

# OLD TOWN WALK

1 The starting point of this entertaining walk around the Old Town is the **Old Town Hall**, which was rebuilt in its present form and neo-Renaissance style by Gabriel von Seidl in 1882. It now serves as the seat of the Lord Mayor.



2 Walking to the left of the **New Town Hall** or through the passage by its main entrance and we come to

3 the **Viktualienmarkt** marketplace, the site of the Monastery of the Augustan Hermits which fell victim to aerial bombing in April 1945. Every Wednesday and Saturday the Ingolstadt market, held in the area stretching from here to the **City Theatre**, offers a wide range of regional produce, and in December the square in front of the theatre sparkles in the splendour of the Christmas Market.

K A detour of about 100 metres to the right, along the *Tränktorstraße*, leads to the **Museum of Concrete (non-representational) Art** in the former Danube Barracks building.

4 We now walk to the path leading to the right of the **theatre complex** and under the road to the Danube. On the other side of the river you can see the **impressive fortifications** built by Leo von Klenze in the classical style.



5 Now proceed along the embankment to the footbridge, where you can cross the river to the award-winning **Klenze Park**, site of the 1992 Bavarian Garden Festival and a unique open-air museum of German **fortification architecture**. Here, in the **Tilly Redoubt**, the Bavarian Army Museum presents the history of the First World War.



6 Returning across the footbridge and crossing the road to the path on the right of the theatre car park, leads to

7 the **New Castle**, which was built by Duke Ludwig the Bearded in the first half of the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

A Today it houses the **Bavarian Army Museum**, with its wide range of historic weapons, armoury, tin soldiers and other important exhibits of military history. (After 5 p.m., when the door to the courtyard is locked, please walk around the castle, see dotted line on the map.)



8 Passing the elaborately decorated cannons in the **castle courtyard**, our route takes us under the **Baroque clocktower**



9 and across the *Paradeplatz* square with its fountain/statue of Ludwig the Bavarian to

10 the **pedestrian precinct**.

L Only a few minutes from here, to the right and along the *Esplanade*, is the **Lechner Museum** with the famous sculptor's steel exhibits weighing many tons.



11 After walking along the *Ludwigstraße* for some hundred metres, past large department stores and small boutiques, our route turns left into

12 the *Hallstraße* and, following the road around to the right, to the **Old Castle**. This former ducal castle from the 13<sup>th</sup> century is the oldest secular building in the town and now houses the Marieluise Fleißer public library.



13 Also looking on to the *Carraraplatz*, the square named after Ingolstadt's Italian twin-town, is the former **Electoral Riding School**, which now houses the Institute of Adult Education. We now return to the pedestrian precinct via the *Reitschulgasse* on the other side of the square and then turn left towards



14 the **Ickstatt House** (*Ludwigstraße 5*). This residential home of the professor and reformer Johann Adam Baron von Ickstatt (1702-1776) has the tallest Baroque facade in southern Germany and is among Ingolstadt's most impressive sights.

15 At the **Schliffelmarkt** crossroads we turn right into *Am Stein* street, which takes us to the *Harderstraße*.

F A left-turn into the *Kupferstraße* leads to the **Fleißer House** (*Kupferstraße 18*), where the **Marieluise Fleißer Archive**, a documentary account of the writer's life and work, is housed in what used to be her parental home.

16 Continuing along the *Harderstraße*, to the right we see the **Franciscan Basilica** (built in 1275) with its many intriguing memorial slabs and to the left the Convent of St John in the Valley of Grace with the **Valley of Grace Church**, where we turn left into the *Johannesstraße*.

17 At the next crossroads stands the **Tilly House** (*Neubaustraße 2*), where the General of the Catholic League, Count von Tilly, died from his wounds in 1632. Diagonally opposite in the same street, the exterior of the famous **Asam Church of Maria de Victoria** gives merely a hint of the splendour within. This jewel of Baroque architecture boasts a phenomenal ceiling fresco by Cosmas Damian Asam and the most valuable monstrance in the world.



18 The Minster "to our Dear and Beautiful Lady", with its massive roof and two towers set at an angle, is an imposing building and one of the largest late-Gothic churches of its kind in Bavaria. The grand high altar, unusual side-chapels, reliefs, pictures and carvings are all worth a closer look.



19 Continuing past the Minster and along the *Kreuzstraße*, we can see the medieval **Cross Gate**, which is Ingolstadt's best-known landmark. The name comes from the leper house with its chapel "to St. Cross" that used to be here outside the town.



