

## 8 MORE GERMAN BEER FESTIVALS TO RIVAL OKTOBERFEST

## Barthelmarkt



This annual beer festival and fair takes place in the small town of Oberstimm, which is roughly halfway between Munich and Nuremberg. Barthelmarkt (<http://www.barthelmarkt.com/web/>) has a strong tradition in Northern Bavaria, with claims that it was first established by the Romans in the first century BC as a horse and cattle market. You won't find many tourists here but don't expect a more casual affair as a result – beer tents fill up very early and are at capacity by 6am with patrons enjoying local beers from pilsners to 'weissbier' (wheat beers). Barthelmarkt is short and sweet, covering just four days over a weekend, but packs a lot into that time including a horse race on the opening Friday and a horse market on the Monday. Perhaps one of the most appealing aspects of the festival is that it takes place in August so you're pretty much guaranteed warm weather, and nothing is more enjoyable than enjoying a beer in a beer garden on a sunny day.

The Barthelmarkt runs from August 26 to 29, 2016.