

Dingolfing is more.



# WELCOME

Dingolfing is a truly extraordinary place – to live, to work, to enjoy, and to stay. Our town fuses rural charm with urban flair.

The Isar offers the backdrop for life here, providing a source of tremendous tranquillity and energy for our vibrant town. Unique natural surroundings, a proud history, impressive culture, innovation and economic power come together to form the heartbeat of this liveable and loveable place. Lower Bavarian tradition meets cosmopolitan, urban living. Dingolfing

on the Isar has its finger on the pulse. In this brochure, we would like to invite you to join us on a tour of our 20,000-strong town, letting you in on a few local secrets along the way. Are you ready to discover this special spot on earth, its culture and its people? Dingolfing is more.

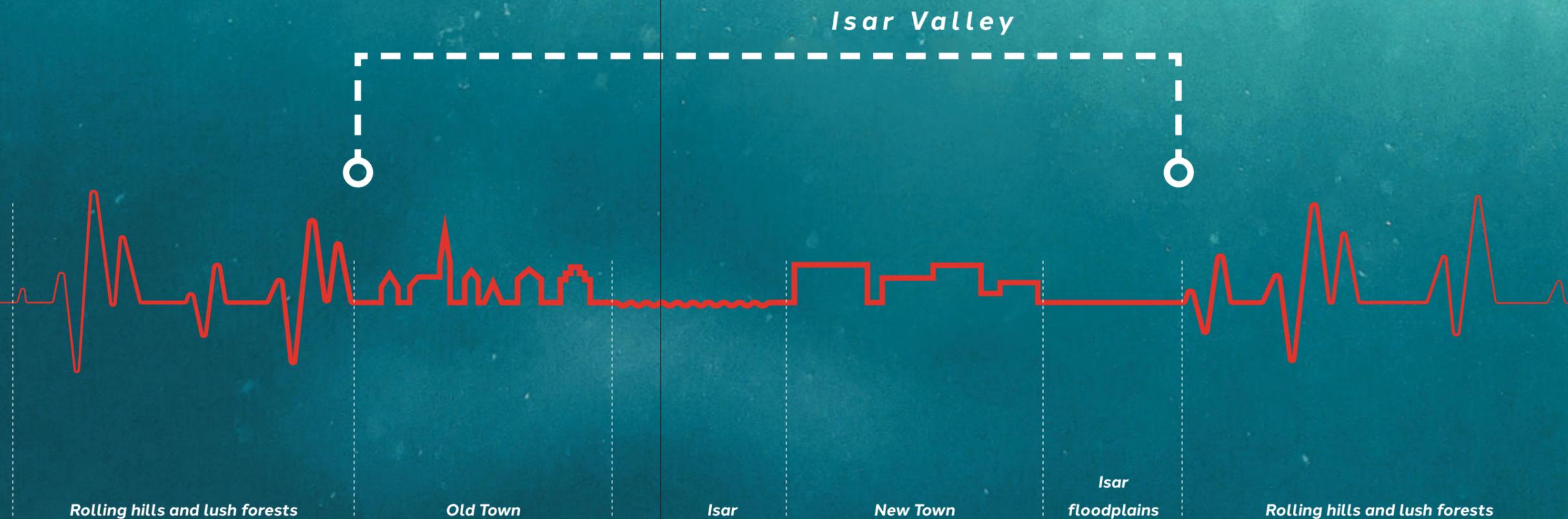
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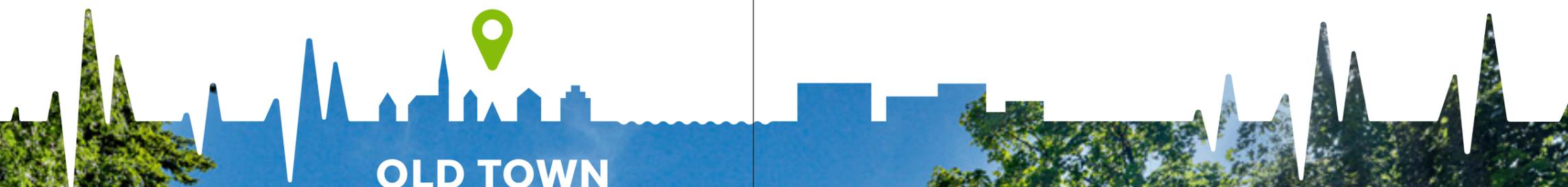


