

Heilbronn -- A Versatile City With Traditions

Heilbronn is termed as the blend of [Swabian](#) assiduity and [Franconian](#) savoir vivre by means of multi-ethnic, tolerant and liberal people who are not only aware of rituals but also flexible towards the future.

It is an urban district in north [Baden-Württemberg](#) and entrenched in a stunning landscape and amalgamated by nature, culture and history. It is deeply seated in hills and valleys, widespread vineyards, as well as picturesque views and buildings.

The [Neckar River](#) served as a helping hand to the people over time and virtually transformed the city. In the middle ages, trade and opulence flourished like never before. In later years, Heilbronn led the way in the trade uprising in Germany.

Nowadays, it's a sought-after site for inventive ventures.

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The U.S. troops had made Heilbronn as their base station since 1951 and made use of barracks built prior to [World War II](#). And in 2005/06, it got selected as the first **UNICEF** children's city in Germany which was truly a worth savoring moment for it.

Now that we've covered the historical part, let's take a look at what's going on here *today*...

The city is full of the events. For example, the *Pferdemarkt* (Horse Market) is taking place in February where more than 100,000 people gather to find a horse, or just to watch other people and take a break from everyday's work.

When you're here in the month of May, there's the Trollinger marathon going on. Or what about July, when the Gaffenberg carnival and the *Untertander Volksfest* enthralls the city until August.

HA! No, we're not finished yet... September is another time to celebrate with the *Heilbronner Weindorf* (yup, to drink some good wine!), and also October when they're all set to have fun at the *Hafenmarkt*.

Wow! One more... You really have to see the Christmas Market here. It takes place for four weeks, from the end of November until, yup, Christmas in December. It shall be located in downtown near the *Kilianskirche*.

Alright, enough events. Now to some photogenic buildings...

The Harbor market tower and the *Haus Zehender* at the market square are places to have a look at. The famous *Kathchenhaus* at the market square and next to it, the City Hall with its historic astronomic clock are also sites you really don't wanna miss.

Kilianskirche, a Protestant church, is a highly acclaimed site as the tower from the early Renaissance makes the insignia of the city. On the other hand, the *Deutschordensmunster St.-Peter-und-Paul* is a Catholic Church which is equally important. Besides beautiful ornaments inside, it has a stunning faade outside, in a warm light-brown color.

Other tourist friendly sites include the *Ehrenfriedhof* — a graveyard that stands for the sufferers of the air raid on December 4, 1944 while the Robert Mayer Memorial in the market place serves the same purpose.

Uh, oh, and of course you'll find countless restaurants and pubs to enjoy the ride and get some energy back. ;-)