

## Rehlingen-Siersburg -- Castles, Caves, And More!

On the border of France and not too far from Luxembourg is where you'll stumble upon the town of Rehlingen-Siersburg.

This medieval town is great for wandering around the countryside and filled with old castles, locks, churches, and farms. If you're looking for a historic haunt, you're most definitely going to find it here.

A must see here in Rehlingen-Siersburg are the many Lorraine style farmhouses (or, Lotharingian type houses). They were quite popular when the area was under French control of the Lorraine Valley a few centuries back.

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There are a whole bunch of castles to see here, too. For example, Schloss von Hausen, a 16th century castle, now houses the Local History Museum and holds many of the town's cultural meetings. