

Marktheidenfeld -- Plenty Of Lower Franconian Festivities

To the far northwest of [Bavaria](#) in a region known as [Lower Franconia](#) is Marktheidenfeld (yeah, that's a long name, right?). The countryside is so exceptionally gorgeous it's no wonder the state is the most visited region in the entire country.

It's places like Marktheidenfeld that make it that way.

While you're here, you need to visit the pink and blue *Franck-Haus*. It's a grand example of Baroque architecture (always ornate) and houses one of the largest collections of miniature books. Better bring along some super industrial sized reading glasses. ;-)

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Older than the *Franck-Haus* is St. Laurentius Church. Within this 700 year old church are examples of four popular building styles including Romanesque, Gothic, and Baroque architecture. Inside are medieval frescoes and tombs from the 16th century.

More historical sites in Marktheidenfeld include many framework buildings, a historic Town Hall, and the Old Main Bridge made from red sandstone in the 19th century days of Ludwig I from Bavaria.

Also from the 19th century is the *Kreuzbergkapelle*, a chapel that's quite popular among Germans for weddings.

As if a wedding isn't festive enough, Marktheidenfeld has plenty of festivals throughout the year; although many take place during the Spring and Summer.

The Old Town Festival is usually held in June or July; and on the 1st weekend in August is the *Köhlerfest* in the village of Glasofen (one of the town's six villages). There's a Folk Festival in August, too. That's also when the *Laurenzmarkt* is held; and where the beer tents are always crowded.

Summer is also when Marktheidenfeld holds its Dragon Cup, a boat race of some sort. Not a good idea to hit a beer garden or tent before going sailing.

But, since this is Bavaria and [beer](#) is the beverage of choice — any other time is always a good time to sit at a beer garden and talk about all the wonderful things you've seen here.