Welcome to Straubing

„The town is beautiful, flooded with light and friendly“ (Joseph August Schultes, 1819)

The early visitors, the first “tourists” of the 19th century were enthusiastic about the beauty of Straubing. The town’s position on the Danube, the vast town square full of colourful live, the varied churches and historical monuments fascinate visitors even today.

Let yourself be charmed by the flair of the old ducal town on the Danube, immerse yourself in the relaxed Bavarian atmosphere of life and embark on a journey of discovery in the centuries-old history of Straubing. You can discover the numerous places of interest by the help of our information material or you participate in one of our various guided tours accompanied by one of our charming and competent guides. After the walk we recommend a pleasant stop in our varied restaurants, cafés and beer gardens.

Whoever would like to spend the night will find the right accommodation in many hotels and private rooms.

Town Portrait

Idyllically situated on the river Danube – between Regensburg and Passau – and in the vicinity of the Bavarian Forest, Straubing receives its visitors with an impressive urban silhouette. It is a fact that Straubing’s history started more than 2000 years ago, traces of the first human settlements even date back to almost 8000 years.

Around two centuries B.C. the Celts settled in the fertile plain of the Danube, a region which is called „Gäuboden“. They were followed by the Romans and by the early Bavarians. They all left their marks, for example golden coins, magnificent Roman armours and elegant Bavarian jewellery. Visitors can admire all these finds in the Gäuboden Museum. Since the 13th century urban life mainly takes place in the medieval town centre around the two squares Ludwigsplatz and Theresienplatz. Here beats the heart of Straubing, here meet locals and visitors for strolling through the town, for shopping and having a chat. The river Danube whose beautiful shore paths invite for walks and bicycle tours is at only a few minutes walking distance from the town centre as well.

In addition to history and tradition Straubing offers lots of attractive events, such as the popular beer festival „Gäubodenfest“ – the second-largest popular beer festival in Bavaria – and “bluetone – The Music Festival on the Danube” which attracts world stars like Nigel Kennedy and Joe Cocker on the Danube or the international music festival Bluval. It doesn’t matter whether you are interested in history, tradition, way of life or festive mood: Straubing has many faces and diversity is our program.

Experience Straubing

Straubing stands for history, culture, joy in life and a lot more. In our guided tour you discover the secret of the „Roman Treasure“, you learn why a town watch lived on
the town tower or why a saint did not only change his name. Our guides accompany the visitors through Straubing and show them the town’s most interesting spots.

Those you also wish to spend a sportive holiday can reach the Bavarian Forest within less than half an hour by car, where they find many groomed cross-country skiing trails and attractive ski runs and where numerous hiking trails lead through the magnificent countryside scenery.

The sports activities are far from being exhausted: Wonderful cycle tracks in the surroundings of Straubing invite to extended tours. You would rather prefer physical movement for the whole body? How about trying the different routes of our Nordic walking path or visiting the two golf courses in Fruhstorf and Kirchroth which are located just outside the town. If you are still looking for the appropriate clothes for your leisure sports, if you need a beautiful souvenir of Straubing or just would like to stroll, the boutiques around the town square and the shopping facilities or specialty shopping centres offer you a great variety of beautiful shops.

A propos of souvenirs: Have a look at the small but nice selection of the tourist office. You will find undoubtedly find a gift according to your taste.

**Sights of Straubing**

How did the Romans live almost 2000 years ago on the Danube, what connections does Straubing have with Holland and who was Agnes Bernauer?

You will get answers to these questions on a guided tour through Straubing. Embark on a journey of discovery through the history of the ducal town on the Danube!

**Town Hall (Rathaus)**

In 1382, the municipality purchased the Gothic trading house, which was then converted into the town hall (with a historical council chamber behind the Gothic window façade). The three-storey building underwent drastic alterations in the 19th century, when the Gothic gable was demolished (1826) and the neo-Gothic façade erected (1893).

**Town Tower (Stadtturm)**

Foundations for the 68-metre-high, eight-storey fire and watch tower were laid in 1316, and by the 16th century it housed the town watch and boasted five spires. It is the town’s landmark. From the top of the tower, there is a magnificent view of the medieval town, the river Danube, the Bavarian Forest and the "Gäuboden" (fertile plain).

For information concerning guided tours of the tower, please contact the Tourist Information Office (tel.+49 9421 944307).

