

Waltenhofen -- Beer Festival Town In The Oberallgäu

I must sound like a broken record by now about [Bavaria](#) and [beer](#). Bavaria and beer. Bavaria and beer. Sorry, the album needle got stuck. For those of you who don't know what that means, you're not old enough to drink yet so forget about the beer, ya little rascals. ;-)

But, as many times as I've said or written it Bavaria and beer go hand-in-hand. So then this being said, it won't come as a shock when I tell you the [Swabian](#) town of Waltenhofen in the [Oberallgäu](#) has both an Oktoberfest and a beer festival.

The Oktoberfest (in early October) and the *Bockbierfest* (end of March) aren't the only two in town. Oh, no. That's not even the half of it!

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May 1st is the *Maibaumfest* and there are summer concerts every year at the end of July. Then there's the *Pfarrfest* in July, the Advent Bazaar at the end of November, and the obligatory *Weihnachtsmarkt* (um, that would be the Christmas Market in English) in early December.

All right, if you're not the beer swillin' type don't worry, Waltenhofen's got you! As with most Bavarian towns (and not to say that they're all the same cookie-cutter town) it's best enjoyed while outside — whether it's during the warmer months when you can go swimming in the Niedersonthofener See (a lake), or simply camping just a few paces away. Warmer or cooler weather, it's always great to find a hiking or walking path and/or a cycling trail.

For you heartier stock (you know the ones who like it COLD) Waltenhofen is known for cross-country skiing and ice skating.

More slow paced pursuits include visiting the mid-13th century Catholic Church of Rauns, the Catholic Church of Hegge (built in the 1920's over an original Romanesque one), and the nearby Abbey of Kempten with its gorgeous Baroque church.

Afterwards sounds like the perfect time to head back and meet me at the beer garden. Bavaria and beer. Bavaria and beer. Sorry, darn needle got stuck again. ;-)