

Moritzburg -- Deer Antler Virility Within The Saxon Castle

Ever seen pictures of Moritzburg's *Leuchtturm* (lighthouse)? No? If you did, you wouldn't think it's all that big. A picture worth a thousand words, maybe. Can it be deceptive, definitely.

This 18th century lighthouse is pretty tall, standing almost 22 meters high. I guess it's its pink coloring that makes it less imposing?

If this is something you want to see, it's open for guided tours between May & October on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

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The rest of the time in Moritzburg can be spent pursuing other activities. Like visiting the museum at the Pheasant Lodge (which is easier to say and type than its German name, *Fasanenschlösschen*). Which also just so happens to be where you'll find this inland lighthouse (the only existing in [Saxony](#)); pretty convenient I would say.

The *Fasanenschlösschen* is now a museum housed in one of the Baroque/Rococo buildings just about anywhere. Its Baroque staircases will have you picturing yourself walking down in a dress that would make Scarlet O'Hara "pea green" with envy.

About a mile away from the *Leuchtturm* and Pheasant Lodge is the mighty Moritzburg Castle. If you thought the *Fasanenschlösschen* was gorgeous, the castle will make it look like its ugly sister. It has four Renaissance towers, and is filled with all sorts of Baroque furniture, silver, and gold plate.

It's also got a huge deer antler collection, which I think has something to do with virility (at least that's what I heard). Find out when you get there, I don't think I want to know... ;-)

Both the castle and the lodge are part of the many celebrations throughout Moritzburg. One exception is the Moritzburg Music Festival that's held at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in August.

Did I tell you about the Fishing Festival in October? No? It's at the castle's pond; make sure to bring your bait. There's also a big Wedding Fair and the Schloss Triathlon (hope you're in shape, if you're gonna do it).

I might not be, so I'll sit right here and watch. :-)