

## Havixbeck Is A Place To Kick Your Shoes Off

What you'll find in Havixbeck is a Westphalian town with just the right mix of history, art, and culture. Located only about half an hour west of the city of [Münster](#), the town of Havixbeck has been a place of many prehistoric and early civilization finds.

How's that for history? Not enough for you?

Well, how about traveling through several centuries of Havixbeck's history? Castle Hülshoff is just the place. It's a water castle (that means it has a moat) from the 11th century. But, it does have a more Baroque style look about it. The castle has a museum, a frequently visited park, and tells the tale of its most famous resident, Annette of Droste Hülshoff.

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Annette was born in the castle back in 1797 and went on to become one of the most famous German poets. She was a contemporary of the famous Brothers Grimm, which tells you that Annette kept some very creative company.

Haus Stapel didn't have any residents as famous as Annette, but this moated castle (that was built in 1607) is just stellar; as is House Havixbeck, also with its own moat (and tower).

In addition to its awesome castles, Havixbeck does have a more unusual museum, the Baumberger Sandstone Museum to be exact. Sculptors and stone cutters have been using the area's sandstone to build all over Germany, the Netherlands, and Sweden. Münster's cathedral is made out of that stuff.

Although, the Parish Church Tilbeck, St. Dionysis, and St. George Churches in Havixbeck are

worth just as much a visit as any place else.

When you've had your mix of medieval and Renaissance churches and castles, feel free to explore the [Münsterland](#) countryside. Havixbeck has a pretty cool *Barfußgang*, a Barefoot Course that's to be experienced with no shoes (hence the name).

It's considered to be quite relaxing and just about anyone would agree that's the case when you're given the opportunity to kick your shoes off. After some time visiting Havixbeck, you've most definitely earned that right.