# The Town OF DINGOLFING

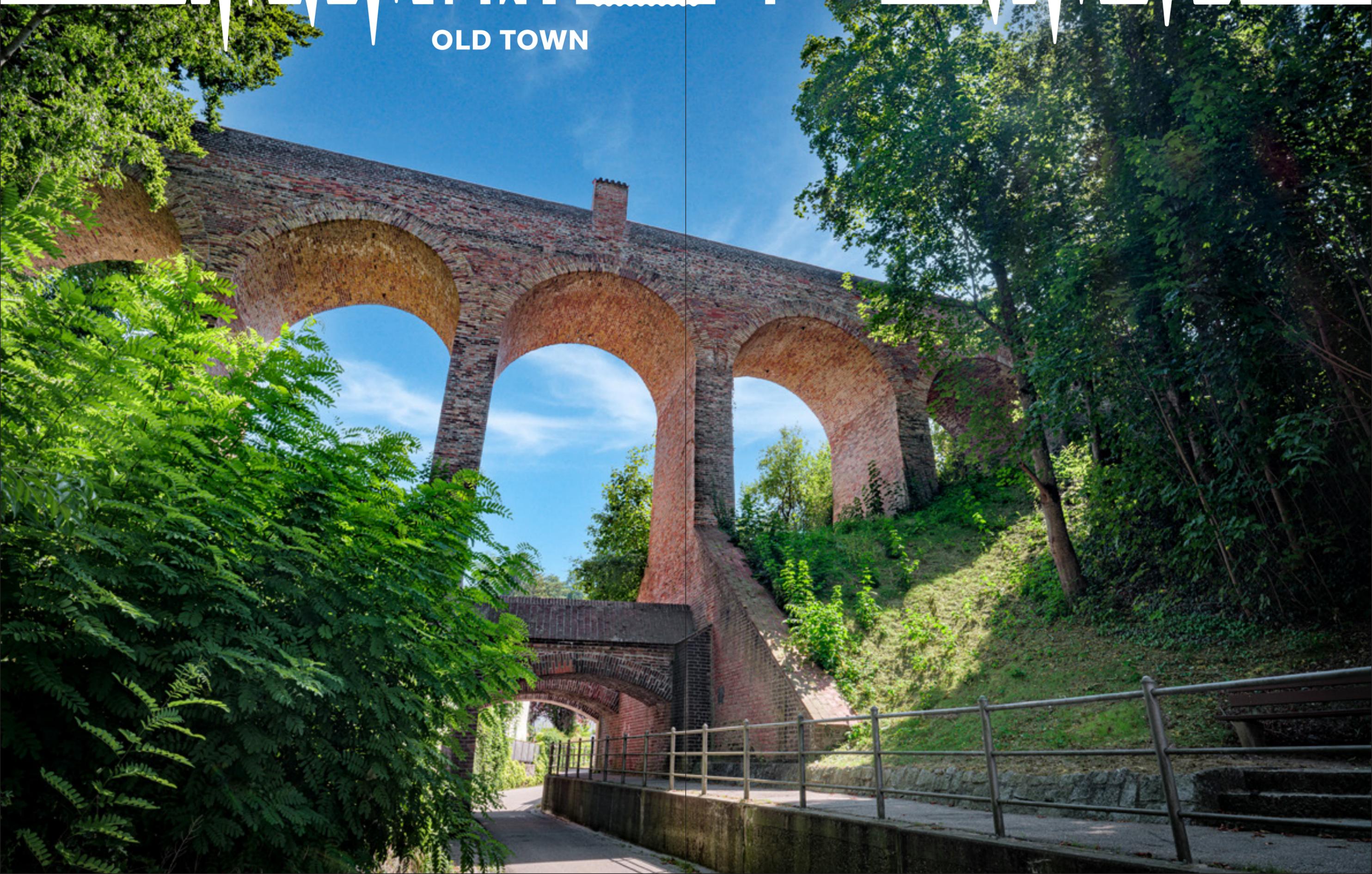


The beautiful River Isar is a quintessential part of Dingolfing. The Isar floodplains and the nearby Stadtwald forest have plenty to offer nature lovers just a stone's throw from town. No matter which type of outdoor pursuit you enjoy – whether exploring on foot, by bike or e-bike – Dingolfing is blessed with a plethora of stunning trails to quickly get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Let off some steam, soak up the surroundings and recharge your batteries. Dingolfing nestles idyllically at 365 meters above sea level within a landscape of rolling hills. This wonderful topography is the “pulse” of the region. The transitions between town and country are fluid here, with boundaries blurred between the urban and rural. You can begin any excursion into the countryside just a few minutes

away from the town centre. The roots of the original settlement date back to the Middle Ages. Otto II, Duke of Wittelsbach, founded the present-day “Upper Town” next to an older settlement area near St. John's parish church in 1251, and he is considered the town's forefather. A wall dating back to the 14th century separated this part of town from the “Lower Town”. Only the Isar divides the Old Town and the New Town. But no recounting of Dingolfing's history would be complete without mentioning the name Hans Glas. His decision to settle in Dingolfing in 1907 brought jobs and prosperity to the area. The success story of Glas' company only continued when it was acquired by BMW in 1967. And that is Dingolfing in a nutshell: Prosperity paired with charm – and a life by the river.



**OLD TOWN**





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## OLD TOWN



