

Schömberg (Calw) -- The Lucky Town In The Mighty Black Forest

Oh, cheery-O (you'd think I was an Anglophile with phrases like this), I'm back at one of my favorite places: the [Black Forest](#).

This time in the spa town of Schömberg, which is between the two other attractive spa towns of [Bad Wildbad](#) and [Bad Liebenzell](#), in the [Calw district](#) of [Baden-Württemberg](#).

I give you so precise instructions since there's another Schömberg near [Balingen](#), approx. 1.5 hours south of this one.

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Schömberg is also known as *Glücksgemeinde* or "Lucky Town," but not because it has slot machines and Roulette tables. No, it's called a Lucky Town because of its low pollution (good for allergy sufferers), its health resort, and all around sense of well-being.

In addition, it is establishing a Happiness Index similar to the Gross National Happiness Index of Bhutan, in order to increase and improve the happiness and well-being of its citizen! Oh boy, I think I'm gonna move there sooner rather than later... ;-)

In July, there's *Glückswoche* or Lucky Week where you'll meet all these happy folks who call Schömberg home.

Schömberg is lucky for another reason, all its activities that'll get your blood pumping and the adrenaline flowing. OK, some are a bit more subdued, like the carriage rides around town and the movies playing at the local cinema.

However, if you want something that'll get you up and moving try Folk Dancing, Nordic Walking, bicycling, Horseback riding, tobogganing, skiing, and cross-country skiing. In case I wasn't clear, though, some of these sports are for you winter loving spirits. ;-)

Another popular "sport" in Schömberg is Geo-caching. Haven't heard about it? Well, welcome to modern technology and Google maps. You get this little handheld device that gives you certain coordinates and you find yourself a lucky treasure. See, didn't I tell you Schömberg was a Lucky Town?

A really cool spot in town is the Barefoot Park where you get to run around without your shoes experiencing all sorts of different textures under your tootsies. It's quite a different experience than all the walking you've been doing on the local hiking trails and the *Mittelweg* (a long distance hiking route).

Then again, if you're tired you can always sit and enjoy the Christmas events held throughout the month of December. But, I'll take a massage and a bite of Black Forest Cake to eat.