

Ellerau -- From The Creek To The Heritage Museum

Some museums in the world are really (really, really) famous, fantastic, and full of masterpieces from all over the world. And then you come across a teeny, tiny museum in small German towns like Ellerau that stay in your head like its more famous cousins.

Not bad for a town that had barely 600 people living in it prior to [World War II](#), huh?

Now, I'm sure you've noticed by now that I don't advocate spending all your time indoors in Germany. Heck no, but here in this tiny town up here in [Schleswig-Holstein](#), you'll find its museum so informative you won't even notice that hours have gone by.

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Its exhibits are snippets of time, an old schoolroom of desks and chalkboards; it is Ellerau's wildlife (stuffed) that you'll find in the region; and it's educational on some of the industry that kept this 550+ year old town going.

Come see what a butcher, a carpenter, a locksmith, and shoemaker would've used way-back-when. There are even exhibits on what real living was like back in the day — you'll see a traditional Living Room, a Kitchen, and even a Bedroom.

Darn, I think I lost a couple of hours just thinking about everything in Ellerau's Heritage Museum. ;-)

You'll find another couple of hours have gone by walking around the town itself. It's a place with a variety of restaurants, offering everything from a steakhouse to Italian cuisine. It's got a village church, a communal library, and even a theater.

Ellerau's got a picturesque creek (the Krumbek) that's a nice place to just take a leisurely stroll, if you're so inclined.

Not to take anything away from nearby [Hamburg](#) (mere 23km south), or [Quickborn](#) and [Norderstedt](#) — but Ellerau's a nice place to just hang around and learn something.