

Eutin And Its 500+ Year Old Love Tree With An Own Address

With a population just over 17,000 you may not believe that Eutin is such an interesting place to visit.

In fact, many tourists and locals come to the area in July and August for the Eutin Festival. This festival is an open air festival in the Carl Maria von Weber theater.

If you don't know who Carl Maria von Weber is, a trip here is necessary. Locals will give you the 411 on this classical composer who was born here and wrote many famous operas.

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Those who don't have an interest in classical music should check out the *Bräutigamseiche* or Bridal Oak. This is a more than 500 year old oak tree. Legend has it that a couple would swap love letters at this tree in secret. They were finally able to marry under the tall oak tree.

Since then, lovers have been sending their love letters to the tree. Every day, up to 40 letters get sent to the tree. Enough mail that it even has its own address. That's true (!), and here's its address in case you'd like to write a letter to someone:

Bräutigamseiche
Dodauer Forst
23701 Eutin
Germany

Perhaps your next big love will read it and reply to it! ;-) (Letters may be opened and read by anyone; and the letter that interests someone the most will be kept while the other letters will

remain in the tree for others to read — to find *its* recipient.)

OK, back to town...

Eutin is in the area called the [Holstein Switzerland](#). Being in [northern Germany](#) it is nowhere close to Switzerland, but is called this because it reminds people of Switzerland.

There are a lot of hills and lakes, and a lot of the area has been turned into a nature park.

Definitely take a walk through the old part of the town. The marketplace in particular is really interesting and even has some of those famous half-timber constructions.

No trip to any [German city](#) is complete without a visit to its castle. The Eutiner Castle is definitely recommended. It has a long history, with some of the buildings dating back to the 17th century. Make sure to check out the gardens, especially if you come during spring.

In the city castle, check to see if the Ostholstein Museum is open. This tells the story of the eastern part of the province. If you aren't interested in history, skip that part and just see the gold and silver work that is on display there.