

The city of Merkendorf in Germany is a romantic small town in Bavaria, having 3000 residents and it is famous for its cabbage tillage. Merkendorf is situated in the "Fränkische Seenland" and close to the cities Ansbach, Rothenburg o.d.T. and Nürnberg.

It is assumed that Merkendorf's origin lies in the 9th to 10th century and was for the first time mentioned in 1249. Originally it belonged to the "Zisterzienser" cloister of Heilsbronn.

King Wenzel authorized to secure the town with town-walls and to conduct a fair in 1398. Merkendorf was given the right to call itself "town". In 1506 Merkendorf was visited by the emperor Maximilian 1st.

He received messages of tribute from the local dignitaries and population. A memorial at the town hall wall recalls this noble visit.



Central point of the historical city is the town hall from the time of the 15th century.



The late Gothic style church „Unserer Lieben Frau“ with its bulbous spire welcomes majestically from afar.



Further buildings of the historic past are the house of the former governor, the former grammar school, impressive common- and frame work houses.



Early in the 18th century cabbage tillage started and developed shortly to become an important economic power.

In our days the "Krautbrunnen" in front of the town hall calls attention to the golden season as being the "Krautstadt" (city of cabbage). The delicious Fränkische Bratwürste (special frankonian fried sausages) served with "Merkendorfer Sauerkraut" (pickled cabbage) are a favourite culinary dish.



The „Zehntscheune“ houses the cabbage land museum.



Concerts, folklore activities, sculpture- and artist classes complete the many-fold recreational activities.



Close to the town one can find the idyllic natural open-air bath including camping ground and large playground.



Merkendorf is an optimal starting point for hike- and bicycle tours through out the large Forest „Mönchswald“ and the „Fränkisches Seenland“ (frankonia sea.land).

Comfortable apartments and hotel rooms and, last but not least, the excellent frankonian cookery will help to spent an unencumbered vacation in Merkendorf. Children are welcomed visitors in the familiar hotels and on the farms.

However, the “Fränkisches Seenland” (frankonia sea.land) is also culture land. The “Römische Limes” (roman border) crosses this area. Churches, palaces, castles, and museums are to be visited. The historic cities Rothenburg. o.d. Tauber, Dinkelsbühl, Ansbach, Weißenburg i. Bay., Eichstätt and Nürnberg offer opportunities for day trips.



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-an attractive aquatic sports area – starts at Merkendorf.

The “Altmühl-Brombach-, and Rothsea” (altogether 18,7 km<sup>2</sup> area) invite to spent your holidays in, at and on water.



Not only the quiet fisherman but also the active surfer, swimmer, sailor, bicycle rider or hiker will find recreation from routine. Discovering the fantastic country on the back of horses is as amusing as playing miniature golf, beachvolleyball, tennis, a fast drive on the summer-toboggan-run or a ship tour on the Altmühlsea and Brombachsea.

#### Businessarea „ENERGIEPARK MERKENDORF“

In the year 2005 there was the foundation for the businessarea „Energiepark“ near by Merkendorf. In the meantime in this area some firms settled in the sector of regenerative energy.



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Worth seeing is especially the complete town wall from the 14th century, including its water containing bulwark moat.



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