

## Merzig -- Filled With Apples And Wine, Nature And History

Beautiful meadows overflowing with fruit trees makes Merzig a great place for some gastronomic enjoyment. The region is famous for its fruit juices and *Viez Apfelwein* (apple wine), similar in taste to Hessian *Äppelwoi* or French Cidre. The name comes from the Latin “vice vinum” or “deputy wine.”

Since 1969, a large folk festival has been held to celebrate the strong wine tradition. While most purists drink the wine straight, many Germans have been known to mix it with mineral water or Sprite for a flavorful experience.

The tourist department perhaps invented their “Red Guiding Thread” tour for the pedestrian who has enjoyed a bit too much *Apfelwein!* ;-)

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This easy-to-follow route leads you around the town past its most notable sights. There are blue dots that tell you when you have reached somewhere famous, again for those *Apfelwein* -enthusiasts who aren't overly aware of their surroundings. These architectural highlights are buildings that span over an eight century history.

St Peter's church is an impressive example of the Romanesque style. Historical farmhouses, built with a French flair, are a reminder that the French region of Lorraine isn't far off. And the Town Hall is a lovely white marvel with delicate red trim along its edges.

The town's location along the [Saar River](#) makes it ideal for nature lovers, and those in need of some R and R! Beautiful parks are great for a late afternoon stroll, or a relaxing bike ride. The climate, scenery and healing mineral waters have given Merzig the reputation of a rejuvenating

health resort.

There's more nature to be seen at a delightful *Kammerforst* park that showcases the Merzig wolves. With close to one-third of its surrounding covered by forests, Merzig is able to create a safe enclosure for these wolves and simulate their natural environment. This scenic countryside shouldn't be missed.