

## Bissendorf -- Take A Bite Out Of Bite Village

When hearing that Bissendorf translates to Bite Village it might conjure-up visions of some stereotypical vampire movie that's set in an old medieval village, but you're not going to find any kind of supernatural beings here.

What you *will* find is that Bite Village is just a 12th century town which, in reality, is just wonderful with lots of old castles (some in ruins) and farms — bordering the green [Teutoburg Forest](#) in [Lower Saxony](#).

In all actuality the town's much older since there have been old graves found here from the days of the Bronze Age. So, let's dig in and take a bite out of "Bite Village!" ;-)

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One of the most special sites in all of Bissendorf is Schloss Schelenburg, a water castle that dates back to the 12th century. It was remodeled in the popular Renaissance style after a fire destroyed the castle in 1530. It's military tower is impressive with walls over six feet thick.

One of the original owners was a friend of none other than Martin Luther himself and the castle is just filled with so much history. You'll be able to explore it more if you stay the night, since it's now a superb hotel with lots of romantic little bridges over the water ditches.

Holter Castle isn't a hotel, but just some old romantic ruins from the 12th century to explore. The stunning red tiled Holter Church (also from the 12th century) is a local landmark.

Another place that shouldn't be missed is Parish Church Dionysius, housing priceless works of art from as far back as Roman times.

But, old castles and churches aren't the only things that our good ol' Bissendorf has for you. Forest Bath is a wonderful outdoor pool that's solar heated with commanding views of the countryside. The views from the 18-hole golf course are just as fabulous and the entire family will be entertained on the miniature golf course.

With everything to see and do here in Bissendorf, I guess you'll be taking a big bite out of "Bite Village." ;-)