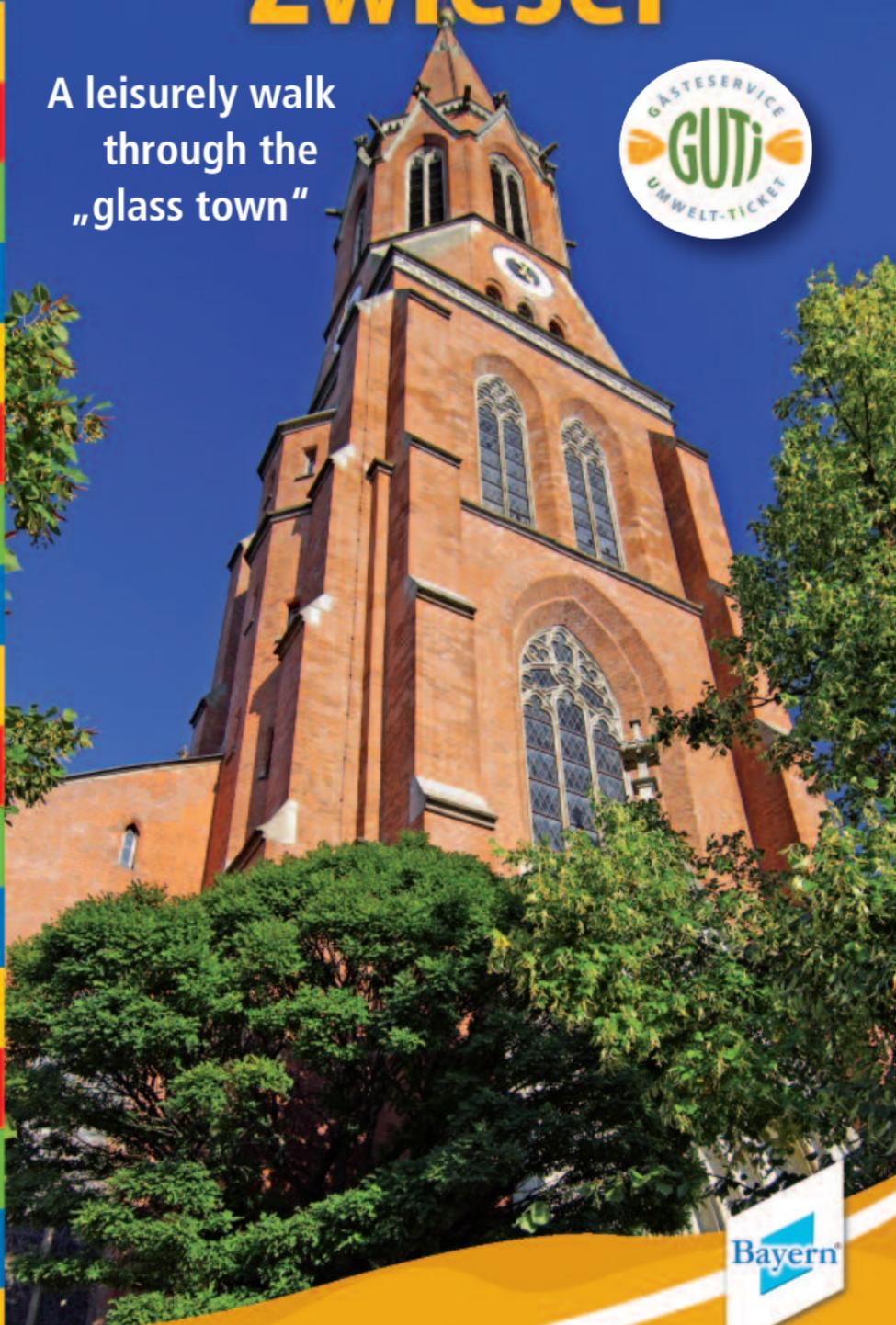


Town Guide to Zwiesel



A leisurely walk
through the
„glass town“



Bayern





Welcome to Zwiesel – glassmaking centre...

Zwiesel nestles in a wide valley where the Großer and Kleiner Regen rivers meet, with the Falkenstein, Hennenkobel, Arber and Rachel mountains providing a stunning backdrop.

