

Angelbachtal -- Heavenly On A Wine Road

Though being a Germany expert, sometimes I don't know what to expect when wandering around aimlessly from one town to another.

Yeah, who am I kidding, that's really not the German way — but I'm serious that I didn't know what I was going to find in-and-around the town of Angelbachtal.

What I found lives up to its name, heavenly. ;-)

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Sometimes names can be confusing, so turns out what I thought was a forest with the name Waldangelbachtal wasn't. Turns out it's a river, leading right into the [Rhine River](#) system. No matter, this is some gorgeous real estate so everyone will love it.

Just as I think everyone will love the vineyards that dot that stunning landscape. That's right, wine making as been around since the Middle Ages; not to mention the Kraichgau-Stromberg Wine Road scenic route runs right on through.

Sure it's easy to get excited about a fine [German wine](#), which you'll find at one of Angelbachtal's many cultural events. In my not so humble opinion, the Medieval Fair is the best. Held on the second weekend of August, this is a 2-day event with everything from jousting to sword fights, medieval music to period souvenirs.

Then again, you might like the *Gartenmesse* (another 2-day event) in May, the Highland Games (complete with men in kilts) in July, the *Kerwe* on the third weekend of October, the Christmas Market always held on the first weekend of Advent, or the Schlosspark Serenade every June.

A Schlosspark generally includes a castle, does it not? Of course it does — and you got a choice to which one you like the most. It might be Schloss Eichtersheim, a moated manor house from the 16th century. Or, it could be nearby Schloss Michelfeld, this one from the 1750s.

Angelbachtal's castles aren't the only outstanding architecture found around the town's 17.92 square kilometers. The pink-hued Michelfeld Evangelical Church (built 1767) is lovely, as is another of the town's Evangelical churches. My favorite is the Baroque one that used to be a medieval fortified one.

Sounds old, right? That's nothing compared to the prehistoric graves dating back the Late Iron Age found in these parts. And in case you didn't know, that would around 2,500 years ago.

Do you think prehistoric man wandered around here aimlessly? Nah, even those guys were smart enough to stick around Angelbachtal. ;-)