

... and what else Wasungen has to offer:

The Wasungen **Forest Botanical Garden** is unique in Thuringia – a true highlight. Over 1,500 species of trees and shrubs from the local flora as well as from Asia and North America invite visitors to explore. The annual rhododendron bloom festival in May is extremely popular. The garden is open to the public free of charge year-round.



Wasungen Carnival – famous as a stronghold of the “Fifth Season”! The tradition of folk carnival has been rooted here since 1524. The grand historical parade on Carnival Saturday is the highlight of the festive season – a lively celebration of music, color, and high spirits. **Woessinge Ahoi!**



An active vacation by the water and on two wheels: The Werratal Cycle Route follows the river all the way to its mouth in Hann. Münden – passing historic towns, charming villages, and idyllic landscapes. In Wasungen, it intersects with the Rhön-Rennsteig Cycle Route.



Starting in Vachdorf, you can also explore the Werra Valley from the water: various providers offer boat rentals and guided canoe tours. In Wasungen, there are two boat docks—at one of them, our campground on the Werra, which features RV sites, invites you to stay from April through October.

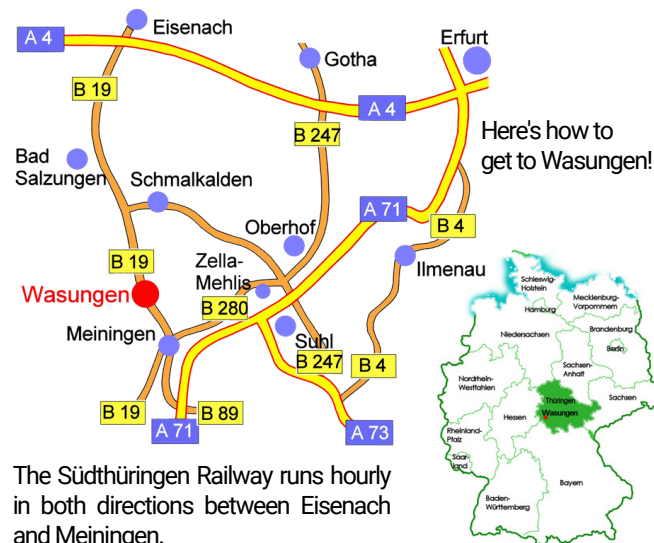


The Werra-Burgen-Steig stretches over 500 km and winds through hills, fields, and meadows along the river. Along the way, hikers can enjoy nature, explore small villages and historic towns, and discover numerous castles and palaces.

Around Wasungen, over 150 km of local hiking trails invite you to explore idyllic forests and picturesque landscapes. Hiking parking lots are located at the Forest Botanical Garden and at Maienluft Castle.



For more information, please contact the Tourist Information Office. You can also book guided tours there (Old Town, City Museum, Maienluft Castle, Forest Botanical Garden, and Thuringian Carnival Museum).



The Südthüringen Railway runs hourly in both directions between Eisenach and Meiningen.

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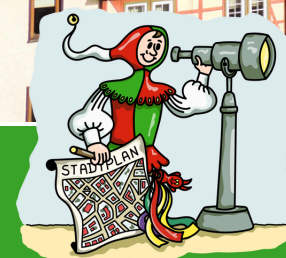
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Welcome to a tour



of the historic
old town of

Wasungen

the town of half-timbered
houses and carnival



Damenstift (1596)

One of the most magnificent buildings, featuring richly decorated timber framing, a Renaissance portal, and ornate stucco ceilings inside. Today: Tourist Information Center, City Museum, City Archives, and Thuringian Carnival Museum.



Brunnenplatz

Rebuilt in the traditional half-timbered style after a fire in 1921, with Untere Hauptstraße extended in the process. The "Fools' Fountain," created by Waldo Dörsch, pays homage to the tradition of Carnival.



Pfarrhaus (1603)

Built as the residence and parish office of the town priest above the basement of a previous building. A dedicatory inscription on the gable side reminds us Abel Scherdinger, a theologian and priest who was very well known in his day.



