Things to see in Goslar

Goslar had one of the "palatinates" (main residences) of the medieval German emperor: the Imperial Palace is directly south of the city at the bus parking at which we will arrive. It is likely closed by the time we arrive, but still worth seeing from outside. Nearby you find the porch of the north portal of the former cathedral (rest now demolished).

The former Free Imperial Town of Goslar has an over-1000-year history. Probably the discovery of silver and copper ore deposits induced the Saxon and Salic emperors to establish their largest and most secure palatinate here in the 11th century. For centuries it was the favoured seat of government in northern Germany and at the same time a centre of Christianity. The spires of the 47 churches, chapels and monasteries delineated the town's unique silhouette. It was referred to as the "Rome of the North".

Still today the view of the townscape with the steeples of the five large parish churches is impressive when viewed from the knoll upon which the Imperial Palace stands. The many crooked, narrow, cobble-stoned streets in the Old Town are an adventure of their own, where each house tells its own story and secret nooks and crannies await discovery.
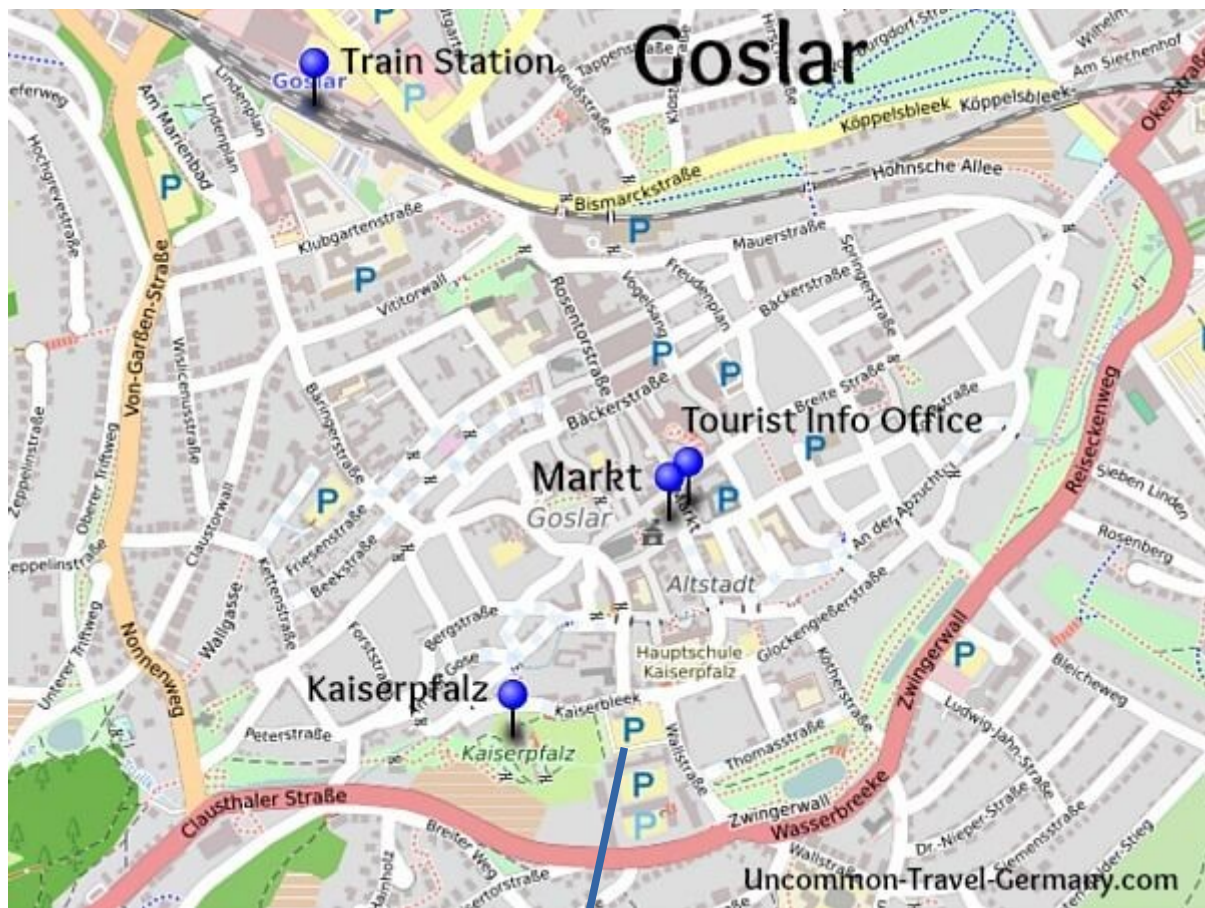
Excerpt of buildings to see in the Old Town:
- Market place with fountain, and with
  - Old city hall.
  - Kaiserworth (medieval tailors' guild hall, now a hotel).
  - Kaiserringhaus or Kämmereigebäude (former treasure chamber) with chimes playing at 18:30.
  - Church of St. Cosmas and Damian, erected similar to the former cathedral .
- Schuhhof: square nearby the market, with shoemakers' guild hall.
- Bäckergildehaus: bakers' guild hall, with medieval coats of arms.
- Brusttuch: one of the most impressive patrician houses in Goslar from 1521.
- St. James church (Jakobikirche)
- Great Holy Cross: almshouse of 1254.
- Jewish cemetery (closes at 5pm, but you can peek through the gate).

Departure:

From bus parking "Kaiserpfalz Nord" at 20:00
51°54'11"N 10°25'42"E (exactly where we arrive).

Bus arrival and departure