Goldbach (Franconia) -- Double The Population In A Single Bound

Question: How do you more than double the population of your town in a single bound (oh, sounds a wee bit like Superman, doesn't it)? The answer: you hold an Autumn Market in Goldbach (Franconia), that has about 9,900 residents and invite 10,000 visitors!

That must be some market; and good thing there are more than two handfuls of hotels, guesthouses, and B&B's to welcome everyone.

Well, no wonder they come, who can resist [Lower Franconian](#) culinary delights like *Weißkraut* and *Lebkuchen* (gingerbread), which are favorites here and readily available whether it's market time or not.

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What you might not know about Goldbach is that it's home to Basler Fashion. What's the big deal? It's quite a famous women's clothing manufacturer and you'll find inexpensive finds at its Factory Outlet Store.

Food, beer, shopping. I think I've found Heaven. Or, maybe someone at my credit card company is doing a little jig every time I say "Charge It." ;-)

It won't cost you any money to stop and see Goldbach's two churches. St. Maria is the much new church; but, its St. Nikolaus (found in the Old City Center) that's quite a bit older. If you want a much older one, you'll have to hop over to the Johannes Church in neighboring Hösbach.

Swimming won't cost an arm and a leg, either. Goldbach's outdoor pool is great for summer fun in

the Franconian sunshine; but, if winter's knocking down the door — do it at the indoor pool instead.

It'll be good fun for you and the kids, which they'll probably like Goldbach's playground — but, dollars to donuts, they won't like it as much as the pool.

As for me, I like the beer best of all! ;-)