

Limburgerhof — BASF Transformed This Former Lonesome Field

When you hear the name Limburger thoughts of a stinky smelly cheese come to mind. When you think of Limburgerhof in the Rhineland-Palatinate stinky won't be coming to mind.

What Limburgerhof is really known for is the chemical company BASF, which is one of the largest employers in the region. BASF built many homes in what is known as the Old Colony and the New Colony; which are just residential neighborhoods.

BASF even had its hand in the building of the Limburgerhof City Hall. No, this isn't any kind of historical old building, but a modern facility that is also a Culture Center for theater performances, balls, conferences, and seminars.

The *Albert-Schweitzer-Haus* is also a community center, by the way.

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Limburgerhof is a relatively new town, technically born only in 1930 when the small area grew by leaps and bounds; although the region has been hustling and bustling for thousands of years.

Stone Age tools have been found and a Bronze Age grave was found at Bundesstraße B9. The Romans came through here on one of their well traveled roads.

From the Middle Ages, there is the Kloster Limburg and the old Mill found along Deer Creek. A couple centuries later a countess built a lovely manor house which can be found at the Castle Park (it's frequently rented out for weddings and other events).

The 19th century also brought to the region of Limburgerhof the Mennonites from Switzerland. Mennonites have remained in the area since then; and Limburgerhof has the only Mennonite Church in the [Rhein-Pfalz-Kreis](#).

It appears that Limburgerhof has quite a bit to see in this small village of almost eleven thousand residents. There's only one hotel in the entire town, so if you're going to stay be smart and make reservations early (or book in nearby [Ludwigshafen](#))

Didn't I tell you stinky cheese is out of mind when thinking of Limburgerhof? ;-)