

Röthenbach an der Pegnitz -- Family Friendly With Flowers

Röthenbach an der Pegnitz is a great family friendly [Franconian](#) town with a Flower Celebration (called the *Blumenfest* and held in August) that could give the Parade of Roses a run for the money. It's been held for more than 80 years with just more than some pretty flowers growing in pots, they have a wonderful parade of floats all made with flowers.

Add in some delicious Franconian goodies to eat and beer to drink while you're there; and you've got yourself one heck of a good time.

You'll find more beautiful flowers at the Sky Garden, once an old convent in a charming timber framed house from the 17th century. The Sky Garden is a bit (ok, a lot) more subdued than the ruckus of the *Blumenfest*.

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Röthenbach's Flower Celebration and Sky Garden isn't the only one way that the town celebrates the arts. The *Schnackenhof* is another. This meeting place is where all sorts of artisans, philosophers, and authors (to name a few) come together to display works of art, talk "shop," and listen to literary meetings. Think of all the creative minds all under one roof!

Really, though, Röthenbach does have more than just some blooms around town. You'll find an early 16th century castle (Schloss Haimendorf), a 14th century castle tower at Renzenhof, and over at St. Mauritius the choir tower is almost 600 years old. Another great church is the Protestant Church Holy Cross which was built in a Neo-Gothic style (makes it look older than it is).

The town's churches host a great *Kirchweih* (church festival) at the beginning of July. Here's another reason to party like a Franconian. ;-)

When you're not eating, drinking, or partying make sure you see the town's landmark, the Moritzberg. This observation tower overlooks the majestic countryside.

When you finally decide to come back down, enjoy a family game of miniature golf or take a dip in the town's community outdoor swimming pool.

Add that to some great affordable accommodations and there's just a few more reasons that makes Röthenbach an der Pegnitz a wonderful family friendly town.

Now, don't forget to pack your *Lederhosen!* :-)