

## Friedrichsthal -- Trilingual Town With Protected Nature Habitats

In the [Saarland](#) region where you'll find the town of Friedrichsthal you'll hear a few dialects of German and even French. Being this close to France and Luxembourg, it's not any wonder that mostly everyone is bilingual. English is also widely spoken, so I guess that would make people trilingual.

One thing that transcends any language barrier is food. Again, with some French influence the food around Friedrichsthal is quite savory and usually served with something sweet. Try the potato soup or *Frikadellen* (meat dumplings) with a *Butterkuchen* (butter cake) for dessert. Of course, they all taste really good paired with a good Moselle wine.

Oh, I know, you can't eat the whole time. You could try, but, there is other stuff to do around here. Though, eating and drinking seem like the best idea during the town's City Celebration. OK, maybe some dancing, too. ;-)

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One of the most popular places for locals and visitors is the town's artificial lake, known as *Saufangweiher*. The surrounding forest is a good background for a day of fishing. Another place of natural beauty is the *Hoferkopf*, a protected nature habitat.

To keep enjoying the great outdoors, try a game or two of miniature golf. There's also an outdoor municipal pool to jump around in. To round it up, there's even an indoor pool in town, too.

If you want something a bit more cultural (and less outdoorsy) a good idea would be to visit any number of art galleries in town, or enjoy a concert or piano recital in the Town Hall's Festival

Room.

Friedrichsthal has come a long way from being a working class town with coal mining and a glassworks factory. The countryside is simply pretty, the food is more than delicious, and the wines are out of this world. Add in all the cultural activities and you've got yourself a great trip; and it even won't matter what language you speak!