

**Stranger are friends,
that we don't know yet!**

Mindelheim has maintained close partnerships with the six towns of Bourg-de-Péage (France), Schwaz (Austria), East Grinstead (England), Sant Feliu de Guixols (Spain), Tramin (South Tyrol) and Verbania (Italy) for many decades. In addition to the official town twinning partnerships, the district town of Unterallgäu maintains friendly relations with the Italian town of Sansepolcro in Tuscany.

At the centre of the town twinning is the idea of peaceful, respectful coexistence in Europe, true to the motto "Strangers are friends you don't know yet!". Mutual visits encourage cultural exchange between the municipalities and the joint celebration of regional customs.

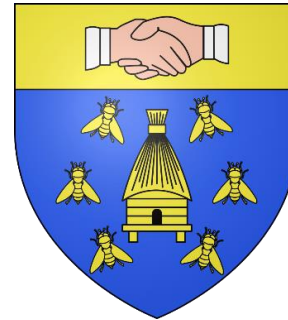
Maintaining and expanding contacts is so important to the town of Mindelheim that a dedicated full-time position has been set up in the town council for this purpose.

The town twinning support group, founded in 1979, not only supports the town with the annual "Youth without Borders" game, but also helps to find suitable accommodation for guests from abroad. The members are particularly keen to maintain personal contacts and organise annual cultural trips to the twin towns to take part in festivals, learn about customs and the local language, among other things.

At regular meetings, members are informed about activities and changes in the partner municipalities. Although membership is free of charge, the support group is financed exclusively by donations and financial support from the city.

Bourg-de-Péage

South of France
Departement Drôme
www.bourgdepeage.com
Distance from Mindelheim:
730 km
Twin town since 1961
approx. 10.200 Inhabitants



Bourg-de-Péage is located on the Isère river in the sunny south-east of France. The name comes from the toll (péage) that had to be paid in the Middle Ages to cross the bridge over the Isère, which dates back to the 11th century. The nearby large recreational area Bois de Naix is a natural oasis and a popular destination for excursions.

Schwaz

Austria
Tyrol
www.schwaz.at
Distance from Mindelheim:
200 km
Twin town since 1990
approx. 15.100 Inhabitants



The district capital of Schwaz in Tyrol is located 30 kilometres east of Innsbruck. In the 12th century, ancestors of the Mindelheim lansquenet father Georg von Frundsberg built Freuntsberg Castle high above the town. In the 15th century, large silver and copper deposits were discovered and Schwaz developed into one of the largest mining metropolises in Europe during the heyday of mining in the 16th century. When mining came to an end in 1989, a silver mine was set up as a show mine, which is now open to tourists.

East Grinstead

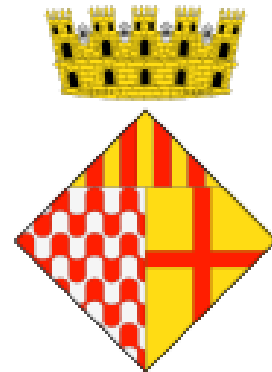
England
County of West Sussex
www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk
Distance from Mindelheim:
1090 km
Twin town since 1994
approx. 24.000 inhabitants



The small English town is located one hour south of the capital London. Parts of East Grinstead are crossed by the prime meridian. The local High Street impresses with the longest continuous row of half-timbered houses in England and the stories of Winnie-the-Pooh are set in the neighbouring Ashdown Forest. Countless pubs invite you to socialise.

Sant Feliu de Guixols

Spain
Catalonia
www.guixols.cat
Distance from Mindelheim:
1220 km
Twin town since 1994
approx. 22.150 inhabitants



Sant Feliu de Guixols is located around one hundred kilometres north-east of Barcelona in a small bay on the Costa Brava. The holiday resort with 2500 hours of sunshine a year is surrounded by hills and rocky coastal mountains, cork oak, pine and pine forests. The townscape is characterised by the typical architecture of a Catalan harbour town mixed with contemporary architecture.

Tramin

Italy
South Tyrol
www.tramin.com
Distance from Mindelheim:
300 km
Twin town since 1994
approx. 3.400 inhabitants



Tramin is located on the South Tyrolean Wine Road and is famous for its Gewürztraminer wines. With its historic village centre, friendly people and proximity to Lake Kaltern, Tramin is a popular holiday resort, especially for guests from German-speaking countries. Tramin has close ties with the volunteer fire brigade and the town band of Mindelheim.

Verbania

Italy
Piedmont Region
www.Comune.verbania.it
Distance from Mindelheim:
370 km
Twin town since 1994
approx. 35,000 inhabitants



Verbania is located on the western shore of Lake Maggiore approx. 15 kilometres south of the Italian-Swiss border and was formed from the merger of the municipalities of Intra, Suna and Pallanza. The historic Villa Taranto with its botanical gardens and an excursion to the Borromean Islands on the lake are the main tourist attractions.

On friendly terms since 2018

Sansepolcro

Italy
Tuscany
www.comune.sansepolcro.ar.it



approx. 15.230 inhabitants

The magnificent Renaissance town of Sansepolcro in Tuscany is located around 80 kilometres south-east of Florence. The town's famous sons are the painter Piero della Francesca and the mathematician Luca Pacioli. The flag-waving groups "Sbandieratori" from Sansepolcro and Mindelheim and the Frundbergfestring have been friends since 1976. The long-standing ties between the groups and Mindelheim were confirmed in 2018 with a certificate of friendship between Sansepolcro and Mindelheim.

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