## Glienicke (Nordbahn) Is A World Away From The City Chaos

If you were searching for a hotel in the town of Glienicke (Nordbahn) it would give you about a bazillion in the big city chick <u>Berlin</u>. That's how close Glienicke is to the capital city!

That's not fair to Glienicke, though. While this might be just a small working class town of less than 10,000 folks; it still deserves to be recognized in its own right.

I mean, don't get me wrong — sure, it's NICE to be this close to Berlin. OK, maybe not 20 years ago when the town was separated from West Berlin by the infamous <u>Berlin Wall</u>. But, the wall is gone (oh Lord, fortunately!) and everyone is free to move about as they wish.

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Remnants of the wall can be found at an area known as the *Kindelfließ* (in the south of town).

While Berlin is a bustling metropolitan city, Glienicke is a much calmer destination. It can even be downright romantic — if you don't believe me, just take a walk around the Village Pond at night. If you're looking for a quiet dark corner to sneak a kiss from your sweetheart, this is the place to do it.;-)

After stealing a kiss and before rushing to Berlin to see its museums and sites, you're not quite done in Glienicke. The Village Church, located on Hauptstraße (and close to the modern *Rathaus*), is a nice stop. But, I personally like the *Friedhofkapelle* (that would be the Cemetery Chapel) a little better though. Its exterior gold color with red tiles and stone foundations don't clash with the countryside. Somehow, it just works beautifully.

Thanks for mentioning countryside! ;-) Another way to see Glienicke is out on the golf course,

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tennis courts, and children's playgrounds. It might not sound like much, but when looking to escape the madness and chaos of the big city — you'll appreciate it.

I also can't forget about the half-timbered old farmhouse, that's now a community center (located on Moskauer Straße). Besides making a great a photo-op, it's also a great place to get to know the residents. Ask them why they prefer Glienicke over Berlin...;-)

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