

Rastede -- Medieval Splendor Among Castles And Churches

Rastede is a place in which you will find much to do by visiting the various attractions.

One particularly impressive site to visit is Schloss Rastede, an ancient castle which housed the rulers of Oldenburg, which underwent changes throughout the centuries. At one time a county, then a Duchy, Grand Duchy, and then a republic, this town's grand history is displayed at various points of interest.

The castle has a long history and was once a monastery. If you like the grandness of European castles, Schloss Rastede will not disappoint. You will also find that many events, including vibrant fireworks displays, are a part of visiting the dwelling.

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If medieval churches are part of your itinerary as you traverse this quaint city, you should definitely plan a stop at *St.-Ulrichs-Kirche*, which is as old as the city. Parts of the church which are still standing today were constructed in 1059, which makes them nearly 1,000 years old. Imagine yourself standing in a building which has existed for a millennium!

Again, medieval is the theme of the day in Rastede. You can find a “renaissance faire” atmosphere year-round. Jousting tournaments, markets, costumed actors and more make up the amusement one can find in these Middle Ages-themed events. Pretend to be royalty for a day and attend one of these grand affairs.

A much more modern site, but still noteworthy, is the *Wahnbecker Fernmeldeturm*. This telecommunications tower is notable for its height. Plus, it holds a place in the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest and highest Advent wreath worldwide — with a height of 134 meters,

or 455 feet. At that towering size, you will find yourself stretching your neck to sneak a peek at the zenith of this monument.

For quaint German countryside settings, medieval churches, medieval fairs, and castles, look no further than Rastede. The city will cater to you as you wander its streets enamored. Everyone will be entertained when visiting this lovely German country town.