

Büren -- Impressive Castle And A Criss-Cross Of Hiking Trails

Büren offers a bit of everything right from an awesome castle to breathtaking scenery and mind blowing food and wine. If you're the outdoorsy kind you've hit the jackpot with a wonderful choice of hiking and biking trails, all of which have happy endings.

Büren's jewel in the crown is definitely the Wewelsburg Castle. Now, before you stifle that yawn at the prospect of visiting yet another castle, here's why this is the one castle you simply should not miss...

How often do you come across a castle that's not just impressive to look at, but also built in a triangular formation? How deliciously quaint is that? You can imagine how the architect met with the emperor and decided, "Look, they are all coming up with straight lines and squares; let's make this one a triangle!"

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Presently it even houses a youth hostel, so if you've always wanted to play the lord or lady of the manor, here's your chance.

For neighbors you have the Historical Museum which tells tales of a darker chapter. Now may be a good time to rethink your decision to stay there! ;-)

Büren has plenty more attractions of the historical kind such as the St. Nicholas' Church with its needle sharp spires at the top and an impressive baroque organ among other valued artifacts inside. The Jesuitenkirche of Maria Immaculata with a distinct Roman influence is another impressive building worth visiting.

More historical gems are to be found in the Old Dutch Mill and the Central Mill. Of course, they are no longer in operation as mills, but are in fact open as a cultural center for music and a museum respectively.

The Market Square is yet another historic venue with about 14 half-timbered buildings still standing tall in their medieval glory. If you're looking for more of the same, there's the old detention building known as the JVA Büren, the Gut Holthausen, a former Cistercian monastery, and more of the same type.

When you've done the historical rounds, it's time to check out some sporting action. Büren is just the right place for some serious sport if that's what you have in mind. A choice of outdoor and indoor swimming pools ensure you can frolic in water to your heart's content, whatever the weather decides to do.

Then there's a wide range of sporting facilities from football to shooting and rope skipping. The Lower Mill *Kulturinitiative* is a good idea for more entertainment of the cultural kind.

Oh, and last but certainly not least is the the [Paderborn/Lippstadt Airport \[PAD\]](#) that's located here in this town and gaining in both size and popularity.