

## Schlüsselfeld -- City Gates, Breweries, Pilgrimage

Being that the town of Schlüsselfeld is only about 24 kilometers southwest of [Bamberg](#), it's probably fitting the town has more than a handful of breweries.

For some, that might be just the draw to come here. For others, maybe not so much. That's probably good that Schlüsselfeld also has a whole slew of other stuff as well then, huh?

You most certainly will love the fresh air of the [Steigerwald](#), so just about any one of its hiking trails — or city streets for that matter — will do wonders for your state of mind.

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And with some 22 villages that make up the town of Schlüsselfeld, there's a whole lot to choose from.

I ask you, what's the point of coming to Germany if not to enjoy its old castles and churches? In the village of Reichmannsdorf you'll find both an 18th century castle, and a 15th century church.

Look around some more here, and you'll find parts of the original Town Wall (with 2 towers no less), and an old pillory that was used for those who were quite naughty way-back-when.

The village of Aschbach also offers its visitors a glimpse of an old castle (built 1672), and the Pfarrkirche (Parish Church) of St. Lawrence. It's Protestant now, but dates back to before the [Reformation](#) swept through Germany. Yeah, it's that old. ;-)

People have also been coming to the St. John the Baptist Church for a very long time. Pilgrims have been using its *Jakobsbrunnen* (Jacobs Well) for much needed water before heading off to

Santiago de Compostela.

If you've come to Schlüsselfeld between May and October, services are still held at the Marienkirche. Those are good months to be here, because that's when a good number of its festivals take place.

Let's see, what do they got going on? Oh yes, the Parish Fair in April, followed by the *Pfingstmarkt* (usually in May), the *Jahrmarkt* in June, mid-summer bonfires, and the Summer Festival in July.

In case you can't make those months, there's both a *Martinimarkt* and a *Kirchweih* in November.

But, hey, at least you got those breweries all year to look forward to. ;-)