

## Calberlah -- Easy Going And Fun

For a while there it seemed I spent all my time in the southern part of the country, so it sure is nice to head north again. I guess I should be saying, it's nice to find myself in the town of Calberlah — which is an independent municipality in the Samtgemeinde Isenbüttel, the latter of which is a Collective Municipality.

Official names and borders aside, Calberlah borders the city of [Wolfsburg](#), and is comprised of seven districts with names like Allenbüttel and Allerbüttel. A bit confusing, yes?

While the names can trip you up a bit, Calberlah is an easy going place, just as it is fun.

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Easter bonfires are really popular up here in [North Germany](#), as are Maypole celebrations on May 1st. Another popular event held every May is the *Allerlauf*, an annual marathon. The land's kinda flat around here — but that doesn't mean I'm gonna run it. ;-)

Sitting around with a glass of wine is more my speed today, so lucky me when I found a Wine Festival taking place in July. And I love good eats, so I fully appreciate the King's veggie (asparagus) being grown in these parts.

Too bad there isn't an Asparagus Festival, but you will find an Oktoberfest (in October), outdoor cinema events, a *Fackel- und Laternenumzug* (Torch & Lantern Parade) in November, and a Village & Advent Market in early December.

Sounds like a lot, right? Please, that's not even the half of it here in Calberlah — I forgot to mention the *Hoffest* in May and the Hobby & Craft Market in July, too.

With all this going on it doesn't leave too much time for traditional sightseeing — so you better quick get over to the Lutheran Church of St. John the Baptist. Hold on a sec, who am I kidding, the church has been here for 800 years — where's it going?

You know what, I'm not going anywhere either — I think I'll stick around for a bit longer. ;-)