

Haag in Oberbayern -- Enjoy A Beer On Dead Ice

It's not unusual to see someone's name with some letters added at the end. For example, doctors add M.D. or D.O, lawyers add Esq. You know, that sort of thing. But, what does it mean when a place adds letters to its end? In the (official) case of the town of Haag its "i. OB" added at the end means that Haag is "in Oberbayern."

Oberbayern, in case you didn't know yet, is [Upper Bavaria](#), which is one of the most beautiful places, since this is where you'll find the [Bavarian Alps](#) and other goodies.

Who can't get excited with the Alps' jagged peaks off in the distance? Just don't let it stop you from seeing the rest of Haag, OK?

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It won't take too long, as there isn't all that much to see. Everything centers around the massive Burg Haag. Or, should I say, what used to be Burg Haag as it's now a castle ruin.

Sure, its medieval tower still overlooks the town at 42 meters; and the old 12th century castle is partially restored enough to house Haag's Local History Museum.

Sightseeing around Haag would also include visiting the *Spitalkirche* (Hospital Church), built in 1558; the Gothic *Pfarrkirche* (Parish Church), and the old *Löwenbrunnen* (Lion's Fountain) that was built in 1557.

Like beer? Enough to want to be really close to it? How about staying at the guesthouse that belongs to the *UNERTL* Brewery? Good idea, this way you don't have to go too far after you've sampled their Wheat Beer and Beer Schnapps.

Even if you can't get a room at the inn (so to speak), you can always try the locally made beer at one of Haag's markets; like the *Fastenmarkt* in March, the *Pfingstmarkt* in May, *Herbstmarkt* in September, and the *Allerseelenmarkt* in October. This is all in addition to the Christmas Market in December.

Don't worry about any calories... you can always hike through the countryside. Haag lies in an area known for its *Toteiskessel*, which funnily translates to Dead Ice Bowl. Don't worry about slipping on anything in the middle of Summer, Dead Ice was created from receding glaciers that pock-marked the landscape.

Hmm, I'm learning new stuff every time I turn around. Maybe one day I'll be smart enough to add some letters to the end of my name. ;-)