

## Dissen am Teutoburger Wald Will Make You Pea Green With Envy

Goodness gracious, sometimes I think Germany's got some of the longest named towns on the planet. Dissen am Teutoburger Wald in [Lower Saxony](#) might not easily roll off the tongue, but it sure is a place that I wouldn't mind spending a day or two.

Oh, make that more since Dissen lies (as its name implies) within the [Teutoburg Forest](#). So, that means that you could spend a day just hiking and Nordic Walking alone.

But, as I've said before, Lower Saxony is best enjoyed on a bicycle, so you've got that option as well.

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Whewww, with all that wandering about in the forest out of the way, are you ready to stroll through Dissen's historic City Center? Good, then let's go.

Don't you just love those quaint timber framed houses that we grew up seeing in fairytale books? Yeah, me too, and Dissen has quite a few of them so keep the camera handy. I'm kinda fond of the little historic farmhouse in the village of Erpen, actually.

There are also a few churches, which are usually great for finding beautiful, priceless works of art and stained glass. Often, they're the venue for many concerts.

Take St. Mauritius Church (Evangelical Lutheran denomination) for example. Not only is it a gorgeous piece of architecture, it's also where you'll hear gospel singers at its services. And come Christmas as the church is known for its Christmas concerts.

Dissen's St. George Church might not be famous for its Christmas Concerts, but the original church was here during the 8th century days of Charlemagne. That's got to count for something, right?

Now I know that not all of you out there are that much into history (me too, oops!) so how about some shopping? Come shop at the weekly market which is held on Fridays from 2pm-6pm (that's good for you folks who AREN'T early risers, me included!).

I'm always in favor of finding little crafts and souvenirs that'll make everyone back home "pea green with envy" (thank you, Scarlett O'Hara) and you might be surprised at what you'll find.

Then again, if you tell the folks back home that you're coming to a place like Dissen am Teutoburger Wald, they WILL be "pea green with envy." ;-)