

Kappeln Is More Than Just A Romantic Fishing Town

If you find small hustling fishing villages charming and romantic, do I have a town for you!

Fishing has been an integral part of daily life here Kappeln for centuries, a town of around 10,000 in the very [north of Germany](#) on the [Baltic Sea](#).

Looking out over the water you'll probably notice the *Heringszaun* (a "herring fence"), that's a 15th century fishing method. Pretty amazing that fishing hasn't changed much over the last few centuries. I guess if it ain't broke, don't fix it! ;-)

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Kappeln seems like the perfect location for the *Museumschafen* and the *Schleimuseum* with exhibits on the town's navigation and fishing history. Interestingly enough, Kappeln isn't on the German Ferry Road (though it COULD be) because its Balance Bridge is quite unique, opening once an hour.

You landlubbers out there might prefer to be more inland; and there's sightseeing there to oblige. Kappeln has an old Jewish cemetery (located at Mühlenstraße 36) and a Dutchman Windmill. Once a sawmill, this Dutchman is now a tourist information center and wedding venue.

As much as many folks think windmills are romantic, there are just as many who feel the same way about lighthouses. Yes, Kappeln has one of those, too!

The town's Baroque St. Nicolai Church (right on the Marktplatz) is also quite romantic; and historical, too! Even though this particular church wasn't built until the late 18th century, it has pieces from its 15th century predecessor.

Also on the Marktplatz are small tiny shops and cafes that are just perfect for souvenir shopping or enjoying a drink including fresh sea air!

While Kappeln is very serious about its fishing, it can throw an excellent party celebration, too. Locals and visitors alike will no doubt have a grand time at the annual Folk Festival; but, there's also the *Hafenfest* or Port Celebration (held end of August/beginning of September).

OK, the festivals might not be totally romantic, but at least you're bound to have a great time, nonetheless!