

Gammertingen -- Gung-ho On The Medieval

How many folks out there love all things medieval? Don't you love movies like Robin Hood, or about King Arthur and Camelot? I do, and when I find towns that transport my mind's eye back to the days of the Middle Ages — I'm all gung-ho to shout about them.

Welcome to Gammertingen in the classy [Hohenzollern Province](#). Wait, I said shout. WELCOME TO GAMMERTINGEN. ;-)

What comes from the days of chivalrous knights? The Kloster Mariaberg, for starters. Not that you could tell from its Baroque church, mind you; but it was built in 1265.

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The ruins of Baldenstein Castle are also from the Middle Ages, as it was built in the 11th century. Yup, that makes it like a thousand years ago.

What else? Spethsches Schloss. Wait... The building you see today was built in 1775, but its original was from the 13th century. A technicality, but medieval nonetheless. Debate it over the castle's ceiling frescoes, OK?

I know there are more medieval sites around Gammertingen, like its 12th/13th century *Stadtmauer* — but I have to jump ahead some centuries to tell you about the Kirche St. Leodegar (16th century). Oh yeah, this one's over an older one, so this too is a Middle Ages original.

The St. George Chapel didn't come along until 1700, the *Linsenbergekappelle* in 1872, and the *Josefskapelle* in 1708.

Gammertingen's St. Nicholas Church might have a Rococo design, but its full of Gothic art. And the St. Martin Church is also a Rococo church — most notably known for its stucco work and sculptures.

What's really funny is that all of these old buildings aren't anywhere near as old as the *Teufelstorfelsen*. This rock cutout comes from the Jurassic era (yeah, like dinosaurs); and its views of the Lauchertal are as legendary as the rock itself.

Want to get away from everything remotely modern? The Fehlatal can only be accessed by foot or bicycle — there are no roads, no train tracks, no nothing in this heavily forested area.

Ahh, the sweet sound of silence.

It isn't so silent at one of Gammertingen's festivals or markets. On the third Thursday of March, August, and October is the Shopkeeper's Market; in addition to the Weekly Market on Wednesdays.

Warm weather is perfect for the annual Jazz concerts on the first Saturday of the Summer Holidays at the castle, and on the last weekend of June (every other year) party at the City Festival. When the weather turns cooler, look forward to the Christmas and Advent Markets.

The only thing I've left out this far is telling you about Gammertingen's Municipal Museum (it's never the same as the exhibits constantly change), and the Harthausen Museum that acts as Gammertingen's Local History Museum.

Nope, that's wrong — I left out the *Kreuzwege*, or Stations of the Cross. You'll find all 14 along Gammertingen's lanes; in the same spot from when they were put there in the 1860s.

All right, so what if they're not medieval? I always got the rest of Gammertingen to bring me back there.