

## Greifswald Is A Beautiful Historic Town

The attractions of Greifswald are all around for visitors to see. The problem confronting the tourist would be where to begin, for they are all worth seeing.

Historic buildings come with interesting tales attached. Buildings dating beyond the medieval age have come down to the present times with a wealth of anecdotes and influences that add a certain charm to them.

The Greifswald Cathedral of St.Nikolai has pride of place in the town center, its majestic spires towering a hundred meters into the blue skies. The Gothic structure with a touch of baroque is a major landmark that can't be missed. Its impressive facade inspired the Romantic artist Friedrich to immortalize it in a painting.

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You should definitely climb up to the viewing tower for fantastic views of the Baltic Sea and the Isle of Rügen in the distance.

Other architectural wonders would be the Hospice of St. Spiritus dating back to the 13th century, the ruins of the Hilda Monastery, the 14th century Gothic edifice of the St. James' Church, and the surprisingly well preserved town walls.

In and around Greifswald you'll find more historic gems that add wonder to your trip. The wooden Bascule drawbridge attracts huge crowds with its medieval Dutch charm, as do the line of old thatched houses of the fishermen.

A visit to the Market area of Greifswald would surely be an enriching enterprise. Here's where you

get a taste of authentic local life and culture. The Town Hall with its impressive Gothic style, the burgher's houses, and the Pomeranian State Museum a few minutes away are all charming sights to be enjoyed here.

If you're visiting in June, you'll be in time for the annual Bach Festival which is a cultural festival worth waiting for. Enjoy Bach concerts and other cultural performances all day long.