

Borgentreich -- A Magnificent Church And An Organ Museum

Borgentreich has a number of historic buildings that will make you an expert on medieval architecture by the time you're done with them.

Some of the most spectacular in town are the Borgentreich synagogue, the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, and its oldest building simply known as the Stone House. If you're in the downtown area you have to check out this historic gem with its splendid vaulted roof; it's truly worth visiting.

Borgentreich's other main site of interest would be the erstwhile Town Hall which is now doing duty as the Organ museum. Here you'll see the grandest collection of Church organs ever. In fact, it's supposed to be the first of its kind in the country.

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Learn all about the history of this majestic musical instrument. Who knows it might inspire you to go back home and dig up that old keyboard yet.

If you like historic ruins, you'll find the church tower of *Emmerkekirche* in the outskirts of the city quite interesting. You'll agree that it's made for a postcard-perfect setting.

Another standout attraction you just can't miss would be the Tower Bar dating back to the 13th century. It's actually the only one left standing from a group of seven that used to be part of the old city fortress.

Borgentreich has a significant religious turn to its attractions as you must have seen from the considerable number of splendid churches that mark the area. One really worth mentioning would

be the replica of the Lourdes Grotto that draws huge crowds. The House of Natzungen is a mansion with tremendous war history attached to it. You might find the *Klus Eddessen* equally interesting.

Borgentreich's enormous interest in sports has to be seen to be believed. Sports clubs are everywhere. They even have an outdoor and indoor swimming pool, both heated so you can do your laps in comfort with a minimum of teeth chattering. ;-) In case you're interested, they also have a shooting range and table tennis facilities.

For more outdoor fun, check out the hike along the Historic Landmark Loop trail, but make sure you're in peak physical condition first.