The town takes its name from the old German term *Zwie-Sal*, meaning double river bed, the fork of two rivers. According to legend, the first settlers were gold prospectors. Zwiesel was first documented in 1255 as a village with a wooden church, and by 1280 served as a major transfer point along the ancient Bayerweg trading route.

Around 1313 Zwiesel is recorded as a market town, and in 1560 it received its coat of arms from Duke Albrecht V of Bavaria. In 1904 Zwiesel was officially awarded town status and opened the doors of its glass-making college, while in 1975 it was formally recognised as a climatic health resort (*Luftkurort*).

Zwiesel is a renowned centre for glass-making with a centuries-old

tradition that remains alive to this day. The glass industry in the Zwieseler Winkel region originated in the 15th century (Rabenstein, 1421), and the year 1872 saw the construction of the Annathal glassworks, later renamed Zwiesel Kristallglas (formerly Schott Werke) – now the town's largest employer and world-leading supplier of glassware to the catering industry. Another manufacturer steeped in heritage is Theresienthal, makers of fine hand-blown glass. Today, around 600 people earn their living in the glassworks and in small refining workshops where the products are being perfected through skilful cutting, engraving and painting. Thus, over a period of several hundred years, the once small trading post has matured into a major glass-making centre in the Bavarian Forest.

The "glass queen" and the "glass princess" are charming ambassadors for the glass-town of Zwiesel. Zwiesel, with its pretty street cafes and shops, is the cultural and eco-



...and climatic health resort

conomic hub of the region. Throughout the year the town buzzes with concerts, theatre performances and numerous other interesting events.

Unwind in the outdoors: Discover untouched nature in the National Park Bavarian Forest – along river walks, in the valleys, on the upland moors between the Falkenstein and Rachel mountains, in the Höllbachgspreng nature reserve or in the surrounding mountains! In the winter Zwiesel shows off its sporty credentials: The nearby Arber, highest mountain in the Bavarian Forest, and the Biathlon Centre at Arbersee lake organise exciting events from alpine and Nordic skiing competitions to international world cup races.

More than 60km of cross country trails, including the high-altitude Kaisersteig (750m), and two ski lifts near the town await visitors who want to be active. On the slopes of the Arber skiing is often possible until mid-April.

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Zwiesel Kristallglas AG

The centre of Zwiesel boasts the world's largest pyramid made from crystal glass, consisting of 93,665 wine goblets, whilst the Zwiesel Kristallglas shopping arcade and retail outlets offer an enticing setting for a few leisurely hours in town.

- Guided tour through the glassworks with glassmaking demonstrations from Monday to Friday, starting at 11:00.
- Large selection of fine crystal glass, china, table linen and stylish home accessories.
- Factory outlet with three specialist retail shops, part of Zwiesel Kristallglas Arkaden.
- Also: Discount outlets of the porcelain manufacturer Seltmann Weiden and shoe retailer Naot.
- Tickle your taste buds with hearty cuisine at reasonable prices in the glassmaker's cafeteria or with delicious pastries and coffee in the Bachmeier bakery.

Open: Mon-Fri: 09:00-18:00, Sat: 09:00-16:00
Sun: 11:00-16:00 (July to mid-October)

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Theresienthal – suppliers of royal glass since 1836

The strength of the former Theresienthal, once supplier of the royal Bavarian court, lies in the skill of its craftsmen and designers. To this day Theresienthal are recognised throughout the world as makers of the finest and most elaborate glass, employing the best blowers, grinders, engravers and painters who create works of art of timeless elegance and magnificent beauty.

Every single piece is made on site and by hand. Launched in 1836, Theresienthal has been exporting the majority of its products to the most discerning customers worldwide.

Besides supreme artworks, customers will also find plainer, inexpensive items in the shop. Visitors are also invited to watch the glassmakers at work.

Our opening times:

Factory tour:	Mon-Thur: 10:00-14:30,	Fri and Sat: 10:00-13:00
Factory shop:	Mon-Fri: 10:00-17:00,	Sat: 10:00-16:00
Glass museum:	Mon-Fri: 10:00-14:00	



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Rotwaldglashütte Glassworks Andreas Dick

Every Tuesday and Thursday, this small glassworks on the outskirts of Zwiesel puts on traditional music and entertainment, starting at 19:00 (minimum 20 people). Advance notice required. Other times by prior arrangement, bus and travel groups by reservation. Give glassblowing a try!