**Marketplace (Stadtplatz)**

The late Gothic tower divides the wide marketplace into Ludwigsplatz and Theresienplatz, where two baroque wells, dedicated to the town’s two patron saints, St. James (St. Jakob) and St. Tiburtius, can be observed. The varied appearance – from baroque and classicism to historicism and art nouveau – of the basically late medieval houses mirrors the will of the nobility and of the self-confident middle-class
to display their status. The rococo façades (particularly those found on Ludwigsplatz 10 and 32, designed by the local artist Mathias Obermayr), but also the steep, soaring gables, are typical of Straubing. There is a daily vegetable market on Ludwigsplatz, held by local gardeners. In addition, there is also a farm produce market, held on Ludwigsplatz every Friday and Saturday.

**Holy Trinity Column (Dreifaltigkeitssäule)**

The column was erected in 1709 as the result of a pledge made by the citizens during the Spanish War of Succession and dedicated to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Annunciation Group is the work of the Salzburg master craftsman Bernhard Mandl, and the statue of St. Michael is the work of sculptor Franz Mozart.

**Gäuboden Museum**

The world famous Roman Treasure of Straubing, as well as unique jewellery and weapon exhibits from early Bavarian times, can be admired in the Gäuboden Museum. Apart from the numerous archaeological finds, there are exhibitions of secular art, popular piety, and local town history, e.g. "Unter Kurfürst und König" (Under Electors and Kings).

**Open** Tues. to Sun. from 10 am to 4 pm. Fraunhoferstraße 23, tel.+49 9421 974110.

**Church of St. James and St. Tiburtius (St. Jakob & St. Tiburtius)**

The building of this hall church with its three naves surrounded by a ring of chapels and its open chancel was begun towards the end of the 14th century. It is a masterpiece of late Gothic religious architecture. Hans von Burghausen is regarded as the architect of this brick church. The interior decoration of this papal basilica minor ranges from Gothic to modern. Outstanding works include the high altar in late Gothic and neo-Gothic style, the rococo pulpit, medieval and early modern tomb monuments as well as the vast series of stained glass windows, one of which, the "Moses window", was made after a draft by Albrecht Dürer. (Open during daytime)

**Carmelite Church of the Holy Spirit (Karmelitenkirche Hl. Geist)**

In 1368, the mendicant order of Carmelite monks settled in Straubing. The Carmelite Church of the Holy Spirit was completed, after a series of building phases, by 1430. It comprises a hall church with three naves and a monastic chancel. These light-flooded naves are typical of the late Gothic period. The architectural work is attributed to both Hans Krumenauer and Hans von Burghausen. Baroque alterations to this church, with its magnificent tombs from the late Gothic and renaissance periods, were carried out by Wolfgang Dientzenhofer in 1700.

**Open** during daytime.

**Church of St. Ursula (Ursulinenkirche) The Immaculate Conception**

In 1691, the Ursuline Order founded an educational institution for girls in Straubing. The famous Asam brothers, Cosmas Damian and Egid Quirin, designed and built the convent church – their last joint masterpiece – between 1736 and 1741. The unique harmony of architecture, sculpture and painting is exemplary of the transition from the baroque to the rococo period.

**Open** during daytime, as far as the gate.
### Ducal Residence Castle (Ehemaliges Herzogsschloss)

Building was begun by Duke Albrecht I of Straubing-Holland in 1356. The residence comprised the ducal tower, a royal wing, a banqueting hall, heated apartments (overlooking the Danube), and a chapel. For centuries, it accommodated important offices under dukes and electoral princes and also served as a defence bulwark. Today, it houses the tax office and the town’s library and archives.

### Northgate (Spitaltor)

The Northgate, originally Gothic and forming part of the town’s fortifications, underwent alterations in the early baroque style in 1628.

### Hospital and Church of the Holy Trinity (Bürgerspital mit Dreifaltigkeitskirche)

The hospital was founded by the townspeople in the 13th century to provide housing for impoverished, old and sick town residents. After the great fire of 1780, the church was rebuilt in the early classical style. It contains altarpieces sculpted by the famous local artist Mathias Obermayr. Open during daytime, as far as the gate.

### Town Fortifications (Stadtbefestigung)

At the end of 15th century, the town fortifications were extended to afford Unterm Rain, the craftsmen's district, the safety of the brick town walls. Two of the medieval towers remain today: the round Gunpowder Tower (Pulverturm) [11], which today serves as a memorial to the victims of both World Wars and of Nazi tyranny, and the Weytterturm, which today is used for exhibitions of work by local artists.

