

Hof And Its Pastoral Beauty...

Hof in [Upper Franconia](#) is located on the upper [Saale](#) close to the [Franconian Forest](#), and it is the place for strolls, hiking trips, picnic in the woods, and biking along picturesque trails. But there's also a lot awaiting your exploration in the city and its charming outskirts.

Hof is known for its metal works and textile industry, but what will definitely excite you will be the wealth of history and the intoxicating charm of geography surrounding it.

Right in the city center, you'll find the Town Hall on *Am Unteren Tor* on the banks of the Saale. Close at hand is the towering presence of the imposing St. Michael Church in all its neo-Gothic splendor.

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Here you'll also want to check out the *Hospitalkirche*, a church quite unlike any other. The neat amalgamation of styles where a Gothic structure incorporates a baroque ceiling and altar should surely pique your interest.

At hand is also the Vogtland Museum of regional history and other exhibits.

Follow the Old Town (*Altstadt*) to the St. Lawrence Church that dates back to the 13th century. The gothic winged altar here is one for the camera, along with stunning interiors!

As you go northeast of Hof, it's time to kick off the sense of time and explore at your own personal pace. The *Theresienstein Park* with its 175 acres of wonders is here at your disposal to explore or simply relax in. A zoo and a splendid botanic garden ensure a day well spent. Ascend to the lookout tower of the nearby Labyrinth berg for a spectacular view of the whole place.

The small town beauty of Hof comes to the fore during its local fairs and beer fests. Street musicians and acrobats take over the streets, while the townspeople go about in an air of festivity.

Around December is when the Christmas market takes over proceedings and lights up the whole town. :-)