Thursdays from 10:00 to 16:00 (mid-June until end of October, during school holidays also on Tuesdays). On Sundays, the glassworks sells coffee and cake from 14:00 onwards, accompanied by live music courtesy of the landlord, playing his „diatonic“ accordion. Every first Friday of the month from 20:00 onwards this is also the meeting place for local musicians.

Traditional glassworks

Factory outlet

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Gerhard Krauspe Glassblowers

Pioneering a new generation of glass, we have long ago said good-bye to the conventions of the art of glassblowing and our workshop was the first to create vessels in an asymmetric style – an approach only made possible through the application of masterly craft married with modern design.

Innovation is our motto and we embrace every challenge – be it art or technology, we are a one-stop shop. Please feel free try our service for technical glass.

Shop opening times:

Mon–Fri: 10:00–18:00

Sat: 10:00–13:00

**Glasbläserei
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kreative Geschenkideen
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Kristallerie Nachtmann GmbH Crystal glassmakers

The rich variety of the collection created by crystal glassmakers Nachtmann ranges from drinking vessels in simple, classic shapes, through decorative vases and fruit bowls to magnificent diamond-cut goblets and decanters made from precious, colour-coated lead crystal.



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What is glass?

Moulded glass

Glass consists of three key raw materials: quartz sand, potash and lime. When this mixture is melted at a temperature of 1,450°C, the result is crystal glass. With the help of a fireclay crucible and a 1.5 m long „blowpipe“ the viscous mass is then formed at c. 1,200°C into moulded or blown glass.

Lamp glass

To make lamp glass the “lamp worker” uses prefabricated glass rods and heat-forms the glass with a “lamp”, i.e. a gas burner, until the matter starts to melt. This method allows for a wide variety of shapes to be made.

Used for the creation of artistic objects, the technique is also widely employed for producing technical pieces, e.g. laboratory apparatus.



Poczewski Glassworks

Having been in existence for three generations, Poczewski produce custom-made decorative glazing for doors, windows, partitions, mirrors, lamps, accessories, etc., using methods such as sandblasting, painting, cutting as well as fusing leaded glass.

Be it design, designing new decorative glazing, restoration or repair – our professional heritage combined with an artistic and creative flair enables us to deliver craftsmanship of the highest quality. Our shop offers a wide range of stained-glass pictures and household glassware produced in our own glassworks.

**Glaskunstwerkstätte
Glaserei
Poczewski**



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Christian Schmidt Glass Engraver

Christian Schmidt is an internationally renowned and award-winning freelance artist who has received awards in Europe, Japan and the United States.

With traditional wheel engraving technology he creates unique and ambiguous picture worlds, partly multi-coloured, that are magical, fantastical and paradoxical at the same time.

His works, completed by ink and pastel drawings, are exhibited in well-known galleries and public collections both in Germany and abroad.

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Jo Hruschka



W. Schmid

Artist scene in Zwiesel

The Zwiesel region is home to a host of glass artists. Thanks to the excellent tuition provided by its glass-making college, the studio scene enjoys a strong presence here – and numerous freelance crafts-

men and -women earn their living in the area. Their works represent art and craft par excellence and can be seen in their studios and workshops as well as in art galleries in Germany and abroad.

GALLERIES AND STUDIOS

Atelier Männerhaut

Lichtenthal 2; www.maennerhaut.de

glasstadt-galerie-zwiesel

Hochstraße 72, Tel. +49 9922 9169
www.glasstadt-galerie-zwiesel.de

Galerie Gläserner Winkel

in the factory outlet of Zwiesel Kristallglas AG; Dr.-Schott-Str. 35; Tel. +49 9922 802600, www.glaeserner-winkel.de

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Glaseratelier Christian Stadler

Theresienthal 25, Tel. +49 9922 2061
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Glasgraveur Christian Schmidt

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Galerie Zwiesel

Alte Langdorfer Str. 14; Tel. +49 9922 9463
www.galerie-zwiesel.de

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Gläserner Winkel Association

The Gläserner Winkel association is a platform for glass artists, artisans and workshops creating unique works of exquisite craftsmanship and superior quality and design. It aims to preserve and advance the traditional craft of glassmaking in the region.