Although the first settlement dates back to the Stone Age, Dingolfing experienced its first golden era in the Middle Ages – no wonder then that the Old Town is awash with fascinating sights and stories.

In the 14th century, the still partly preserved town wall separated the Upper Town – home of the town's municipal offices and authorities – from the Lower Town, the centre for trade and commerce. 20 towers and gates once provided the necessary security and bear witness to the great importance of Dingolfing in centuries past. Local sights such as the Hochbrücke

and the Storchenturm immediately catch the eye on a walk through Dingolfing. In the historic Old Town, however, there are plenty more forgotten and hidden treasures to discover: both above ground and below ground in the mighty vaulted cellars, which Dingolfing's residents built for storing food and using as ice cellars for the town's breweries.

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This settlement was first mentioned in the synod of Dingolfing in 770, with Duke Tassilo III inviting the Bavarian bishops and abbots to gather here.

They are said to have met in the vicinity of today's Spitalplatz. Its two-part fountain sculpture in the heart of Dingolfing marks the spot where the Old Town meets the town wall – and it can be interpreted as a symbol of the town's changes over the course of the centuries. The sculpture consists of a water bank

bathed in cool water, causing the rusty steel layer to shimmer in the light. It symbolises the connection between people, change and progress. For the most vivid and exciting depiction of Dingolfing's history, look no further than the town's museum (pictured on the right).



