

Stadtbergen Is One Of Germany's Newest And Greenest Towns

Stadtbergen is located on the far western side of [Augsburg](#). In fact, for most of its life it was part of that city, having only been granted official town status in 2007. This makes it one of Germany's newest towns, and the locals are very proud of their new official status.

They also strive to separate themselves from their past. While Augsburg is stylizing itself as a modern culture zone, Stadtbergen is emphasizing its natural charms.

In particular, the town loves its Western Woods preserve (*Westliche Wälder*), which is full of hiking trails and scenic green parks for picnics and relaxing. The Allgäuer Trail is particularly popular for its beauty.

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Nature walks aren't the only thrill here. Hot air balloon rides are also very popular. One of Germany's larger balloon manufacturers is in the area, meaning that on any weekend of the year you will be able to see dozens of local enthusiasts taking to the air. Having your own ride is a bit of novelty and you can book rides all over town.

The other big thrill in Stadtbergen happens around Ascension Day. This is a day of public celebration that happens 38 days after Easter, and always on a Thursday. The local festivities kick off the day before and stretch on for five whole days of partying.

Ascension Day celebrates the return of Jesus to heaven after coming back from the dead after his Crucifixion. For Stadtbergen locals, it is a city wide festival complete with street performers, food vendors, and public concerts. Each of the five days has different events, so grab a program of

events when you arrive to ensure that you don't miss a thing.

While there are other festivals in town throughout the year, this is the biggest one. Still, you can enjoy the woods and the parkland at any time of year. The nickname of the "greenest" is quite in earnest, and it's a pity if you pass it by!