Stadtkirche St. Trinitatis

Kirchenschiff und Turm 1584/1596 anstelle des Vorgängerbaus aus dem 13. Jh. erbaut. Wesentliche Erweiterungen: 1609 Sakristei, 1680 Chor, 1708 Turmbekrönung mit barocker Schweifkuppel und Laterne.



Pfaffenburg (1387)

Originally built as a defensive tower on the city wall and a fortified residence for the local pastor — one of the oldest structures in the area. In 1974, the half-timbered structure was reconstructed and the solid ground floor was renovated.



Maienhof (1576)

Built as the stately residence of the Lords of Zweifel. Distinctive half-timbered design: curved St. Andrew's crosses, a male figure, and pronounced horizontal divisions.

Historical City Tour

This small town, comprising five districts and home to a total of around 5,300 residents, looks back on a long and fascinating history. First mentioned in a document as a settlement in 874 and granted official town rights in 1308, it is one of the oldest towns in the region. A stroll through the historic old town is well worth it: centuries-old buildings bear witness to the town's history and its heyday. The town center of Wasungen has largely retained its original street layout and is listed as a historic ensemble.



1. Ehemaliges Damenstift (Untertor 1)
2. Bürgerhaus (Windtal 1)
3. Brunnenplatz (Brunnenplatz 1-9)
4. Fellehof (Fellehofgasse 2)
5. Bürgerhaus (Engelsgasse 4)
6. Alte Schule (Engelsgasse 29)
7. Bürgerhaus (Engelsgasse 31)
8. Vulpiusstieg
9. Pfarrhaus (Engelsgasse 35)
10. Stadtkirche St. Trinitatis (Kirchweg 14)
11. Altstadtpanorama
12. Pfaffenburg (Kirchweg 16)
13. Maienhof (Maienhof 4-5)
14. Bürgerhaus (Schulgasse 8)
15. Alte Schule (Schulgasse 6)
16. Rektorat (Schulgasse 4)
17. Weyenhof (Schulgasse 2)
18. Bürgerhaus (Schulgasse 1)
19. Amtshof (Amtsgasse)
20. Amtshaus (Amtshof, Amtsgasse)
21. Judenturm – ehemaliger Wehrturm (Mühlgasse)
22. Teil der Stadtmauer (Mühlgasse)
23. Ziegensteg über einstigen Mühlgraben (Mühlgasse)
24. Ehemaliger Gasthof „Zum Stern“ (Neutor 1)
25. Rathaus (Markt 7)
26. Bürgerhäuser (Markt 9-11)
27. Bürgerhäuser (Markt 2-8)
28. Bürgerhäuser (Markt 10-12)
29. Bürgerhäuser (Markt 14-16)
30. Gasthof „Zum Bären“ (Untere Hauptstraße 6)
31. Ehemaliger Gasthof „Zum weißen Schwan“ (Obertor 1)
32. Steinerne Tisch (Meininger Straße)
33. Friedhofkirche St. Peter (Zur Peterskirche)
34. Burg Maienluft (Maienluft 1)

Weyenhof (1630/32)

A massive, segmented gable featuring the double coat of arms of the couple who built it, with ornate half-timbering on both the courtyard and street sides. Inside, decorative elements from the 17th century.



Amtshaus (1606/07)

Built in the Renaissance style as the bailiff's residence. Elaborate, artistically designed half-timbering — featuring a "Wild Man," curved St. Andrew's crosses with protrusions, and ornamentation that emphasizes the horizontal structure.



Rathaus (1532/34)

Built to replace its medieval predecessor. One of the most beautiful and oldest half-timbered town halls in the region. Still used for its original purpose.



Townhouses on the Market Square

(17th - 20th centuries)

These include the former market smithy, built in 1683, and the Mittelsdorf pastry shop, established in 1768.



Burg Maienluft

First mentioned in 1189/1190. The center of the relatively independent manorial estate of the Lords of Wasungen. Belonged to the County of Henneberg from around 1230. Staffed with castle lords and bailiffs (district officials) until the late 15th century. Thereafter, it became a sovereign domain.



The ruins of the former stronghold are still preserved today, featuring a double curtain wall, an accessible keep (13th century), and a Gothic window from the former castle chapel. From around 1900, it was used for public or private purposes by various owners. Today it is a hotel and restaurant.

