

Detmold -- Town With Extensive Panoramic Views

Detmold is whatever you want it to be. Whether you're looking for medieval architecture, historic personalities, legends and myths, or simply a good time in the lap of nature, you have come to the right place. A former capital of the principality of Lippe, it has all this and much more to keep you engaged.

Detmold has already found its place on the tourist map of Germany and is famous for its larger than life statue of Arminius who defeated the Romans in 9 A.D.. There is no way any one can miss it as this 57m or 188ft high colossus stands on a hill and is visible from all around.

Once you've got over the mighty statue, you still have the old town with its 500 monuments to explore and admire. Going back in time to 1260, here's your chance to get a first hand view of what the olden times where like.

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An astounding sight in Detmold would be the Westphalia Open-Air Museum. This is a collection of about 90 buildings showcasing art and craft from all over the state and is definitely a must-see. It is a re-construction of buildings from various parts of the region brought together under one roof. You really have to see it for yourself to truly appreciate the enormity and ingenuity of this marvelous project.

Detmold has one of the finest natural wonder in the form of fissures sandstone rocks about 12km (7.5mi) south of the town. Known as the *Externsteine*, it is a group of rocks, the tallest rising to a height of 11m (37ft). This is a place of Christian pilgrimage with stone carvings and plenty of natural embellishments to evoke awe in the beholder.

As most towns in the Lippe district, Detmold also has its own palace. The *Neues Palais* dates back to the early 18th century and is now the Academy of Music. The lovely Palais Garden surrounding it is yet another attraction that compels a visit.

The town has another older castle going by the simple name of Schloss built in the 16th century. It incorporates a lovely central courtyard and an impressive tower. Within it are various works of art including porcelain and tapestries.

While in Detmold, you may also visit the Provincial Museum, the Bird Park and the Eagle Observatory.

The Market Place with its Town Hall and other medieval architecture should not be overlooked if you want to experience the beauty of the local culture.