

Rosenfeld -- Where Romans And Hohenzollerns Unite

Both the Romans and the Hohenzollerns are big business here in Rosenfeld.

For those who don't know, Rosenfeld lies along the [Neckar-Alb-Aare Roman Route](#) as well as the [Hohenzollern Route](#).

The *Römerbad* is one of the area's top sites; not bad considering the estate wasn't even discovered until the 1970s.

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Not too many people out there appreciated wine like the Romans, so in their honor I drink to them at the *Günter-Lehner Brauerei und Weinkellerei*. I know, we love long names and titles, but don't blame me for that. ;-)

Before I spend all my time talking about the brewery and wine cellar (and long names), maybe I better get a move on to tell you about Rosenfeld's *Alte Apotheke*, or Old Pharmacy. It is one of the oldest buildings of its kind in this part of Germany, built in 1244.

This is but one of the buildings you'll see in Rosenfeld's *Altstadt*, and it even has a medieval *Stadtmauer*, a defense wall that was popular in the Middle Ages.

I think the 16th century Marktplatz is exceptionally charming, framed by buildings like the *Alte Rathaus* (Old Town Hall), built in 1687.

With a history like this, it's no wonder that Rosenfeld boasts two Local History Museums (known as a *Heimatmuseum* in German). Another museum, the Heinrich Blickle Museum, is all about the

stove (yeah, like a cooker) — and guided tours are available if you call ahead.

It's interesting to go from the kitchen to the stars, which you can do if you plan a visit to the *Sternwarte Zollern-Alb*, an observatory.

Just remember to bring your head in from the clouds during one of Rosenfeld's many festivals and markets. I know I'm gonna forget one or two, but I'll try to do them all.

March is when the annual *Frühlingsfest* (Spring Festival) takes place, followed by an Easter Bazaar, a May Festival on May 1st, the *Weinbrunnen & Blütenfest* (also in May), and the *Kirchenfest* at the end of same month.

June kicks off with a Flea Market, October has a Fair on the 3rd weekend of the month, and it ends with the obligatory *Weihnachtsmarkt* in December.

Just as an honorable mention, Rosenfeld also lies on the [Way Of St. James](#) on a leg that's known as the *Kirchberg-Pilgerweg*. But, even if you aren't on a pious quest, the countryside is exceptional. And if you get too tired after all that hiking, there's a shuttle bus that runs on Sundays that'll bring you back.

Cool — can you drop me back off at the brewery? :-)