

## Singen (Hohentwiel) Boasts A Large Set Of Castle Ruins

Singen is found in [southern Germany](#) very close to the border with Switzerland as well as [Lake Constance](#). It lies within an interesting geological area known as the [Hegau](#). This is a landscape covered with the remnants of ancient volcanoes.

One of the largest of these hills is called The Hohentwiel and is the site of a large set of castle ruins. The fortress was built from the stone taken from the hill itself, beginning in about 914. The castle was held by various rulers and states throughout history and was strong enough to withstand five sieges during the Hundred Years War.

If you visit there today, you will not only be able to tour the remains of this ancient fort, but enjoy a panoramic view of Singen and the surrounding areas, as well. The Hohentwiel is home to a festival every summer that attracts world-class musicians like James Brown and Joe Cocker.

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You should be sure to visit the Hegau Museum in Singen. It showcases a comprehensive history of the area since the Ice Age and has an impressive display of fossils and other artifacts. It also contains a large butterfly collection and a mineral exhibit.

The Municipal Art Museum allows local artists to display their work and the new Town Hall is a source of pride for the residents. It is situated to have a beautiful view of the Hohentwiel and is the site for dramatic productions, children's theater shows, and musical concerts of all styles and types.

In September, Singen hosts a bicycle marathon, which attracts professional riders from a wide area. Amateur riders are also welcome to participate in the event, and there are three different

lengths of races to accommodate all skill levels. Cyclists can choose from courses that are 30, 53, or 106 kilometers long and they all wind through the beautiful Hegau area. In conjunction with the marathon, you can enjoy a Short Race, Kid's Race, good food, and a variety of musical acts.

If cycling is not your cup of tea, you might like to participate in golf, dancing, mini-golf, horseback riding, tennis, or running while you are in the area. Youngsters in your group will be sure to enjoy the large water slide that spans 86 meters down the Hohentwiel. :-)