

Allersberg -- Middle Franconia's Secret Tip

At first glance you might not think the town of Allersberg in [Middle Franconia](#) doesn't have much to offer. I thought that, and I couldn't have been any more wrong.

Yeah, I said W-R-O-N-G. Allersberg has more sights, sports, and festivals than I could ever do in one visit.

There's a Historic Tour that you can follow when you're here. It starts at the early 14th century Gate Tower, which is the only part that stands from its defense wall.

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You follow along to the Old Hospital (built 1336) that's now a bowling alley and restaurant. Then it's onward to the Parish of the Assumption, an early 18th century church built over an older ruin.

The next stop is the *Rathaus* (the Town Hall) built in 1505, passing on to the Heckel and Gilardi Houses from 1721 and 1723, respectively.

After there you're off to the Market Fountain, the site of the annual festival held on Corpus Christi (can be in May or June depending on the Christian calendar). You're close to the Old School from the late 19th century from there.

Allersberg saves the best for last on this Historic Tour. It's the 12th century All Saints Church filled with all sorts of medieval and Renaissance artwork.

Can we back up a minute? I mentioned the annual Corpus Christi Festival, but that's not Allersberg's only one. The Jacobi Market (last weekend of July) has shopping, a chess

tournament, concerts, and ends with a wonderful fireworks display.

The Street Festival at the end of August is all about dancing, food, and fun. On the second weekend of Advent the Christmas Market has more than just stalls of goods — there's plenty of music and a guided Historic Tour if you're interested.

Didn't I tell you there was stuff to do? And there's still more!

This part of Middle Franconia has all sorts of outdoor sports. You'll find (this is a long list) camping, miniature golf, swimming, horseback riding, Segway tours, surfing, sailing, biking, hiking, hot air ballooning, and fishing. (I'm sure I missed something.)

All this is in addition to the highlighted cycling and walking routes like the Lorenzer ReichWald Route (40km for cycling) and the Rothsee Walking Trail (11km, walking).

The Rothsee lake is the best place to finish up in Allersberg. Here you can just chill out by the water or float along the lake. There's a concession stand in case you're hungry and a playground for the little ones.

Yup, I couldn't have been more wrong about Allersberg on first sight. But, at least I can keep you from making the same mistake I did.