Its members have many talents and an exceptional aptness for making and refining traditional art glass which is characteristic for the region. The association aims to protect and revitalise the local tradition of glassmaking for decorative and every-day purposes whilst promoting a dynamic contemporary scene.

The area around Zwiesel, Frauentau and Lindberg is not only home to numerous glass workshops, it also boasts two of Europe's oldest and most prestigious glassworks as well as a glass-making college which is renowned beyond the Bavarian borders.

The heart of the so-called „glass road“ is in Zwiesel, in the Gläserner Winkel region, where the tradition of glassmaking emerged early on with methods and techniques that are only used in the area.



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Straub Artglas Gläserner Winkel Gallery

The factory outlet of Zwiesel Kristallglas sells a wide range of unique and original items produced by Straub Artglas and the members of the Gläserner Winkel Association. There is also a service for custom-made creative art, tradi-

tional craft items, accessories for home and garden, items made from fused glass, ornaments and décor.

Marvel at the engravings personally designed for you by Franz Straub!

Opening times:
Mon-Fri: 09:00-18:00
Sat: 09:00-16:00



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Zwieseler Glastage

with international
glass art exhibition

Every other year in late summer Zwiesel organises the Internationale Zwieseler Glastage festival, one of the most important events in Germany showcasing the works of national and international glass artists.

The diverse portfolio ranges from beautifully stylish drinking glasses to quirky and imaginative objects.

The exhibition is accompanied by a comprehensive programme of music, theatre, readings and special displays.

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GLASTAGE

www.glastage.zwiesel.de

Zwieseler Kölbl

Exhibition for the
International Prize
for Young Talents

The idea behind this biannual exhibition, launched in 2009 and alternating with the Zwieseler Glastage: Just as the Kölbl, the scorching, viscous glass drop that forms the beginning of each object, is gradually worked into a masterpiece by applying experience and skill, junior talents slowly progress from beginner to accomplished artist.

The prize offers young talents from around Europe a wonderful platform to show off their skills.

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Zwieseler Glasnacht

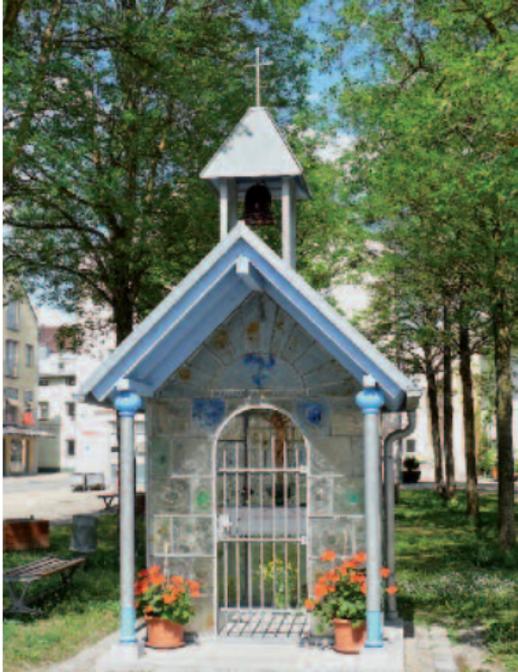
„Glass – fire – light“: This is the theme for Zwiesel’s town fair which takes place annually on the 14th August. From 18:00 until midnight the town pulsates with a colourful, varied programme of live music on several stages and great culinary delights.

Demonstrations on the mobile furnace, in glassmaker’s workshops and in the studios of local artists along with interesting exhibitions and the “night of the open church” create the artistic framework for the event and ensure plenty of excitement.

Flickering lanterns and crackling Swedish fires will guide thousands of visitors across town to the various venues.

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NACHT**

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Glass chapel

Near Zwiesel’s town square visitors find the glass chapel „Kapelle am Anger“ which was inaugurated in 2003 and is devoted to the Mother of God.

In line with the idea of glass designer and sculptor Walter Wenzl from Bernried, students from Zwiesel’s glass-making college painstakingly created 131 structured glass stones by hand for chapel and altar. Made in three colours, they were then individually fitted into a metal frame. The colour brown represents the Earth and steadiness, green embodies nature and growth, blue symbolizes the sky.

True to the dictum that “fine glass and good wood are Zwiesel’s pride” the chapel has a wooden roof, and God himself is depicted in wood. A distinctive mark above the entrance shows a bow with a cross; according to legend the sign dates back to the age of the alchemists and means, “making glass is a never-ending scourge”.



