

Laboe -- Loving The Baltic Sea Coast With Kubb

Is it possible to not be a beach person, yet still be able to love a beach town? Before seeing the resort town of Laboe, I'd probably have said no way. Really though, what's not to love about strolling along a promenade on the [Baltic Sea](#) coast surrounded by villas worth millions of Euros?

Thankfully that kind of cash isn't needed to enjoy yourself, just a few Euro will do to rent yourself a *Strankorb* (beach chair) while basking in the warm sun.

Wait... did I say warm? Ha, you haven't been here in January when the weather's a balmy 6 degrees Celsius! ;-)

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No wonder the folks here in Laboe wait until the heat of summer to do everything. I'd say that's a great time of year to come for a game of *Kubb*, also known as Viking Chess. If you've never heard of it, you throw these batons to knock over wooden blocks.

I'd say throwing things is a good stress reliever, wouldn't you? ;-)

Other outdoor stuff to do in Laboe involves everything from swimming in the Seawater swimming pool (like there's something wrong with the Baltic?), but the sea doesn't have a waterslide, a children's pool, or spa. There's also things like beach volleyball, motorcycle tours, and hiking around nature conservation areas.

What's even better is Laboe isn't devoid of historical stuff, either. See that big propeller mounted by the water? That belonged to the Prinz Eugen, a German warship that survived [World War II](#) — but capsized at the end of 1946. And that 72-meter (236ft) tower is a memorial to sailors who lost

their lives in both World Wars.

Laboe does more than just remember its lost sailors, it's still bringing them year after year. So if you got a boat, you're welcome to park at the local marina, or come for the parade of boats at the German Classic every August.

You're also welcome to join all the fun at one of Laboe's other festivals. One of the biggest is the Förde-Fest Laboe Open Air, but there's also the Summer Festival in July, and the *Maifeuer* that welcomes Spring in every May.

Not too shabby for an old Slavic fishing village, eh?