

Part 11 Europe 2025

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Rothenburg on der Tauber means Red Castle above the Tauber (River).

The Castle was built in 1070. It changed hands when the family died out. In 1356, it was destroyed by an earthquake. About 30% of the town was bombed during WWII.

Despite that the town was rebuilt and kept well preserved. The surroundings walls are still intact. This is inside the wall.





This was our only rain, just enough to get the cobblestones wet. Some people are finding the uneven surfaces difficult and have sore knees.



Many houses have pretty window boxes. There are no gardens. Their cars are parked in communal areas at the ends of streets.



A sausage shop. Each of us was given a tray of warmed sausages with tomato sauce and mustard. Later, David went back for a sausage in bread (quite different from a Bunnings sausage!)



Roads go through the walls and under buildings.



Rothenburg from one of the towers. It was a lot of steps but well worth it for the view.



Schneeballen. These are made of biscuit dough wrapped into balls and fried. Traditionally, they are dusted in icing sugar. Modern versions mean “anything goes”.



**This stork is trying to build a nest on the church roof.
He has a lot of work ahead of him.**

Rothenburg has a Criminal museum. This contraption was used to punish people, perhaps a baker who was selling underweight bread. They were put in here for a day or two. They weren't executed, because they were needed in the town.





Coat of arms (Rothenburg is part of Bavaria).



Some pretty lace for sale.



Statues in an alcove under the St. Jacob's church.



A clever play on words.



This is the Rathaus, the town hall. It overlooks the square in Rothenburg on der Tauber.



Back on board and I finally got a reasonable picture of a white swan. They are bigger than you expect.