Theresienthal castle museum

With selected and intriguing displays, the private museum Museumsschlösschen Theresienthal tells the glamorous and eventful history of the Theresienthal glassworks, once supplier to the Bavarian and French royal courts.

Glass bearers carried the fragile produce in wooden frames on their backs all the way to the Imperial Court of St. Petersburg. Sought-after around the globe, the glass was awarded a gold medal at the 1937 Paris World Fair.

In its historic rooms the castle offers couples the opportunity to get married in style like royalty. Open from Monday to Friday, 10:00 to 14:00. Groups by prior arrangement.

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Kirmse coffee roasters

Kaffeerösterei Kirmse is one of a handful of coffee roasters in Germany who still practice the art of roasting very much like in the old days; although no longer over an open fire, we apply utmost care and attention to detail. We use only specially selected green coffee beans, hand-picked on small coffee plantations located in the best growing areas of the world, and freshly roasted daily in small quantities.

During our opening times, coffee lovers can enjoy perfect specimens of the restorative tonic and acquire the premium specialty coffees as well as fine chocolates and biscuits. In our museum with gallery you can explore the history of coffee spanning several centuries, from colonial grocery stores to old roasting equipment and coffee grinders to billboards and coffee substitutes. We look forward to your visit!

Opening times:	Mon-Fri: 10:00-17:00
	Sat: 09:00-13:00
Exhibition coffee roasting:	Wed: 15:00
Chocolate tasting:	Thu: 15:00
Coffee tasting:	Fri: 15:00



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Pfeffer Steam Beer Brewery

The first steam beer brewery in Zwiesel 1. Dampfbierbrauerei was founded in 1889 by Wolfgang Pfeffer. Our heritage is our most important asset.

The brewery remains on the same premises where Wolfgang Pfeffer established it and began to brew his tasty beer, inspiring us to restore the „Schalander“ – the old brewery rooms – faithfully in line with the old designs and creating an adventure brewery with museum. A guided tour of the brewery informs visitors about our philosophy and the brewing techniques

we use. We successfully combine old brewing traditions with state-of-the-art technology. A special highlight of the tour is a drink in the Schalander, or resting area, which offers beer tastings and local products such as rural delicacies. The adjacent shop sells gifts, including drinking glasses, steam beer brandy and our exclusive steam beer chocolates.

There is simply no better place to experience first-hand – with a steam beer – the conviviality, sociability and spirit of the people of lower Bavaria!

Opening times: Mon-Fri (except Wed) 13:00-16:00
free viewing during opening times

Brewery tour: Tue, Thu and Fri at 14:00
Groups, other times and
Saturdays by prior arrangement.



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Hieke Bärwurz Distillery

No stay in Zwiesel is complete without a visit to the Hieke Bärwurzerei distillery which sells more than 30 different alcoholic Bavarian Forest beverages and offers free tastings.

All products of the distillery use exclusively natural ingredients. A video lasting 15 minutes informs visitors about the origin and production of the Bärwurz schnapps and other specialties (only available in German).

Featuring an elaborate facade and a variety of art works, the site also boasts an amusing attraction, the Wolpertinger show with talking trees, which takes you into the secret world of the Wolpertinger – a renowned fantasy animal of the region.

Furthermore, in a special exhibition, visitors can see interpretations of this curious creature by well-known painters.

Opening times: Mon-Fri: 08:00-18:00

Sat: 09:00-14:00/16:00

Sundays and holidays – depending on the season – please check our current opening times on the Internet!



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ZEB Family Spa

The Zwieseler Ganzjahresbad (ZEB), a large Family Spa, is a great place to unwind and relax. It offers everything from a 25 metre long indoor swimming pool plus children's adventure world with warm pool and paddling pools, also located inside, to an outdoor pool with whirling flow channel.

In the summer the action takes place in the spacious outdoor area with pool, where the children can dive, swim and paddle. Looking for something more tranquil? Then head for the idyllic natural swimming-lake, surrounded by an expansive lawn, sun loungers and mature trees. A live-

lier atmosphere can be found on the beach volleyball court, the huge sand sports court and the brand new giant pirate ship where the little ones can climb and have fun.