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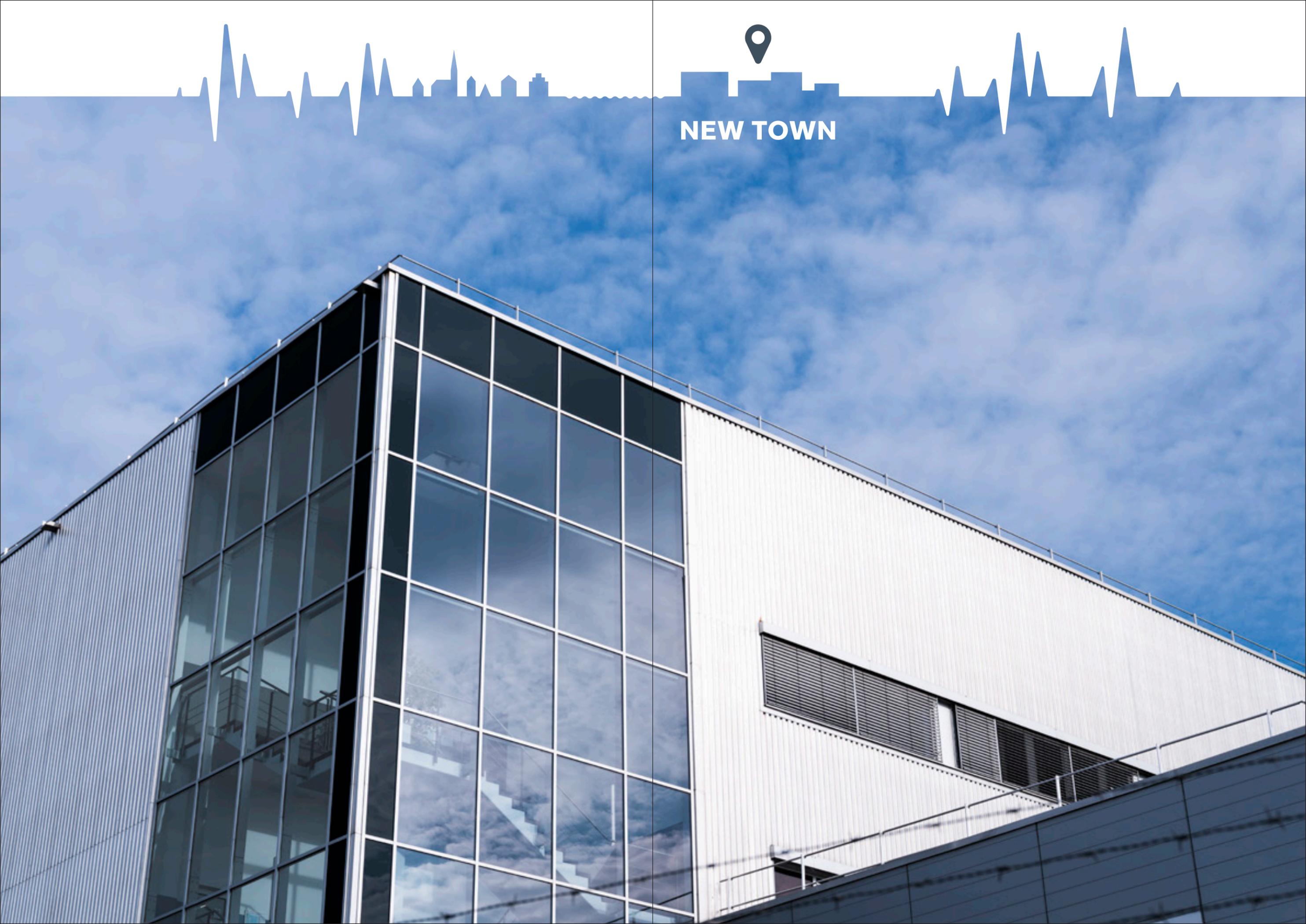
## FUELLING EXCITEMENT



Step back in time with us: The Herzogsburg is the place to come to learn about the history of the town, the nearby Pflegelhof houses the town's archaeology collection, while the Getreidekasten recalls the industrial history of Dingolfing.

This building complex is a prominent element in the townscape of the Upper Town and all three buildings are packed to the rafters with stories, facts and history. The town's impressive industrial evolution – which is closely linked to the success of the Glas company and later BMW's extraordinary innovation – can be experienced up close in the Getreidekasten. This unique industrial development began with an extraordinary agricultural sowing

machine in the 19th century, with the legendary Goggo then conquering the world from 1955. Nowadays, high-tech robots manufacture fully-electric cars at the cutting edge of innovation, with BMWs from Dingolfing being exported all over the world. Technology, urban development and history – you can discover it all in Dingolfing Museum, allowing you to experience how people lived and worked throughout the ages.



