

The Pfarrkirchen Town Square

From here you can look across the Pfarrkirchen town square (Stadtplatz), which is among the most beautiful in Lower Bavaria. The Inn-Salzach style of architecture is easily recognizable with its structural coherence and the colourful facades of the town houses and businesses (mostly from the 16th and 17th centuries), decorated with bays, cross-arched arcades and renaissance alcoves. The high frontages are also typical. The actual roofs are hidden behind.

The buildings in bright pastels with cheerful southern flair stand in the long, wide town square. However, the colours of the houses were not accidental. Since a large proportion of the population was unable to read at that time, the people orientated themselves by the colours of the houses. For example, the miller's would be white (flour), the butcher's red (blood) and that of the brewer's yellow (beer) etc.

The former „Plinganser Inn“ (Gasthaus zum Plinganser), ancestral home of Georg Sebastian Plinganser (1681-1738) is also seen here. He was one of the leaders in the Bavarian farmers' uprising (1705/1706) against the Austrian Imperial Habsburg occupation.

The neighbouring house to the right has an alcove with a gilded roof. It is called the „Little Golden Roof“ (Goldenes Dachl) of Pfarrkirchen. The owner of the house wanted to bring a touch of „Innsbruck flair“ to Pfarrkirchen.