

Nuremberg for Families

Nuremberg offers its youngest visitors a wide spectrum of leisure activities. The [Nuremberg Zoo](#), one of the largest in Europe, is especially popular for families. A highlight is the dolphin lagoon and manatee house. The petting zoo and the large active play area invite little guests to pet and feed the animals and play as much as they like. The narrow-gauge railway, the “Little Eagle”, leads directly from the station at the giraffe area near the entrance to the children’s area in the southern part of the zoo.

The [Field of Experience for the Senses](#) waits each May to September with around 100 “experience stations” for visitors of all ages, inviting them to be amazed, learn and discover. Through playful interaction, the human senses, fascinating phenomena of physics and the laws of nature are brought to life. The field also creates an awareness of the importance of a peaceful coexistence between humans and the environment.

The [PLAYMOBIL FunPark](#) is a popular place for an excursion for families. Here, children and adults can play and share adventures in various themed areas with the well-known PLAYMOBIL figures in XXL format. The focus lies on active play and shared discovery. When the weather is bad, the covered play area with its climbing park and a light labyrinth is a welcome alternative.

Up-to-date cultural activities for guests of all ages can also be found in Nuremberg. [Children’s museums](#), the [Toy Museum](#), the [School Museum](#) and the [Museum of the Future](#) offer interactive exhibits where hands-on participation is a must. In the [German Rail Museum](#), young visitors can learn more about the history and technology of trains in a Children’s Train Land (KIBALA).

Nuremberg is known as a center of [children’s theater](#). Every two years, the Festival Panoptikum takes place in Theater Mumpitz – where new forms of theater and dance and installations for young and old are on display. The International Figure Theater Festival also amazes children and youth with a special program for them every two years. And it’s not just during festivals that young audiences can enjoy ambitious performances. With the [Theater Mumpitz](#), [Theater Salz und Pfeffer](#), [Theater Pfütze](#) and [Theater Rootslöffel](#), Nuremberg is home to four children’s theaters with international expertise.

Not far from the Main Market Square on the Hans-Sachs-Platz, [Nuremberg’s Children’s Christmas Market](#) has taken place since 1999. This family-friendly offer is an additional

attraction to the traditional Nuremberg Christkindlesmarkt. Here, children can take part in a variety of hands-on experiences, such as a candle workshop, crafting with buttons or a Christmas bakery. A nostalgic two-story carousel, which is built to look like an old steam-driven version, a small Ferris wheel and mini-train round out the activities. In the near-by “Sternenhaus”, theater, music and magic performances are available for children four-years-of-age and older.

So that children can get to know and understand the history of Nuremberg in a fun and interesting way, [children’s city tours](#) of all kinds can be booked. One can trace historical happenings digitally, with figures in historical costume or on a scavenger hunt.