

Gau-Algesheim -- Wine Along The Rhine In Rhenish Hesse

Today Gau-Algesheim is part of the [Rhineland-Palatinate](#) in Germany. Had you been here at the turn of the 19th century — you'd know it as part of the [Holy Roman Empire](#).

Not that it matters much today — it's just I'm reminded of Gau-Algesheim's churches. Like the Pfarrkirche (Parish Church) Sts. Cosmas & Damian. It was once a Gothic church, but has a Baroque Pieta, and centuries old graves inside.

The Chapel on Laurenziberg that you see today was built in 1707 in the popular Baroque style of its day — but there's been a religious site here since the 6th or 7th century.

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That's like twice as old as Schloss Ardeck, built in 1112. Today the castle houses the *Fahrradmuseum* (Bicycle Museum), and they do rent out rooms for parties and other events.

Gau-Algesheim's *Rathaus* (Town Hall) is also a Baroque building that was originally a Gothic one. In fact, the building you're seeing today was destroyed during the [Thirty Years' War](#) — but that didn't stop residents from rebuilding.

What other goodies will you find in Gau-Algesheim? Take the Wine & Panorama Trail to find out. Yes, wine — they've been growing grapes for vino here since 766 — and the 2.5km trail with 15 panels will tell you all about it.

Follow the 15 panels of the *Geoökologische Erlebnispfad* to learn about Gau-Algesheim's plants and animals.

Forget it — I'm more interested in the *Kerb & Alagastmarkt* on the 2nd weekend of August. No, the Castle Festival at the end of August. Can't decide... maybe I should do both?

Rather hold out for the wine? The Wine Festival is on the second weekend of October — and the obligatory Christmas Market comes along in...? Yup, December. Have some mulled wine there — you'll love it.

I guess I better tell you about Gau-Algesheim's *Graulturm* — a Gothic tower from 1332 (and where you pick up the start of the *Geoökologische* trail). You'll find a Jewish Cemetery, and a Gothic "Christ In Majesty" mandorla.

Perhaps some of you'd rather picnic out on the Laurenziberg, or find a quiet hiking or biking trail. All good things. So whatever you choose you're not gonna go wrong in Gau-Algesheim.