

## Albbruck -- Hiking And Biking Around Medieval Sights

You don't get much better in terms of stunning locale than the town of Albbruck. Not only is it in the Upper Rhine region, but it also lies within the [Black Forest](#) and Swiss Alps.

Swiss Alps? Oh, didn't I tell you that Albbruck (with all its 20 villages & hamlets) lies right on the border on Germany's southern neighbor, Switzerland?

Unlike [Klettgau](#) (whose sightseeing often takes you "south of the border"), there's no need to run off to see the Swiss.

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An entire day could be spent at the *Rheinspitz* alone. This swimming area brings swimmers and fishermen (and fisherwomen?) from all around. There are even some hiking trails around the *Rheinspitz*, in case you're interested.

Albbruck's history is quite long, as it was once ruled by the [Teutonic Knights](#). But, a few centuries before these medieval warriors came along, the Holy Cross Basilica was built.

Sorry, that's not quite an accurate statement. It was a Romanesque village church before becoming a basilica. Either way, its stone altar is an outstanding piece of religious artwork.

To learn more about Albbruck's history (both religious and secular) go see the *Heimatmuseum* (Local History Museum), housed in the 300 year old *Salpeterer Haus*.

And you know as with just about any (and every) [town in Germany](#), there's going to be a bunch of festivals going on. On the first weekend of September Albbruck holds its *Dorffest* (Village Festival),

while the Christmas Market is on Advent's first weekend, and the annual Flea Market (one man's trash is another's treasure, right?) is in mid-June.

One of the most fun things to do in Albruck is the Outdoor Theater. Everyone gathers around the pool area as the sun goes down to take in a movie under the stars. Who cares if it's German (or Swiss German — being this close to Switzerland), you'll have a grand time.

See? Didn't I tell you there wasn't any reason to cross over to see Switzerland?

Nothing personal, mighty Neighbor! I love you too!