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Regensburg

Regensburg (from Latin *Castra Regina*, also lat. *Ratisbona* and *Ratispona*) is the capital of the administrative district Upper Palatinate with seat of the government of the Upper Palatinate as well as the district administrator of the district Regensburg and an independent city in Eastern Bavaria. Since July 13, 2006, the largely preserved Regensburg Old Town including Stadtamhof with its historic ensembles and monuments belongs to the UNESCO World Heritage.

The city has a population of 150,894 (December 31, 2017) and is thus fourth after Munich, Nuremberg and Augsburg among the large cities of the Free State of Bavaria.

It is the episcopal see of the diocese Regensburg, has three universities and is one of the 3 regional centers in Bavaria. [1]
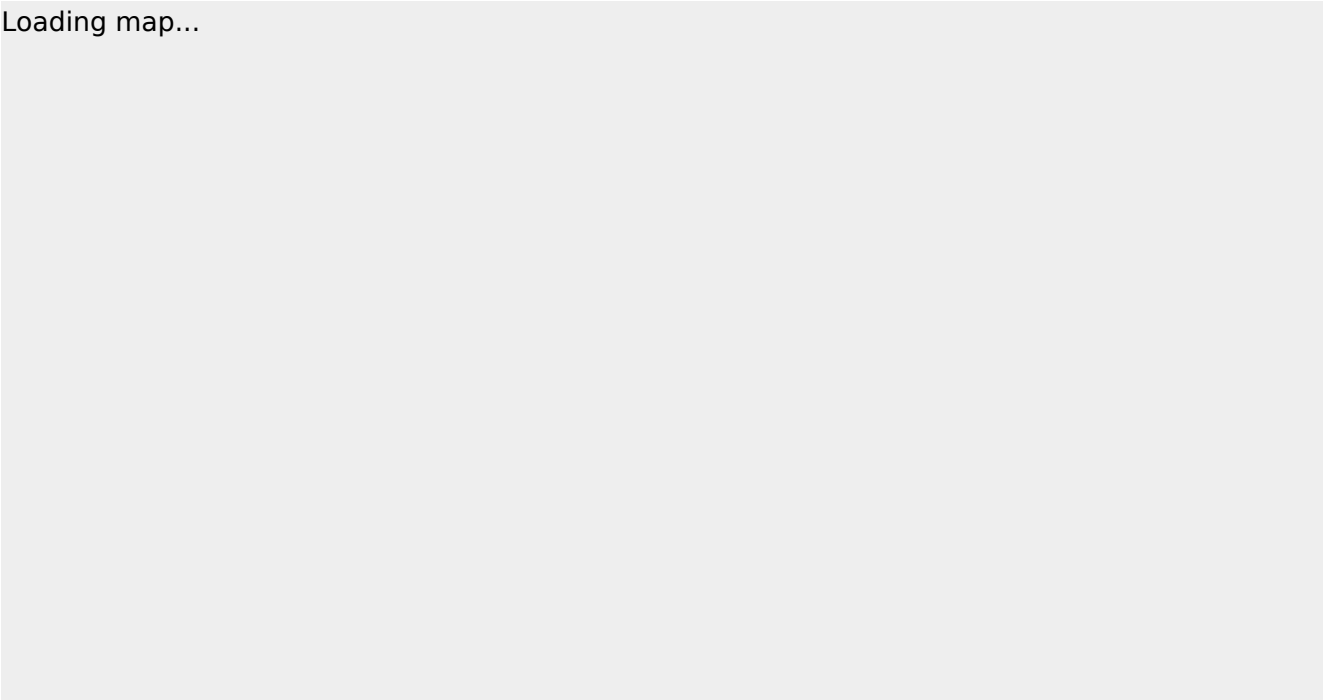
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Geography

Topography

Regensburg is situated on the northernmost part of the Danube river at the geological crossroads of four distinct landscapes:

- to the north and northeast lies the Bavarian Forest (Bayerischer Wald) with granite and gneiss mountains, wide forests and its national park
- to the east and south-east is the fertile Danube plain (Gäuboden) which are highly cultivated loess plains
- the south is dominated by the tertiary hill country (Tertiär-Hügelland), a continuation of Alpine foothills
- to the West is Franconian Jura (Fränkische Jura)

Climate

The climate in Regensburg is categorized in the Köppen climate classification as Dfb (humid continental). The average temperature of 8.5 °C is slightly above the German average (7.8 °C), the average precipitation of 636 mm per year below the German average (approximately 700 mm). With a total of 1670 sunshine hours per year, Regensburg is roughly 120 hours above German average.[2]

The warmest month of the year, on average, is July. The coolest month of the year, on average, is January.

Gallery

Stadtansicht Regensburg.JPG		Regensburg Bruckmanndl 07 2006.JPG	
Bridge tower and Salt shed	Stone Bridge	Bruckmanndl on top of Stone Bridge	Stone Bridge detail

Culture

Theaters

The Regensburg Theater at the Bismarckplatz is 200 years old and is the most important theater of the city. Operas, operettas, musicals and ballets are shown. In summer, open-air performances are carried out as well. With the theater at the Bismarckplatz as the oldest and largest one, the Regensburg theater has four other stages with programmes that complement each other:[3] in the *Neuhaussaal* of the theater at the Bismarckplatz, concerts by the Philharmonic Orchestra Regensburg take place. The Velodrom Theater presents musicals and plays. In the Haidplatz Theater mainly literary and modern plays are performed, whereas the Turmtheater at the Goliathplatz shows modern plays as well, but also cabarets, musicals and plays for children.

Events

Twice a year takes place the Regensburg Dult, the city's Volksfest, which is Bavaria's fourth largest. The Bürgerfest (citizen celebration) in the Old Town is every two years, attracting over 100,000 visitors. Every second weekend in July, knights and other medieval people come together at the Regensburg Spectaculum, a medieval market, on the Stone Bridge. Every December, there are several Christmas markets all over the city.

Nightlife

With over 500 bars, restaurants, clubs and other locations in the inner city alone, Regensburg provides a rich and diverse nightlife due to its young population.

Footnotes

1. ↑ Ordinance amending the regulation on the state development program Bavaria, Ed.: Bavarian State Ministry of Finance, for State Development and Homeland, 2018-02-21.
2. ↑ http://www.physik.uni-regensburg.de/forschung/wegscheider/gebhardt_files/skripten/EuropaeischeWetterlagen.Hagner.pdf
3. ↑ http://www.regensburgtravel.com/theater.html

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