### Jesuit Church (Jesuitenkirche) Assumption of Mary

The Gothic church near the Upper Gate was given to the Jesuit Order in 1631. Alterations in 1683 produced a bright, spacious, hall-like baroque room with white stucco decoration. At specified times, both the manger belonging to the Marian Congregation (Marianische Männerkongregation) and the original main portal with its Madonna dating back to the first half of the 14th century can be admired. Open during daytime, as far as the gate.

### St. Veit’s Church (Kirche St. Veit)

The citizens of Straubing pledged to build the church after a fire in the town, which broke out on the eve of St. Veit’s Day in 1393. At the beginning of 18th century, the Gothic brick church underwent alterations in the baroque style.

The ceiling frescos by Felix Hölzl (1762) depict the legend of St. Veit, and the side altars are decorated with paintings by Cosmas Damian Asam (c. 1718). Open during daytime, as far as the gate.

### St. Peter’s Church (Kirche St. Peter)

The Augsburg Cathedral Chapter erected the pillared basilica with its three naves in the centre of the original settlement of Straubing. It is situated on the remains of a Roman fortress and of Carolingian and Ottonian church buildings. St. Peter's has two very remarkable Romanesque tympanums. A Romanesque crucifix (c. 1200) and a moving sculpture of the Pietà (c. 1340) are to be found inside the church. The fortified
graveyard, with gravestones ranging from the 14th to the 19th century, is one of the most significant and beautiful of its kind to be found in German-speaking countries. The Gothic Chapel of Our Lady, the Agnes Bernauer Chapel with the Bernauer epitaph of red marble and the All Souls Chapel with frescos of the Dance of Death (Totentanzfresken) created by the Straubing artist Felix Hölzl, all situated on the church grounds, are most impressive. The church and the chapels are open during daytime as far as the gates.

Synagogue

In 1442, Duke Albrecht III drove the Jews out of Straubing. Jewish families did not settle in the town again until the 19th century. The synagogue, the only one in Lower Bavaria, was built in neo-Romanesque style in 1907.

Visits by appointment, tel. +49 9421 1387.

Jewish Community Office.

Frauenbrünnl Pilgrimage Church (Wallfahrtskirche Frauenbrünnl)

The pilgrimage "Church of Our Lady", built to replace an older chapel, was erected between 1705 and 1707. The baroque, cloverleaf-shaped central construction has an octagonal cupola. The ceiling fresco of the "Saints in Heaven" (Heiligenhimmel) is the work of Georg Asam in collaboration with Cosmas Damian Asam, and the baldachin altar is the work of Franz Mozart.

A curative spring issues from below St. Mary's Grotto (Mariengrotte) on the north side of the church.

Visits by appointment, tel. +49 9421 12715, St. James's Vicarage (St. Jakob).

Pilgrimage Church of the Assumption (Wallfahrtskirche Mariä Himmelfahrt) in Sossau

In 1146, Count Albert of Bogen gave his estate in Sossau to the Premonstratensian monastery in Windberg as a gift. The monastery had the Romanesque church erected. In about 1350, the church was extended and decorated in late-baroque and rococo style: The high altar is the work of Mathias Obermayr. One of the oldest pilgrimages in Germany developed around the statue of the Virgin Mary of Sossau. According to legend, the church was brought to Sossau by angels.

Open during daytime, as far as the gate.

Carillon

You can hear the carillon installed in the Straubing town tower twice a day, i.e. at 11 o'clock in the morning and at three o'clock in the afternoon.

26 bells are playing various melodies which are changing with the seasons of the year. The carillon was installed in the tower in 1999 and the bells were financed by donations from Straubing citizens and companies.
**Guided Tours**

Let yourself be escorted by our city guides who shall be delighted to show you the beauties of Straubing.

We offer guided city tours not only in German, but in the following foreign languages as well:

English, French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, Czech, Russian, Chinese, Romanian and Greek.

**Discover Straubing**

The classical guided tour in the historical centre presents the town square with its façades and monuments, the parish church St. James and the Carmelite church or Ursuline church (churches are not accessible on Sunday mornings), as well as the „Roman Treasure“ in the Gäuboden Museum (closed on Mondays).

Duration: 1.5 to 2 hours

Tariff: German: 53,-€, Foreign language 63,-€

**Comprehensive Guided Tour**

The tour „Discover Straubing“ is completed by a visit of the historical cemetery St. Peter, one of the most important cemeteries in the German-speaking area. This cemetery is located in the old city quarters and it reveals inside its enclosures a Romanesque basilica, three late-gothic chapels and more than 1000 funerary monuments from seven centuries.

