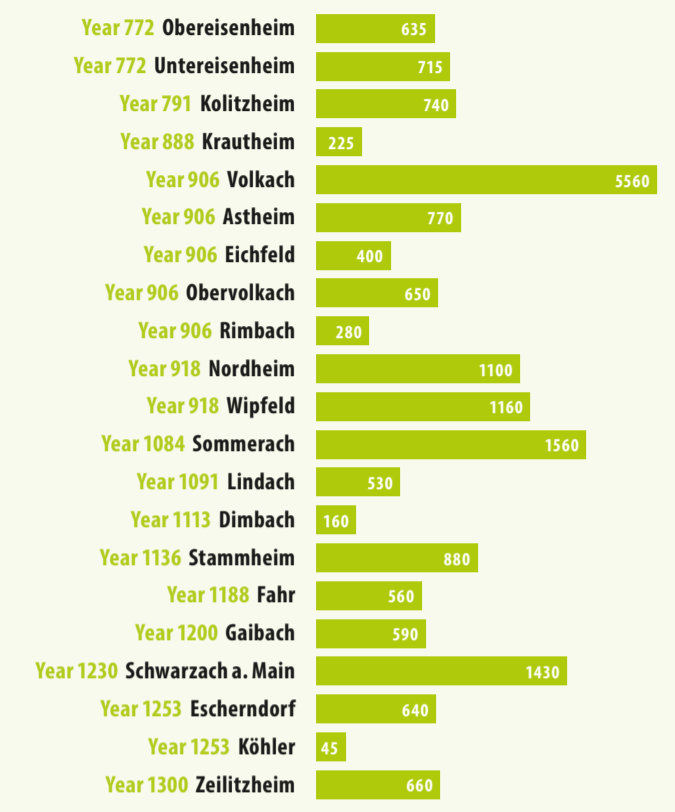


Facts and Figures

First mention and populations

Volkach and the „Loop of the Main“ stretches over three county borders (Würzburg, Schweinfurt, Kitzingen) and seven villages and their hamlets. Volkach is the second largest town in the wine growing county of Kitzingen.



Our vineyards in hectares

Franconia has roughly 6000 hectares of vineyards around a third of these are found on the Loop of the Main which also constitutes the largest connected wine region in the area.



Churches, Pillars Pilgrimage, Convents



Volkach
Pilgrimage church „Maria in the vineyard“
The church was first documented in 1158. Today's late Gothic church was erected in the 15th century. It houses the famous „Maria in the Rosary“ by Tilman Riemenschneider. Viewing charges apply.

Viewing	Guided tours (April – October)
April – October Thur – Mon 10:00 – 17:00 Tues – Wed closed	Bookable at: Volkach Tourist Information Office, Marktplatz 1 Tel. 09381 - 401300

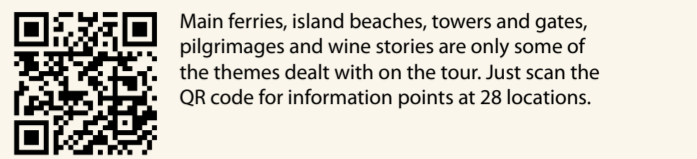
- Dimbach**
„Maria de Rosari“
Pilgrimage church. Built 1334 in the Gothic style.
- Escherndorf**
Post Gothic church
with Rococo crucifixion group.
- Gaibach**
Church of the Holy Trinity
Built by Balthasar Neumann 1742.
- Kolitzheim**
St. Stephens church
Built 1727.
- Krauthheim**
Parish church and tower
Built in the 14th century with gaden.
- Lindach**
St. Anthony parish church
with chapel.
- Köhler**
Branch church
18th century. Altar taken 1700 from the Carmelitan church on the Vogelsburg.
- Nordheim**
Marian column
Erected 1775 in the late Rococo style.
- Obereisenheim**
Parish church
Built 1496. Houses Rococo artefacts.
- Rimbach**
Parish church
Built 1670 with sacrament house from 1502.
- Schwarzach a. Main**
Benedictine abbey
First founded by monks in Munsterschwarzach in 780. Today's abbey built 1935–1938.
- Sommerach**
„St. Eucherius“
Parish church built 1560. With „Echter“ tower.
- Untereisenheim**
„Maria Ascension“
Parish church with 15th century tower.
- Wipfeld**
Parish church with tower
Built 1599



Culture Museums, Literature



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Main ferries, island beaches, towers and gates, pilgrimages and wine stories are only some of the themes dealt with on the tour. Just scan the QR code for information points at 28 locations.

