

Naumburg (Saale) And Its Exciting Hussite-Cherry Festival

Famous for its huge cathedral (or Dom), Naumburg proudly sits on the [Saale](#) in the [Burgenlandkreis](#). Equally well known for its vineyards and collection of fine white wines, it draws visitors from all walks of life — all hoping for a taste of something special. :-)

Starting with the medieval cathedral, which is Romanesque in style (reason enough for belonging to the [Romanesque Route](#)) and having some of the oldest stained-glass windows in the country, the town is filled with ornate buildings and stately streets. Cobbled streets complete the picture of this medieval town — with a town gate and four defensive towers still dominating the landscape.

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An intriguing sight worth investigating here is in their St Wenceslas church (*Wenzelskirche*). It houses a Hildebrandt organ as its centerpiece on which Johann Sebastian Bach actually played! It's also worth trekking up to the Bishops Castle which has a fantastic view over the river Saale.

Normally a peaceful place, the whole population come to life at the end of June to celebrate their favorite event — the *Hussiten-Kirschfest* or Hussite-Cherry Festival dating back to the 16th century — and well celebrated today! There is a whole calendar of events here to keep everyone entertained and proud of their city.

Naumburg grew up in the past as it was on the crossroads of two very important trade routes. It has a long history of a place to stop over in while traveling the country — including royalty. As a further route to lead here was the Via Regia — the Kings Highway — which only the king and his messengers could use.

Today no different, and this is a great stop over for modern travelers too as it's on a very busy

train route. Trains arrive here from all the major [cities in Germany](#) and journey on to many others but people like yourselves — stopping here for a time to enjoy what this special place has to offer.

As part of the whole region, Naumburg is famous for its wine growing. Follow the wine route for the best look at this hilly wine growing region — part of the most northerly vineyards in Europe. With Pinot Blanc and Silvaner to whet your appetite, why not combine tasting with a meal of local recipes to help keep the customs and culture here bubbling over! ;-)