

Bad Arolsen -- Baroque Architecture And A Stunning Palace

Bad Arolsen is where you would first of all look for the spa that the town is named for and make the best of that.

After you've worked off the jetlag and figured out the cramps, get set to explore this medieval city with its share of surprises.

In Bad Arolsen, visitors make a beeline for the Schloss Arolsen and with good reason too. This famous attraction is a stately palace that dates back to the 17th century, and to put it simply, is poetry in baroque. From the frescoes in the ceiling to the artistic doorways, this palace even has intriguing trivia that adds to its allure.

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Bad Arolsen knows it's got a good thing going with the palace and its picturesque surrounds and they have taken good care to maintain that medieval quaintness as much as possible. As a result you get to enjoy beautifully landscaped city areas such as the Große Allee a.k.a. Grand Avenue lined with oaks. Imagine walking along that 17th century avenue full of historicity.

The town is not just about historic buildings, though it does seem that way when you see the amount of lovely colorful half-timbered structures that gleam in the sunshine. Visit the Toy Museum where you get to know the town's history from the awesome collection of toys they have on show dating back to the 1800s.

After all that's done, you might want to enjoy the best of Bad Arolsen's natural beauty by the lush woods of lake Twistesee where you'll find everything from biking trails to water sports and even a golf course.