

Möckmühl -- Gifts Of Wine And Roman Finds

It's been an amazing comeback for the town of Möckmühl, to the north of [Heilbronn](#). Back in the early to mid-17th century poor Möckmühl lost more than 75% of its population to the Plague and [Thirty Years' War](#).

Even by this time in its history, Möckmühl had centuries upon centuries of daily life, church, and farming. Yes, Möckmühl was a medieval town. It was also a town that has seen the likes of the Celts and Romans.

In the Local History Museum you'll find all sorts of artifacts from the days of those Romans. The building itself is historical; it's a timber-framed house from the 18th century.

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There are also exhibits on its more modern history, mainly the 18th through 20th centuries. One particularly striking piece is its bronze sword. Priceless is probably the best word I can use to describe this artifact.

While you're in town, you shouldn't miss its *Hexenturm* (Witches Tower), its *Rathaus* (built in 1589), and its Old Pharmacy that dates back to 1758.

I wouldn't leave out a trip over to St. Boniface, either. This church has been here since the very early 9th century, but it has been rebuilt throughout the centuries. None of the original church still stands, but one portion goes back to 1513; while the rest comes from right before the turn of the last century.

Burg Möckmühl deserves a mention; and only a mention because it's private property. The castle

was built in the 13th century and has a keep that stands 28 meters high.

Oh wait, I got to give it a bit more than a mention since the castle gets in on Möckmühl's annual Town Festival and City Run on the 3rd weekend of June. Ya'll can keep the run part; I'll take the wine. Don't make fun of me, Möckmühl is a wine town.

OK, I'll go to the town's swimming pool (located on Johann-Sebastian-Bach-Straße) instead. No, I'll go shopping at the Christmas Market (filled with all sorts of art, glass, jewelry, flowers, etc).

I bet I can grab a few bottles of some really good vino there. Again, don't make fun — they're "gifts." ;-)