

Rosengarten (Swabia) -- Best Things Happen By Chance

This is it, my last town in [Swabia](#) this week; and I can't think of a better place to end my journey than right here in the town of Rosengarten. Not to say anything against [Rosengarten \(Harburg\)](#), but this one has its own qualities.

What I noticed first were all the "scenic routes." If you're traveling along the [Way of St. James](#) you'll probably come here by "accident," but some of the best things in life happen by chance. And if you're ambitious enough to cycle along the 338km *Kocher-Jagst-Radweg*, you'll find yourself visiting here, too.

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There's no way I'm biking that far, so I'm keeping to the 6.6km *Hammerhaldenweg* and the 8.5km *Landturmweg* hiking routes. Not that I don't appreciate anyone who's willing to do all that — I just don't want to be too far from Schloß von Tullau. Call me crazy, but I love the castle's red shutters — and the fact the castle's been here for a thousand years.

Old architecture doesn't end there, no way! The Marienkirche in the village of Rieden, once a pilgrimage church, has been here some six centuries, and the Cemetery Chapel (found in the village of Westheim, the oldest of them all, established in the year 788) is even older.

While you're off snapping photos of old churches, be sure to take some of the Sigismund Chapel (built 1516), and the St. Wolfgang Chapel (built 1476).

Your trip here doesn't have to be all castles and churches, you're invited to party hard. The *Maibaumfest* is a nice way to enjoy Spring, while the Peter und Paul Festival in June is a goodie, too. While there might be a chill in the air during the October Autumn Festival, it's still a

great time to come.

That's also a great time of year to enjoy all the fall foliage in the [Swabian-Franconian Forest](#) Nature Park throughout its 2,000km of hiking trails. All right, not all of them are in Rosengarten, but enough to keep you entertained for a while.

Wait, I take that back. The outdoor beer garden's only open during the summer months.

I guess you'll have to come back, because Rosengarten's Christmas Market (held at the Church of St. Martin) is only on the first Sunday of Advent.

Now that I think about it, I think I'll just stick around here a tad longer. ;-)