

A town reliving its medieval past

The **Fruntsberg Festival** – every three years the people of Mindelheim commemorate a great family of knights from Schwaz in Tyrol, who took over the town and dominion of Mindelheim in 1467 and determined the destinies of this region in the very heart of Swabia for more than 100 years.

The **Fruntsberg Festival** – this means above all the commemoration of the "Father of the mercenaries", the general of the emperors Maximilian I and Charles V, who was born in the castle above Mindelheim in 1473 and who died there on 20th August 1528: **Georg von Fruntsberg**.

The **Fruntsberg Festival** – Mindelheim, its men, women and children – the whole town, in effect, returns to medieval times for 10 days, more precisely to that period between the close of the 15th and the beginning of the 16th century, when during the rule of the Fruntsberg family lords and knights, scholars and diplomats passed through the little Swabian town to visit the castle on top of St. George's Hill.

The people of Mindelheim celebrated their first Fruntsberg Festival in the early autumn of 1853. Mindelheim's children and young people have always been involved, thereby having an early opportunity to learn something about the history of their home region. The "**Fruntsberg Festrung**", the organization managing the festival, has continued this old tradition and – together with the members of existing historical groups and with the assistance of all interested local clubs and associations – has succeeded in making the Fruntsberg Festival a major historical event.

This festival is celebrated in the very heart of the town, between its gates and towers, surrounded by the town walls. There are historical parades with more than 2000 participants, festive concerts in churches and chapels, a Renaissance jamboree in the Holy Cross Monastery, a reenactment of medieval camp life, and general merry-making in the town. Also to be seen are a historical peasants' market, a whole row of medieval shops, medieval craftsmen at work, and performances of theatre dramas of the period.

Table of Events 2009

Historical festival from 26 June to 5 July 2009

|| **Thursday, 25 June 2009**
8.00 p.m.
Opening ceremony of the Fruntsberg Festival 2009
Ceremonial act at the local theatre

|| **Friday, 26 June 2009**
7.00 p.m.
Merry-making within the town walls, medieval shops, craftsmen, camps, medieval market in the market square

7.30 p.m.
Presentation of flag throwers, multitone horn players and drummers (market square) – will be cancelled if it rains

9.00 p.m.
Celebrating, laughing, play and bliss... a Renaissance jamboree (Holy Cross Monastery)
Director: Christian Schedler

|| **Saturday, 27 June 2009**
10.30 a.m.
Historical peasants' market, medieval shops, camp of the Fruntsberg mercenaries, craftsmen at work around St. Stephan's Church, medieval market in the market square

11.00 a.m.
Crossbow competition (at the Eichet)
Winzener Fährnd'l Munich and Fährnlein Rechberg Mindelheim

2.30 p.m.
Guided tour "Reverting to Fruntsberg's traits" (meeting point: theatre square)

4.00 p.m.
Battle of Peutelstein 1511 with medieval artillery and mercenaries, performed on Swabian Field below the castle "Mindelburg"
Director: Maximilian Spies

6.00 p.m.
Presentation of flag throwers (market square)

6.00 p.m.
Merry-making within the town walls, medieval shops, craftsmen, camps, medieval market in the market square

7.00 p.m.
Play "Decision in the Allgäu" (local theatre)
by Dr. Reinhard Baumann
Stage director: Wolfgang Dreher

|| **Sunday, 28 June 2009**
10.00 a.m.
Catholic Mass
"Missa Octo Vocum"
by Hans Leo Hassler (St. Stephan's Church)

10.00 a.m.
Protestant Service (St. John's Church)

2.00 p.m.
Historical parade with more than 2000 participants (old town, → parade route); after the parade: merry-making within the town walls, medieval shops, craftsmen, camps, medieval market

