

## Dußlingen -- 12 Historic Sights In The Swabian Alb

Holy macaroni, the words in German keep getting longer and longer. Turns out the town of Dußlingen belongs to the (deep breath) *Gemeindeverwaltungsverband Steinlach-Wiesaz*.

Whew, I'm tired after typing that — can't imagine if I had to pronounce it all the time. Either way, it means Dußlingen is part of a collective municipality of sorts with neighboring [Gomaringen](#) and Nehren.

Call it whatever, it doesn't change the fact that Dußlingen is a typical [German town](#) where kids play soccer in the fields, friends and family have picnics in the BBQ areas, and you're treated to outdoor concerts during the warm summer months.

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Doesn't that sound wonderful? Yea, it sure does.

Because of Gomaringen's tie to German writer, Gustav Schwab, it seems perfectly natural to have a literature theme to the area. The *Geschichtspfad* (Historical Trail) can be done through the region, highlighting 12 stations of historically important buildings.

Oh, did I mention the region is part of the Steinlachtal in the [Swabian Alb](#)? And hidden within the Alb are Halstatt grave mounds, although the stele that's here now is a reproduction, the original sits in a museum.

Yikes, I almost left out an important piece of Dußlingen's history, its castle. Well, it used to be a castle back in the 13th century — now it's a ruin after no one wanted to use it as a Town Hall any longer. Still, you can't help but love a medieval castle ruin.

Just as you can't help but love a proper German festival. Come July, the Summer Festival is a sure-bet way to enjoy the season; but for you cooler weather lovers, it might be the Autumn Festival that has you singing. Plus, Dußlingen also has an annual *Krämermarkt* at the Hindenburgplatz every September.

The collective municipality that Dußlingen belongs to might have a kind of complicated name, but it is simply a great area for seeing a typically wonderful German town.