

Lütjenburg -- Splendid And Eye-Catching

Thirty kilometers west of [Kiel](#), and a mere 18 km northeast of [Plön](#), is the small town, and Collective Municipality, of Lütjenburg.

West of this, northeast of that — that makes it...? Correct, Lütjenburg is near, or at, the [Baltic Sea](#).

If you're a Low German speaker (writer?) you'd call it *Lüttenborg*, but I'm just calling it peachy. Fantastic would work, too. So would swell and terrific. And before I could go through every word in the thesaurus, I better get to writing about Lütjenburg, and why it's so marvelous. ;-)

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As if you haven't noticed by now, I'm a history nut. So, it's no surprise that I'm gonna be all gung-ho about the *Turmhügelburg*. This place is a treasure trove of history and archaeology, whose sole purpose is to bring history of the Middle Ages to life at this outdoor museum. The good thing is, they're open year-round — so no excuse not see this 13th century medieval fortification. So what if it's a replica, a minor technicality.

Ok, trip over; nothing more to see here. Move along.

Just kidding... There's kilometers to go before I sleep to paraphrase Robert Frost. No trip to Lütjenburg should be without stopping at the health resort village of Behrendorf, a hamlet with its own beach area and campsites. But, if you really want the whole beach experience, then I'd have to say it would be in the village of Hohwacht, found right on the Baltic Sea coast.

Not the beach person? Try swimming at the Selenter See, a lake within the village of Giekau, which also has some great hiking and bike trails through the pastoral countryside.

When you absolutely want to see some great half-timbered, thatched-roof cottages — look no further than the village of Helmstorf — which is also within the Kossautal Nature Reserve area, BTW.

However, my quest for history isn't finished. So, it was off to see the 13th century St. Marian Church; followed by the the Gothic/Baroque church in the village of Blekendorf; and the Church of St. Michael found within the Old Town Square of Lütjenburg proper.

Not too bad for a town that started off as a simple Slavic settlement, then plundered heavily during the [Thirty Years' War](#), huh? No wonder I think Lütjenburg, or *Lüttenborg*, is divine, excellent, and all around splendid. ;-)