

## Vohburg an der Donau -- A Medieval Castle And Gate Town

There are medieval towns, and then there are *medieval* towns. What's the difference? Well, in my head, there are towns that were created around or during the Middle Ages—going on to become ultra modern cities. Hence, a medieval town.

Then you've got places like Vohburg an der Donau, a town that has many of its buildings, gates, and towers from the epic era. Thus making it a true *medieval* town.

How can you not fall in love with a place like this? Picture yourself walking through ancient gates like the *Kleine Donautor*, the *Donautor*, or the *Auetor* for a jousting event, or catch a glimpse of a fair maiden.

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Jousting and chivalry might have gone by the wayside, but these massive gates from the 13th-15th centuries remain.

Castles are also part of the medieval package, and Vohburg's got one. All right, the Castle Vohburg isn't a castle anymore—it's the cemetery church of St. Peter. And the site of some of Vohburg's festivals.

Last, but most certainly not least, of Vohburg's medieval beginnings is the 13th century St. Andrew's Church—that is now the town's *Rathaus*.

While you might be leaving the Middle Ages behind, you're not done in Vohburg yet. How about getting outside for a while before seeing all the 17th, 18th, and 19th century buildings? Good idea, right?

Vohburg lies along the Danube Cycle Path and the Via Raetica (a cycle trail that's all about the Romans). Even if you're not into riding bikes, no problem—this is [Upper Bavaria](#), so just a simple walk will do.

Yeah, as if walking around looking at the 17th century War Memorial Chapel (it's Baroque) and the St. Anthony Church (also Baroque & once belonging to the Franciscan monks) isn't enough.

One amazing piece of artwork lies at the Pflegschiess (built 1721) that is known for its Maria Immaculata, a carving made of hardwood. The sculpture is so stunning that it overshadows the fact that Napoleon slept here.

Forget the short French dude, it's time to get your festive on. ;-)

Two of the biggest events is the Street Festival (in conjunction with the St. Peter Market) in June, and the Folk Festival Weekend every September; but the *Kathreinmarkt* and the Christmas Market aren't slacking in the fun department.

At least in my head they aren't. Hopefully you'll be thinkin' the same thing. :-)