

# Historic Rock-Cut Cellars

The Nuremberg Rock-Cut Cellars, or “Felsengänge,” are a fascinating network of underground tunnels and cellars beneath the historic old town. Dating back to the 14th century, these cellars were initially used for storing Nuremberg’s famous red beer, “Rotbier,” which required cool temperatures for fermentation and aging. The labyrinth of sandstone passages spans several kilometers, offering visitors a unique glimpse into the city’s brewing history.

Nuremberg’s red beer has a long tradition, and the deep cellars provided the perfect conditions for the production and preservation of this distinctive brew. These cool and stable environments were essential in the era before modern refrigeration, making the Felsengänge a vital part of the city’s economic life. Today, guided tours take visitors through the dimly lit passages, explaining the history of beer brewing in Nuremberg, the importance of these underground cellars, and their later use as air raid shelters during World War II.

The combination of historical significance and the experience of exploring these eerie, ancient tunnels makes the Nuremberg Felsengänge a must-see attraction. A visit often includes a tasting of Nuremberg’s Rotbier, adding a unique and flavourful touch to the tour.



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