

## Heroldsbach -- Castle + Theme Park = Like

The kid in me just loves [theme parks](#) (amusement parks, whatever you wanna call them), so it was really exciting to find one here in the town of Heroldsbach — located just 6km from [Forchheim](#).

Now that's not to say the park is the only thing you'll be doing here, but it certainly makes a good start.

If you're like me, the *Erlebnispark*, or Theme Park, Schloß Thurn is the place to start. What makes this park truly unique, it's also a stunning Baroque castle. The original moated castle is much older (built 1422), but the one you see before you today is a pretty yellow number from the 1730s. Come walk around the castle gardens, and don't forget about the castle's chapel.

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The castle might come from the first few decades of the 18th century, but Heroldsbach is really much older. In fact, to celebrate the town's 1000th birthday, the town "opened" a 27-station *Kulturwanderweg*. Of course there are other well-marked hiking trails throughout the region, if you're so inclined.

Oh, c'mon, there's no complaining about walking around *anywhere* in [Upper Franconia](#). OK? ;-)

Now that I think about it, I've never heard anyone complain about a fine Franconian festival either. Lucky for us there are a number of them hosted by this very town. I think I've counted like three *Kirchweih* celebrations (with one in July, two in August). And it wouldn't be right not to give mention to the *Martinmarkt* in November, or all the Advent concerts throughout the holiday season.

Advent is a religious season, so it seems only right to mention Heroldsbach's pretty churches at

this point. I'm a sucker for a medieval church, which might be why the Church of St. Georg (in the village of Poppendorf) is my favorite. What's not to love about a Romanesque church with a "golden" altar?

All right, you might like the neo-Baroque Church of St. Lawrence better, or the very simple looking Church of St. Vitus in Oesdorf. It's all personal preference, isn't it? And I prefer to hit up that amusement park again — see ya later! ;-)