

## Viechtach -- Shiny Glassy Things In The Bavarian Forest

How many of us are distracted by shiny things? Haven't I said that be-oh, look more shiny things. Man, that happens a lot here in the [Lower Bavarian](#) town of Viechtach since it's on the Glass Route.

No, I'm not making that up — it's a [German scenic route](#), not an Autobahn or small county lane made of glass shards. ;-)

Before I get into how awesome Viechtach is with its castles and festivals, I'll tell you about the glass. There's a Crystal Museum with over a thousand examples of, oh look shiny — ah, just kidding. I'm mean the museum has all sorts of crystals and minerals exhibits.

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The Glass Barn isn't just about beautifully cut crystal and glass. This place tells the tales, legends, and myths of the [Bavarian Forest](#), which I forgot to mention in the first place (darn shiny things). ;-)

Before I'm distracted, yet again, I'll tell you about Viechtach's castles. You've got Castle Kollnburg and the medieval Castle Altnußberg. But, the one you've really got to see is Castle Neunußberg.

Every July and August it looks like some Renaissance/Medieval time warp, where Knights and Ladies, jugglers and musicians all come together for a summer full of fun.

Viechtach also has its fair share of grand churches. The Parish Church of St. Augustine is known as the Cathedral of the Bavarian Forest and the St. Anna Chapel (a former cemetery chapel).

With Viechtach's many villages (there's more than 50 of them), if I told you about all of the small village churches we'd be here all day. And then, chances are I'd get sidetracked with all the crystal and glass. ;-)

I guess I better get to telling you about the Nostalgia Museum, then. It's a great example of the town's daily life through the years; whereas the Museum Viechtach looks more into the town's economy and cultural life.

Want another look at Viechtach's cultural life? How about the Street Festival, held the first week of July, and the Heimatfest Kollnburg on August's first weekend. Then there's a Carnival Celebration in August.

Wow, all sorts of parties where I can enjoy some great Bavarian music and beer — for which I'll never be distracted from by shiny things. ;-)