

Dormagen Takes You Back To The Middle Ages

Found on the Rhine River, just about midway between [Cologne](#) and [Düsseldorf](#), Dormagen is a town filled with historic sights.

One of the most famous landmarks is the monastery Knechtsteden. It is more than 850 years old and stands guard on a hill overlooking the town. Its Romanesque basilica and surrounding woods and orchards make it a charming place to visit.

If you go to Dormagen, you will want to be sure to visit the district of Zons. This well-preserved old neighborhood features towers and walls that have survived since the Middle Ages. One of the most impressive structures is known as the Rhine Tower. It has stood as a defensive position on the banks of the Rhine river since 1388. You can also see a completely original wooden grinder that has been functional since 1694.

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Zons is the location for many festivals and special celebrations throughout the calendar year. You might see a Medieval Market, an Artisans' Fair, Fairy Tale Games at the outdoor theater, or an arts and crafts sale. Thousands of visitors come to such events from around Europe, and the town is well equipped to serve them with good food and hospitality. :-)

The Music School of Dormagen contributes greatly to the cultural life of the area. There are lessons and classes available for people of all ages to learn to play many different instruments. As a result, you can often hear concerts and recitals that feature musicians playing in a wide variety of styles. You might attend an accordion concert, a percussion ensemble recital, or hear a children's orchestra or popular rock band.

If you enjoy being outside, you may want to hike or cycle through the 223 acres of forestland set aside as the game park *Tannenbusch*. A wide variety of trees, plants, and animals reside there and the scenery is spectacular.

There are also many athletic and sporting activities that take place in the area so that an active person will have a number of options to choose from.