Wipfeld
House of Literature

Humanist Conrad Celtis (Born 1459), Franconian monk Eulogius Schneider (Born 1756), Theologen Engelbert Klüpfel (Born 1733) and Nikolaus Müller (Born 1758) were the literary sons of Wipfeld. Their stories are told in a literary feast for eyes and ears in the House of Literature.

Open		
Easter to Christmas Sundays and Holidays 14.00 – 17.00	Or By appointment Tel. 09384 - 97300	

Stammheim
Museum for Military and Contemporary history

The largest private museum of its time in Germany invites you to a journey of over 200 years of Franconian and German history with over 20,000 exhibits from Napoleon times up to the German Reunification.

Open		
1 March to 31 October Tuesday to Sunday 10.00 – 18.00	Details and entry prices: www.museum-stammheim.de	

More Information

about opening and viewing times, guided tours and background information

Information:
Tourist Information Volkach
Rathaus, Marktplatz 1, 97332 Volkach
Tel. 09381 - 401300, Fax 09381 - 401319
www.volkach.de, www.volkacher-mainschleife.de
tourismus@volkach.de

April to October (Summer opening times):
Monday – Friday 09.00 – 12.30 and 13.30 – 17.00
Saturday 10.00 – 16.00
Sunday 10.00 – 13.00

November to March (Winter opening times):
Monday – Thursday 09.00 – 12.30 and 13.30 – 16.30
Friday 09.00 – 13.00
Saturday 10.00 – 13.00

Information regarding bus and train connections for the region can be found in the flyer „Mobil an der Mainschleife“ to be had in the Volkach Tourist Office.

www.volkach.de

Local map und Information www.volkach.de

Points of interest on the „Loop of the Main“ (Mainschleife)

A stroll through Volkach old town and its surroundings



Volkacher Mainschleife

Special buildings castles, ruins and monuments



Vogelsburg
An important prehistoric Franconian fortification. From the original buildings only the remains of the church are to be found today. Up until 2010, in possession of the Augustus nuns who ran it as a daytime cafe and a place of hospitality. Today it is owned by the Juliusspital Stiftung in Würzburg. Between 2014 and 2016 the Vogelsburg buildings, including the church, were completely renovated. There is now a restaurant with beer garden and a hotel that also hosts conferences and events.

Hallburg
Originally owned by the Counts of Castell and since 1806 by the Counts of Schönborn. From the original castle only the living quarters with knight's hall, the keep and the chapel remain.

- Fahr**
Fränkischer Kastenhof
16c Franconian Chastener Court with half-timbered buildings in the middle of the village.
- Eichfeld**
Kirchgaden
Neo-Gothic style church with a tower dating from the 14/15th century-first mentioned in 906. There is also a Renaissance style cemetery entrance dating back to 1588.
- Escherndorf**
Rokoko fountain
In village centre.
- Gaibach**
Constitution monument
(30ft high) built 1821–1828 according to the plans of court architect Leo von Klenze in honour of the Bavarian Constitution.1832 show-place of the „Gaibacher Feste“.
- Nordheim**
Zehnthof with chapel
Early Tythe yard dating back to 918 with chapel originally owned by the Benedictine Friars of Munsterschwarzach. For viewing times please ask at the Winzer-genossenschaft Divino.
- Obervolkach**
Arched stone bridge
with St. Nepomuk statue. Remains of the Stettenburg castle above the village.
- Sommerach**
Historic village centre
With remains of village fortifications, main gate (1585) and Tythe Yard.
- Stammheim**
Bocksbeutel
Walkable „Bocksbeutel“ bottle in the vineyards.
- Untereisenheim**
Hundertwasser
Vinery built in the style of Friesenreich Hundertwasser.
- Zeilitzheim**
Baroque castle
Built 1679–1683, furnished 1737.

Water, canoes, beaches and the Main river ships



Paddle away – canoe and Co.

In the region between Schwarzach and Wipfeld, each village on the Main river has its own landing place for canoes – some with rest areas. These are signposted with the „Yellow Wave“ symbol. The below offer canoes for hire.

