

Drensteinfurt -- Old Fortified Town With A Mill And A Bee Hive

Drensteinfurt is a sedate old town with many historic evidences of the ravages of the Great War strewn around which now however act as major attractions that draw visitors.

This old fortified town is now embellished with modern infrastructure to grant an ease of movement and communication which makes exploring a breeze even for the laziest of visitors.

Drensteinfurt's momentous history can be gauged from the many ruins that somehow still convey its impressive past quite well. There used to be three main gates to the city which are now marked by plaques.

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Not all are in ruins however, and this will soon become clear as you visit the *Alte Post* or the Old Post Office and the *Haus Steinfurt*, an 18th century castle with a moat. The *Alte Synagoge* is another spectacular specimen that's bathed in history. Check out the various artwork and sculpture adorning its interior.

Drensteinfurt's town center still preserves its old world charm. This is probably due to the number of half-timber buildings and cobblestone walkways, not to mention the sculptures in the main square. For more of the same, visit the Chapel Ameke, the Bisping House, Venne House and the Borg House.

Some splendid religious architecture in Drensteinfurt include the *Loretokapelle*, the *Lambertuskirche Walstedde*, and the Regina Church, each a masterpiece in its genre.

The Mill Museum is for history buffs who can't get enough while the Beekeeping is the stuff sweet memories are made of.

Drensteinfurt has the cultural temperament to go with its tremendous historicity. Its *Schützenfest* or Marksman's Festival is a big event attracting plenty of attention. Then there's the Erlfeld Derby where the horses grab the limelight.

You don't have to wait for an event to indulge in some activity for Drensteinfurt has the facilities for all sorts of sports from skittles to Nordic walking.