

Stockach -- Jesters, U Boats, And Ahem... Royal Lingerie!

Stockach has a number of little-known rib ticklers, but perhaps the most unexpected of all would have to be this little gem about Marie Antoinette and her trousseau, or, to be more precise, a smaller section of it.

Apparently there was this big textile business in Hegau run by a certain Schiesser whose products were known for the perfect fit and comfort which must certainly have piqued the interest of the lady who is otherwise known for her fondness for cake.

Well, Stockach has more to offer than that and you can see this for yourself as you stroll around the Old Forest area. This is the Old Town quarters where time stands still what with all those lovely medieval buildings lining the pedestrian walkways, dotted by sculptures and fountains that compel close inspection. The *Kulturzentrum* here is certainly deserving of special mention and it is bound to draw you immediately.

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Then there's the *Bürgerhaus* Adler Post where once upon a time postal officials used to refresh their horses and take time off themselves. Well, you won't find any horses there today since it's now a cultural and conference center.

The Hans Kuony fountain is another representation of Stockach's eccentric sense of humor. Apparently Kuony was the favorite jester of Archduke Leopold and the exquisitely wrought fountain is in honor of the jester's wisdom. This is commemorated every year in a carnival of Fools where a prominent personality has to match wits with a court of Fools. You really have to see this to believe it.

Stockach has more riveting artwork in the form of the U-Boat with sailors atop its life like exterior. You can see this in the vicinity of [Lake Constance](#), which in itself is a great attraction with its immense natural charm and well laid out leisure facilities.

While here in Stockach, you'll no doubt want to see the ruins of the Nelle castle, the wonderfully well-preserved Melanchthon Lutheran Church, the Loreto Chapel, and the St. Oswald Church among a host of other medieval beauties.