



REGENSBURG

The Stone Bridge and
St. Peter's Cathedral



THE CITY WITH THE DANUBE FACTOR. THE CITY WITH THE DANUBE FACTOR. THE NOVELIST SANDRA PARETTI, AUTHOR OF THE “REGENSBURG FORMULA”, WROTE: “THIS BEAUTIFUL TOWN HAS TWO FACES, ONE OF STONE, THE OTHER OF WATER, AND BOTH BOTH MELT INTO ONE WHEN SEEN FROM THIS DANUBE.” THIS TOWN OF TOWERS CAN CLAIM 1200 HISTORICAL BUILDINGS WHICH CROWD TOGETHER IN REGENSBURG’S OLD TOWN. PATRICIAN PALACES BEAR WITNESS TO FORMER WEALTH AND THE OLD TOWN HALL IS A REMINDER OF THE TIMES WHEN THE EMPERORS OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE SUMMONED THE IMPERIAL DIET TO REGENSBURG. IN REGENSBURG HISTORY DOES NOT ONLY TAKE PLACE IN THE PAST.

Left to right: Imperial hall in the old town hall; in front of St. Peter's Cathedral



UNESCO World Heritage Site by the Danube river

Of course, Germany's constantly travelling prince among poets was also in Regensburg. Goethe saw the town on his way to Italy – and went into raptures: “Regensburg is indeed beautifully situated. The surroundings just cried out for a city”. The old town – almost completely unchanged – with its narrow alleyways, towers and patrician palaces breathes a romantic flair. In the old town hall of the former Free Imperial City of Regensburg you can still see the seats on which decisions were not taken but often postponed indefinitely – as they often still are, to this day. The cathedral, the Romanesque sacred buildings, the Gothic churches of the mendicant orders,

the centuries old Stone Bridge – a major work of European bridge building art in the Middle Ages: Regensburg's old town and “Stadtamhof” are rightfully UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Within a few square kilometres you will find a picture book of German history: Remains of Roman fortifications, rulers' residences, patrician palaces, churches and monasteries of the diocese, evidence of Judaism and the town hall with its “Perpetual Imperial Diet”. Merchants of Regensburg went to Kiev or Venice centuries ago, and today Regensburg once again lies at the heart of Europe.

The ancient emperors called it home, today the Princess of Thurn and Taxis lives here, and as somebody who is now known worldwide once said: “Regensburg is where I feel at home”. His brother Georg used to be the leader of the famous Boys' choir “Regensburger Domspatzen”, (the Cathedral Sparrows) his parents are buried here and his private house is in Pentling. He is, of course, Pope Benedict XVI. Indeed, there are many who have succumbed to Regensburg's charm.

Regensburger Domspatzen
in St. Peter's Cathedral



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