

Karlstadt -- Its 800 Year Old Beauty Will Captivate Your Heart

Karlstadt may not seem like a great idea at first but it is the sort of place that grows on you.

Take the St. Johannis Church for instance. When compared with those other majestic religious architecture that is strewn all over the [Lower Franconian](#) countryside, it may seem like, well, pretty nondescript. But then you take a second look and notice things that actually set it apart.

The historic Main Gate with its stately gateway and flood gauge, the Main Gate Tower, and the Old Town area are points well worth visiting.

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The cobbled streets of Karlstadt are rather quiet. It lets you stroll around at your own pace rather than get pushed around by a crowd. There are those ubiquitous half-timbered buildings of various sizes that never cease to amaze no matter how many times you may have seen them.

Karlstadt lies on the [River Main](#) and so has this lovely riverside area that offers opportunities for leisurely strolls along a tree-lined avenue or even some meditation if that's what you feel like. One thing to look out for is the high water marks on the walls by the riverfront.

Other things to look out for in Karlstadt would be the various handicraft businesses that seem to be quite the rage these days.

Then there are the local vineyards that offer wine tasting and tours and generally promise a days' worth of excitement.