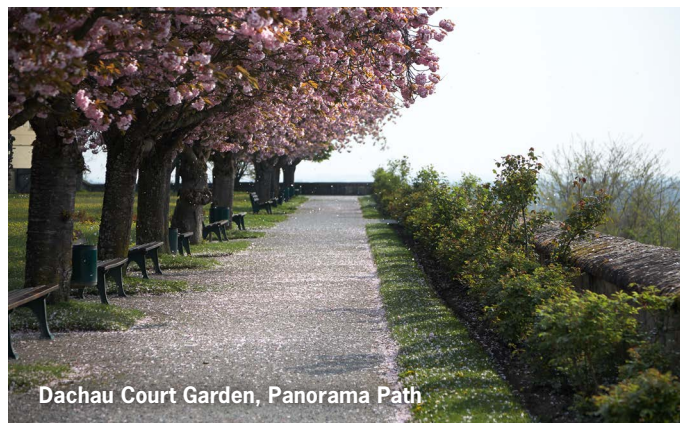
The palace originated as a high medieval castle belonging to the Counts of Dachau. From 1546 to 1577 it was enlarged to form a massive four-winged complex. The Festival Hall has one of the most important Renaissance wooden ceilings in South Germany.

From the Court Garden, picturesquely located on a ridge, there is a magnificent panoramic view of the Alps.

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

Information and facilities for cyclists

- Cycling is prohibited on the footpaths/gravel paths for the safety of the other visitors.
- There are racks for five bikes at the court garden entrance and for five bikes at the wooden kiosk at Schlossplatz.
- Charging stations can be found for example by the [Volksbank Raiffeisenbank Dachau in Augsburg](#)er Straße and [Münchner Straße](#).



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OBERSCHLEISSHEIM – SCHLEISSHEIM PALACE COMPLEX



Schleissheim Palace Complex, Aerial-view

The palace complex of Schleissheim is one of the most important Baroque complexes in Germany. It was built for the Bavarian dukes and electors as a summer residence and consists of the Old Palace, New Palace and former hunting lodge Lustheim.

Splendid architecture, valuable paintings and other treasures are on display inside the palace and the court garden is a treat for garden and nature lovers.

With its artistically designed water features, including impressive fountains and a magnificent cascade, it is one of the best preserved Baroque gardens in Europe.

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

Information and facilities for cyclists

- Cycling is prohibited on the paths in the park (within the park gates) for the safety of the other visitors. However, bicycles can be pushed through the park.
- At Lustheim Palace bike racks are available at each of the two car park gates.
- There are also bike racks at the New and Old Palace.
- There are also bike racks near the castle restaurant/beer garden. Charging stations are available there.
- There are two bike shops in Oberschleissheim that offer a repair service.



Staircase hall in the New Palace

NEUBURG ON THE DANUBE – NEUBURG PALACE



Neuburg Palace, view across the Danube of the east wing

Count Palatine Ottheinrich had the Renaissance palace built as the residence of the principality of Palatinate-Neuburg. From 1665-1670 the Baroque east wing was added with the round towers that can be seen from a long way off. The courtyard façade decorated in sgraffito technique and the palace chapel, the earliest Protestant church in Germany with a cycle of pictures on its walls dating from 1543, are unique features of the palace. In addition to the Knights' Hall from the Renaissance era and the Baroque grotto, it also has works of art from the history of the principality. The State Gallery in the west wing shows 120 works of Flemish Baroque art by important masters such as Rubens, van Dyck and Brueghel.

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

Information and facilities for cyclists

- Bikes can be left in the inner courtyard (do not lean them against the wall).
- Free bike boxes with e-bike charging stations can be found in the inner courtyard of the historical Marstall (royal stables) on Ottheinrichplatz. Keys for the boxes can be obtained from the Tourist Information.
- There is an overview of charging stations and repair and renting facilities on the town's [website](#).
- Lockers for visitors to the palace are located near the cash desk.



Neuburg Palace, view north across the palace courtyard

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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