

Pohlheim -- The Rural Outpost Dating Back To Roman Times

Pohlheim proves that sometimes it really is nice to get away from it all and reflect on the length and breadth of [German history](#).

Located in central Germany, it is a town that is very accessible as a quick getaway spot. You'll be able to spend a very relaxing day here of hiking and exploring some of the local treasures.

One thing you will want to be ready to appreciate is the history. Pohlheim was originally one of the outposts on the Roman border, now known as the "Limes." You can see reconstructed watchtowers and border fortifications in the woods outside of town. Seeing them is a pleasant hike out from the town and there are biking paths available.

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The crazy thing is how well kept up some of the historical pieces are, considering that their moment of glory was nearly 2,000 years ago! Even the "newer" stuff around town is more than 500 years old.

Most of the locations are still being used.

You can see this if you stop by for one of the summer cultural events at the Ship Mountain Monastery a.k.a. *Kloster Schiffenberg*. They have a really good outdoor patio that is great for sitting out and catching some sun in the afternoons, and in the evenings there is often live music. They also sometimes host open-air theater and small fairs here.

The building itself offers good views of the surrounding area and the chance to see settlement exhibits going back to the Bronze Age. Fights over the property included Napoleon. Now,

fortunately, the main battles are for the good picnic seats in the surrounding park. ;-)

From the Roman to the French touches, Pohlheim really is a good cross-sectional of history. You will also find it pleasant to be away from heavy traffic and out where you can really kick back and enjoy the countryside.

It is that much better to know that more than two millenniums of Germans have felt the same way!