

Heidenheim an der Brenz Is Where Old Meets New

Heidenheim an der Brenz is a charming town and well known for its typical [German architecture](#). The local streets are lined with houses of all colors and sizes with half-timbered fronts and gabled roofs. From picnic squares to cozy inns it is a great town to explore.

The backdrop to the town is the ancient turreted castle. As it is such a popular destination for tourists there is a good choice of hotels in the town.

The Tourist Information office has a team of professional staff who offer information and maps and also organize guided tours. This is definitely the best way to learn more of the town's interesting history.

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There are also guided tours of the Brenzinger Park, or you can choose a tour with a wildlife theme and explore the area. You can walk by the river or hike in the nearby mountains and enjoy the wonderful scenery.

Trails lead you around the town showing you the loveliest sights and the hidden treasures of Heidenheim an der Brenz. Streets and ancient staircases lead between old houses, statues and the market place. There is a Carriage museum, the *Rathaus* and the castle high above the town.

In the winter the Brenzinger Park is popular with skaters, so you can join in or enjoy watching the fun. It is a wonderful place to relax, walk and enjoy the natural surroundings. There is an entrance fee but it is well worth the small charge.

There are also many events in the Park including the "Fire and Ice" display with a drum display, a

fire show and fireworks to conclude the event. Summer fun includes a trampoline and a water playground.

Winter sports are always popular at Heidenheim. Cross country Skiing, sledging, curling and skating are enjoyed by all the family. If you are too timid to try these sports yourself then enjoy the hot mulled wine and waffles and watch the fun.

Heidenheim is known for its fine German cuisine and excellent restaurants. You must try the excellent food at the Hotel Restaurant Linde or one of the other excellent restaurants in the town. The Café Balzac offers a wide choice of specialty coffee in its delightful setting nestled beneath the Castle walls.

Annual events include the Training and Study Show which attracts many students and parents to see what is on offer. The Geocache walk is another favorite activity. It is a treasure hunt guided by GPS coordinates and creates a lot of excitement as groups home in on the loot.

Beyond the town there are some excellent mountain walks on prepared paths ranging from 1.8 to 16km in length. The views are stunning as you enjoy the walk.