

TRAVEL TIMELINE: 1483 – 1486: THE MISSING PRINCES PROJECT

(NB: dates may not be precise)

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1483:

- February 2, 1483 **Austria:** (Vienna) - (no mention when he left Wroclaw, but he started his journey in Vienna, as it is explicitly mentioned in his notes and there he also had been provided with letters and passes from Emperor Frederick III)
- All of February 1483 (Melk, Lubereck, Ybbs, Enns, Eferding)
- March 15, 1483 **Bavaria:** (arrival in Landshut)
- Before 18 May 1483 (Altenburg Castle, then Rosenheim, stayed at - presumably - Brannenburg Castle. Since he had become very ill upon leaving Altenburg Castle, he had to take a break for several days until after Pentecost there).
- After 18 May 1483 **Tyrol:** (Fieberbrunn) went to visit the Febris-Brunn because of his illness.
- June 6, 1483 (Innsbruck, Schwaz) – stayed for at least 8 days in Innsbruck, but duration of stay unknown
- Unknown: Left for Schwaz (to meet Erzherzog Sigismund again upon his return from Landshut). In Schwaz, Sigismund supplied him at one point with a ship with which Von Popplau sailed over the River Inn to Wasserburg am Inn.

Unknown: From Wasserburg Von Popplau went to Landshut, where he stayed for the second time with Georg von Bayern. Unknown for how long.

Unknown **Palatinate (Pfalz):**

December 23, 1483 (arrival in Heidelberg, where Georg von Bayern had fled to because of the Black Death)

1484:

End of February 1484 **Rhineland:** (Koblenz, Bonn, Cologne, Aachen)

Von Popplau stayed at least 8 days in Bonn, but probably a few more.

Netherlands: (Maastricht, Saint Truiden)

Burgundy: (Brussels, Valenciennes) → *At Valenciennes he has an audience with Archduke-Regent Maximilian I. He also meets (Dr) Gui de Rochefort, French by birth and member of Maximilian's council.*

Mid-March 1484 (Mechlin)

Meets Maximilian I, and takes part in a joust.

March 25 – April 11 1484 (Antwerp)

April 11/12, 1484 **Netherlands (Zeeland):** (Middelburg)

April 12/13, 1484 **England:** (Ramsgate or Dover, Canterbury)

April 16 – 26, 1484 (London)

April 26 – 30, 1484 Ware, Cambridge, Stamford, Newark, Doncaster (NB: likely one night stay in each town)

Unknown (April 26)	Ware
Unknown (April 27)	Cambridge
Unknown (April 28)	Stamford
Unknown (April 29)	Newark
April 30/May 1	Doncaster
May 1 – May 10, 1484 (York)	→ audiences/meetings with King Richard III on several occasions. ¹ Receives livery collar
Mid-May 1484	(back in London, stays there for 6 days)
End of May 1484	(Southampton, Isle of Wight: Newport, then 2 days in Yarmouth). Leaves for Santiago, but returns to Yarmouth due to bad weather.
June 3 – June 6, 1484	
	Ireland: (Youghal) Stays for 3 days in Youghal
July 22 – start of August 1484	
	Galicia: (Santiago de Compostela, Fisterra, Padron, Muros, Pontevedra, Redondela, Tui) Portugal: (Valença do Minho, Ponte de Lima, Fontainhas, Modivas)
August and September 1484	
	Portugal: (Porto, Lisbon, Setubal) → <i>audience with King Joao II of Portugal in Setubal.</i>

¹ King Richard leaves York on 4-5 May. Popplau has c.3-4 days with the English king. Popplau stays in York. See: Langley and Coutandin, 'Niclas von Popplau: Lost in Translation?' Part Two, *Ricardian Bulletin* (March 2021), pp 39-47.

September 8, 1484 (Lisbon, second time, leaves the evening of September 22)

September 23, 1484 (Algarve: Lagos, Vilanova, Faro, Tavira)

October 8, 1484 **Castile/ Aragon:** (Lepe, Gibraleón, Niebla, Sanlúcar la Mayor, Seville)

October 13, 1484 – October 21, 1484

(Setenil) → *audience with King Fernando V and Queen Isabel I of Spain on the 21st.*

End of October 1484 (2nd stay in Seville, some 4 weeks). Meets Gaspar Lupian, Maximilian's ambassador.

From December 9, 1484 (Tocina, Villanueva del Río, Lora del Río, Almódovar, Cordoba, Alcolea, El Carpio, Cañada la Huesa (?), San Julián, Andújar, Linares, Santistebán, etc ...)

December 24 - 25, 1484 (Almansa)²

From December 26, 1484 (Mogente, Xativa, Alzira)

December 30 – January 6, 1485 (Valencia)

1485:

From January 6, 1485 Sagunto, Almenara, Villareal, Borriol, Les Coves de Vinromá, Sant Mateu del

² Mogente is mentioned on map XXIII as his place of stay (p. 113), but in the text itself Popplau describes he stayed on the night of 24 December and the following day in Almansa, which is around 40K before reaching Mogente (7 hours walk). He left Almansa on the 26th. With thanks to Albert Jan de Rooij.

