

## Stockstadt am Rhein -- A Slice Of Protected Heaven

As if finding the right town of Stockstadt wasn't difficult enough, this one being the [Hessian](#) town of Stockstadt am Rhein (not "the other" [Stockstadt am Main](#)), imagine trying to figure out how they managed to move an entire river. Yeah, that's some [German engineering](#) for you — moving an entire river...

How someone managed to do that is beyond me, but what it means for you is, a gorgeous countryside to take leisurely strolls around the loop of the Old [Rhine River](#).

Either way, you'll love this slice of scenic heaven — no matter what season it is.

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Here in Stockstadt am Rhein, one of the best places to experience this natural beauty is the Kühkopf-Knoblochsau (that's more than a mouthful, isn't it) where anyone who appreciates seeing deer, birds, and animals like the wild boar will love it. There are some 60 km of hiking and biking trails throughout this preserve, so it's doubtful if you'll see the same thing twice.

As for the Kühkopf-Knoblochsau, you'll find an Information Center where you'll learn plenty on what to expect in the nature area.

The Hofgut Guntershausen is another learning experience, it's a Culture & History Museum with an emphasis on nature conservation.

While there isn't much as far as historical sites — you've got the Evangelical Church, and an old Roman Road (that was once used for trade); it makes up for it with a whole lot of festivals.

The *Stockstädter Musiktage*, a Music Festival held every May, is really famous throughout the region and beyond.

Known as *Buchmesse im Ried*, Stockstadt's Book Fair is also a goodie, as is the Blossom Festival (April), and the *KreativMarkt* (Creative Market) that's so big it goes on for two days.

August is a busy month around there, as that's the month for the Summer Night Festival and the *Patronasfest*. September's fun if you're into shopping at the Community Flea Market; and October brings on the Oktoberfest if you're into the whole drinking thing. October's also when Stockstadt hosts the Autumn Festival, too.

It might be confusing to figure out the right Stockstadt, but once you see this one, you'll remember it forever.