

## Edenkoben -- Royal Summer Residence, Wine Loving Town

You know you're special when a king has built his vacation "summer residence" in your town. Such was the case with Edenkoben in the [Palatinate](#).

The king, by the way, was King Ludwig I of Bavaria. His summer home is the Schloss Ludwigshöhe, a small castle compared to some other [German castles](#).

Edenkoben isn't a one castle town. Now in ruins, the Rietburg was built around the year 1200; and it seems like you can see forever from its high vantage point.

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I'm not sure if the medieval lord of manor would like the annual Rietburg Mountain Run coming right by his place. He'd probably have thrown everyone in the dungeon. ;-)

I say, forget that — let's get to Edenkoben's wine. It's all over the place since the town lies along the posh [German Wine Route](#); and it's home to the Museum of Viticulture and Urban History. Wine's even a focus over at the *Weingut Kloster Heilsbruck* — a monastery that's been around for just about 750 years.

Just as it isn't a one castle town, Edenkoben isn't a one crop town, either. Besides grapes, there are almonds and chestnuts and figs growing all over. Ahh, the wonders of the [Palatinate Forest](#).

But, Edenkoben doesn't hold a fig festival — it holds wine festivals. The Wine Festival in September is a biggie, as is the *Wein- und Kastanienmarkt* (Wine and Chestnut Market), and then there's the *Weinfete* (and Medieval Market) in early June.

What's even better about Edenkoben is that it doesn't end with the wine. They're a cultural bunch. Every year awards and scholarships are awarded at the *Künstlerhaus Edenkoben* to promote art and culture.

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Ahh, too busy wandering around the rest of town (and country!) to notice that I didn't win — so I'm heading off to see the *Sieges- und Friedensdenkmal* (Victory & Peace Monument). Every August there's a Rock concert happening — a far cry from peace with all that noise. Go when it's quiet to see the monuments frescoes.

While Edenkoben is a fit for a king, it's loved by The Rest Of Us. Now pass the wine!