

## Schwaikheim Fires Up On Its 3-Day Fire Brigade Festival

Around 4000 B.C the area around Schwaikheim was just wooden hills and meadows as far as the eye could see. Then many centuries later the Romans came and changed the landscape a bit. The Dark Ages came and went, the Middle Ages flew by, and the centuries that followed, well followed, after that.

Now, some six thousand years later the area might be a bit altered (like that word?), but instead of just the wooded hills and meadows you'll find fields of fruit growing trees and plants, too.

If you like just walking around the natural landscape and smelling fresh, sweet, unsmogged (is that even a word?) air, then Schwaikheim is for you. And sometimes it's just nice to let the kids run amuck on the playground, not having to really do anything at all, other than just be a kid.

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There isn't a whole lot of sightseeing (but you're only 17km northeast of [Stuttgart](#)), but the town does have its own Local History Museum and Photo Archives.

And just because Schwaikheim is a totally uncomplicated town, doesn't mean that it's some backwoods place with no culture or international cuisine. Want pizza for dinner? There's a pizzeria. Want Chinese? Yup, got one of those restaurants, too. Ready to try some rustic [German cuisine](#)? No place better than right here to do it.

For a bit of culture to go with the cuisine, I can't think of anything better than the three day Fire Festival (held every other year). Some primeval, Freudian ID part of me gets a bit excited when thinking about setting things ablaze (of course in a controlled, legal, safe way).

With this three day *Feuerwehrfest* or Fire Brigade Festival going on, it's probably a reasonable guess that you'll meet a nice looking fireman, too (known as the *Feuerwehrmann* here in Germany).

For some outdoor fun, follow the Remstal Route this town is part of. The Remstal is a nice valley with some pretty vineyards and restaurants serving traditional German cuisine.