

Burgdorf Grows Its Own Happiness With Asparagus

Located 20 km northeast of [Hanover](#), Burgdorf attracts a wide variety of visitors. History buffs come in to snap photos of the castle and half-timber buildings, cyclists love the lakes and gentle green hills and chow hounds are just waiting for their next meal.

The chow hounds are also trying very hard to get a place in line in front of the history folks and cyclists so that they can be sure to get a full plate of happiness.

Yes, happiness comes on a plate in Burgdorf. It also comes in a very fixed season, so if you are interested in a joy you can actually taste you will want to be sure you are there at just the right time of year. Miss it, and you will just have to settle for a good pint of beer at the reasonably priced Ente, Duck or Celtic pubs.

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[Lower Saxony](#) has great [German beer](#), although beer is going to be a poor consolation for missing out on... the asparagus. ;-)

For many years, Burgdorf has served as both the beginning and end of the Lower Saxony Asparagus Route, a 750 km bike route touring the finest asparagus producing regions. Lower Saxony produces one fifth of all the asparagus in the world (!), and it tastes best when picked locally and eaten fresh.

This town is THE place to be in season. All those cyclists are secretly scouting the best fields — they're chow hounds too!

The local chefs can do amazing things with the asparagus. The half-timbered houses aren't the

only thing Burgdorf locals have meticulously preserved over the years. The recipes are also fiercely prized. Perfectly prepared dishes are little plates of vegetable heaven.

Paired with other local crops, meats and spices, even if you don't think you like asparagus, after the first taste you will be smiling and elbowing your way to the front of the line for seconds. ;-)