

Todtnau -- Toboggan Rides Along Waterfalls

There's lyrics to a song that go: Winter, spring, summer or fall; All you have to do is call; And I'll be there, yeah, yeah, yeah — written by Carole King in the 1970s, and famously sung by James Taylor.

Why am I mentioning this when I'm supposed to be talking (excuse me, writing) about the town of Todtnau?

Well, my Friends, have you not learned by now there's a method to my madness? Upon venturing over to Todtnau, it's the first thing that came to mind — because Todtnau can be enjoyed by everyone in every season. See? I'm not mad, I just have song lyrics running through my head at the strangest times. ;-)

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Whatever the season, you're sure bound to find something to keep you occupied all day (and possibly all night), in this lovely town just 20km to Freiburg. Like outdoorsy stuff to do? Yes? How about outdoorsy stuff in winter? Still yes? Ok, well in that case, you've got your pick of 19 ski lifts, tobogganing, cross-country skiing trails, 70km of winter hiking trails, and even ice skating.

Don't worry you warmer weather lovin' people, there's regular hiking, cycling, mountain biking, and geocaching for you to do.

And it seems as if there's always a festival (or two) going on throughout the year. Again, for the colder weather loving traveler, there's the Literature Days (November), Christmas Market and a Winter Solstice bonfire. Warm weather lovers might appreciate coming for the Corpus Christi Procession, the *Marktfest* (June), Motorbike Weekend events (May), and the Pentecost concerts.

Although, I'm not sure exactly where to categorize the September *Waldfest*, or the Autumn Festival. Maybe that's for the crowd that don't like it too cold, or too warm.

Um, that would be me. I like the weather somewhere in the middle — which I think is perfect for careening down the Hasenhorn. Oh, you're gonna love this baby. Called a *Rodelbahn*, this "toboggan" track is said to be the longest of its kind — a whopping 2.9km long.

Oh, sweet sunshine, can I go back down again? ;-)

Speaking of things coming down, I'm reminded of the beautiful Todtnau Waterfalls — coming 40 meters down the mountainside. Oooh, it's so pretty I'm actually speechless — so that means no song lyrics running through my head, I'm just enjoying the silence... :-)