

Schwabach -- Typical Franconian Town With Surprises

Schwabach lies at the heart of the historic region of [Franconia](#). Its tryst with history goes way back to the time when Martin Luther King presented his version of the Bible in the Schwabacher font, developed locally.

An equally glowing feat would be the town's pre-occupation with gold craft. From buildings to books, Schwabach perfected the craft of gold foil to an art. To this day you can witness this glorious hobby pursued in this town.

Unlike most Bavarian towns, Schwabach is not marked by castles or forts but by a splendid Gothic church which is still in use. You will certainly admire the imposing altar and tabernacle that speak eloquently of a glorious past. You can also view the various sacred artwork exhibited against the impressive interiors of this 15th century church.

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Another thing of beauty to enchant you here in the town center would be the *Schöne Brunnen*, or the Beautiful Fountain that dates back to the 18th century. The Town Hall is yet another historic masterpiece that is certain to impress visitors.

Visit the Town Museum to truly encounter the magic of this Franconian land. The Egg Museum here is no ordinary farm exhibit but the amazing world of Farbergé eggs that you'll want to own immediately.

A pleasant pedestrian zone takes you to the vibrant marketplace where you can easily spend the better part of the day. Restaurants proudly serve Franconian cuisine while beautiful little shops overflow with knick knacks. As you move along you can't but pause to admire the handsome half-

timbered homes in perfect condition even though centuries old.

Schwabach has exciting entertainment in the form of puppet theaters and a range of fine arts venues. You are sure to come up on some cultural event or the other while you're visiting.

The Festival *ORTUNG* that celebrates the golden heritage of the town is a recent addition that has picked up momentum to be a much awaited one every year. The annual Citizen's Festival is when you get to experience the real Schwabach as it comes up with the best of local art, crafts, and culinary talents.