

Dossenheim -- A Simple Small German Town? Not Really!

Visitors to Dossenheim will find it to be just a simple small [German town](#) on first sight, only a stone's throw north the city of [Heidelberg](#), on the [Bergstrasse](#) and [Bertha Benz Memorial Route](#), linking on to the [Odenwald](#).

Now that you put it like that, Dossenheim doesn't seem so simple. Just for the record, it does have an old historic City Hall (not to be confused with the new one) that houses Dossenheim's Local History Museum.

For other sightseeing adventures, there are the ruins of the Schauenburg. This menacing castle was built around 1100 A.D was destroyed in the 15th century.

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The Dossenheimer countryside is totally delightful and the lookout tower on *Weißer Stein* is just the right place to see it. It's one of the highest points in the Odenwald, so you're able to see for quite some distance.

There's more to Dossenheim than just its castle ruins and dazzling countryside; it does have a few festivals that bring this town to life. The 3rd weekend in September brings on the *Dossenheimer Kerwe*, a street festival that's a just a food and wine filled good time.

So is the *Sommertagszug* (Summer Festival) and add in great shopping at the Christmas Market at the beginning of December.

Dossenheim is a town with quaint little outside cafes and rustic restaurants. Over at the *Goldener Hirsch*, you'll get both real down-home German cuisine, as well a variety of international

specialties. *Goldener Hirsch* has also been a local inn for over a century, so if you're looking to spend a few nights look no further.

Although, the Hotel Heidelberger Gate's also been around almost as long and offers any visitor economical accommodations that include a large buffet breakfast.

It is a good idea to spend a few nights in the area of Dossenheim. This way you're able to take your time visiting around town, hiking (or cycling) around the Odenwald, or even venturing over to the city of Heidelberg.

Simple small German town? I don't think so.