

## Lich -- Lovely Gardens And A Well Earned Beer

There are some things in this world that are quintessentially German. Cars, to name one and sausage another. But, it's beer that makes its mark in Lich.

The Licher Brauerei in this history filled [Hessian](#) town has been brewing the good stuff for over 150 years. Private tours of the brewery are available on Wednesdays and Thursdays only, so make sure you plan accordingly.

Beer's not the only thing to keep you quite entertained when visiting around town. Lich Proper and its surrounding villages have been around since the days of the Bronze Age. Though, most of what's here dates from much later.

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Lich's City Center is where you'll find most of the hub-bub, fringed with many beautiful timber framed buildings. You're even able to see the remnants of Lich's original 15th century *Stadtmauer* and city tower stretching 150 feet in the air.

What's older than Lich's fortification wall is its *Marienstiftskirche*. Originally built in 1316, you'll find it filled with priceless works of art, including a Renaissance crucifix from 1500 and a Baroque style pulpit. On the southern wall of the church choir you'll also find a memorial stone dedicated to the lives lost during the Pogroms of 1938, as well as a World Wars Memorial.

Another site of religious and historical significance is the medieval ruins Monastery Arnsburg, originally built in 1197. Though no longer used in its former capacity, it is still actively used for religious events.

Not used for religious reasons anymore is Lich's Bezalel Synagogue Cultural Center. No longer used for religious purposes since November 1938, its now the place to be in town for concerts. In a twist of irony, it's a far cry from the days when Nazi officials used the former synagogue for their own purposes.

Another beauty is Schloss Lich, still inhabited from the 13th century, but the moat has been gone for centuries. There's a monument at the castle's front yard of former resident, Prince Ludwig. It was at Prince Ludwig's request to have the castle gardens designed. It's the largest castle garden park in all of Upper Hesse and one of Lich's most popular places to visit.

If you have the kids with you and wandering around old draughty buildings isn't for them, rest assured they'll love the Animal Game Park. The park is filled with lamas, apes, birds, and playgrounds for the youngsters to burn off some energy. Not bad for only 3 Euro a person (discounts for little ones under 6).

As you can tell, Lich has something for everyone in the most beautiful of settings. After all that exploring around town, you've most certainly earned that fine [German beer](#). ;-)