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PRESS-INFORMATION

Regensburg – Germany’s medieval miracle

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Regensburg’s remarkable buildings and towers offer an unspoiled look into the past; the wars of the 19th and 20th centuries left this Danubian community virtually unscathed.

Some of the city’s awesome and breathtaking structures have survived for 2.000 years.

Nor are they necessarily just tourist attractions; some are still functional to this day. The Stone Bridge, for example, built on 16 huge arches in 1146, has been in continuous use for more than 800 years.

Regensburg is also a city of churches. A focal point of early Christianity, its ecclesiastical buildings are majestic and typify early Christian architecture. Most famous is St. Peter’s Cathedral, inspired by the French Gothic style and built in the 13th century.

One of the most impressive remnants of Roman occupation in Regensburg is the Porta Praetoria behind the cathedral.

Shopping

Commerce in Regensburg is as old as the town itself. During the Middle Ages the city grew large and famous through the wealth of its merchants. It is still a merchants’ town with its modern shopping centres and high quality wares.

Browsing round the shops in the old city centre, there are independent boutiques and shops as well as stores belonging to famous international companies. There’s something here for every taste – informal-casual, refined-elegant, functional-sporty, traditional Bavarian or flipped out. Beautiful jewellery, stylish handbags, elegant shoes and clothing as well as unusual accessories for your home tempt you to investigate the shops behind the window displays and historic facades. Numerous galleries exhibit the latest works of art, original pieces by designers and painters.

Meetings and Incentives

Since the early Middle Ages Regensburg has been a city of meetings. From 1163 to 1806 the Perpetual Imperial Diet, or Reichstag, held its sessions in Regensburg. Today’s town meetings take place at the Imperial Hall, preserved in its original form and thus combining the past with contemporary business concepts. Several historic venues can be rented for meetings, congresses or private festivities.

Food and Drinks

Throughout the ages Regensburg's hospitality has been extolled - early documentation comes from a letter Mozart wrote to his family praising the city's fine food and wine. The youthful composer may have visited the ancient Wurstküche, one of Germany's oldest sausage kitchens near the Stone Bridge. Today, hotels ranging from modestly priced dwellings to deluxe inns with their restaurants fulfil the wishes of their guests. In summertime you can enjoy some of the finest rest and relaxation with a glass of beer in a shadowy garden overlooking the River Danube.

Outdoor activities

Regensburg is also a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. Motor boats skim the Danube waterways while canoes glide over its calm waters; horseback riding and golf are favourite pastimes. And, of course, Regensburg's surroundings are a paradise for cyclists. The "Danube Bicycle Path" leads right through the city; cyclists can ride along its four hundred miles from the river's source to Passau and, if they wish, as far as Vienna.

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