

Bad Friedrichshall -- Salt Made The City, But Castles Now Dominate

You might not think that a town like Bad Friedrichshall, whose claim to fame is a salt mine, is going to be a great place to visit, but you would be wrong. The mine nearly cleared out the entire space under the town, carving out about 12 million square meters under the town.

While the salt mines aren't open for tourists until they undergo a long, long renovation, there are other things to see.

Those who always dreamed of living the life of a king or a queen in a castle can have that dream come true in Bad Friedrichshall. Stay a night or two in the Lehen Castle, which is now a hotel. The castle was built in the 16th century in the renaissance style, and is impressive to write home about.

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There are other castles in the area, including the St. Andre Castle and the Heuchlingen Castle. Most of them aren't open to the public and are either private homes or turned into something else.

Two weekends in summer, Bad Friedrichshall turns into a party town for the *Wald- und Bockbierfest* or Forest and Beer Festival. If you can plan your trip around these festivals, you are going to see how Germans really party (yes, we can!). Earlier in the summer, you can plan a trip for the Killiani Market, which is in July. This market is interesting for both locals and tourists.

Renting a bicycle in nearly every [German city](#) is a simple task, and in Bad Friedrichshall doing it is going to open up a lot of the bicycle paths. These routes will make an average trip extraordinary because you are going to get out of the tourist rut and be able to see things that aren't accessible by car.

One such path takes you by the salt mines (which aren't open) and through some pretty scenery. Don't worry about getting lost, because there are signs that guide you along the way.