**NEW TOWN**

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The history of the New Town to the north of the Isar is closely linked to the rise of BMW – as well as the factories and ground-breaking work of automotive pioneer Hans Glas.



BMW's headquarters are located in Munich. But the company's largest manufacturing site in Europe is in Dingolfing. Around 250,000 vehicles are produced here every year by over 17,000 employees and 850 apprentices – across a whopping 280 hectares of land. A wide range of vehicles are built here: Models such as the 4 Series, 5 Series, 6 Series, 7 Series and 8 Series, as well as the new,

all-electric BMW iX, roll off the production lines here. The plant by the motorway is therefore one of the most important and largest employers in the entire region. The BMW workforce commutes to work in buses from as far away as the Bavarian Forest. The New Town, very close to the site of the Hans Glas monument, was the "core" of the original works site.

This sculpture depicts a man with foresight, without whom Dingolfing's rise to become an economic powerhouse in the heart of Lower Bavaria would likely not have been possible. The granite and bronze monument was erected for this honorary citizen, who died in 1969, to mark his 100th birthday. It shows the many stations of his life and work.



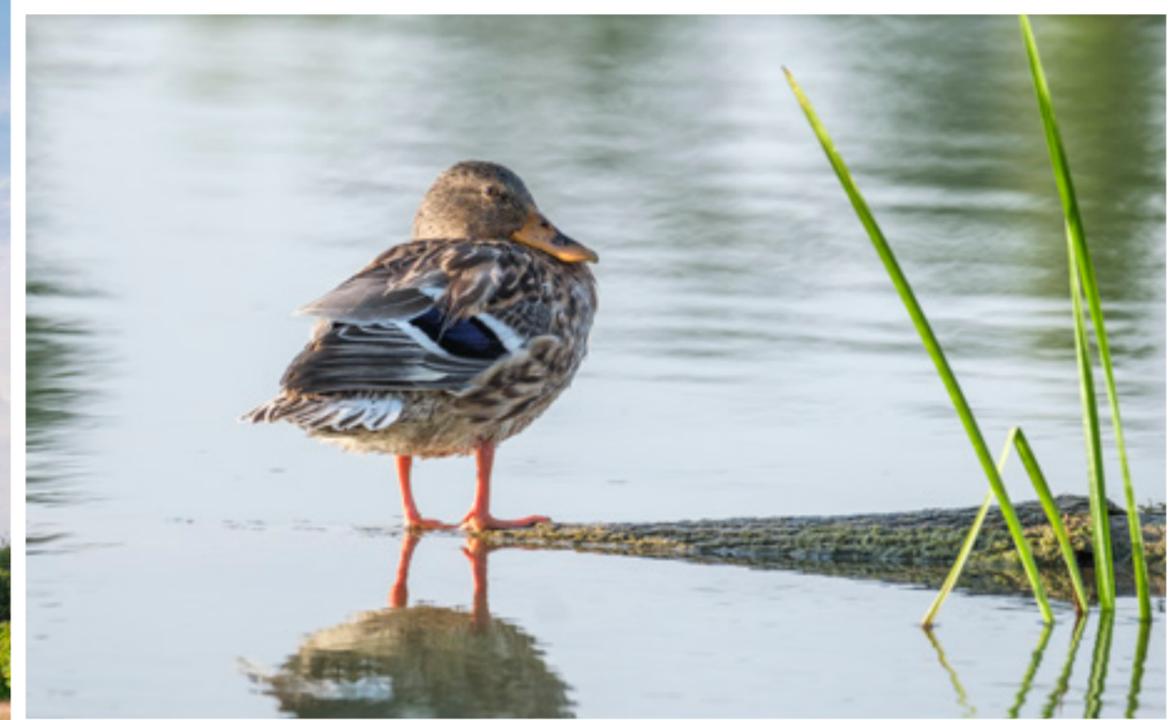
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Dingolfing is often perceived as a car town. But this term reveals little about the incredible greenery and nature to be found in and around the town.

