

Erlenbach (Heilbronn) -- Wine Growing And Beyond

Here I am in Erlenbach (Heilbronn), finally the proper one.

You see, there are 19 (!) Erlenbachs in Germany, so it's easy to get lost. (Academic note: Five of those 19 are towns in political terms, the other 14 are districts of towns.)

Confused? Relax... I'm here to guide you. :-)

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THIS Erlenbach that sits just northeast of [Heilbronn](#) is a quaint little town of two districts not even measuring thirteen square kilometers, a good chunk of it forested, by the way.

Don't let its diminutive size fool you. Erlenbach has quite a bit of history (dating back to the Franks) and culture going on. It's a fabulous wine growing region, so it's no wonder you'll find special Wine Tours along specific hiking trails and paths. Plus, this Erlenbach can boast two Wine Festivals, one in July and the other in August.

In keeping with the wine theme, there's a Wine Museum in its village of Binswangen. Now I'm aware not everyone is into the museum thing, so for you nice folks maybe some centuries old architecture might tickle your fancy?

You'll find two beautiful churches to visit, the first being the Church of St. Michael (in Binswangen). It's a stunning church of intricate art, gold, and marble from the late 18th century. The other is the Church of St. Martinus, known for its ceiling frescoes. St. Martinus is also from the 18th century, yet both churches from today aren't the originals — both were rebuilt over much older ones.

Erlenbach's *Rathaus* (Town Hall) is also quite old, having been built sometime in the 1600s — and its Marktplatz is postcard perfect with its half-timbered buildings. Don't you just love them?

Most of us like parties, too. So for some cultural fun, come for the festivals and other events. This is a town that celebrates Carnival, has its own Corpus Christi Procession, and in June the village of Binswangen hosts its *Pfarrhoffest*, while the Summer Festival come in July.

Winter isn't without anything to do (trust me, I'm writing this on a cold February afternoon), with winter hiking events (in and around the [Swabian-Franconian Forest](#), the latter of which you can do in the warmer months), and had I come in December I'd have been around for its St. Nicholas Day Celebration and/or its Christmas Market.

Well, if I come here every month I get to experience all events and goodies *this* Erlenbach has to offer. :-)