Health and recreation are dominant themes here, the ZEB boasts aromatherapy, Kneipp cold water therapy pools, an infrared cabin and a steam room as well as hot water massage and three solariums – a visit will leave you completely rejuvenated! The cafeteria offers tasty snacks and fresh salads to make sure the whole family is energised for the next round of swimming and playing.



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Bayerwald Sauna village

The large sauna village Bayerwald Saunadorf, adjacent to the water park, is perhaps the prettiest in the region.

It features a variety of themed saunas such as the Bärwurz, herbal, incense and view-point saunas plus 1,500 square meters of gardens as well as resting zones where visitors can relax and unwind. The outdoor saltwater pool is a great place for switching off

and nourishing body and mind, both in the summer and winter. If you fancy some local delicacies, head to the bistro on site.

The attention to detail found in the décor and the changing glass art displays are a constant reminder of Zwiesel's heritage, and these little gems themselves make the place worth a visit.

Tickets are valid all day and available at reasonable prices.



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Waldmuseum New forest museum

The new forest museum Waldmuseum Zwiesel, located in the former girls' school, opened its doors in June 2014.

On a display area of c. 1,200 square metres visitors can explore the history of the Bavarian Forest as a habitat for humans and animals, presented in a modern way. Whilst an impressive jungle diorama with giant real trees and stuffed animals offers a glimpse into local wildlife, the next journey guides visitors through the world of fungi and informs them about animals living in fields, woodlands and hedges.

Experience up-close how local shepherds used to live by exploring the small wood cabin – wholly in the spirit of the mission of the new museum: to make things more tangible and realistic.

A variety of natural history and ethnographic collections illustrate how people have lived in and worked with the forest, with the traditional craft of working wood and glass forming a focal point.

The displays on the first floor bear witness to what made the Bavarian Forest famous: glass. Exhibits from glassworks and from the Zwiesel's glass-making college demonstrate the elaborate art of glassmaking. Rarities include a miniature glass-making village, created with great attention to detail by a local carver in the late 60s, which occupies a whole room. Also on display is the third oldest pharmacy in the Bavarian Forest plus a dedicated area for snuff. A changing programme of special exhibitions ensures there is always something exciting to see.

Opening times:

Summer (May to October): daily except Tuesdays, 10:00 - 17:00

Winter (November to April): daily except Tuesdays, 10:00 - 16:00

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Underground tunnels

The origins of Zwiesel's underground tunnels and caverns Unterirdische Gänge which are to be found beneath the town square are ambiguous and several theories have been proposed. Some were probably created in the late Middle Ages and expanded several hundred years.

15 metres in length, they may have belonged to a larger system consisting of mountain cellars and deep basements.

One theory suggests that they served for storage and cooling as well as hiding places. Whilst special "loopholes" gave access to the individual cellars and connected them via passages, they made things difficult for those who weren't local.

With its escape routes, hiding places and supply stores the tunnels

and caverns ensured that those using them could survive.

Another hypothesis proposes their use for ritual ceremonies or death cults. The structure remained almost completely intact until the 18th century, but through building work, especially following WW2, much of it was filled in and destroyed.

After their rediscovery the tunnels and caverns were partly excavated. During a guided tour visitors can find out more about the different theories on their existence, allowing everyone to form their own view.

Please register early at Tourist Info as places are limited.

Main season:

Mon–Sat: 16:00

Off season:

Tue, Thu and Sat: 16:00

Unterirdische Gänge

Stadtplatz 27, behind the town hall - 94227 Zwiesel

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Parish church St. Nikolaus

The distinctive neo-Gothic parish church Stadtpfarrkirche St. Nikolaus with its 86 m high tower, the highest in the diocese of Passau and known as the “Cathedral of the Bavarian Forest”, is a dominant landmark of the bustling town.

The red-brick, three-aisled house of worship was built in 1892–1896 according to the plans of Munich church architect Johann Baptist Schott (1853–1913).

During an extensive period of renovation between 1983 and 1987 the interior received a new colour scheme.

St. Nikolaus is one of the most impressive 19th-century churches in the district of Passau. Particular highlights are the modern altar and the pulpit, which were made from unconventional materials – clay and ceramic – by artist Horst Fochler. Of special interest are a life-size statue of the shackled Christ, created in 1730 by the eminent Augsburg Rococo sculptor Bernhard Ehrgott Bendl, in the

chapel to the left, as well as the Pieta in the chapel on the right, the work of an unknown master craftsman from the Mondsee region, dating to around 1550.

