

Büdingen Is Famous For Its Stunning Fortifications And... Frogs!

Büdingen is perhaps where you'll find the lost key to understanding a bit about what makes this enigmatic culture tick.

It's not just ticking but reverberating with ancient mysticism and legends intertwined with real history that will soon have you scratching your noggin not knowing where the one ends and the other begins. But patience is the key that unlocks many doors (maybe all doors except that old school locker) and enchant you with tales that border on the fantastic.

Büdingen has tours of all sorts that take you through the historic route or the cultural route or even just the scenic parks and orchards.

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Now, you don't need to get overwhelmed by all that there is to see and do. ;-)

To begin with, the *Jerusalemmer Tor* would be a good idea. Explore this 16th century fortification complete with twin towers and all that you'd expect to see in a medieval fort. Your camera will take on a life of its own as you approach the Sand Rose Museum which is where you'll find sand stone in the shapes of, yes, hold your breath, lovely large roses.

Now you'll have to agree that this is not your old run of the mill historic tour.

Gaze at the compelling beauty exuded by architectural delights such as the 16th century museum in Büdingen that takes you back to the 1950s as you view its various artifacts. Then there's the wonderful Town Hall Heuson Museum, the *Steinernes Haus* or the Stoned House, a short walk

from which will take you to the quaint bridge perched atop which you'll get some fabulous views of the river.

And yes, on this tour you must have noticed the engraving of frogs in most of these buildings. So, what's the story?

There's only one way to find out. You'll have to get here and ask a local.

No, you can't google for it.

Büdingen is not done with you yet. Make your way along *Schlossgasse* or Castle Alley and you'll come face to face with the Castle. The whole area has lovely medieval buildings straight out of a Brothers Grimm tale, and that's just the beginning, for there's more, plenty more for you to see in this medieval town.