S Turning right after the Cross Gate takes us, after some two hundred metres, to the **City Museum** in the Cavalier Hepp fortification, which also houses the **Toy Museum** and the **European Danube Museum**.

20 If, instead, we turn left after the Cross Gate, the *Jahnstraße* leads us to



21 the Baroque **Old Anatomical Faculty** building, which houses the unique

M **German Museum of the History of Medicine**. With tools, instruments, equipment and apparatus of all kinds, this unique collection documents the history of medicine from antiquity to the present-day. The botanical garden displays a wealth of medicinal plants, and a sensory "garden of smell and touch" has been designed such that it is also accessible to the disabled.

22 Our walk now takes us outside the medieval Town Wall as far as the **Taschenturm** tower, which used to be one of the minor gates in the Town Wall, which we pass through on our way back towards the town centre.

23 After about 150 metres we turn left to what used to be

24 the **University**. Originally built by Ludwig the Bearded as a prebendary house (for the prebends who were to pray for his soul after his death), it was the seat of the First Bavarian State University, which became one of Europe's most renowned academic institutions, from 1472 until it was transferred to Landshut and later to Munich in 1800. Passing the old university treasury building and porter's house, which today houses the



H **Niemes-Prachatitz Folk Museum**, our walk takes us into the *Dollstraße* with its numerous restaurants and cafes.

25 Our Old Town Walk comes to an end at the oldest church in Ingolstadt, **St. Moritz's**. Next to the church tower and rising high into the sky is the Gothic "**Whistling Tower**", which used to be the town's watchtower.



A few paces to the right and we arrive back at our starting point, the Old Town Hall.

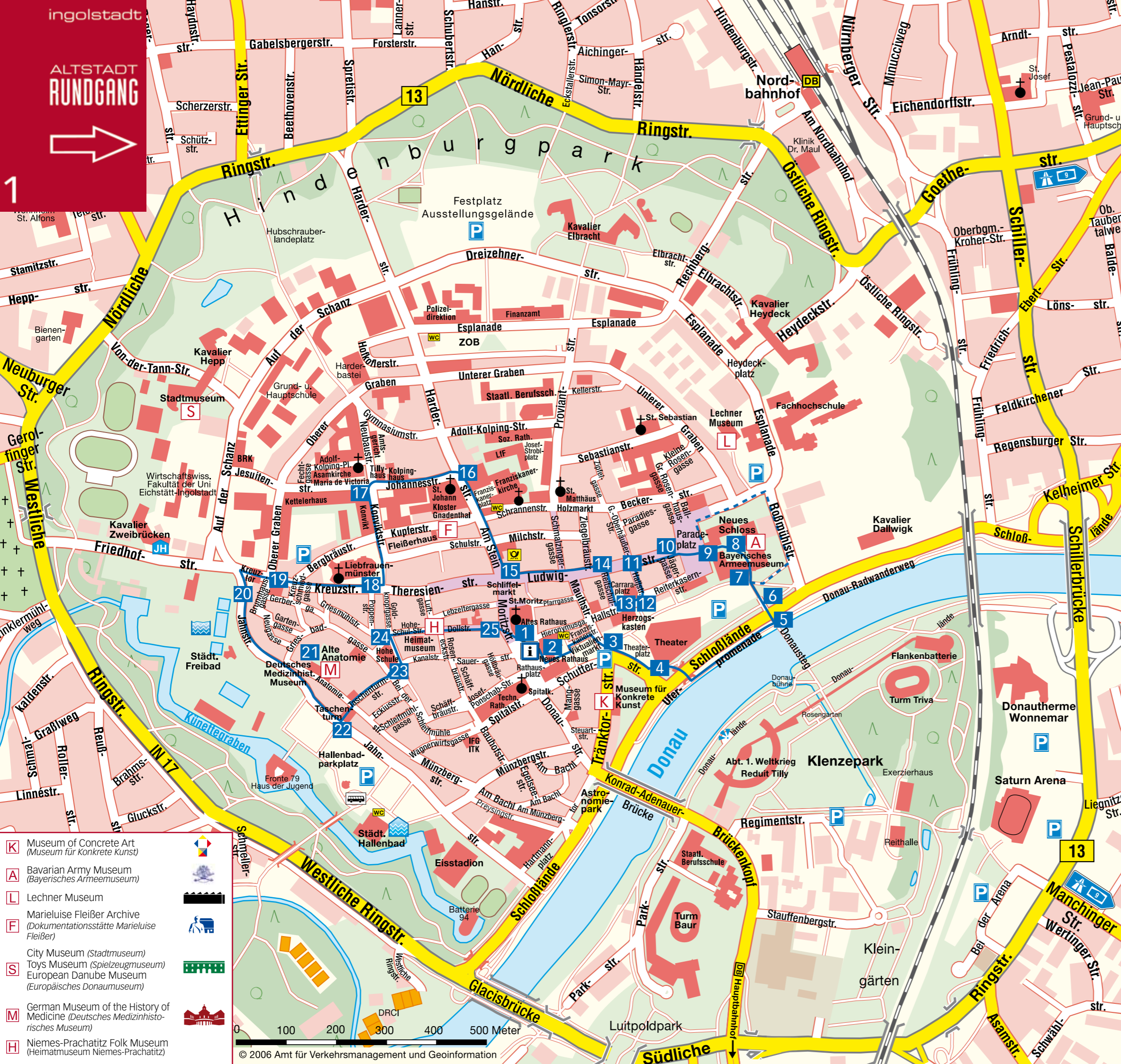
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**Welcome to our Old Town Walk**

