

Baienfurt -- A Delightfully Quiet Surprise

I'm not a rocket scientist or anything, but even I'm smart enough to realize that not [every single German town](#) is going to be brimming with excitement. Nor will they all be so jam packed with historical old buildings, or find itself on one of Germany's seemingly endless number of [scenic routes](#).

I'm talking about a place like Baienfurt in [Upper Swabia](#), which is generally more traditional and quiet, but will delightfully surprise you.

Baienfurt is pretty small, just about sixteen square kilometers found 30 km (~40 minutes) to the north of the fabulous [Lake Constance](#). It's also conveniently located just north of [Ravensburg](#) and [Weingarten](#).

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I'm sorry to say that Baienfurt doesn't have any castles, and it doesn't have any medieval or Baroque churches. But I wouldn't let something as small as age stop you from coming to Sunday Services at either the Catholic or Evangelical churches.

Seems appropriate as Baienfurt is on the famous *Jakobsweg*, or [Way of St. James](#) — the special pilgrimage route for those on a quest to Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

That's a long walk, so maybe a few hours at the *Hallenbad* (an indoor pool complex with tanning beds and massage pool areas) is just what you need. Sounds good to me.

Walking towards Spain might not be on the agenda for all of you, so I am going to suggest a hike (or just a brisk walk) over to the Celtic grave mounds.

Not too much walking is necessary during one of Baienfurt's festivals or markets. OK, maybe some — but with all the food, drinking, and music you'll hardly notice.

The *Rosenmarkt* (Rose Market) is for sure a delight to the nose, as well as the eyes; held on the 1st Saturday of June. The Market Square Festival in July is another big-time event in town, as are all the Advent and Christmas concerts in December.

The *Speidlerhaus* (built 1673) is one venue that always seems to be holding some sort of concert, cabaret, or theater performance — so you don't always have to wait for a festival of some sort.

Are you delightfully surprised yet? :-)