

Untermeitingen -- Elegance Meets Historicity And Festivity

To try and say the name Untermeitingen is more than a mouthful. Forget it, it doesn't flow off the keyboard quite so easy either. It is, however, quite easy on the eyes.

How could it not? It is in the [Bavarian Swabian](#) region.

So it makes total sense to find a Military History Museum (open the 1st Sunday of the month) with exhibits dating back to the days of the Royal Bavarian Military, as well as early aviation, and going right up to present day.

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As fun as Untermeitingen is in modern day with all its festivals, it is also a historical town. Before partying the day and night away make sure you go to see the Kirche St. Stephen that was originally built back in 1158 — although the current building didn't come along until 1677.

A town like this wouldn't quite be the same if it didn't have a castle, which thankfully it does. Built in 1592, Schloss Untermeitingen is filled with Baroque art and ceiling stuccoes, and it's also yummy since it houses an elegant restaurant.

It isn't quite so grand at the *Imhof Haus*, originally a hospital from the 1730s, but grand enough to act as the local library and a wedding venue.

A wedding is just another kind of festive event — so it reminds me to tell you about Untermeitingen's other festivals that I mentioned earlier. The Wine Festival is a good one, but you gotta wait until October for it.

At least the *Grillfest* in June, the two *Bürgerfeste* (June and July), and the *Pfarrfest* and *Sommerfest* (both in July) come much sooner in the year. The guided mountain biking and hikes are always a good bet too.

Still got more time to kill in Untermeitingen? Good, 'cause you still haven't seen the Ulrich Chapel (1733), or the Kloster Lechfeld (in use since the early 1600s) that's nearby.

I'm going to stand by what I said about Untermeitingen not being easy to say or spell, but I got it right when I tell you that you'll love it. ;-)