

Spiesen-Elversberg -- From The Hitler Tower To France

In Saarland is the combined town of Spiesen and Elversberg, located only 15 km or 10 miles northeast of [Saarbrücken](#). It's bordered by the [Saar River](#) (a tributary to the [Moselle River](#)) and the Lorraine Region of France which makes French widely spoken around town.

Beside being so close to France, Romans also made Spiesen-Elversberg their home. Roman graves, weapons, money, and even old Roman homes have been found here, but, Spiesen's official birthday is 1195.

Elversberg is the younger sister, who didn't come along until the mid 19th century. Which is really evident when looking at many of that town's historical buildings, since many have come from that era.

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Grab your camera for a few pictures of the *Gänselieselbrunnen*, a fountain built in 1935 that's dedicated to a young girl — legends says she saved the town from starvation during the [Thirty Years' War](#) (1618-1648).

You'll have the chance to learn more about the town's legend at Spiesen's Local History Museum, located on Marktstraße in the town's oldest building. And Elversberg also has it's own Local History Museum situated within the Parish Church Ingberter.

Both villages have some beautiful old houses, like the 19th century Lion House. Parish Church Ludwig (late 19th century) is another great photo op and just lovely.

One of the town's most famous sites, located between Spiesen and Elversberg, is the 20th

century *Galgenbergturm*. It was originally the Adolf Hitler Tower when it was built in 1937, and it offers incredible views of Saarbrücken and surrounding mountains from the top. Once you climb down again, there's a beautiful (and heaven scented) rose garden at the base.

Besides its centuries old history, Spiesen-Elversberg is a cultural city and running the gamut from concerts, readings, literary nights, and even church concerts. The town also likes a good party with a local folk festival.

Plus, the German-French countryside is remarkable and can be enjoyed by taking advantage of the many walking, cycling, and horseback riding trails sprinkled throughout the region.

All in all, you will find it to be a culturally rich town with wonderful food and many artsy activities within a stunning countryside with a historic flair. :-)