Volkach	Obereisenheim	Köhler
Waterwalker Tel. 09305 - 9882110 www.waterwalker.de	Canoe Rental „Main-Erlebnis“ Tel. 09324 - 99597 www.kanu-mainerlebnis.de	Winery Peter Höhn Tel. 09381 - 9253 www.weingut-hoehn.de

Ferries

There are four points at which to cross the river Main by ferry: Nordheim, Fahr, Obereisenheim and Wipfeld. Please note that departure times are different for each location. More information can be found in the flyer „Mobil an der Mainschleife“ to be had in the Volkach Tourist Information. Also, there is no service during times of high water.

- Volkach**
Indoor swimming pool
Fährer Straße 3
Opening times and prices:
www.volkach.de
- Volkach**
Outdoor swimming pool
Fährer Straße 1
Opening in early summer 2026
www.volkach.de
- Nordheim**
„Wine Island“ beach
Sandy beach direct on the Main ferry with free use of beach chairs.
- Boat trips**
Main ship „Undine“
April – October more times daily
Reederei-Kontor
Personen-Schiffahrt Volkach
Tel. 09381 - 710880
www.mainschiffahrt.info
- Altmain**
Main river Romantic Raft trips
Family Sauer-Barthel GmbH & Co. KG
Duration: ca. 3,5 hours
By reservation only
Tel. 09324 - 980350
www.flosserlebnis.de

Activities on the Loop of the Main



Guided tours „Wine Experience Franconia“

Actively discover our vineyards with our local guides during the season at several locations.

Reservations
All offers are individually bookable for groups. More information is available at: Tourist Information Rathaus, Marktplatz 1, Volkach Tel. 09381 - 401300, www.gastefuehrer-weinerlebnis.de

- terroir-f**
Viewing platforms
The „Magical Points“ of Franconian wine located in the steep Escherndorfer Lump vineyard above the village of Escherndorf, the Panorama Hill in Nordheim and the viewing platform Sommerach offer perfect views all year round of the Loop of the Main.
- Astheim – Seligenstadt Mainschleifenbahn railway**
The nostalgic rail bus from the sixties runs on Sundays and Holidays at specific times May to October from Volkach-Astheim to the Seligenstadt station.
Starting Point: Volkach Station
- Schedule**
May - October
Sundays and Holidays
- Shuttle Tour**
The „Mainschleifen Shuttlebus, route 105, connects various locations on the Loop of the Main. The shuttle runs Friday to Sunday. On Saturday afternoons a guide is also on board who will point out points of interest along the route.
- The „Wine Island“ Vine variety trails**
Volkach, Escherndorf, Nordheim, Sommerach, Wipfeld; enjoy the wonderful views and learn useful information about wine and wine production. Regular guided walks on Saturdays between May and October. Other times possible upon enquiry.
- Astheim Educational Quince trail**
Informative trail centered on the quince run by „MUSTEA“ – an organisation dedicated to the recultivation of historical quince varieties. (www.mustea.de)

Activities on the Loop of the Main



- Loop of the Main Panorama Trail**
Connects Volkach, Astheim, Escherndorf and Köhler. With wonderful views over the landscape.
- Stammheim – Zeilitzheim „Weinkultur“**
Award winning 17,5 km trail connecting Stammheim, Lindach and Zeilitzheim.
- Obervolkach Fish Farm Gerstner**
One of the most diverse fish farms in Bavaria with over 100 ponds. Smoked fish available on Fridays and fresh live fish all year round.
- Untereisenheim Wayside shrine trail**
Discover the history of the wayside shrines in Franconian vineyards on a 6.5 km circular trail.
- Obereisenheim Silvaner trail**
The home of Franconian Silvaner wine offers a 6.5 km circular trail through the vineyards.
- Volkach / Sommerach Bike rental**
In Volkach:
2-Rad Weisensee
Tel. 09381 - 3988 and
Bike-Mietstation Weinfranken
Mobil 0160 - 96417969
In Sommerach:
Pension St. Urban – Sommerach
Tel. 09381 - 9101
- Krauthheim Brewery Düll. Established 1654**
On the cycle path from Volkach to Gerolzhofen. The brewery can be visited: Guided tours for groups by reservation only. The Biergarten is open in the summer months during fine weather.
- Sommerach Minigolf**
Located at the Katzenkopf camping site. Open daily from 1 April to 31 October from 08.00 – 13.00 and 15.00 – 20.00. Clubs, balls and scorecards can be had at the kiosk.
- Escherndorf Trail of pleasure**
A trail for all the senses takes the guest through nine stations from the ferry to the parish church. Along the way, the trail invites the guest to confront the subject of pleasure and explore the culinary usage of the word in Wine Franconia.

