

Hahnbach -- Appreciating Silence In The Upper Palatinate

When you're out and about in Bavaria, rest assured you're going to find something that'll render you kind of speechless. As a writer, that's not always a good thing, but no worries 'cause I'll eventually come to my senses and write all about such places as Hahnbach at MyGermanCity.com.

Ok, ok, maybe totally speechless is a bit of an exaggeration — but it is kind of hard to spout off at the mouth (a niceway of saying someone talks too much) when you're in awe of such magnificent old churches. And since Hahnbach is comprised of some 27 districts, you're bound to find one or two that'll strike your fancy.

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For me it was such places as the Holy Trinity Church, built in the 17th & 18th centuries. In fact, many of Hahnbach's churches came from that period — like the Pilgrimage Church in Mausberg (built 1750) and the Kehl Chapel (it's kinda pyramid shaped).

Want older? Ok, that would be the Pfarrkirche St. Jakobus — this sweet old church was originally built in 1434; as did the former chapel in Irlbach, that's also a 15th century addition. Just don't let the Church of St. Ursula trick you into thinking she's a Baroque original, she didn't come along until 912.

All the great architectural gems (like its landmark *Amberger Tor*) of Hahnbach can be pondered at one of its many festivals and cultural events, by the way. Nowhere else can they throw a party like the Bavarians, so get your party face on for such goodies like the *Marktfest* in July, the *Frohnbergfest* in August, or the obligatory *Kirwa* in September. Or, you could just enjoy the ambiance of the Advents Market at the end of November.

It's no problem if there isn't a festival going on — use the time to explore the [Upper Palatinate](#) countryside. You never know what you might find. Years ago an archaeological excavation found all kinds of medieval artifacts. I don't think I could ever be that lucky to find such a treasure, so I'm content to hike along the 6.1km *Naturlebnisweg* or take a canoe ride (so long as it's between May and October).

Ha, I knew it wouldn't be long before I found the words to talk about Hahnbach — although I'm sure some appreciated my silence. ;-)