

## Oerlenbach -- Franconian Goodies, Historical Sights

Brilliant, it's back to [Bavaria](#) for me! Now that's not sarcasm, I'm genuinely excited to always be in Bavaria — and this time it's the [Lower Franconian](#) town of Oerlenbach. What's really awesome about coming to this fun loving federal state is — you never know what you're gonna get.

For instance, are you going to find a town with a bazillion festivals? Are you going to find a town full of old village churches, or castles for that matter? What if I told you that you could find a little bit of everything here — wouldn't that be great?

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Of course it would, so let's get to it...

In the village of Ebenhausen, one of Oerlenbach's eight villages, you'll find one of those old churches I mentioned — right on Brückstraße, and it's close to an old sandstone cross from the early 17th century.

Now that I think about it, you'll find a whole bunch of these old crosses all over the village — and many of Oerlenbach's other villages, too. But, I'm getting off topic, aren't I?

Didn't I say something about a castle? Of course I did, and Schloss Ebenhausen is it. The original castle was built in the 14th century, only to be destroyed during the [Peasants' War](#) in the 1520s, and again during the [Thirty Years' War](#) in the early to mid-17th century.

As for seeing old churches, then I'd suggest going to see the Church of St. Martin in Eltingshausen. It was built in the 1300s. And it wouldn't be right not to see the Church of St. Dionysius in the village of Rottershausen.

As with any proper Bavarian town, you could bet your last Euro (Dollar, Rupee, whatever) that you're gonna have a blast at one of the local festivals. It seems like there's always something going on, but August is really popular. That's when the Forest Festival, *Dorfplatzfest*, Summer Festival, and an Oktoberfest take place.

October's also a popular month for fun, with another Oktoberfest and a *Kirchweih*. June's a good one, too, since that's when the *Pfingstmarkt* (Pentecost Market) and *Dorffest* (Village Festival) take place. May is another goodie, that's when you can party at the Fisherman's Festival and the Maypole celebrations.

Maybe I shouldn't have said you never know what you're gonna get in Bavaria — 'cause I know what you're gonna get here in Oerlenbach, a dandy good time.