Many of the local oases of peace and relaxation are actually within the town itself. One prime example of this is the forest nature trail on the Buchberg, which can be reached from several sides. It extends over 2.6 kilometres and is relatively flat with just 75 metres of ascent/descent. This makes it a perfect trail for all ages, and even little ones

will have fun here. Adventure among the old trees and magnificent views are guaranteed. It's really possible to immerse yourself in the natural world for a couple of relaxing hours here, with numerous benches offering you the chance to take a break and soak it all in. Tip: Start your walk at the display boards in Bergstraße!

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## NATURE | LEISURE



The numerous cycling and walking trails in and around town mean that you don't have to travel far to connect with nature – making Dingolfing a place with a perfect work-life balance.

Life in Dingolfing is synonymous with living by the river. The Isar provides countless stunning spots to unwind, whether in the countless meadows or by the river bank, watching the water descending from the dam. The renatured area is another memorable spot to marvel at how flora and fauna have reclaimed their habitat. The Isar Cycle Path is also extremely popular with tourists who pedal to the mouth of the river and the Danube Cycle

Path near Deggendorf, some 55 kilometres away. Dingolfing is therefore ideal as a stage destination for multi-day cycle tours. There are also dozens of shorter, perfectly signposted tours to explore on foot or by bike. Why not pass the horse paddocks as you head up to Oberdingolfing? From there, you can enjoy panoramic views all the way to the Alps and the Bavarian Forest. Other popular destinations include the town forest or the Heimlichleiden

Chapel, which can be reached via a short, sharp ascent. The Caprima leisure centre is the place to go to unwind, cool off and have fun in the water all year round. Located on Dingolfing's Isarhang, it brings Mediterranean flair to your doorstep, with numerous attractions for youngsters to boot. And for the adults, there's a generously-sized wellness area – including an award-winning sauna centre. All available at family-friendly prices.



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## LIFESTYLE | EVENTS



Lovable, liveable, friendly, tradition-conscious, sporty, modern: When it comes to lifestyle and events, Dingolfing just about has it all.

**KIRTA:** After all the regional festivals have been celebrated across the state and the last beer has been served at the Munich Oktoberfest, it's time for the "last Wies'n" in Bavaria. Get ready to shout "O zapft is!" at Dingolfing's Kirta, a traditional festival dating back over 200 years. The festivities always fall on the third weekend of October, and are marked with a large parade in town.

**DINGFEST:** Since 2010, the town council and the BMW plant Dingolfing have been the main sponsors of this cultural and musical highlight every July. A large and varied program, open-air cinema films and top-class artists provide ten days of variety and entertainment – all completely free of charge.

**WEEKLY MARKET:** Looking for fresh produce from the region? Then look no further than the town's weekly market. On Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm, the Marienplatz plays host to numerous stalls selling local vegetables, fruit, sausage, meat, cheese, honey, baked goods and flowers.

**HALF MARATHON:** The sports club TV Dingolfing arranges this half-marathon event every mid-September, attracting well over 1,000 athletes to town to test themselves against their peers and the clock. In addition to the half-marathon route (21.10 km) for endurance experts, the event also offers alternative races for different ages and skill levels – school pupils (1.30 km), walking (5 km), town route (5.25 km) and the "people's race" (10.50 km).

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## STORCHENTURM TOWER & WALL-WALK

Until 1797, storks nested on one of Dingolfing's main landmarks. In 1815, the last nest was removed by town authorities, and the last stork was spotted here four years later. However, the animals have been memorialised as the tower's namesake – "Storchenturm" means "storks tower". In the 19th century, the tower was renovated and decorated with Neo-Gothic facade decorations. It has had its current appearance since 1905.



## ST. JOHN BAPTIST AND EVANGELIST

The huge crucifix and two life-size wooden figures of the church patron St. John the Baptist and Evangelist are housed in one of the most important late Gothic buildings in Bavaria. The three-nave church dating from 1467 has an impressive interior: 13 round columns, ten side chapels, a reticulated vault with a star-shaped design and a two-storey registry.



