

Blieskastel -- A Fairytale World Of Ancient Style And History

Blieskastel is a pretty town in the state of [Saarland](#), virtually on the border with France. The town itself is set in the midst of rolling hillside making for an attractive location and some great views.

The town derives its name from the Blies river which flows nearby and keeps the surrounding area green and fertile. There is much to see here, but this location is possibly most famous for its castle which was built in the 17th century.

Unfortunately, during the time of the French Revolution much of it was destroyed but the delightful old orangerie still survives to this day. Described as one of the best preserved Renaissance buildings in all of Germany, it has now been carefully restored.

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Today it is used as a concert hall and theater for cultural events and so can be visited by members of the public.

Indeed, Blieskastel plays host to a range of festivals each summer, of which the Weaving Heimer is probably most famous. Held in July each year it is one of the largest peasant festivals in the area and draws people from all around the country.

If the architecture of the old castle here weren't enough, the building is also surrounded by impressive gardens which are well worth a visit by themselves. There aren't many better ways to spend a summer day than here in the gardens with a good picnic and some [German wine](#)!

Amazingly, this is just the tip of the iceberg when visiting Blieskastel. Down in the main town you will find much more to amuse you, such as the two stone fountains which date back to the 1600's.

One is known as the Napoleon and the other as Hercules!

While you're in the area, take a walk to the town hall which is an amazing building in the baroque style, and originally used as an orphanage. And to finish off your visit here, don't miss the opportunity to see the *Gollenstein*, the oldest tourist attraction in the area. It is an ancient stone monument that is thought to be over 4,000 years old.