

The tour starts **inside** the **Old Townhall** with the beautifully decorated walls. There are **coats of arms** everywhere on the walls. Do you realize that each of them, except one or two, is from a city which was member of the **Hanseatic League** of merchants in the 13<sup>th</sup> till 15<sup>th</sup> century? Go to the "niche" where the **lawcourt** was held. On the left you can see three pictures: the first one shows a marriage, the second a newborn child, and third is about the death of the father. They show that the city has the right to keep marriage, birth and death registers. In this townhall a **market** was regularly held for cloth (wool and linen) and wine. Look at all the pictures on the walls. Find the owl. Here is a question for you: What does the owl stand for? Leave this hall, go down and sit at the feet of

### The Gänseliesel



In 1901 every first semester student kissed this statue of a pretty girl. This annoyed the inhabitants, because the students did it at night and they were very **noisy and drunk**.

They even fell into the fountain. So the town council passed a law that forbid kissing that girl. Later a law student argued that it couldn't be forbidden to kiss a statue and nowadays, each student who gets his or her Phd **kisses** the girl and gives her flowers. But this statue on the fountain isn't the original one- the original is in the local museum. Here is a question for you:  
1.) When was the Gänseliesel built?

Look around at the **market place** and find:

### Georg Christoph Lichtenberg

Lichtenberg lived in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. He was a writer, mathematician and the **first German professor** for experimental physics. He was the 17<sup>th</sup> and the youngest child of the family and he had a hunch back since he was born.



Lichtenberg held interesting lectures with practical **experiments in natural science**. Lichtenberg was open minded and famous for his **sharp wit**. He got many awards for his brilliant work.

Question: What does the bronze ball in his hand show?

### Weenderstraße The Jakobichurch

The tower of the Jakobichurch is 72 metres high. The church was built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century and is a place where **pilgrims** could stay overnight on their way to the chapel of Santiago de Compostella where the holy relics of the Apostle still lie. The church tower is so high so that the pilgrims could find their way to it from far. There is a **shell** on the ground at the entrance to the church. It is the sign for Christian pilgrims. Go into the church and get your first impression.



## Barfüßerstraße/Jüdenstraße



## The Junkernschänke

This Inn was built at the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> century and was owned by rich painters, traders and sculptors. It was famous for its wines.



The **wonderful carvings** you can see at its walls show biblical and mythological scenes. But there are also the portraits of a mayor and his wife.  
Question: Do you know the man above? I'm sure you know his name!  
Tip: He was born in the year 0.

## Barfüßerstraße and Rote Straße The Börner Viertel

You probably all tried a German sausage from the Börner Eisenacher **sausage factory**. It is at the industrial area now, but previously it was right here at the Börner Viertel. Now it's just a comfortable place for chilling out. In front of the entrance are two modern sculptures to arouse your interest and inside is another sculpture.



What would you call it? The architects won a prize for renovating the Börner Viertel with original materials only. Find the **old tiles** of the factory on one wall.

That's the end of our tour. We hope you enjoyed it



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Hi! I'm Goosie. I want to show you sights of the old town. Let's go!

