

Essenbach -- More Than Snow Capped Alps And Foam Capped Beer

It's not right to only think of [beer](#) when you have visions of [Bavaria](#) in your head. Neither is it right to think only of the [Alps](#); because this region of Germany has so much more to offer than snow capped mountains and foam capped brews.

Oh, who am I kidding...

In the case of Essenbach in [Lower Bavaria](#) — you won't find the Alps, but you're close enough to get to them if you really wanted to see them.

What the market town of Essenbach does have is a pretty awesome Archaeological Museum within the old Local History Museum (called *Heimatmuseum*). Since man has lived here since the Stone Age, it's only fitting that the museum would house many prehistoric finds.

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Better plan your trip to Essenbach right, the museum is only open on the last Sunday of the month from from 2pm-5pm. Small tip: if you call ahead, you can likely get a special admission.

If you find yourself in Essenbach on a Saturday from March through to the end of October, you're in for a real treat. Essenbach's weekly market is held from 8am to 11:30am; sorry if you're not a morning person but the market is SO worth getting out of bed for. You can buy all sorts of meats, cheeses, fresh produce, and even honey at the market.

Can you taste the goodness through the computer? Me either, too bad for us, huh? ;-)

I guess you're going to have to come and stay a few days. The Hotel Lunginger is a pretty good place that serves real traditional Bavarian dishes, has super clean rooms, and is near many walking paths (some go right past the bright sunflower fields).

The *Gasthaus Bergmüller* is another great place to stay. Not only does it have its own butcher shop (think really fresh meat dishes) but, it's got a BEER garden.

Yeah, like you didn't see that coming? ;-)