

Welcome to Passau





### The University of Passau

Since opening its doors to the public in 1978, the University of Passau has quickly developed into a first address in German academia. The University regularly attains top positions in academic rankings, e.g. in Law, Business and Economics, Computer Science, Communication Studies, Political Science and Cultural Studies.

Some 12,000 students and doctoral researchers from more than 100 countries are enrolled at the University of Passau. In addition to studying in small learning groups, students benefit from the manageable size of the University campus, resulting in short distances and an excellent student experience.

The University of Passau is a university of short distances—both on campus and to the city. The map of the university campus will help you to gain a quick overview. You can easily walk to the University or travel by bike or bus lines number 8 and 9 direction ‘Kohlbruck über Klinikum’. The stops along the campus are ‘Augustinergasse’, ‘Universität’ and ‘Wörthstrasse’.

‘Augustinergasse’ is closest to the Nikolakloster and Philosophicum buildings. ‘Universität’ is nearest to the Business Administration and Economics Faculty building, the University Library and the Refectory. Alight at ‘Wörthstrasse’ for the Audimax, Juridicum, Sports Centre, IT Centre and Administration building.



## The city of Passau

Widely considered one of the loveliest cities in Germany, Passau is situated in the southern foothills of the Bavarian Forest at the confluence of the rivers Danube, Inn and Ilz.

Having been razed to the ground in the great fire of 1662, Passau was rebuilt according to designs by Italian master builders, which is where it gets its Mediterranean baroque flair from. It is partly for this reason that Passau is also known as the 'Venice of Bavaria'. Atop a small hill in the Old Town sits St. Stephen's Cathedral, the largest baroque cathedral north of the Alps.

The Old Town is characterised by spacious squares, romantic promenades, narrow winding alleys adorned with small cafés, bars and beer gardens. Passau is home to a number of cultural institutions, such as the 'Landestheater

Niederbayern' (theatre) and the 'Scharfrichter Haus'—a restaurant and political cabaret stage where many of Germany's most popular comedians started their careers. Many cultural events are put on throughout the year, such as the 'Europäische Wochen Passau' and the Eulenspiegel comedy festival on the tip of the peninsula between the rivers Danube and Inn. Naturally, Passau also has various movie theatres, including a multiplex cinema showing 3-D movies.

Twice a year, Passau hosts its own version of the 'Oktoberfest': the 'Maidult' and 'Herbstdult' offer many thrilling rides, plenty of traditional Bavarian cuisine, and of course, the iconic beer tents. These, and the 'Haferlfest', are centuries-old festivals and a fixture in Passau's cultural calendar. On top of that, there are various street festivals in summer and a Christmas market in December.



### Surrounding area (rural district)

Passau's surrounding area has a lot to offer, such as a long-distance Danube cycling trail, the spa triangle and the Bavarian Forest with its beautiful sights and pristine nature. The area is perfect for cycling, hiking, water sports, golf, cross-country and alpine skiing as well as snowboarding, mountaineering and abseiling. The

famous natural spas in Bad Füssing and Bad Griesbach are only a short drive away.

One special feature of the region is that it is so close to the Czech Republic and Austria, allowing for day trips to beautiful towns with rich traditions. Do not forget to sample the exquisite Bohemian and Upper Austrian cuisine!

Other cities and places to visit

< 100 km  
 Bavarian Forest National Park (Germany)  
 Linz (Austria)

< 150 km  
 Český Krumlov (Czech Republic)  
 Berchtesgaden (Germany)  
 Prien am Chiemsee (Germany)  
 Salzburg (Austria)  
 Gmunden (Austria)

< 200 km  
 Hallstatt (Austria)  
 Prag (Czech Republic)  
 Pilsen (Czech Republic)  
 Munich (Germany)  
 Regensburg (Germany)

< 250 km  
 Nuremberg (Germany)  
 Tegernsee (Germany)

< 300 km  
 Vienna (Austria)  
 Graz (Austria)  
 Garmisch-Partenkirchen (Germany)  
 Innsbruck (Austria)

< 350 km  
 Brno (Czech Republic)

< 400 km  
 Bratislava (Slovakia)  
 Ljubljana (Slowenien)  
 Lake Constance (Germany)

< 450 km  
 Frankfurt am Main (Germany)  
 Heidelberg (Germany)

< 500 km  
 Dresden (Germany)  
 Mainz (Germany)

Zagreb (Croatia)  
 Zurich (Switzerland)

< 550 km  
 Verona (Italien)  
 Strasbourg (France)  
 The Lorelei on the River Rhine (Germany)  
 The Black Forest (Germany)

< 600 km  
 Budapest (Ungarn)  
 Koblenz (Germany)  
 Plitvice Lakes National Park (Croatia)  
 Venice (Italy)  
 The Brocken (Germany)

< 650 km  
 Berlin (Germany)  
 Cologne (Germany)

< 700 km  
 Luxemburg (Luxemburg)

< 800 km  
 Kraków (Poland)  
 London (UK)

< 850 km  
 Brussels (Belgium)  
 Hamburg (Germany)  
 Rostock (Germany)

< 900 km  
 Amsterdam (Netherlands)

< 950 km  
 Rügen (Germany)  
 Warsaw (Poland)

> 950  
 Copenhagen (Denmark)  
 Paris (France)

