

Marzell -- A Great Invitation To The Black Forest

Welcome, Ladies and Gentlemen, to yet another winner of the “Unser Dorf soll Schöner werden” contest. Or, as you say in English, Our Village is Beautiful, but some just call it the town of Marzell.

What makes Marzell so special? I don't know... could it be the town's seven districts lying within the Alb tal and Northern [Black Forest](#)? Could it be you're able to eat your way around town, sampling dishes like Black Forest Trout?

Oh, I know, it's the chance to see an Icelandic horse stud farm.

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One thing that really makes Marzell special is the *Frauenalb*. For six hundred years this old medieval Benedictine monastery was home to nuns, but sadly has been a ruin for the last two centuries. Its signposts might be in German, but the graceful arched doorways and well-kept grounds transcend any language barrier, as the place still feels holy after all these years.

Want another heavenly experience? It'd have to be trekking out through the Black Forest Nature Park, home to almost three-quarter of a million people. The flora and fauna found within the nature park is nothing short of extraordinary. However, if you want to stick a little closer to Marzell, there are a number of well-marked hiking trails ranging from 11 to 23 kilometers.

Can you think of a better way to kill like six hours? No, me either.

Well, that is unless you're going to spend them at one of Marzell's museums. The *Fahrzeugmuseum* is quite popular, but then again, any museum dedicated to old cars should

be. You'll also find a *Heimat- und Dorfmuseum*, a local history museum, housed in a quaint half-timbered house. It's open the first Sunday of the month, from 10am to noon; while the *Kantebuahaus* (another local history museum) is also open the first Sunday from 1pm-3pm.

Cool, there's time to do both. :-)

Wait, my guess is Marxzell didn't win the *Unser Dorf soll schöner werden* contest because of its museums... So maybe it's best to get back outside in the fresh Black Forest air. I got another six hours to kill. ;-)