

Edingen-Neckarhausen -- Lovely Jump Off Point At The Neckar

The combined towns of Edingen and Neckarhausen sits within one incredibly historic region of Germany, the Rhein-Neckar-Kreis.

In fact, the towns themselves date back to around the late 8th century and right in between the historic cities of [Mannheim](#) (approx 15km/8mi) and [Heidelberg](#) (approx. 7km/4mi), so you couldn't ask for a better location as a jumping off point to see so much.

You can actually “kill two birds with one stone” when you visit the beautiful 17th century Schloss Neckarhausen. This stunning yellow building doubles as the town's local history museum with exhibits that change frequently, so you'll always learn something new. One thing does remain constant, the English Gardens at the *Schlosspark*, which are exceptionally beautiful.

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If you need more of a castle fix, the spectacular ruins of Castle Heidelberg look down menacingly on the city (and is a must-see). If you don't mind going back to school, Mannheim Palace is now part of the University of Mannheim; it's still stunning after all these years so try not to miss it.

If castles and churches aren't for you and you prefer life in the fast lane, there's the Auto Museum in Ladenburg with the life's work of Dr. Carl Benz (yes, of THE Mercedes Benz). If you wish to leave less of a carbon footprint, there's always a game of tennis or bochi ball going on. And, a chance to take a dip in either the town's indoor or outdoor pool.

One thing Edingen-Neckarhausen likes to do is party, as there are a number of festivals and celebrations held here throughout the year. The *Gockelfest* is always held on the 3rd weekend in

July and the town's City Celebration is held the weekend before. The religious *Kerwe* Festival is held in Edingen on the 1st weekend in October and Neckarhausen's is on the 1st weekend in September. Lastly, the Fischer Celebration goes off on the 3rd weekend in August.

No matter what you do in the area of Edingen-Neckarhausen you can't go wrong since you'll find everything from history to funky film festivals, to cars and culture, and just about everything in between. That's what makes Edingen-Neckarhausen a quiet place to be to see it all!