

## Miltenberg Is So Beautiful That Bishops And Counts Fought For It

Miltenberg lies between a splendid mountain and an azure river adorned with historic architecture and an elite cultural scene that will entice you to stay longer and drink it all in. No, I don't mean the breweries, per se, for you see, this place is historic to a T.

Here in this town you'll find what is touted to be the oldest inn in the country. I'm not sure about that, but I can happily go along with any claim that endorses its beauty. *Zum Riesen* is its name and there it stands in a pedestrian zone with a cobbled walk leading to it. Age before beauty, or beauty before age, I can't quite decide.

Miltenberg's Old Town center is the typical picture book variety where history stands still. Even wandering aimlessly has a thrill of its own when everything you look at appears to have a story.

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The *Würzburger Tor*, the Town Museum, and the *Mainzer Tor* with the historic St. Lawrence's Chapel nearby are all wonderful specimens of the historicity of this land. The Chapel itself dates back to the 14th century and still stands there, tall and proud. Just make sure you fit it all in your must-see list because they're all really worth it.

Miltenberg loves to show off its wares and so there are these tours and trails meant to take visitors through the best parts. The town also lies strategically on the many exciting tours connecting it to the neighboring attractions.

You've got to check out the Franconian Red Wine hiking trail and the Rhine-Main Industrial Culture Route. While the former is a big whoop, the latter is mind-bogglingly informative besides

being quite an adventure.

Miltenberg's local scene is replete with festivals, art, and theater. Chances are you'll find yourself right in the middle of some event going on in town, usually right there at the town center. There's the Old Town Festival when the place literally lights up in celebration. If you're a theater buff the *Mildenburger Theatertage* are for you. Then there's the *Michaelismesse* in September every year, a Franconian folk festival you really don't wanna miss.