

Neustadt an der Waldnaab -- Colorful Excellence

For a town that's less than ten square kilometers, there sure is enough to keep you quite busy in Neustadt an der Waldnaab. Totally excellent, if you ask me. Then again, should I expect anything less here in the [Upper Palatinate](#)?

One of the best ways to see Neustadt is along the *Bockradweg*, a bike route that meanders around an old rail line — the longest of its kind in all of [Bavaria](#). Of course the old tried & true method of hiking always works, too.

If you go too far you'll find yourself clear out of northeast Bavaria and Germany altogether, going right into the Czech Republic — if that's any indication of where you're at.

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Just being outdoors is wonderful around Neustadt, especially if you're into the whole camping thing out here in the [Upper Palatinate Forest](#). Not me, if it doesn't have room service — i ain't going.

Just kidding... I will. And I will also jump at the chance to join you at the campground's BBQ areas and beer garden.

Anyone into shopping will find some magnificent "glass." Actually it's lead crystal — and you can never have too much of that sparkly stuff around the house.

Speaking of houses, I think everyone should own a castle. Sadly not everyone can, but at least you can visit some. There are two here, known as the *Altes Schloss* (Old Castle, built 1532) and the *Neues Schloss* (New Castle, built 1698). From here you can see the Baroque Gardens, the town's

original *Stadtmauer* (defense wall), and some cute colorful houses.

If the place has some castles, you know it's gonna have some old churches to go along with it. If you like the ornate, then it's off to the Rococo church of St. George. But, that's not to take anything away from the Church of St. Felix, or the Church of St. Anne that was built in 1380 — even though she only admits to being just shy of 500 years old.

I like how the City Museum separates its exhibits into church objects, the glassmaking (hence why this town is on the [Glass Route](#)), and the town's local history. It does a great job putting into perspective everything you've just seen around town.

And just when you think you can't do or see anymore — surprise! Thursday evenings in the summer are known as *Serenadeabende*, or Serenade Evenings. This is in addition to the annual *Kirchweih* (a.k.a *Dotschkirwa*) in November (delicious food included!), the *Bürgerfest* on the third Saturday in July, and the *Georgsmarkt* in April.

This seems like such a big page for such a small town — but what it manages to fit in is astounding. Excellent doesn't quite cover it, does it?