

## Annaberg-Buchholz -- Nestled High In The Ore Mountains

In the south-west corner of the [Saxony](#) state, and buried deep in the [Erzgebirge a.k.a. Ore Mountains](#) is the charming town of Annaberg-Buchholz. With a history rich in silver mines and a culture based on the art of lace-making, there are a variety of tours available for the visitor.

The center of the town is medieval, and the market square (see [webcam!](#)) is where you can start your historic tours. With the towns symbol, St Anne church, visible from most streets and plazas, it's a great place to start the days journey. It is the largest of the 3 Protestant churches here — and the largest of its kind in the whole of Saxony!

Wander through its tiny cobbled streets to find grand examples of the famous braids and lace treasures on display in most stores. Many cafes and restaurants allow you to sit in the open air — admiring the architecture and watching the local people busy at work.

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Just outside of Annaberg-Buchholz is the imposing Pöhlberg; a giant basalt mountain left-over from an ancient lava flow! You can still clearly see the huge columns — known locally as “butter barrels” rising up its sides. Many of the old tin and silver mines are in this area — and you can tour several of them as part of your stay, if you dare... ;-)

At nearly 900 meters high, it is possible to see all the way to [Chemnitz](#) from its highest point.

It also holds several ski runs and a toboggan route for use in the winter season — and the winter season brings heavy snow! The whole town is well known regionally as the Land of Christmas and has many popular Christmas Markets through the winter. A great time to visit here.

There is a large animal park at the base of this rocky outcrop, and also a few nature reserves around these intriguing mountains and deep valleys for you and your family to explore. The large Nature Park Erzgebirge/Vogtland is just to the south of Annaberg-Buchholz, and over the mountains themselves is the border of Poland.