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EIN BLICK AUF ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER  
(A LOOK AT THE TOWN OF ROTHENBURG ABOVE THE TAUBER RIVER)

**Rothenburg ob der Tauber** (German pronunciation: [ˈʁoːtn̩bʊʁk ʔɔp deːɐ̯ ˈtaʊbɐ] (listen)) is a town in the district of Ansbach of Mittelfranken (Middle Franconia), the Franconia region of Bavaria, Germany. It is well known for its well-preserved medieval old town, a destination for tourists from around the world. It is part of the popular Romantic Road through southern Germany.

Rothenburg was a Free imperial city from the late Middle Ages to 1803. In 1884 Johann Friedrich (von) Hessing (1838–1918) built *Wildbad Rothenburg o.d.T.* 1884–1903.

The name "Rothenburg ob der Tauber" is German for "Red fortress above the Tauber". This is so because the town is located on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. As to the name "Rothenburg", some say it comes from the German words *rot* (red) and *burg* (burgh, medieval fortified settlement), referring to the red color of the roofs of the houses which overlook the river. The name may also refer to the process of retting ("*rotten*" in German) flax for linen production.



Location of Rothenburg ob der Tauber within Ansbach district



<b>Country</b>	Germany
<b>State</b>	Bavaria
<b>District</b>	Ansbach
<b>Government</b>	
• <b>Mayor</b>	Walter Hartl (Für Rothenburg)
<b>Area</b>	
• <b>Total</b>	41.68 km <sup>2</sup> (16.09 sq mi)
<b>Elevation</b>	430 m (1,410 ft)
<b>Population (2018-12-31)<sup>[1]</sup></b>	
• <b>Total</b>	11,243
• <b>Density</b>	270/km <sup>2</sup> (700/sq mi)
<b>Time zone</b>	CET/CEST (UTC+1/+2)
<b>Postal codes</b>	91541
<b>Dialling codes</b>	09861
<b>Vehicle registration</b>	AN, DKB, FEU, ROT
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.rothenburg.de">www.rothenburg.de</a> ( <a href="https://www.rothenburg.de">https://www.rothenburg.de</a> )