behind the scenes...

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Many ways to enjoy yourself

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Weihnachtsmarkt

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Einhardsbasilika in Steinbach

The well preserved basilica from the year 827 impresses with authentic, Carolingian architecture. It was built by Einhard, the biographer of Charlemagne.

Öffnungszeiten: From April to October: Tuesday - Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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La Landesrabbiner Dr. I. E. Lichtgeldmuse- um (Synagogue)

On display there are cultural objects, archival materials and photographic reproductions which call to mind the life of the former Jewish citizens. The collection allows to gain an insight into the religious, social and political circumstances of the Odenwald Jewish community in the past centuries.

Öffnungszeiten: From 2nd Saturday before Easter to the 1st November: Sunday to Thursday: 2.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Nicolaus-Matz-Bibliothek (Church Library)

Established in 1499 when Nicolaus Matz, the canon of Speyer, donated his private collection of 117 books to the town of his birth. Today, the collection contains approximately 44 manuscripts (14 of which stem from medieval times), 157 incunabula until the year 1500 and about 4000 printed publications from the 16th and 17th century. Guided tours must be booked in advance.

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Erbach-Michelstädter Theatersommer

Every second year the market place serves as a stage for the performance of a local theater group. For two weeks, the exciting plays are performed.

Public outdoor Swimming Pool

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Historical Town Hall

The year of construction 1484 is inscribed in the wood in Arabic numerals, using a half-digit as a four. The Town Hall's open ground floor accommodated the local court. The postal office housed the Town Council. The upper story housed the Town Council. The groundlevel entrance of the Town Hall has been the venue of countless public ceremonies, receptions and weddings – and still is.

Town Church

The Town Church, constructed predominantly in the 13th century, is dedicated to the Archangel Michael and Saint Kilian. It was built upon the grounds of an former wooden Iro-Scottish stone church consecrated in 821. These premises are considered to be the cradle of Michelstadt. In 815 it was bestowed with the right of a pilgrimage, the biographer of Charlemagne Einhard’s inheritance fell to the abbey of Lorsch, which led to the conversion of the Frankish empire. After the complex has been destroyed in 1304, it was rebuilt subsequently.

Thieves’ Tower

The Thieves’ Tower, a former watchtower of Thurn und Taxis, served as the district jail. Since the tower had no groundlevel entrance, the prisoners entered the dungeon through a trapdoor in the upper story. A stone relief of the Roman god Mercury can be seen above a narrow window, its meaning is unknown.

The Schwergewichtsbrunnen (Mothers-In-Law-Fountain) is one of the oldest fountains in Michelstadt. In 1541, it was given to the town by Count Georg I of Erbach. Its name is derived from the four coats of arms engraved in the center post, e.g. the one of Baden (hearts of Baden was his mother-in-law).

The Old Pharmacy, established in the Synagogue (Landesrabbinermandat) of Michelstadt. He, who was in charge of a world-renowned Talmud school, worked here from 1822 to 1847. In 1979 a museum of Jewish religious objects was established in the Synagogue (Landesrabbinermandat).

Table of Parking lots

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Travelling and Parking

Michelstadt, the heart of the Odenwald, can easily be reached by train or by car. There are plenty of free parking lots inside and around the city centre.

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