

Rimpar -- On A Quest For A Great Castle And Church

On my “bucket list” (as so many of today’s folks eloquently call it — and by the way, I had mine long before it was fashionable, but who’s complaining?) is to see just about every medieval castle and church in Germany.

In order to eventually check that off my list I had to visit the town of Rimpar. Lucky me, I found an early 13th century monastery AND a 14th century castle.

I figured I was already in the [Franconian](#) town of [Würzburg](#) (located right next door), so it’s not like I had to go far.

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Start at the Monastery Maidbronn, which is a former Cistercian convent. It was built in 1232, and used for more than 300 years before it was “dissolved.” Its Lamentation of Christ on the altar of its St. Afra & St. Killian Church is still around after hundreds and hundreds of years.

Its annual Parish Festival every year in July is always a smashing hit, too. Do you understand now why I’m on a quest for the best of Germany’s churches and castles?

Between you & me though, the Summer Festival and Theater Group are also great fun.

Just about a hundred years after the monastery was consecrated the Castle Rimpar was built. If anything, this 14th century moated castle is humongous; and it even has a tower. Today it’s a museum and the site of a number of cultural events.

Some have called Rimpar Castle “one of the most impressive in the south of Germany,” and I’d

certainly say that could very well be true. I'm just glad I ain't the one to have to clean it.

Then again, if you could afford to buy a [German castle](#); you could likely afford the salary of a good housekeeper.

What do I know... I haven't hit the lottery yet to buy one. But, when I do, maybe I can talk someone into selling me Schloss Rimpf, just so long as I don't have to clean it — I got more castles and churches to cross off my list. ;-)