

Riegelsberg -- Really It's German, Not French

Riegelsberg (and its neighboring district of Walpershofen) are only about 9 km north of the large city of [Saarbrücken](#). The region itself once belonged to the French during the time of the French Revolution (1789) and then again after the [Second World War](#).

Though extremely German, some remnants of French influence have remained to this day, especially true in terms of local cuisine. Many restaurants in the area pride themselves on receiving that coveted Michelin Star rating. If anything, you gourmands will have a field day just eating your way through town. ;-)

Riegelsberg isn't one of those large towns that's famous for sightseeing, but that's not to say that there isn't anything to see or do here.

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One of the town's most famous monuments is the *Hindenburgturm*. It was built in 1934 as a monument to the Great War and the 222 men from the area who lost their lives to it, it now stands as a peace memorial. Nearby is the West Embankment Shelter which also comes from time of the Second World War.

For something a bit more cultural (and less war related), Riegelsberg's National Stage is the place to be for concerts and plays. There's also the "Garden Without Borders," on the old trade routes between Germany, France, and Luxembourg. The spectacular gardens really are the pride of the town and stretch along through all three countries.

Part of the "Garden Without Borders" meets up at Schloss Dagstuhl, an 18th century castle (now an old age home). At least that's not in ruins like nearby 14th century Burg Bucherbach. It was

once one of the important (and strategic) castles in all of the Saar.

Another important castle in the area was the Baroque style Schloss Saarbrücken (the medieval original was called the Castell Sarabruca), once partly destroyed by the French Revolution (1789) and [World War II](#), now houses a historical museum.

There's no better way to spend your days there than eating delicious French inspired German cuisine and walking around a beautiful old culture filled town. If this is your idea of a good time, then Riegelsberg is the place for you.