

Gifhorn Is The Enchanting Land Of Windmills

Gifhorn lies on the banks of the River Ise and is known for its International Mill Museum, perhaps the only one of its kind in the world. It stretches for miles with a fine display of windmills of all persuasion from all over the world.

And yes, if you're wondering whether the La Mancha mill made famous by Don Quixote is there; it is indeed. This should ideally be at the top of your itinerary for Gifhorn for the place even has a restaurant to make sure you're well-fed and satiated.

Once you've done with the wind-mills it's time to see the rest of this exquisite town...

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Visit the town market square to partake of the local color and enjoy the lovely old-world ambience. Medieval architecture is prominently on show all around the square and gives a definite thrill at being submerged in all that history.

The master pieces are of course to be found right here in the center of the town. The Guelph Palace that dates back to the 16th century is a must-see with its underground casements and impressive gatehouse. The Historical Museum housed within will keep you well-informed as to its exciting history as the impregnable fort.

Another historical gem in Gifhorn is the Russian Orthodox Church with its treasure trove of art work and icons. You'll surely be impressed by its onion dome so representative of its kind. The Isenhagen Convent dating back to the 14th century is a great option for those who love historical artwork and fantastic lace and needlework. A veritable garden of Eden with a bountiful orchard adjoins the convent lending it a serenity beyond compare.

Of more modern times is The Bridge, a cultural institute that commemorates the Russian connection that Gifhorn is happy to display. Fifty onion domes in typical Russian architectural style will leave you in no doubt as to its intentions. If you have an interest in things Russian you're at the right place.