

Kirchheimbolanden -- Historical Sights Mixed With Fun Festivals

I think it was a crusty, old, orange cat called Garfield that said, "I don't do Mondays." Maybe not, but either way the folks in the town of Kirchheimbolanden in the [Palatinate](#) don't do them either.

OK, just not the folks at the Palace Museum.

Um, do I really need to tell you this Local History Museum is closed on Mondays? Other than that, most other places are happy plugging away at all sorts of other jobs in town. ;-)

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You could use your Monday to meander around town looking at the medieval defense wall (known as a *Stadtmauer*) that towers about eight meters high in some areas.

Within the perimeter of the original *Stadtmauer* is a gorgeous Rococo style palace, once home to Baron von Geispitzheim.

Our good ol' baron didn't do anything totally out of the ordinary or make some crazy mark in history; I just thought his name sounded cool. Baron von Geispitzheim. Go ahead, say it a few times to see what I'm talking about? ;-)

Alongside the palace are both a beautiful garden and a stunning 18th century Orangery. A rococo palace deserves an exquisite garden and outbuildings, does it not?

But, I think a town like Kirchheimbolanden (it hurts my fingers to keep typing a word this long) deserves a bunch of fun festivals and markets.

I prefer the *Kercherner Bierwoche* (a Beer Week), but unfortunately takes place every two years instead of every year at Corpus Christi (sorry, you gotta check the Christian calendar for the exact date).

And again, you'll have to check the Christian calendar to get the exact date for the annual Christmas Market on the 2nd weekend of Advent. Oh, it's so worth it — there are lots of crafts, art, and food to be had by all.

Don't worry, no extra calendar is needed to find out about an annual festival on the 2nd weekend of August, and the May Market (2nd Sunday in May) and October Market (2nd Sunday of October).

After all that eating, drinking, and shopping at Kirchheimbolanden's markets and festivals, it's a wonder that the rest of the town doesn't do Mondays either. ;-)