

Bühl Stands For Plum Fun With Good Wine

If you love good food and good wine, you will have to schedule a stop in Bühl the 2nd weekend of September. The annual plum festival is a smorgasbord of deliciousness that tempts in culinary visitors from all over the region. Even their French neighbors makes sure they are in town to get some of the fresh plum wine and plum cake with cream.

You can laugh at the festival all you want, with its town queen in her special purple gown, silly posters and citizens of all ages joining in, from grannies all the way down to the little children running around with plums on their fingers and juice on their faces.

Yet plum growing is a big business in Bühl, and a major revenue source for the area. The locals have found a way to sneak their yummy plums into everything. Wines, jams, cakes, flavored honeys and beers... you name it, they've tried mixing it with plum. :-)

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The festival celebrated 250 years in 2008, and is still going strong. There are other things to do in Bühl to be sure, like visiting one of the historical spired churches or seeing some of the local manufacturing museums.

However, even if you are not into the fruit scene, do be sure you at least get some plum wine before ignoring the rest of the plum-related offerings. It's amazing, although watch out — it can be sweet but STRONG.

Away from the plum game, you can check out one of the other festivals in town. In January and February there is a winter carnival, all summer there are outdoor concerts, and in October there is a large jazz festival.

Even when it isn't festival time, Bühl is known for its good quality restaurants, so you can enjoy a nice walk on one of the trails and then have a great meal before drifting off to sleep.