

Bad Säckingen -- A Visit From A Saint Did It All

Bad Säckingen is probably one of the best located cities you can find, sitting on the edge of the mystic [Black Forest](#) in [Baden-Württemberg](#) and only a stone's throw from the Swiss border.

Though it's a rural town in the [Waldshut District](#), it's not going to take rocket science to figure out why people have been coming here since at least the early 6th century.

The city of Bad Säckingen will forever be known as the Trumpeteer City from the book titled *Der Trompeter von Säckingen* by the famous German 19th century author Joseph Victor von Scheffel. Books aside, the city boasts an impressive resume of sports, leisure, and places of interest to visit and enjoy.

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Shortly after a fire destroyed the town sometime in the 1200s, residents started to build the Gothic cathedral in the town's center. Known as the *Fridolinmünster*, you'll be able to visit this church that has stood for more than 700 years. St. Fridolin founded a monastery and church here in Bad Säckingen sometime back in the early 6th century and the town has preserved the crypts under the monastery to this very day.

Make sure to see the 19th century castle, Schloss Schönau or check out any number of cathedral or chamber music concerts and festivals that are always going on.

The best way to see Bad Säckingen is to get outside and start hiking or cycling along the trails of the Black Forest and High Rhine. Guided hiking tours are available in town for those who wish to hike with others and a variety of cycling trails abound for beginners to the advanced.

For those of you who prefer a more leisurely pace, what better place to be than at the thermal mineral spa? Taking a dip in the pool or sitting around in the Finnish sauna isn't a bad idea either. The city of Bad Säckingen wasn't given the title of "Bad" until its 1100th birthday in 1978 and the title is rightfully fitting.

For all you golf lovers out there you'll be treated to grand views of the surrounding mountains and forest while playing.

Since Bad Säckingen is so centrally located that you could choose to go on and visit places like Basel and Zürich, which are only a half or one hour away, but why bother — Bad Säckingen has it all! ;-)