Old town stroll Volkach

Discover Volkach's old town

1 Town Hall and Market Square



Town Hall - Facts and Figures

- Built 1544
- External staircase and half-timbered bay windows.
- Used then, as now, for the administrative offices of Volkach.
- In times past, the ground floor was used as a market hall.
- In the 19th century also housed the local school.
- 1972 renovated to accommodate the present administrative offices.
- The Town Council chamber is located on the first floor.

Viewing by appointment

Tourist Information Office
Marktplatz 1, 97332 Volkach, Tel. 09381 - 401300

Market Square – Facts and Figures:

- The statue in the fountain represents „Maria Immaculata“.
- Fountain originally built 1480.
- Renovated 1720.
- Originally used as an open market. Nowadays for cultural events.

2 Saint Bartholomew church



Facts and Figures

- 1413 building begins of the present church on the site of the old St. Georges
- Building continues into the 18th century.
- Latest renovation 2006–2008.
- Baroque altar
- 18th century ceiling stucco and paintings.
- Height of church tower: 54 m.

Book tip:
Stadt Pfarrkirche St. Bartholomäus. Verlag Schnell & Steiner GmbH, Regensburg. Available at the Pfarrbüro and in the Tourist Information Office.

Viewing

Daily: 08.00 – 18.00 (Winter 08.00 – 16.30)

3 Old Latin School



Facts and Figures

- Two storey half-timbered building next to St. Nicholas chapel
- Presumed to have been built in the 16th century.
- Home and workplace of the teacher, town chronicler and solicitor Niklas Probst (15th/16th century)
- Until the middle of the 19th century it was a school exclusively for boys.
- Nowadays the home of the sexton family.

4 Bursary



Facts and Figures

- Built in the 16th/17th century with a Renaissance gable.
- Formally home and wine cellar of the Würzburg Chapter.
- Royal Bavarian bursary office.
- Formally a police station.
- Used today by local businesses.

5 Franciscan Convent



Facts and Figures

- In 1858 took over the official residence of the Prince Bishop.
- Tasked to run a girl's school and daycare center for small children.
- Later a secondary school for girls, lyceum and boarding school and housed in additionally purchased adjacent buildings.
- Nowadays a school for girls with six grades offering midday care and a daycare centre.

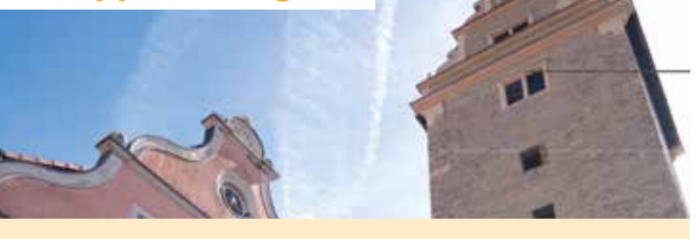
6 Former Post Office



Facts and Figures

- House built in 1770 in the Rococo style.
- Used as a cooperage, kitchen and trading house.
- The figure of St. Michael is enlarged to the memory of the sexton family Meisner.
- 1840 used as a Royal Post Office.
- 1911–1998 boarding school of the Franciscan convent.
- Today a business house.

7 Upper town gate



Facts and Figures

- Built in the 13th century.
- Renovated 1597 by Prince Bishop Julius Echter von Mespelbrunn whose coat of arms is to be seen above the archway.
- Commonly known as the „SommererGate“ or „Thieves Tower“ and used as the town prison – a prison cell from the 13th century is still in existence.
- In 1871 the two storey „Zwinger“ was demolished.
- After a fire in 1911 a new gate was built next to the tower.
- In 1950 the two pedestrian passages next to the tower were added.

8 Upper Market



Facts and Figures

- Former trading and rest place for local farmers.
- Homes of wine merchants and coopers.
- Renovated 1993–1999.
- Guesthouse Rose: birthplace of the traditional Franconian painter Peter Geist (1816–1867).
- The outlines of the original gates are picked out in cobblestones
- Seven shell-limestone plinths topped with bronze reliefs depict scenes from Volkach's past.

9 Church of St Michael



Facts and Figures

- Built in 1420 by the Counts of Castell as „St. Maria Before the Gates“ with entrance portal, „Maria's Coronation“.
- Since 1544 used as a graveyard chapel.
- 1739 converted to patron saint St. Michael.
- 1859 Fire destroyed the church.
- 1862–1864 rebuilt in neo-Gothic style.
- 1948 Protestants allowed for the first time to hold services in the church.
- 1976 Independent leasehold awarded to the protestant church.

