

Bad Berleburg -- The Majesty Of Nature With Genuine Beauty

Bad Berleburg's main attraction is the majesty of nature. Thick woodlands and rugged forests attract hikers, mountain bikers, and cross country skiers. Also a favorite among wildflower lovers, the town features many floral displays scattered throughout its borders.

Set atop a hill, this lively town's main visual eye candy is the ancient 16th century Baroque castle that dominates the hillside. Known as the *Schloss Fürst von und zu Sayn-Wittgenstein-Berleburg*, this magnificent example is one of the best attractions in the village.

Activities to keep you busy include visiting outlying pastoral villages and walking in the palace park, which is full of lovely flowers and towering trees. Photo opportunities abound at the park's lake, which I'm sure you will appreciate.

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A quality museum also exists on the Berleburg Castle grounds. Displays include such items as furniture, uniforms, and art from the grand days of the palace's history. Walking through the castle and witnessing the mesmerizing effect of seeing the pieces from that day and age is an experience you won't soon forget.

The International Music Festival, which is held in July on the Marketplace in Bad Berleburg, features classic musicians from all over the globe. From May to October, the *Schlosshofkonzerte* feature live music performances which will captivate your attention. The best part? Sunday performances are free.

Fairs and festivals make up a substantial portion of the hustle and bustle in the region. There are other exciting fairs and fests that occur throughout the year. Each district hosts a Rifle Cup, with an

annual festival accompanying the event. These events, known as *Schützenfest*, involve feisty competitions between shooters. The winner is crowned *Schützenkönig*, the King of the Rifle.

See or become the King when you visit this parish. ;-)