

Übersee -- Artists Town In The Chiemgau

Although its name translates to “Overseas,” it’s rural. It’s near Austria. It’s located on [Lake Chiemsee](#). OK, so what is it?

Well, none other than the [Upper Bavarian](#) (as if you couldn’t already guess) town of Übersee. Both a summer and winter loving town, Übersee is fun to be around in any season.

But then again, I did say this was Upper Bavaria — so what’d you expect? ;-)

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Übersee was also home to Julius Exter (1863-1939) and Walter Lederer (1923-2003), two local artists from different centuries. One look around and it’s easy to understand why both were inspired. As a matter of fact, a handful of other artists (ex., Fritz Harnest, Walter Brendel) also enjoyed their time here.

Exter died here back in 1939, and some of his works are on display at the *Künstlerhaus*.

The real question is, who has time to paint when there’s so much going on? I did say Übersee was great in summer and winter, but I think the Fall is another strike. Hello, that’s when the town hosts the Autumn Market (October), and there’s a *Leonhardritt* (Leonhard Ride) in November, followed by the Advent Market.

I know, I know, most people aren’t into the cooler weather. Maybe you’re better off coming for the Wine Festival, or the Reggae Festival every Summer instead. And if you really want to explore the great outdoors in the summer, there are guided bike tours every Monday. And on Thursdays, by the way, there are guided Mountain Biking tours — for those who like it a bit more strenuous.

Not me, I'll take the Cable Car ride instead (it's not all that far). Of course, sitting by the beach area (or its beer garden) to watch the sunset sounded like the perfect way to end an afternoon.

Just remember to leave time in your busy schedule to go see the Romanesque Church of Saints Peter & Paul in the hamlet of Westerbuchberg (just one of 36 villages). Excuse me, it isn't Romanesque anymore since it underwent a Gothic rebuilding back in the 15th century. Ahh, who cares, the original church is some 900 years old — and its frescoes from the 15th century are worth the visit.

You also need to add a stop over to the *Pfarrkirche* (Parish Church) of St. Nicholas, although this particular church didn't come along until the first years of the 20th century.

The good thing about visiting one of Übersee's churches, it doesn't matter what season you do that — so long as you come visit them, or the town itself. You're always welcome here.