

Bebra And Its Unique Specialty, The Awl Sausage

Bebra is a small hamlet with six local neighborhoods that's been around since the late 8th century.

Within these small neighborhoods, you'll find ornate old churches (most of the area's churches had to be restored after bombings from the [Second World War](#)), plenty of half timbered houses, and nature trails to explore the countryside.

Bebra's town hall is a half-timbered beauty and the kids will certainly go nuts over the old Toy Museum. Strangely enough, Bebra also boasts a Railway Museum, but hasn't had a train station in decades!

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One of the most interesting of Bebra's neighborhoods is Weiterode. While it dates back to the mid 11th century, it has a magnificent 13th century military church if you're looking for something historical to feast your eyes on.

The area is really stunning and best enjoyed if you get out on any one of the cycling or hiking trails. Party with the locals at the Weiterode's Village Celebration which held annually on the 3rd weekend in October. Try a local Northern Hessian specialty called Awl Sausage (just don't ask how it's made ;-).

Breitenbach is another little jewel. Besides being famous for its village and *Osterfeuer* festivals (a big bonfire celebration the Saturday before Easter), it has a stunning 11th century church dedicated to St. Michael.

If you want to see a real gem, head over to Gilferhausen where you'll see a smashing half-

timbered tower church. Get your camera ready, because this church will make the most beautiful snapshot memento to take home with you.

Don't think you won't find some great castles and ruins while exploring the countryside of Bebra, either. Look around and you'll find Rodenberg Castle (15th century), Rotenburg Castle (16th century), Rittershain Castle, and Ludwig Castle which was built in 1400.

As far as events are concerned, folks get into the party spirit during the Spring and Autumn Festivals. And during summer you'll fall in love with a brightly colored sky, simply known as *KiteFest*.

With something to offer everyone and every age group, Bebra's will just utterly amaze you. Again, just don't ask how they make their sausages! ;-)