Maestrat, La Galera, Tortosa, Tivenys,
Morá, Falset, Prades, Santa Coloma,
Montserrat Monastery

January 18, 1485 – January 22, 1485

Catalonia: (Barcelona)

Late January 1485 (Granollers, Hostalric Gerona, Bácsara,
Figueres, Jonquera, Maureillas-las-Illas, Le
Boulou)

February 2, 1485 – February 5, 1485

France: (Perpignan)

Early February 1485 – February 12, 1485

(Salses, La Palme, Abbaye de Fontfroide,
Lézignan-Corbières, Douzens, Carcassonne,
Alzonne, Castelnaudary, Toulouse)

From 12 February through March 1485

(Grenade, Montauban, Lafrançaise, Montçuq,
Puy-l'Évêque, Villefranche-du-Périgord, Belvès,
Limeuil, Périgueux, Bourdeilles, La
Rochebeaucourt-et-Argentine, Angoulême,
Chizé) (kept in custody for 3 weeks in Chizé until
his papers are verified. His letters and papers are
sent to the King of France. Von Popplau is
released but nearly imprisoned again as he is
believed to be a courtier or spy for Richard III
because of his livery collar and because it is

thought he wanted to visit the Duke of Brittany before the King of France)

Mid-March – March 22, 1485

(Lusignan, Poitiers, Châtellerault, Tours)

March 24, 1485 – April 12, 1485

(Nantes) → *Brought by two noblemen to Duke Francis II of Brittany on March 27, 1485, and accompanied him into church. No audience on that day. Had an audience with Francis II on 5 April, 1485. Von Popplau probably left Nantes on 10 April, 1485, the first Sunday after Easter, which is called 'Quasimodogeniti'.*

Mid-April 1485

(Nozay, Rennes, Pontorson, Mont Saint-Michel, Villedieu-les-Poêles, Villers-Bocage, Caen, Honfleur) → *he mentions that in Honfleur a large French fleet lays at anchor, mainly well-equipped military vessels*

April 18, 1485 – May 4, 1485

(Rouen) → *audience with King Charles VIII on April 23, 1485. Henry Tudor and some other Englishmen were present. Popplau's letters and papers are not returned to him by Charles VIII. The only one that really tries to help him get his letters back is a man named Darose, however, unsuccessfully*

- From 4 May, 1485 (Ecouis, Vigny, Pontoise, Saint-Denis, Paris, Senlis, Noyon, Saint-Quentin, Bohain-en-Vermandois, Bavay)
- Mid-May 1485 **Burgundy:** (Mons, Nivelles, Brussels)
- May 15, 1485 (arrival in Mechlin) → *brief meeting with Archduke-Regent Maximilian to give a first report on his travels (not mentioned by Von Popplau, only in Radzikowski's footnote 989)*³
- Unknown **Rhineland:** (Mainz)
- Unknown **Palatine:** (Heidelberg)
- Unknown **Swabia:** (Ulm) → *meets Emperor Frederick III and is received back as a member of his court.*

Summer 1485 – May 25, 1486

Franconia: (Ansbach, Nuremberg) arrival date unknown (his time in Ansbach covered two weeks, though no specific date is given).

After that he stayed in Nuremberg for several months because he felt weak and sick. It can be assumed that this happened from summer 1485, possibly late June, until May 25, 1486.⁴

³ Popplau does mention a visit to the Bishop of Mainz.

⁴ For Popplau's diary in England being written on or by May 1485, before Popplau fell ill in June, see: 'Niclas von Popplau: Lost in Translation?' Part Two, *Ricardian Bulletin* (March 2021), pp 39-47. In September 1485 news of the death of the English king reached the Continent. However, Popplau's diary does not record King Richard's death. On October 26 1485, Popplau correctly describes Anne of Brittany (1477-1514) as being 8 years and 9 months old so part of the envoy's diary may have been written at around this time in Nuremberg. However, the age of her father, Duke Francis (1433-1488) is given as 60 when, at this time, he was 52; the duke being born in the month of June.

1486:

- May 25, 1486 Leaves Nuremberg and travels to Thuringia
- Early June 1486 **Thuringia:** (Weimar) stays for 14 days. Wants to meet with Ernst I, Kurfürst von Sachsen, but because he is ill, he sends his two sons (Friedrich III 'der Weise' and Johann I 'der Beständige') to meet Von Popplau
- Mid-June 1486 **Saxony/Meißen:** (zig) He meets Albrecht von Sachsen (brother to Kurfürst Ernst) . Stays for 10 days
- Summer 1486 **Bohemia:** (Brüx/Most, Praha, Broumov) leaves for Bohemia, City of Brüx/Most (Czechia), then Prague, then Kuttenberg, where he meets King Wladislaus II. Becomes courtier of Wladislaus II. Leaves 12 days later
- Late summer 1486 **Silesia:** (Broumov, Swidnica, Wroclaw/Breslau)
- September 29, 1486 (Michaelmas)
- He leaves his home town again for his next journey, this time eastwards to Russia.