The silver repoussé work to the right of the choir with a relief of the church’s patron St. Nicholas, prepared as a votive in Augsburg in 1680, is on loan from the town of Zwiesel.

The three-manual organ with 48 registers from the workshop of the Passau organ builder Eisenbarth befits the substantial size of the church and is one of the largest organs in the central Bavarian Forest.

The stained-glass windows of the choir date back to 1894, the remaining coloured glass windows having been installed between 1909 and 1922.

Tours of the church tower, offering stunning views over the “glass town” and the surrounding landscape, are held on request on certain days.



Brewery carriage steering competition

Other attractions:

Zwiesel is centrally located in the Bavarian Forest. There are free city buses and seasonal ski buses as well as excellent train and bus connections throughout the year. Plus: With a Gutti National Park Card visitors may use buses and trains for free!

...Music, cultural events and more:

- Grenzlandfest (traditional funfair), mid-July
- Brewery carriage steering competition, biannual event
- Summer concerts
- Theatre plays by the local drama society
- Nepomuk market start of September
- Zwieseler Jugendfink and Zwieseler Fink (folk music competitions) start of November
- Christmas market four weekends before Christmas



...all about glass:

- Glass factory tours and evenings
- Glass galleries and glass exhibitions
- Glasnacht, mid-August
- Zwieseler Glastage and Kölbl biannually in late summer
- Glass auction end of June/beginning of July

Also:

Sculpture trail, AOK Nordic walking course, farmer's golf course in the AWO holiday village, cinema, Kneipp cold-water pools, wood carvings, mountain church, numerous chapels in the villages around Zwiesel and lots more. Parking near the centre allows convenient travel by bus to your destination in town.

This is only a small taster of our programme. Our event diary, which can also be found on our website, includes further details for all current events.



Bavarian Forest Nature park

The Bavarian Forest Nature Park Naturpark Bayerischer Wald is situated between the Danube and the mountain areas along the Bavarian-Bohemian border, with the Bavarian Forest National Park bordering to the East. Neighbouring on the Czech side are the conservation area and the National Park Bohemian Forest. The Bavarian Forest Nature Park between the valley of the Danube and Großer

Arber, the largest mountain in the area, accommodate a wealth of natural and cultural attractions. Many endangered species, including different types of bat, have survived in this habitat whilst other species such as the black stork, peregrine falcon and lynx have returned. The mission of the Nature Park is to preserve the rural culture of the Bavarian Forest which was established over several centuries.

Key aims of the Nature Park:

1. Protecting the ecosystem and caring for the countryside
2. Providing opportunities for recreation and leisure
3. Environmental education and raising awareness
4. Supporting regional development

The information centre in Zwiesel which is open all year and located in a building exclusively heated by solar energy, presents exciting facts about the Nature Park region.



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Bavarian Forest National Park

The author Georg Britting once wrote, "The Bavarian Forest is a woodland unlike any other...", his words aptly describing the uniqueness of this untouched area. Hence it is no surprise that, in 1970, the Nationalpark Bayerischer Wald became the first German national park, subsequently expanded in 1997 and now extending to over 243 square kilometres.

It is managed under the premise "Let nature be natural" – and nowhere between the Atlantic and the Urals is so vast an area of forests and bogs, streams and lakes left to the laws of nature and to mature into a unique wilderness without interference from humans.

Visitors are encouraged to experience the powerful forces first-hand in the forests of the National Park.

The best starting point for familiarising oneself with its philosophy is the Falkenstein visitor centre with its outstanding exhibitions. It aims to raise public awareness and understanding for the dynamic processes of nature and wants to inspire visitors to do some exploring themselves. Wilderness is not just found in far-away countries but also in the Bavarian Forest!

Immerse yourself in a journey of discovery from prehistoric times to the present moment. Experience the secret world of a tree-root tunnel on an adventurous path underground.



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Parcours
Cross-country
skiing station



Outdoor and
indoor swimming
Sauna center

Tennis courts

Tennis hall

Train station

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Evang.-luth.
Kreuzkirche



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city park

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to Bodnma's

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Angerstraße

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Fairground

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to Deggendorf and Regen



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Naturparkhaus

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south

to Bärnzell



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