

Eisenberg (Pfalz) -- Festivals, Markets, And Roman Finds

It seems that everything that's built or made today is disposable. Oh, your DVD player broke? Throw it out & buy a new one! Oh, don't like the house you have? Tear it down and build a new one!

Makes no sense sometimes, right? You must be thinking I've flipped my lid and what does this have to with Eisenberg (Pfalz)?

First off, let me tell you I haven't gone loopy. I just get all excited when I see things that are hundreds (and hundreds) of years old — they were built to LAST!

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For instance, take the *Storchenturm* (Stork Tower) sitting right in the middle of town. This cute lil' thing was built in the 15th century (yes, that would be the 1400's, my friends) with walls two meters thick. So, there was no escaping when the thing was used as a prison, right? ;-)

There's a little glitch in my theory when you talk about the Kloster St. Maria Rosenthal. The monastery is in ruins — BUT, the church's wall and bell tower are still standing after more than 760 years. So, maybe there isn't a hole in my theory afterall!

Another thing that lasts is tradition — this is why it's called tradition, Silly! Eisenberg is a party town; and sometimes even we Germans like to party. OK, the Romans did, too; so, it's fitting that Eisenberg holds an annual Roman Festival.

Not just for the fun of it — there were significant Roman artifacts found here, which can be found at the Roman Vicus Eisenberg Museum. In fact, two Roman coffins were uncovered — they're now

buried in the Eisenberg Cemetery.

Eisenberg's obligatory Christmas Market is also pretty awesome; it's where you can buy all sorts of gifts & candles (or drink mulled wine). If you can't wait until the end of November, there's a weekly market on Saturday mornings where you can buy fruit, veggies, flowers, or even honey. Don't even get me started on the delicious pastries you can buy. ;-)

Oh, talk about things that last — those yummy goodies will stick to my abdomen for centuries! Excuse me while I TRY to work off those calories on Eisenberg's walking paths AND bicycle trails... ;-)