

FRAUENINSEL

Escape from the chaos of the city, travel to the beautiful Island of Frauenchiemsee, this tranquil setting is somewhere you will never grow tired of visiting. Home to fishermen, nuns, artists and crafts people, the island is rich with character and tradition. The views are simply breathtaking; surrounded by the Bavarian Alps and the crystal clear waters of Lake Chiemsee. The island is situated opposite to the Island of Herrenchiemsee and its magnificent Castle built by King Ludwig II.



The sun lights up and illuminates the Benedictine Abbey Convent with its inspiring clock-tower, gate house and the over 1200 years old St. Michael's Chapel. Founded around the year 766 at the request of Duke Tassilo III, the abbey, home to the Benedictine nuns of "Frauenworth" has a fascinating history. The gate-house is the oldest of its kind in Southern Bavaria and the frescoes in St. Michael's Chapel are some of the earliest ever found in Bavaria (860/865 AD). Dotted out across the island are picturesque houses of traditional southern Bavarian style and a great selection of cafés and restaurants. Enjoy the local fish, beer and Bavarian cuisine.

The island of "Frauenchiemsee" is a place for all seasons with flowers in bloom throughout the year. To experience the immensely popular Christmas Market which is there over 2 weekends every year is something you will never forget. The whole island is decorated and trimmed up for Christmas, with a wide selection of stalls, concerts and events.



LAKE CHIEMSEE

Lake Chiemsee was formed around 15- 20,000 years ago and is the biggest lake in Bavaria. As a result of this, it is often referred to as the Bavarian Sea. It covers an area of 80 km2 and its deepest point is 73.4m. In summer it is not only an oasis for swimmers, sailors and windsurfers but for the amazing range of birds that migrate there every year. Winter is also a wonderful time to visit Chiemsee and the islands, with the snow covered mountains and bright blue skies. There is no better time to enjoy a peaceful walk and the stunning natural scenery.



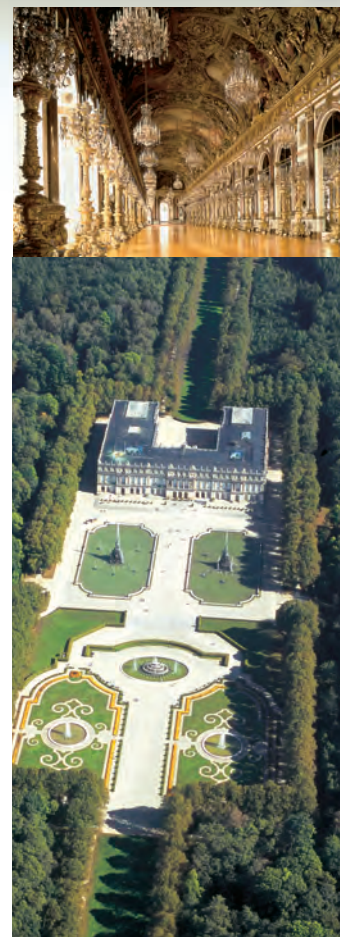
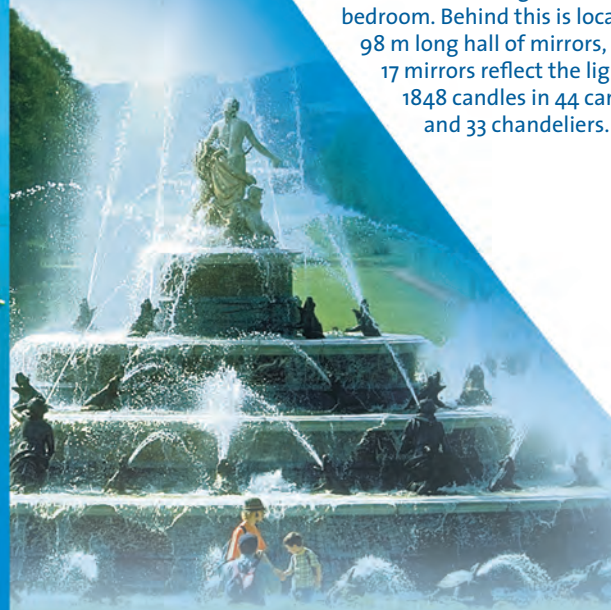
HERRENINSEL

The Island of Herrenchiemsee covers 240 Hectares and like the Island of Frauenchiemsee, it is blessed with breathtaking natural beauty.

The island is famous for the castle Herrenchiemsee which was built in the late 19th century at the extravagant expense of the legendary King Ludwig II. The design of the Palace was modelled in the style of Versailles. However, it is anything but a copy of Versailles and much of the ornate décor is even more perfect than that of the original.

The interior contains much that had long since been destroyed in Versailles, reconstructed from old etchings and paintings (e.g. the ambassadors' staircase) or newly designed (furniture).

Due to a lack of funds and the sudden death of the king (under mysterious circumstances), the palace could not be completed. The north wing, the structure of which was already built, was dismantled in 1907. The whole building is centred on the king's ceremonial bedroom. Behind this is located the 98 m long hall of mirrors, in which 17 mirrors reflect the light from 1848 candles in 44 candelabra and 33 chandeliers.



The king visited the palace regularly in September and October.

The interior fittings show the high degree of perfection of the artistic craftsmanship. The palace is surrounded by extensive park and woodland with ornate fountains and gardens. Guided tours of the castle in English are available throughout the year and the castle is also the home to a series of excellent internationally produced concerts.



THE CHIEMSEE SCHIFFFAHRT

For the last 160 years the Chiemsee-Schiffahrt has been connecting people to and from the islands of Lake Chiemsee. The first Steam-boat was built out of wood and to the 15 modern, well equipped and luxurious ships that make the crossing today, it is incomparable. People still remember from earlier times the famous "Ludwig Feßler", the flagship of the fleet. With the capacity of the ships combined, there are now a total of 4,000 seats available for guests. There are numerous ferries that make the frequent trip to the islands and also a range of more luxurious ships complete with sun-decks for a splendid cruise of the lake. We try to cater for everybody's needs, if you would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact us.



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EVENTS

Alongside the ferries and cruise ships that are available on a daily basis throughout the year, a series of special boat-trips are organised. A must for the nature lover are the trips through the "Tiroler Achen", a protected nature reserve with an abundance of wildlife, including exotic flora and fauna.

Children are always enthusiastic and impressed by the fairytale walk on the island of Herrenchiemsee. For the music lover, every Friday, from spring through to autumn a ship with live traditional folk and jazz music cruises the lake. For more information, please telephone: +49 (0)8051 6090



THE CHIEMSEEBAHN

The Chiemseebahn is the last still running Steam-train in the world. Built between 1887 and 1888, the steam train is a great way to get around Prien at Lake Chiemsee. It departs from the central train station and drops you off right at the ferry harbour.



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