Over the centuries, Ingolstadt has played an important role in Bavarian history, both as a garnison town and as a centre of learning. The first written record of this settlement on the Danube - referred to as Ingoldesstat, the place of Ingold - is to be found in a testament drawn up by the Charlemagne in 806. The town was granted its charter around the year 1250, and the Old Castle, which functioned as the palace of the medieval fortress, became a ducal residence. From 1392 to 1447, Ingolstadt was the capital of the Duchy of Bavaria-Ingolstadt. It was during this period that Duke Ludwig the Bearded laid the foundation stones for such imposing Gothic buildings as the New Castle, the Minster and the Prebendary House. From 1472 to 1800 Ingolstadt was home to the First Bavarian State University. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, with the construction of extensive fortifications Ingolstadt became the Bavarian State Fortress.

Lovingly restored gabled houses, imposing town gates, impressive towers and forbidding fortifications set the tone of the cityscape. On the opposite bank of the Danube, the prizewinning Klenze Park will invite you to make a short detour to the south of the Old Town, while a foray to the north-west will take you close to the City Museum in the Cavalier Hepp fortification.

The Old Town Walk, which is sign-posted as *Altstadtrundgang*, is an entertaining tour lasting between one and a half and two hours.



- 1 Old Town Hall (*Altes Rathaus*)
- 2 New Town Hall (*Neues Rathaus*)
- 3 Marketplace and Theatre Square (*Viktualienmarkt and Theaterplatz*)
- 4 Ingolstadt Theatre
- 5 6 detour across Danube foot-bridge to fortifications in Klenze Park
- 7 New Castle (*Neues Schloss*)
- 8 Castle courtyard
- 9 Baroque clocktower, *Paradeplatz* square
- 10 *Ludwigstraße* pedestrian precinct
- 11 left-turn into *Hallstraße*
- 12 right-turn towards the Old Castle (*Herzogskasten*)
- 13 Carraraplatz square, Electoral Riding School (*Kurfürstliche Reitschule*)
- 14 left-turn towards Ickstatt House
- 15 *Schliffelmarkt* crossroads and *Harderstraße*
- 16 Franciscan Basilica and Valley of Grace (*Gnadenthal*) Church
- 17 Tilly House and Asam Church
- 18 Minster
- 19 Cross Gate (*Kreuztor*) town gate
- 20 left-turn into *Jahnstraße*
- 21 Old Anatomical Faculty building (*Alte Anatomie*)
- 22 *Taschenturm* town gate
- 23 left-turn towards old university building (*Hohe Schule*)
- 24 Old university building
- 25 Church of St. Moritz and "Whistling Tower" (*Moritzkirche and Pfeifturm*)

The Tourist Information can let you have brochures, tips as to what to see, a list of events, a town map and much more besides.

We look forward to seeing you in Ingolstadt and wish you an enjoyable stay!

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- K Museum of Concrete Art (*Museum für Konkrete Kunst*)
- A Bavarian Army Museum (*Bayerisches Armeemuseum*)
- L Lechner Museum
- F Marieluise Fleißer Archive (*Dokumentationsstätte Marieluise Fleißer*)
- S City Museum (*Stadtmuseum*)  
Toys Museum (*Spielzeugmuseum*)  
European Danube Museum (*Europäisches Donaumuseum*)
- M German Museum of the History of Medicine (*Deutsches Medizinhistorisches Museum*)
- H Niemes-Prachatitz Folk Museum (*Heimatmuseum Niemes-Prachatitz*)

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