

Leisnig -- Mega Footwear Outweighs Historical Buildings, Almost

It's too bad that there isn't time to see all of Leisnig's 40 villages and boroughs. Yet the ones that I did manage to wrap my eyeballs around were fantastic.

You won't know where to go first. I'd say Burg Mildenstein ('cause who doesn't love a good medieval [German castle](#) from the 10th/11th centuries), with its Castle Chapel and ornately decorated *Rittersaal*; but that's not fair to the 15th century St. Matthew Church.

You know what? Hit the church first, since there's plenty of time to see the castle during the *Burg und Altstadt Festival* in August.

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Altstadt, by the way, is German for Old Town — and hidden away are some information boards that tell you about some of the area's buildings. Drats, they're in German. ;-)

At least they speak some English over at the Kloster Buch, another medieval site. They have herb talks about the monastery's Herb Garden, offer cultural performances, have monastic experiences for children, and offer a Farmer's Market a few times a year.

You know what else is great for the kids? To find the cutely decorated fire hydrants — there are 19 of them scattered around town.

Oh c'mon... any place that takes such pride in something so mundane as a fire hydrant has to be pretty spectacular, right? :-)

I'll give you a few hints... There's one in the *Altstadt*, one in the Saumarkt (where they used to trade pigs), and one on Chemnitzer Straße.

Look for them while you're celebrating at Leisnig's *Blütenfest* (Blossom Festival) in May or the Christmas Market on second Advent.

When you're not partying til you can't party no more, head to the village of Bockelwitz to see its 12th century St. Giles Church, cycle on the Multental Bike Path, or head to the game reserve for the animals.

Polditz is much calmer, with only around 160 residents; and has a 19th century Evangelical church to see. Even smaller is Altleisnig — with only around a hundred people living there everyone knows everyone.

While Leisnig won't win any records for having the smallest or least populated villages in Germany, they did win one for having the largest boot. Yup, they got one measuring just shy of 5 meters tall!

No wonder I couldn't see all of Leisnig's villages — I was too busy starring at this enormous footwear. ;-)