

Bischofsheim Is Great For Wine and Other Things

On an interesting piece of [Hessian](#) real estate (south of the River [Main](#) and north of the [Rhine](#)) is the old municipality of Bischofsheim. You'll have an easy enough time finding it, just follow the A60 or the A671 Autobahn, or hop any one of the many trains that makes a stop here.

Don't confuse this place with the small village of Bischofsheim an der Rhön in [Bavaria](#) — this little hamlet is right next to the bigger towns of [Hochheim](#), [Rüsselsheim](#), and [Ginsheim-Gustavsburg](#).

One thing that makes this place interesting (unique, different, fill-in-your-adjective-here) is that its landmark building isn't an old church; neither is it a draughty castle. No, it's a water tower. Yes, you read that right, a *Wasserturm*.

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It was built around the turn of the last century in a decorative Art Nouveau style. But, the best part is the view of the city you've got after climbing to the top.

It might be a good idea to climb the tower first; it'll give you a birds-eye view of everything else you'll want to see around town. Like all the fairytale half-timbered houses and the town's fancy Baroque style Evangelical Church.

From the top of the water tower you'll make out the Bischofsheim Old Town Hall. But, the view won't give you the heart of the building; you'll have to come down for that. The *Altes Rathaus* houses the town's local history museum and it's divided into three exhibitions; prehistoric, industry, and village life.

If you want art and culture, then it's a trip over to the Rüsselsheim Theater for any number of

opera, concerts, or ballet performances (and that's just the half of it).

What's some culture without a good glass of wine to go with it? The entire region is famous for wine so be sure to leave room in your suitcase to take a few bottles back home with you — they'll make great souvenirs!