

## Laudenbach an der Bergstraße -- No-Brainer.

I love you, Germany, but sometimes you're awfully confusing to the outside world. I mean, what did you think would happen if you named like five towns the same exact thing? For real, how many towns named Laudenbach do you actually need?

This one, for the sake of this webpage, is just ten square kilometers located in the northwest corner of [Baden-Württemberg](#); known as Laudenbach an der Bergstraße, right on the border of [Hesse](#).

Heck, [Heidelberg](#) is only 25km south of it, for that matter.

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Now that you know where to find it, you'll be able to make your way over to celebrate the annual *Froschkerwe*, a church festival that's held over the first weekend of September — ending on that Monday.

Great, a multi-day event of eating, drinking, singing and dancing.

While only a one-day goings-on, the Christmas Market on December's first Saturday is worth stopping for.

This Laudenbach is also a great place to stay if you're looking to hike the Neckartal-Odenwald. Some forty different tracks and trails snake their way through the region teaching you all about all the things found within.

You know what else you'll find in the region? A castle — yup, the Starkenburg. There's no way to miss it, it sits high up on the mountaintop flying the Hessian flag.

C'mon, I know it's a technicality that the Starkenburg is actually a Hessian castle — but cut me some slack, it's only located right next door. ;-)

Anyway, the castle ruin today is a restaurant — and its so-called hauntings by the White Lady haven't kept too many people at bay.

Creepy haunted castles not for you? I understand, so I'll send you off in the direction of the Evangelical *Alte Dorfkirche*, or Old Village Church. You can't miss that either with its tall black spire atop its old stone tower. Can you tell the church is nearly eight hundred years old?

I haven't been to all the Laudenbachs yet, so I don't know if all of them are as wonderful as this one — but if they are, no brainer to think why you'd need like five of 'em.