9.00 p.m.
Celebrating, laughing, play and bliss... a Renaissance jamboree (Holy Cross Monastery)
Director: Christian Schedler

|| **Monday, 29 June 2009**
8.00 p.m.
Ensemble "Legno Sonoro" – Medieval harp music (Institute Chapel), performed by Alexandra ABmann, Carola Bodanowitz and Veronika Vogt

|| **Tuesday, 30 June 2009**
8.00 p.m.
"Musica Veneziana"
Festive concert of various music groups of Mindelheim (Jesus Church)
Director: Gabriele Laxgang

|| **Wednesday, 1 July 2009**
2.30 p.m.
Children's afternoon with crossbow competition and historical games (town moat)

6.30 p.m.
Play "Decision in the Allgäu" (local theatre)
by Dr. Reinhard Baumann
Stage director: Wolfgang Dreher

7.00 p.m.
Musical "The False Knight" by the children's choir of St. John's, musical fringe events by the local musical school (St. John's)

8.30 p.m.
Ensemble "Legno Sonoro" – Medieval harp music (Institute Chapel), performed by Alexandra ABmann, Carola Bodanowitz and Veronika Vogt

|| **Thursday, 2 July 2009**
8.00 p.m.
"Musica Veneziana"
Festive concert of various music

groups of Mindelheim (Jesus Church)
Director: Gabriele Laxgang

|| **Friday, 3 July 2009**
6.00 p.m.
Play "Decision in the Allgäu" (local theatre)
by Dr. Reinhard Baumann
Stage director: Wolfgang Dreher

7.00 p.m.
Merry-making within the town walls, medieval shops, craftsmen, camps, medieval market in the market square

7.00 p.m.
Presentation of flag throwers, multitone horn players and drummers (market square) – will be cancelled if it rains

|| **Saturday, 4 July 2009**
10.30 a.m.
Historical peasants' market, medieval shops, camp of the Fruntsberg mercenaries, craftsmen at work around St. Stephan's Church, medieval market in the market square

1.30 p.m.
"Fruntsberg Bun" – the cake of victory for the children of Mindelheim
Camp Fruntsberg squad

2.30 p.m.
Guided tour "Reverting to Fruntsberg's traits" (meeting point: theatre square)

5.00 p.m.
Presentation of flag throwers (market square)

6.00 p.m.
Merry-making within the town walls, medieval shops, craftsmen,

camps, medieval market in the market square

7.30 p.m.
Festive brass band serenade
Late medieval songs by Oswald von Wolkensteyn (St. Stephan's Church)
Director: Martin Wilbishauser

9.00 p.m.
Celebrating, laughing, play and bliss... a Renaissance jamboree (Holy Cross Monastery)
Director: Christian Schedler

|| **Sunday, 5 July 2009**
10.00 a.m.
Protestant Service, especially for families, including the musical "The False Knight" by the children's choir of St. John's, musical fringe events by the local musical school (St. John's)

10.00 a.m.
Catholic Mass, celebrated together with the delegations of the twin towns "Missa Octavi Toni" by Orlando di Lasso (St. Stephan's Church)

2.00 p.m.
Historical parade with more than 2000 participants (old town, → parade route); after the parade: merry-making within the town walls, medieval shops, craftsmen, camps, medieval market

7.30 p.m.
Ensemble "Acqualeone"
Harp and chant (Summer refectory of the Holy Cross Monastery), performed by Carola Bodanowitz and Silvia Mütterlein

9.00 p.m.
"Danzerer and Gaukeley" – dancing and jugglery (market square)
Director: Nancy Camilléri

Table of events is subject to alterations

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Admission Fees:

Merry-making/historical markets	4 Euro
Celebrating, laughing, play and bliss...	17 Euro*
Legno Sonoro	7 Euro
Play "Decision in the Allgäu":	
Category 1	12 Euro
Category 2	10 Euro
Musica Veneziana	17 Euro
Festive brass band serenade	15 Euro*
Ensemble Acqualeone	9 Euro

HISTORICAL PARADE:

Grandstand (incl. parade programme)	15 Euro*
Seat along Maximilianstraße	9 Euro*
Standing ticket	5 Euro*

|| Parade programme

Weekend ticket (standing ticket for the parade plus two extra visits to merry-making and markets)	11 Euro
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Tickets cannot be returned or exchanged
*) incl. merry-making and markets

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