

Wutha-Farnroda -- Lovely Entrance To The Thuringian Forest

OK, I get that not everyone likes the same thing. Except if you're traveling or living in Germany, then you likely like all things German (right?). A true German experience would bring you to the [Thuringian](#) town of Wutha-Farnroda.

And it isn't just about its buildings, like the *Altes Rathaus* (Old Town Hall) in Farnroda, that's now a library and tourist office. No, it's about its cultural events and its incredibly stunning countryside — like over at the Hürselberge, from where you have a great view over the [Thuringian Forest](#).

FYI, the current Town Hall isn't just where all the town's administration goes on. Every six months it's also where art exhibits change.

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For a minute though, I am going to tell you about its old buildings. I'm just sad to say by the time I wrote this the old castle was gone. It was built in the 13th century, and rebuilt again two centuries later. Too bad the former owners let dryrot destroy its half-timbered construction, and it was torn down back in the late 1990s. However, the *Schlossturm* (Castle Tower) a.k.a. Wasserburg Farnroda is still there.

Wutha-Farnroda has one of the prettiest church exteriors I've seen. The church in Mosbach (one of the town's 4 villages, which has less than 1400 residents) has this black capped, wide tower Lutheran church. It's everything you could ask for in a village church.

So is the *Dorfkirche* (Village Church) in Deubach, come to think of it.

I'd be disappointed if Wutha-Farnroda didn't have a museum — why not, it's got just about

everything else? Anyway, the Hörselberg Museum (housed in a pretty half-timbered building) in Schönau has all kinds of exhibits on the local flora & fauna, its geography, and the nearby Hörselberge with its two caves: the *Venushöhle* and the *Tannhäuserhöhle*.

There are cultural events in Wutha-Farnroda, too. A very popular one is the *Kinderfasching* (Children's Carnival), as is the *Schlossparkfest* (Castle Park Festival) in early June, and the *Backfrauenfest* (Baker Girl's Festival) in mid-September.

Just when you think there isn't anything left, there's the *Tag des offenen Denkmals* (Heritage Day) and the *Mühlentag* (Mill Day) on Whit Monday, the *Kräutersonntag* (Herbs Sunday) on the following Sunday (loved by kids), and the *Erntedankfest* or Harvest Festival in the Fall.

Didn't I say you'd get a true German experience? And I bet you'll love every minute of it in Wutha-Farnroda.