

Mühlhausen (Kraichgau) -- The Wine Makes The Many Festivals

After much mulling around Mühlhausen (Kraichgau), I've come up with a reason why this town has so many festivals. It's the wine. It's got to be. Even if it isn't, that's my theory and I'm sticking with it.

I'm not saying you got to be drunk to get to one of its festivals; it's just a showcase to highlight some of the best [German wines](#) made in this part of the wonderful [Kraichgau](#) region. Tens of thousands of liters of the stuff are made here annually, so why not spring for a few bottles of Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, and Riesling to share with your closest friends?

The Spring Festival and the Parish Festival (both in May) are good enough to toast to. So is the Father's Day and Summer Festival in June.

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July is a pretty busy month with four festivals, the Parish Festival, Summer Festival, School Festival, and another Summer Festival (it seems that each one of Mühlhausen's three villages holds its own). In between all the festivals there are many outdoor concerts for cultural evenings.

August is ushered in by a Fisherman's Festival and a Village Festival. And September has two *Kerwe* (church festivals).

Let me interrupt the festivals for a moment to tell you about Mühlhausen's churches. St. Nicholas' church is the younger of the two, built only in the 1820's. The other is a Catholic Church built in 1250. Yup, that makes it an official medieval church.

The last *Kerwe* festival of the year is in October, followed by a large town Halloween Party.

November's another busy month with Balls and an Advent Bazaar. Everyone gets into the Christmas Spirit with both the obligatory Christmas Market (early December) and quite a few church concerts.

As if life couldn't get any better in Mühlhausen (Kraichgau), they find a way. I say the wine definitely has something to do with it. But, what do I know... I've been drinking. ;-)