Duration: 2.5 to 3 hours

Tariff: German: 63,-€, Foreign language 73,-€

**Cemetery St. Peter – Basilica and Chapels**

The historical cemetery St. Peter is a unique combination between a Romanesque basilica, the memorial chapel for Agnes Bernauer, the chapel with Dance of Death frescoes, surrounded by trees and nature where visitors find a place of silence and reflection.

Duration: 1.5 to 2 hours

Tariff: German: 53,-€, Foreign language 63,-€

**Experience History**

The guided tour throughout the Gäuboden museum gives you an impression of the permanent exhibitions of the house: The museum houses an excellent collection of prehistoric and early historical finds, the world-famous Roman Treasure, the Treasure of early Bavarians and further departments depicting the town’s history, religious art and folklore. Duration: 1.5 to 2 hours

Tariff: German: 53,-€, Foreign languages: 63,-€ (plus museum entrance fee)
Additional information

We kindly request you to book guided tours for groups 10 days in advance at the tourist office.

The maximum number of participants in any group should not exceed 30 persons. If there are more than 30 participants, we would recommend splitting them into two groups.

For guided tours on the city tower and in the Gäuboden museum the number of participants is limited to 20 persons.

All guided tours are offered – in modified form - for wheelchair users.

Hearing impaired guests can book a guided city tour in groups of up to 20 participants by using an FM-device with induction technology. Kindly ask for more detailed information at the tourist office.

All information is supplied subject to modifications!

Culture, Sports & Leisure Activities

Straubing offers both its guests and residents a wide range of cultural activities. The many sports and leisure facilities and around 90 sports clubs invite you to take part in every imaginable activities.

Alfred-Dick-Park

Situated west of the car park Am Hagen, this area commands a magnificent panoramic view of the town centre; there is also an observation tower near the ice pond.

“AQUAtherm” Swimming Centre

Outdoor and indoor swimming facilities with thermal and spa quality water. Open-air facilities are open from mid-May to mid-September. Indoor facilities are open from mid-September to mid-May.

Wittelsbacherhöhe 50/52, tel. +49 9421 864-444 or -450 or-452.

www.Stadtwerke-Straubing.de

Bathing Lakes

The recreational area of Parkstetten – Steinach – Kirchroth, located near Straubing, offers a number of lakes for surfing and bathing; natural bathing lakes can be found about Atting.

The leisure facility on Lake Friedenhain features the world’s longest cable water skiing course (1,200 m around).

Industriestraße 3, 94365 Parkstetten, tel. +49 9421 82700, www.friedenhainsee.de

Boat Trips on the River Danube

(Straubing – Passau, Straubing – Bogen)
Dates:
Various dates from late June to early October
Donau Schifffahrt Wurm + Köck
Höllgasse 26, 94032 Passau, tel. +49 851 929292, www.wurm-koeck.de

Cinema Citydom
Eight cinema rooms, multifunctional room, Capitol Café
Theresienplatz 23, Automatic programme information: tel. +49 9421 845334
Ticket booking: tel. +49 9421 84530
www.citydom.de

Concerts
Numerous concerts are held in the historical town hall chamber (historischer Rathaussaal) and in the banqueting hall of the ducal castle (Rittersaal im Herzogsschloss).

Cycling
Cycle tour maps and information brochures available at the Tourist Information Office or in local bookshops.

Cycling Tours
Straubing is situated on several attractive and well-marked supra-regional cycling routes:

Donauradweg: Along the Danube from Donaueschingen to Budapest (total length approx. 434 km)
Tour de Baroque: From Neumarkt i.d.Opf. to Passau (total length 285 km)
Via Danubia: Following Roman tracks along the Danube from Bad Gögging to Passau (total length 220 km)
Labertalradweg: From Neufahrn to Straubing (total length 42 km)
Grosse Laaber Radweg: From the county of Kelheim through the valley of the Great Laaber River to Straubing (total length approx.. 83 km)

Cycle Hire
Bund Naturschutz, Ludwigsplatz 14, (1st floor), tel. +49 9421 2512.

Cycles for the disabled available at Malteser Hilfsdienst
Johannes-Kepler-Str. 11d, tel. +49 9421 5506-0

Downhill & Cross-Country-Skiing
The Straubing/Bogen administrative district has 14 ski lifts offering good downhill skiing with floodlighting plus 180 km cross-country courses in all degrees of difficulty. For further information, please refer to the brochure issued by the Straubing/Bogen administrative district, available at the Tourist Information Office.
**Educational Walk – Bird Life**

The Straubing/Bogen administrative district has 14 ski lifts offering good downhill skiing with floodlighting plus 180 km cross-country courses in all degrees of difficulty. For further information, please refer to the brochure issued by the Straubing/Bogen administrative district, available at the Tourist Information Office.

