

Glashütte -- Watch And Clock Making In The Ore Mountains

With thousands of [towns and villages in Germany](#), I couldn't possibly begin to know everything there is about it. And it always surprises myself when I find little facts and tidbits about a town that I wouldn't have seen coming. What is it this time around?

Today it's lovely Glashütte in the [Ore Mountains](#) in [Saxony](#).

While other [regions in Germany](#) are famous for clocks and clock making, who would have guessed that for more than a century almost the same thing was going on in the east of the country? The *Uhrenmuseum* (Watch Museum), located at Schillerstraße 3a in Glashütte, details a lot of the history surrounding the trade.

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Mining was big business here too, but there isn't a mining museum. Too bad.

What is here are castles. Big, massive, "Oh-thank-Heaven-I-don't-have-to-clean-these-monster" castles. Schloss Reinhardtsgrimma is the closest and the youngest, having been built in 1767. It's now a Baroque venue for weddings, concerts, and lounging around in its park.

Want another one? Schloss Lauenstein is more than 750 years old, and is now a museum. Less than a century younger is Schloss Weesenstein, with a museum of Saxony's history. Oh, forget that, it's got a restaurant and brewery. ;-)

Glashütte also has old churches, like the Evangelical in Reinhardtsgrimma whose 30 meter high tower can be seen from quite a distance. Architecture aficionados will appreciate the Romanesque, Gothic, and Baroque accents, while music lovers will want to hear the concerts that often play here.

Nature lovers, I would never leave you out. As I mentioned earlier, Glashütte lies within the Ore Mountains, which explains why its swimming season is so short (June-August); but that still leaves plenty of time to go horseback riding, bicycling, and hiking. Or, for visiting the Wildpark Osterzgebirge for that matter.

Maybe you're a Party Animal? I won't judge, I'll just tell you to come in mid-September for the *Dorffest* (Village Festival). ;-)

Wow, in no time at all we've covered museums, castles, nature, and festivals—now if I only knew what time it was. Oh yeah, forgot, I'm in a watch making town. Perhaps I should go get one. ;-)