

Bad Liebenwerda -- Charming Spa Town With Posh Festivals

The spa town of Bad Liebenwerda is much more than just a place where silver hair ladies and gentlemen come to feel the healing effects for their rheumatism.

That's not to say you won't find some awesome spa facilities within town. The *Wonnemar* spa is one of the most popular with a wave pool, a mineral pool (isn't that what a German spa is all about?), as well as having sauna; a fitness center, a health club; an aqua fitness center; and a Nordic Walking track. Wow, I'm tired already and all I did was typing this up. ;-)

Spa services aren't the only thing that will keep you busy around this town. Oh, no, there's a Puppetry Museum, with an extensive collection of Disney's Pinocchio type marionettes. In the Autumn there's a fun Puppetry Night with shows for both adults & kids. Don't use the excuse that you don't speak German — go have a good time anyway.

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Other festivals around Bad Liebenwerda include a Wine Festival (also in the Fall), while Summer brings on a series of musical concerts and Farmer's Market.

Springtime is the ultimate (and my favorite) for the annual Boat Race on the weekend after the Ascension. Here's a tip if you're not familiar with the Christian Calendar (count about 40 days after Easter).

In between all the puppet shows, boat races and everything else you can visit the medieval St. Nikolai Church; see the Castle Tower and walls; and throw a few coins in the Memorial Fountain.

You can even pay your respects at the the town's memorials to both the forced laborers and the

Nazi resistance fighters from the days of the [2nd World War](#). This was a small time period of Bad Liebenwerda's history, but it does deserve some respect.

If you choose to see the historical, the festivals, or the spa, either way, you'll have a grand time here. Just ask the silver hair ladies for some proof.