**Educational Walk – Ecology**

Situated on the former State Garden Show Ground. Points out important aspects of nature in the surrounding area.

**Educational Walk – Trees**

Stretches from the pilgrimage "Church of Our Lady" to the zoo. Indigenous trees are thoroughly presented in word and picture.

**Flying and Gliding**

Straubing-Wallmühle Airfield (approx. 5 km west of Straubing),
tel. +49 9429 308.
www.airport-straubing.de
edms@airport-straubing.de

Round flights, business and holiday flights by arrangement. Flying and gliding school, charter flights, restaurant and terrace, meeting room available.

**Golf**

**Information:**
Golfclub Straubing e.V. Stadt und Land,
Bachhof 9, 94356 Kirchroth
tel. +40 9428 7169
www.golfclub-straubing.de

**18 Hole Golf Course in Fruhstorf**

Gut Fruhstorf
Information: Gäuboden-Golf-Club
94330 Aiterhofen, tel.+49 9421 72804
www.golfclub-gaeuboden.de

**Harness Horse Racing Course**

Races on East Bavaria’s largest harness racing course. The races are recorded, the racing facility is equipped with floodlighting and electronic betting display.

Ejadonstr. 45  tel. +49 9421 3777
www.trabrennbahn-sr.de

**Ice Rink (Eisstadion)**

Am Kinseherberg 23, tel. +49 9421 12207.

Open: October – March
Open to public:

Mon. – Thurs.  1.45 pm – 3.45 pm  
Fri./Sat./Sun.  1.30 pm – 3.30 pm  
Evenings:  
Wed.  8.00 pm – 10.00 pm

Tickets for ice hockey matches are available at the club office about 2 hours before start of play; tel. +49 9421 569569

**Joseph von Fraunhofer Event Hall**

An event hall for business, cultural and social occasions of any kind and size.

Am Hagen 75, tel. +49 9421 84330, [www.ausstellungsgmbh.de](http://www.ausstellungsgmbh.de)

**Kart and Mini-Car Club (Go-Karts)**

Competition circuit (500 m)

Imhoffstraße, Hofstetten.

Information: tel. + 49 8543 91281 (Mr. Kellermann)

**Liberaiy & Archive & Picture Library**

in the Salzstadel (Salt Warehouse)

Rentamtsberg 1, tel. +49 9421 991919, -991951 or -991941

**Minigolf**

Schützenhaus

Am Hagen 32, tel. + 49 9421 10303.

(Floodlight)

**Roman Park „Sorviodurum“**

The first section of the Roman Park “Sorviodurum/Straubing” was opened in the summer of 2008. It comprises parts of the southern ring of the fortifications of the stone castle of the First Canathen Cohort as well as parts of the southern and western encampment.

Information boards tell visitors about the Limes and Roman history in and around Straubing. Cast copies of stone monuments show scenes from Roman everyday life.

The large castle area can be viewed from a combined lookout and play tower. In the western encampment area, it is planned to conserve a representative stone building which has been excavated.

Access is via Schlesische Straße; car parking facilities are provided.

**Sport-Krüger (Pit-Pat)**

Dornierstr. 51, tel. +49 9421 98090
**Town-Park (Stadtpark)**

The municipal park stretches from Regensburger Straße to the pilgrimage "Church of Our Lady" (Frauenbrünnl) and further on beyond the zoo, commanding a beautiful view of the Bavarian Forest and the Danube valley.

**Theatre**

Performances by the Landestheater Niederbayern and other theatre companies at Theater am Hagen and AnStatt-Theater, tel. +49 9421 944255

In the Paul-Theatre there are performances by various theatre companies and musicians, Burggasse 17, tel. +49 8026 922490

**VIA NOVA European Pilgrimage Route**

This spiritual long-distance hiking route into the 21st century, which has its origin in Upper Austria, has been gradually extended by adding more and more new stages. Straubing is situated on the section that runs from Bogenberg to Mallersdorf-Pfaffenberg. The route is well signposted.

**Walks**

Gstütt-Insel, riverside embankments and meadows along the Danube.

