

Heidenheim District -- Home Of Ancient Civilization

The Heidenheim District is located in the east of [Baden-Württemberg](#) in the [Swabian Alb](#) mountain range. Like so many other districts from this part of Germany, it offers a range of historical highlights. As you will discover, though, these go a lot further back than just the medieval period which this region is so famous for.

Heidenheim District Map

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Starting at [Heidenheim an der Brenz](#) you will find the enormous 12th century Hellenstein Castle which sits on top of a mountain of the same name, overlooking the town below. In 1901 it was opened to the public as a museum enabling you to look around the inside as well as the exterior.

The Schnaitheim Mill in the main town is also well worth a look with its huge wooden wheel. Plus, the town is host to what is considered the most important fencing tournament each year.

While in the area take a trip to *Vogelherdhöhle* near the town of Niederstotzingen which dates back to **30,000 years ago!** An ancient cave system marks a prehistoric camp where Neanderthals are believed to have lived once. It is from where a variety of carvings made from mammoth tusk have been discovered!