

King Ludwig II – His Legendary Life and Mysterious Death at Lake Starnberg

Our free audio tour provides a fascinating glimpse into the life of Bavaria's "Fairytale King". At a total of seven stops in Starnberg, Kempfenhausen, Berg, and Leoni, Ludwig's shipmaster, his fiancée, his groom and others who were close to him share vivid and entertaining anecdotes about the king – from his childhood to his mysterious and still unexplained death in Lake Starnberg.

Even as a child, Ludwig was considered unusual; he spent a lot of time alone, enjoyed reading and had a penchant for extravagant costumes. At the age of only eighteen, the art-loving prince was crowned king, and proudly and energetically set out to realize his desire to "bring God's light to earth." Instead of dealing with the tedium of politics and giving orders to his military, he preferred overseeing the building of magical castles and palaces and devoting himself to the technological innovations of his time. Ludwig died far too soon, under mysterious circumstances - thereby also fulfilling his wish to remain "an eternal enigma."

Simply scan the QR code at each stop, and you can start listening to historical facts, personal experiences, and bizarre anecdotes as you stroll past the actual settings – or simply choose a spot and make yourself comfortable with a view of the lake and the mountains.

The stops do not have to be visited in any fixed sequence. They are free of charge and can be accessed independently. Getting from Starnberg to Leoni and back can be done on foot or combined with a ride on a steamer – one of the stops is right on the boat. You can also take an MVV bus to cover part of the route. The tour is suitable for all ages. You can download all the tracks and find additional information at www.starnberg-ammersee.de/audioguide.



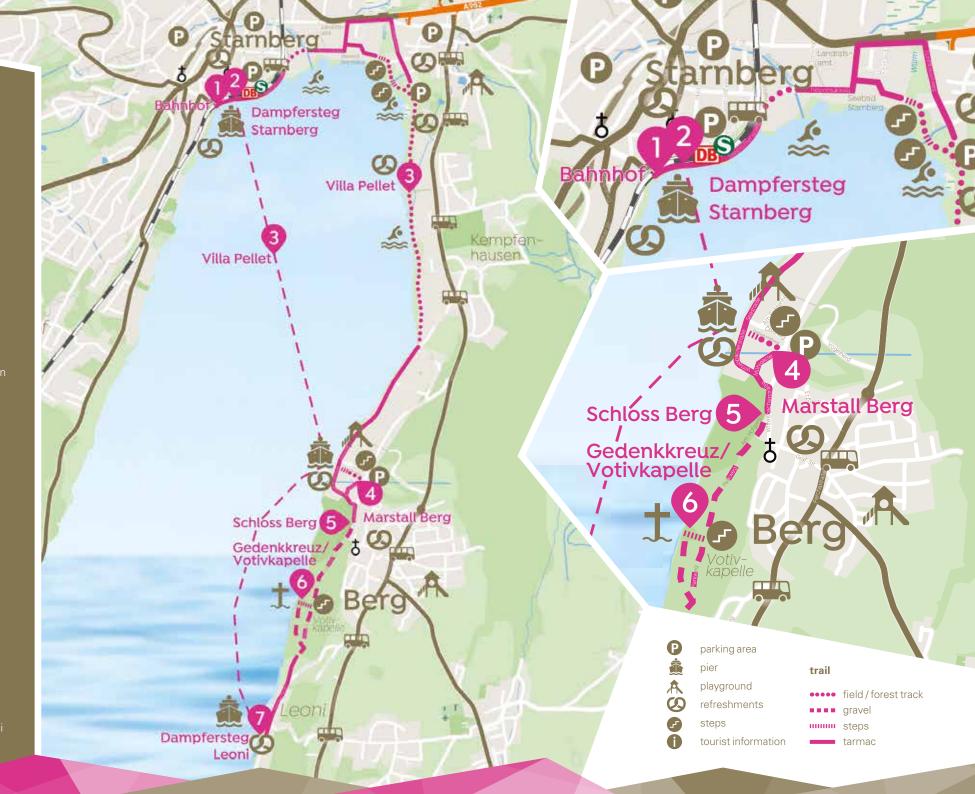
Stops

- Starnberg Station (Starnberg Bahnhof): A Festive Reception The son of the architect Ulrich Himbsel reports
- Steamboat Pier, Starnberg (Dampfersteg Starnberg): Full-Steam Ahead Memories of the ship's master Jakob Bach
- 3. Villa Pellet, Kempfenhausen: The King and the Composer Cosima Wagner relates
- 4. Marstall Stables, Berg
 (Marstall Berg):
 The King Tall in the Saddle
 The groom Richard Hornig relates
- 5. Berg Castle (Schloss Berg): Joy and Sadness at the Castle Ludwig's fiancée, Duchess Sophie in Bayaria, reminisces
- 6. Cross/Votive Chapel, Berg (Gedenkkreuz/Votivkapelle): Death of the "Fairytale King" an Eternal Enigma The fisherman Lidl remembers
- View of Rose Island, Leoni Pier (Dampfersteg Leoni):
 A Place of Lonely Secrets
 Marie Valerie, daughter of Empress Elisabeth, reminisces
- c. 2 h without audio tracks
- c. 7,3 km one way Starnberg Leoni
- c. 2,2 km one way
 Berg Leoni

public transport:

Bus 961: Starnberg \leftrightarrow Berg u. Leoni Bus 975: Starnberg \leftrightarrow Berg

Boat trips: Starnberg ↔ Berg u. Leoni (April – October)





Following in the footsteps of Empress Sisi and King Ludwig II in the StarnbergAmmersee region

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Information about Sisi & Ludwig II in the StarnbergAmmersee region

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