

## Boizenburg (Elbe) -- From Frigid Checkpoint To Posh Attraction

There's no tourism in Boizenburg (Elbe) in Mecklenburg Western Pomerania? No, that can't be true!

Well, it would have been if we were having this conversation more than twenty years ago. What has changed over the last two decades? Easy. Boizenburg and its nine municipalities belonged to the former German Democratic Republic.

Boizenburg's Old Town Center survived [World War II](#), survived the [Cold War](#), and is now welcoming tourists back to see her.

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Visitors can now come see its Town Hall and St. Marien Church; both of which are quite lovely, without having to cross a border checkpoint straight from a 1960's spy flick. ;-)

In the more "modern" residential neighborhood of Boizenburg, there are many reminders of life during the communism days with utilitarian housing, as well as the propaganda of how great communist rule was.

Boizenburg is a great spot to learn more of 20th century history; and the town was home to a subcamp of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp from 1944 to 1945.

That's not totally fair to think of Boizenburg in historical terms only, since there are many outdoor activities to keep even a large family busy. Within the *Naturerlebnisbad* or Nature Experience Bath you can swim outdoors among all the trees, and try the waterslide, while the babies enjoy the Infant

Pond and the kids are off running around the playground.

Don't go thinking that the place is open during the winter (it gets cold here that time of year) — swimming season runs only from May to September. But, you do got all day to do it, the bath's open from 10am-8pm.

Close to the Nature Experience Bath are camping facilities that add rock climbing, volleyball, and football (soccer, for my American friends) to the “things to do in Boizenburg” list.

You'll also find a Tile Museum, the Eggenberg Museum, and a Local History Museum.

From the looks of it, Boizenburgers knew the tourists would be back; and you'll be happy when you're one of 'em!