

Dettenheim -- Nature And Festivals In The Upper Rhine Valley

There was once a time when I would have written about the town of Dettenheim saying it was along the [Rhine River](#). Oh, I'm still going to write about Dettenheim (wait, isn't that what I'm doing right now), but I can't say it's along the Rhine River.

What happened? Um, someone had the brilliant idea to move an entire river. Don't look at me, I didn't do it.

Alt-Dettenheim was one of the town's villages that used to be along the Rhine, but it's more famous for being destroyed during the [Thirty Years' War](#). Today it has only two original half-timbered houses, and a Local History Museum.

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What else Dettenheim is known for is the *Rußheimer Altrhein-Elisabethenwört*. (Don't you love our tongue twisters?) Anyway, this is a great nature area, and it's easy to get lost in thought around its walking trails and bike paths, that's for sure. Really, I just kept wondering how the hell you move an entire river.

Yes, I'm still going on about that. ;-)

Dettenheim lies in an area that isn't very populated, so it's quite peaceful. Unless, of course, there's one of the town's festivals happening. Carnival is a big one; and it's a fun way of partying in the middle of dark winter days.

When the days are longer and brighter, look forward to Dettenheim's *Schlachtfest* (Slaughter Festival), *Fischerfest* (Fishermen Festival), Regatta, and *Waldfest* (Forest Festival) in May alone.

June follows with a Music Festival and ends with two Summer Festivals.

July starts off with the *Hähnchenfest* (Chicken Festival), followed by a big Beach party. Come August, you've got yet another Summer Festival and a Street Festival. I like September, that's when the Patima Fest and the Oktoberfest get into full swing; and December has two Christmas Markets.

Whew, with all that carrying on, I forgot all about the whole Rhine thing for a minute there. Oh well, this is the [Upper Rhine Valley](#) — so it's only a matter of time before I head off on another hiking trail and think about it all over again. ;-)