

Leutershausen -- Medieval Gates And The Altmühltal

Before heading to another state, I'm gonna make the best of it here in Leutershausen while I can. It's not possible to do a year's worth of stuff in a short period of time, but I'll give it a go.

Actually, consider this idea if you don't have much time either. Take a guided City Walking Tour, which usually starts at one of Leutershausen's medieval gates. The *Unteres Tor* (Lower Tower) is a museum detailing life on a typical Old World farm. You gotta call ahead for an appointment to see it, otherwise wait until either the *Kirchweih* or *Altstadtfest* (2 days in July) for it to open.

Don't confuse that with the *Heimatmuseum* (Local History Museum, located at Am Markt 1-3), that's open Easter to October, from Tuesdays to Fridays. Ohh, more opportunity to learn all you can about Leutershausen.

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A walking tour takes you into the town's past, generally the Middle Ages, to see its St. Peter Church — where there's been a place of worship on this very spot for over a thousand years. You'll also get to see parts of the town's original *Stadtmauer*, or fortification wall, from the 14th century.

The *Nachtwächter* (Nightwatchman) Tours are great fun — and as always, a unique way of learning and seeing a place. However, if you're going to venture out on your own, I'd like to suggest visiting the 13th century Pfarrkirche St. Erhard; and it's right close to a very old cemetery.

No, it isn't creepy — we Germans look at cemeteries like parks, albeit for doing more subdued activities, like reading.

All right, no cemetery? OK, then, go see the 14th century St. Mauritius Church instead. Or, perhaps

you'd prefer to give the *Kneippanlage* a go.

Of course, looking for Leutershausen's storks is always fun, too, as is riding around the *Altmühlradweg*, or giving Geocaching a try. You'll really be lucky if you're here for the *Dorffest*, a three-day affair in June — or the Autumn Market.

Hey, shopping is an activity, too. As if there's not already enough to do in Leutershausen. ;-)