**Zoo**

The only zoo in eastern Bavaria is home to more than 1,700 animals of about 200 species. Informative tours conducted by trained staff are available by appointment. There is a replica of an early stone-age farmhouse (38 metres long), a reconstruction of the oldest piece of architecture found in central Europe.

Am Tiergarten 3, tel. +49 9421 21277

**Excursion Destinations**

Excursion destinations in the region Straubing-Bogen

**Bogen/Oberalteich (at approx. 12 km)**

- Visit of the parish and pilgrimage church on mount Bogenberg
- Regional museum on mount Bogenberg
- Parish church St. Peter and Paul in Oberalteich

**Windberg (at approx. 20 km)**

- Monastery village Windberg

**Mallersdorf-Pfaffenberg (at approx. 30 km)**

- Parish church St. John
St. Englmar (at approx. 35 km)
- Visit of the „Waldwipfelweg“ (a 370 m long hiking trail built on top of the trees at a height of 30 m from the ground)
- Summer toboggan run
- Hiking trails and winter sports facilities

Excursion destinations in the Bavarian Forest

Frauenau (at approx. 60 km)
- Visit of the glassworks Eisch including guided tour and visit of factory shop

Bodenmais (at approx. 70 km)
- Visit of the historical silver mine (open all year, reached by mountain railway)
- Visit of the Joska-Crystal factory (visit of glassworks and handicrafts, visit of sales show)
- Walk around great lake „Arbersee“

National Park Bavarian Forest – Neuschönau (at approx. 90 km)
- Guided tours on special topics and information centre “Hans-Eisenmann-Haus” (exhibitions, film presentations and special events),
- Walk through the woods and the wildlife area
- Hiking trail on top of the trees at Neuschönau

Excursions to East Bavarian towns
Deggendorf (at approx. 40 km)
Landshut (at approx. 65 km)
Regensburg (at approx. 50 km)
Passau (at approx. 80 km)
Neumarkt (Upper Palatinate) (at approx. 110 km)
Amberg (at approx. 100 km)
Dingolfing (at approx. 40 km)
Weiden (at approx. 130 km)
### History

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**Duke Albrecht I (1336 – 1404)**
Albrecht, a "great prince indeed", is the most important representative of the line of the Wittelsbach dynasty of Bavaria-Straubing-Holland, which existed from 1353 to 1425. Albrecht, who, from 1358, resided mostly in Holland, had the Ducal Castle built and founded the Carmelite monastery. The Carmelite Church contains the magnificent tomb of his son, Albrecht II, which is behind the high altar.

**Agnes Bernauer (c. 1410 – 1435)**
Agnes Bernauer, the commoner wife, or so it is presumed, of the Duke’s son, Albrecht of Bavaria-Munich, was drowned in the River Danube on 12th October 1435. She is commemorated by the Bernauer Chapel, established by Duke Ernest I (in St. Peter’s Cemetery), where her epitaph can be found; by the Agnes Bernauer Festival, which is held every four years in the courtyard of the Ducal Castle; and by a monument, designed by Christoph Pommer, in the Agnes Bernauer Garden at the former salt warehouse (Salzstadel).

**Ulrich Schmidl (c. 1510 – 1580/1581)**
In 1533/1534, Ulrich Schmidl took part in a Spanish expedition to the New World. After 20 years as a conquistador in Argentina and Paraguay, where he was involved in the foundation of Buenos Aires and Asunción, he returned and published his experiences and observations. He thus became the first historian of Argentina. He is remembered by a commemorative plaque on the house on Ludwigsplatz 15, but he was born in the patrician house on Ludwigsplatz 5.

**Mathias von Flurl (1756 – 1823)**
The son of a Straubing weaver, he published, in 1792, his major academic work, a description of the mountains of Bavaria and the Upper Palatinate, thereby laying the foundations for mineralogy and geology in Bavaria. In 1840, the town council had a commemorative plaque put up on his birth house on Rosengasse 24. In the park on Kinseherberg, a basalt column was erected in 2006 on the occasion of Flurl’s 250th birthday.

**Joseph von Fraunhofer (1787 – 1826)**
Born the son of a glazier in Straubing, Fraunhofer was to become an ingenious optician and physicist. He was the first in Bavaria to combine basic academic research with practical technical application. Already in 1827, the Straubing town council renamed the cattle market as “Fraunhofer-Straße” and had a bust of Fraunhofer in early classicist style put up on his birth house (Fraunhoferstraße 3). In 1910, a Fraunhofer monument designed by Hermann Hahn, a professor from Munich, was unveiled at the south side of the Ducal Castle.

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