

Engstingen -- A Whirlwind In The Fehltal

Here it is, another late night of burning the midnight oil. I do it with a pure heart, so that everyone can learn all about towns like Engstingen. You'll have to forgive me if I jump around a little bit, this is my fifth town in this state in less than a week — it's been a whirlwind, and I'm a tad tired.

Don't think it won't happen to you around here; this isn't a sit back and rest kind of place, ya know. It doesn't matter what season it is, you'll definitely find something to keep you busy. In addition to the ski lifts, there are numerous cross-country skiing trails (some long, some short).

I'd have to say it's best to do a *Ballonfahrt* (ballooning) for when it's warmer outside though. Which, by the way, might be the right season to go around hiking through the Fehltal, full of BBQ areas for a bite to eat after a full day of hiking and cycling through the [Swabian Alb](#).

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The splendors of Engstingen reach below the surface as well. From here you're within easy reach of the *Bärenhöhle*, the *Nebelhöhle*, and the *Olgahöhle* — caves full of wondrous stalagmites and stalactites.

Just as the caves are a natural wonder, Schloss Lichtenstein is a man-made one. Built right on the edge of a cliff, this is a 19th century castle deemed gorgeous enough for a German postage stamp.

The other man-made wonders of Engstingen are its two churches, the St. Martin Church and the St. Blasius Church. They're equally lovely, but to tell the difference between them — the church of St. Martin has a more rounded dome atop its tower.

Now it's time to tell you about Engstingen's Auto Museum. This museum dedicated to entirely to

the German love of the automobile is open weekends from Easter to October.

Some of the other things that go on in this town between Easter and October are some of its festivals. One of the biggest ones is the *Köhlerfest*, held around April/May. Don't worry, if you're here for the winter activities you're in luck to enjoy the town's *Krämermarkt*, and Christmas in the Forest celebrations. While there isn't any Christmas Market held in town, you're close enough to many of them held in neighboring towns.

Oh, more towns — like I'm not tired enough. ;-)