

Kirchdorf am Inn -- A Likable Town In Lower Bavaria

Oh yeah, another week of bumming around [southern Germany](#). This time it's the [Rottal-Inn region](#), and the town of Kirchdorf am Inn.

It might get a bit confusing around here, because technically you're in [Lower Bavaria](#) — but if you literally cross a particular street, you're in [Upper Bavaria](#), and if you cross the [Inn River](#) you're in Austria.

So, do we all know where we are now? I sure do, sorta. However, I know a likable town when I see it.

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I also know a pretty church when I see it. Take the Pfarrkirche Maria Himmelfahrt (Assumption Church of Mary), for example. There's something quite striking about a Gothic church from the 1500s, just as there's something extraordinary about a Rococo church — like the St. John Nepomuk Church from the 1780s.

Don't take my word for it, come see some of the other churches and chapels found throughout Kirchdorf's twenty-two villages. The Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Stadleck is a great place to start as any, as would be the St. James the Elder Church (built 1471).

There is one thing, though. If you're looking for a massive medieval castle, I'm sorry to tell you there aren't any — but that doesn't mean Kirchdorf doesn't have any castles. Schloss Seibersdorf looks more like a manor house; whose oldest part dates back almost five centuries.

The bright white of Seiberdorf Castle is a striking contrast to the grim appearance of Schloss

Ritzing. No, it's not creepy-like grim, more like somber. Don't get me wrong, it's a feat of centuries old engineering, so enjoy it. Ritzing, by the way, even had an 18th century *Schlossbrauerei* (Castle Brewery).

[Bavaria](#) and [beer](#), go figure. ;-)

Another great place to enjoy yourself would be the Unterer Inn area, also known as (deep breath) *Bayerisch-Oberösterreichisches Europareservat*, or Bavarian Upper Austrian Europe Reserve — a nature reserve area where you could spend your entire time here trying to find all 300 species of birds who call this place home.

Or, you could plan a visit to coincide with one of Kirchdorf's many festivals. The *Blütenfest* is a May staple, while June and July are busy with two Village Festivals, a *Pfarrfest*, and a Wine Festival. Of course if you can't make the summer *Weinfest*, there's another one in September.

Now do you see why I say Kirchdorf am Inn is a likable town? I'm pretty sure the wine had nothing to do with it. ;-)