

## Bergen (Chiemgau) -- Health Resort Town In The Alps

There are thirty-two districts of the health resort town of Bergen in the wonderful [Chiemgau](#), which also happens to be the seat of the *Verwaltungsgemeinschaft Bergen*, i.e., the (greater) Collective Municipality, just one town over from the country of Austria.

You want to know all I heard (read, excuse me) in all that is: blah, blah, blah... [Upper Bavaria](#).

Ha-ha, just kidding. There's a lot more to Bergen than just being found in Upper Bavaria — it's a town that's fantastic to experience in any season, with all kinds of outdoorsy things to do.

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Such as? Glad you asked... How about things like cross-country skiing, tobogganing (that's sledding), snowboarding, and there's even a ski school. Yes, they're all winter activities — so for you summer lovin' folks, how about mountain biking, miniature golf, Nordic Walking, bicycling, hiking, and swimming.

FYI, the nice people at the Tourist Office (located at Raiffeisenplatz 4) can help you find the best places to go for all that.

As for me, I'll tell you to head to the *Kneippanlage* in the *Kurpark* (Hochfellnstraße), and to visit a museum like the Blauer Anger, full of exhibits on all kinds of "old" things.

And I'm gonna tell you to go see the *Brandlkapelle*, built in 1843. Want to visit a medieval church? Ok, that's the Church of St. James, whose construction started in the 12th century. So what if it got a Gothic makeover, and yet two more in the 17th and 18th centuries.

In the second village of the Collective Municipality, known as Vachendorf, are a couple more churches with medieval beginnings. The nave of St. Margaret's is from the 12th/13th centuries, as it is for the Church of St. George.

Those with a sense of adventure (and ambition), right at the summit of the Hochfelln mountain is the *Gipfelkreuz*, a memorial cross in honor of King Ludwig I. Hey, at least there's a cable car for those not willing to hike it.

Oh, c'mon, you can do it... didn't I already tell you it was fantastic to be outdoors here? ;-)