## BRUCKSTADEL

In the 14th Century, the Bruckstadel was the official office of the toll keeper. Today, this historical building is the joint information centre for the town of Dingolfing and the district of Dingolfing-Landau, and it also plays host to conferences, seminars and exhibitions. The Bruckstadel is a structure with a turbulent history and it had to be rebuilt after a devastating fire in 1743.



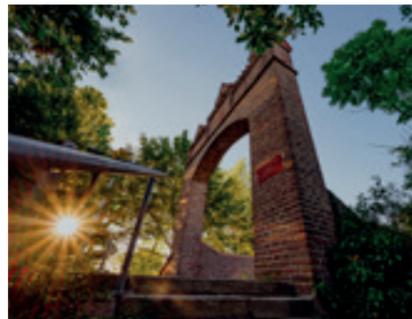
## WOLLERTOR

The Wollertor, once the official residence of the night watchman, is the last remaining town gate. This part of town was also previously home to the Dingolfing's textile workers. It made Dingolfing an important trading centre as early as the 15th century and brought great wealth to the area. "Dingolfinger Tuch" fabric was a common export to Italy during this era.



## MUSEUM DINGOLFING

This trio of buildings at the heart of the town is brimming with history and stories, and is home to Dingolfing Museum. The Herzogsburg – one of the most important and best preserved secular buildings from the Late Gothic period intact in Lower Bavaria – was built in around 1410. In the 18th century, the Pflughof was added on this site, and today it houses the town's archaeological collection. The Getreidekasten, which dates back to the 15th century, was once the town granary. Up until 2000, the building was used as a school and since 2008 it has been home to the industrial history department of Dingolfing Museum (pages 12 & 13 for more).



## HOCHBRÜCKE

This structure is a true landmark of Dingolfing: The Hochbrücke is an 18-metre-high brick bridge that was built in 1612 with five round arches. It is part of the medieval town wall and leads over the Asenbach River to the Upper Town. Thanks to its extensive restoration in 1966, the bridge and its shrine to St. Nepomuk still testify to the great history of Dingolfing.



## STINKERTURM

The unusual name of this brick building – meaning "stinking tower" – is likely due to the foul smelling prison cells it once housed. The men's penitentiary was previously located here in the town. It is unknown whether the name came from the penetrating stench from the cells themselves or from the designation of their inmates as "stinking" people. Whatever the case, the Stinkerturm is most definitely a must-see on every tour of the town!

# TOWN TOURS

Would you like to learn about and experience Dingolfing's stories and secrets up close? If so, then it's time you take a journey of discovery on one of our numerous town and cultural tours! Whether you're visiting with a group, with family and friends, with business partners or on a club outing: We have the right offering for you. And then we can set out – on foot, by bike or by bus – and explore Dingolfing's sights and stories together.

Here are a few of our guided tours to whet the appetite:

### ► TOWN AND CULTURAL TOUR

On this tour, you'll see some of the town's top attractions as well as some lesser known stories from everyday life, allowing you to experience Dingolfing from numerous sides ...

### ► THE CAR TOWN OF DINGOLFING – NOW & THEN

Herzogsburg, Stinkerturm, the iconic „Goggo“ and BMW – we have something for everyone.

### ► BRUNNENG´SCHICHTEN

Dingolfing's townscape is adorned with over 19 fountains and works of art. Their vast array of designs and materials leave fascinating scope for interpretation...



For descriptions of all guided tours and detailed information visit:  
[www.tourismus-dingolfing.de/stadtuehrungen](http://www.tourismus-dingolfing.de/stadtuehrungen)

# DINGOLFING TOWN EXPLORER

Discover Dingolfing's most exciting spots with the "Stadtextplorer" and find out more about the history of the town with the museum guide.

You can now get the Dingolfing media guide as an app for your smartphone. The app can help you explore some exciting places and get more from Dingolfing.



- 1| Audio guide through our museum
- 2| Sights in and around Dingolfing
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