

Odenwald -- Fragrant Blossoms And Fairlytale Castles

Odenwald is a **dream land** consisting of picturesque mountains and woods to the west, and plateaus and valleys to the east. Across the graceful undulating terrain to the south flows the [Neckar River](#), like a glittering bracelet cast aside haphazardly.

You can see the proud peaks of *Katzenbuckel* tower over the blue waters, unchallenged in height and majesty.

At the foot of the Odenwald ranges you'll find the scenic [Bergstrasse](#), or Mountain Road. This road was not built yesterday to cater to lazy tourists, but existed from the time of the Romans.

So tread softly; you're walking on history! ;-)

You probably won't be walking much anyway, for you'll be standing still in admiration at the glorious panorama unfolding around you. Depending on what time of the year it is, the whole area will be lit up by blossoms of a variety of fruit trees from almonds to apples.

Take your time, breathe in the fragrant air, enjoy.

The vineyards decorate the slopes in a dramatic display of fertility. To fully partake of this experience you may want to take a hike. If so, there are plenty of trails criss-crossing this beautiful region.

Odenwald region has a number of magnificent castles, forts, and mansions that will hold you in thrall by their sheer architectural perfection. You'll find them atop mountain slopes and overlooking placid lakes. Experience the sense of timelessness and surreal beauty that is bound to overwhelm you.

If you've decided to visit Odenwald in Christmas time, you have chosen well, Oh Wise One. For this is when the whole country lights up in festivity and celebrations typical to each region.

For example, [Michelstadt](#) has this incredibly beautiful Christmas Market where you'll find everything from traditional handmade ornaments to huge decorated trees. The fragrant aromas of ginger bread and mulled wine are everywhere!

The area looks straight out of a fairy tale with a beautiful happy ending.