Viewing

08.00 – 18.00 (Winter 08.00 – 17.00)

10 Bürgerspital



Facts and Figures

- 1879 built by donation of Carl and Anna Friederich.
- Occasionally used as a hospital.
- Today a senior citizen and nursing home.

11 Gänseplatz



Facts and Figures

- Originally the site of houses, the square was created after a great fire in 1804 and used as a watering place for livestock.
- Named „Goose Square“ because geese also drank there.
- Surrounded by typical „Häcker“ - vineyard workers – houses built out of shell limestone.
- 1996 renovated with seating and a fountain with a statue of a goose.

12 Schelfenhaus



Facts and Figures

- Built 1719 according to plans of Franconian architect Josef Greising for alderman and merchant Johann Georg Adam Schelf and his wife Anna Regina of the alderman family Balbus.
- The family coat of arms can be seen above the main entrance.
- The hallway stairs and stucco decorated rooms indicate the wealth of the family.
- At the time in possession of honorary citizen Johann Erbig passed to the town of Volkach in 1950.
- In 1980 an adjacent barn was torn down and replaced with what is now the town library.
- Today the rooms can be hired for talks and celebrations.

Viewing

During an official guided tour bookable at the Tourist Information Office, Marktplatz 1. Tel: 09381 - 401300.

13 Barockscheune Museum



Facts and Figures

- 1714 built as a barn out of unplastered shell limestone bricks.
- Eyecatcher of the building is the unique mansard roof.
- Previously used as the home of the town fire brigade and a warehouse for the public services.
- 2003 total renovation to house the town museum.

Museum highlights

- Volkach town model.
- The town chronicles (Salbuch) dated from 1504.
- Children's trail.
- Collection of Bocksbeutel wine bottles dating back to 1710.
- A cooperage workshop.
- Exhibition of artefacts relating to the production of wine.
- Changing exhibitions in the foyer.

Opening times (Easter – 1 November)

Friday 14.00 – 17.00
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays 11.00 – 17.00

Guided tours

Free admission and a free guided tour at 15.00 on the first Sunday of the month (no advance reservation required). Group tours can be booked at the Tourist Information Volkach.

14 Lower town gate



Facts and Figures

- Originally built in the 13th century.
- Enlarged in the 16th century.
- On the side of the gate heading out of town, high water marks from the past can be seen.
- Locally known as the „Gaibacher Tor“ or the „Krankenturm“.
- The area around the gate and the Volkach stream was once a fisherman quarter.

15 Echterhof



Facts and Figures

- Built in 1605 by Valentin Echter von Mespelbrunn as a headquarters for the Prince Bishop.
- Formally owned by the Juliusspital Würzburg, now in private hands.
- From 1848 to 1967 the building was used as a County Court.
- In the sixties it was transformed into a hotel and restaurant.

16 Traditional town houses surrounding the markt square



Hotel Tuchhaus

- Formally home to a dye workshop and a candle maker.
- 1892 transformed into an inn.
- The prominent half-timbering is a good example of the architectural style to be found in Volkach.

»Haupt-Haus«

- Two storey building in the late Barock style built in 1698.
- Named after its original owner Kaspar Haupt.
- Renovated 1950.
- Since then a business and residential building.



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The monument tour starts with a multimedia presentation of the historical sightseeing attractions of the old town. Via QR code experience video and audio information about individual locations. Try it out for yourself and experience 1100 years of Volkach history.



The old town from gate to gate



Enjoy with other guests a guided tour around Volkach. Viewing of the Schelfenhaus and the Barockscheune museum are included in the tour.



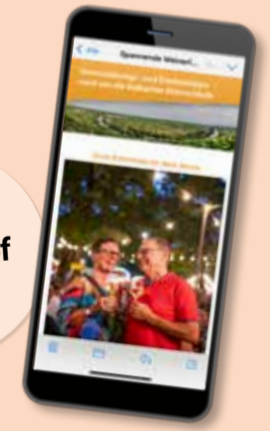
Guided tours for individuals	
April – Oct	Mon, Wed, Sat 10.30
Nov – March	Sat 11.00
Participants	Minimum 5
Duration	90 minutes
Cost	€8
Meeting place	In front of the Rathaus, Volkach
Registration	Tourist Information Office, Volkach

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