

Grünberg -- Where A Brew House Counts As A Cultural Activity

Grünberg with its 13 municipalities isn't really a huge touristy kind of town but convenient to some great sightseeing throughout the [Hessian](#) countryside.

By staying in this little hamlet, you'll know you're not too far from anything you want to see in this region. The timber framed city hall and town square really looks like a beautiful movie set and the two old watchtowers give the town a real dramatic flair.

If castles are your cup of tea then you've come to the right place. Grünberg has a picturesque Renaissance style *Schloss* that dates back to around the 1570's.

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For something even older, look no further than the 11th century ruins of the Castle Homberg. This thousand year old castle is stunning, if not anything, but it is private property.

The 13th century Schloss Solms (in nearby Laubach) is dazzling with an enchanting English Garden (designed in the 18th century). The castle houses one of the largest private library collections in all of Europe (thanks to Count Solms). Not to be outdone, [Gießen's](#) 12th century castle has its own moat.

One of the oldest Botanical Gardens in all of Germany is close to Grünberg, having been in the same location since 1609. For some other cultural events, the Keller Theater is the place to be, converted from an old German Army Officer's Club within the town of Gießen. Since it is Germany and beer is ingrained into the culture, the 13th century Brewing House (in Homberg) counts as a cultural activity, especially now since it's a museum.

Try to be here in Grünberg on the 3rd Wednesday in October when tens of thousands of visitors come for the annual *Gallusmarkt*. See, by coming to Grünberg, you really are right in the middle of everything!