

Murr -- Thousands Of Years Of Digging And Living

A number of years ago on American Television was a game show for kids called, Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego. So often I feel like Fräulein Carmen, except my program should be, Where in Germany Is Marcus Hochstadt and his Trusty Staff. I won't however, make you guess clues — or play a silly game — the answer is Murr in [Baden-Württemberg](#), along a river of the same name & pretty close to the [Neckar](#).

It's not uncharted territory, thousands of people live here now; and all sorts of big names in history have lived here at one point or another — Neolithic guys, Bronze and Iron Age folks, and even the Romans. I can only think that they just love the [Swabian-Franconian Forest](#); or the great soil that's perfect for viticulture.

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Speaking of wine, there's a lot of going on here in Murr. Wine tastings and wineries, all perfect to pair up with some scrumptious Swabian fare. No need to worry about your waistline, eat up — then go jump into the *Mineralfreibad* (with wave pool), play some tennis, do the hiking trails, and end with a tootsie soak at the Kneipp facility.

Still, as wonderful as all this is — it was Murr's Village Church of St. Peter (b. 14th/15th century) that totally stood out in my head. Its wide tower and off-white walls under a dark stormy sky, framed by bright white houses managed to make me even speechless.

I also found that Murr is the perfect location for exploring around the region. Make Murr your base as you go see neighboring [Benningen's](#) Jupiter Column; the Schiller National Museum & German Literature Archives in Marbach; and medieval Kloster in Steinheim.

You should know by now that a place like this is going to have a castle. You're not all that far from Burg Lichtenberg. Cool, time to raid (I mean, visit) a medieval castle. Who's with me?

I guess if I'm going to plunder a castle, the new name of the game would be: Where in Germany is not Marcus Hochstadt... ;-)