

Erwitte -- Instead Of A Witch Hunt, Let's Go To The Spa

Life here in Erwitte, simply put, is good.

Erwitte, just 9 km south of [Lippstadt](#), is one of the best little finds that once was an integral part of the salt trade route of the Middle Ages (and site of one of the many witch hunts of that time).

There's an abundance of sports to keep you active, as well as historical, medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque buildings. And the best way to explore that is by foot or bicycle on the little narrow lanes that give the town its character.

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The town's castle wasn't built until around 1600. It was once used as a military hospital and the Nazis used the castle as some sort of training facility — now it's a popular hotel and restaurant in town.

The 19th century Schmerlecker Windmill is also a nice restaurant and cafe.

The half timbered King's Yard (or *Königshof*) is a large farm dating back quite a few hundred years with a most magnificent fireplace. The Homeland Yard with its agricultural museum shows 300 years of farming life here in Erwitte.

As much as farming was important to the history of this town, so was religion. The Parish Church Laurentis has a Roman Tower that's 800 years old. The church is home to many beautiful pieces of art, including the "Grace Cross" from around the year 1200.

The Parish Church Cyriakus may have a Baroque Steeple from 1750, but the Tower dates to when

the church was built in 1125. Many of the villagers sought refuge here during war times and it was a “depository” for collected “taxes.”

Another place that shouldn't be missed is the Town Hall, designed by the famous Baroque architect, Michael Spanner.

After all that sightseeing and history stuff, you've certainly earned a stop over at the Bad Westernkotten district. Its hot springs and pool will have you feel most relaxed with the spa's holistic approach to better well-being. There's also tennis, horseback riding, miniature golf, and an 18 hole course.

Now that no one has to worry about witch hunts or hiding in the church tower, instead visiting some great historic sites and soaking in the hot springs, life here in Erwitte is good! And I'm sure you're gonna love it! :-)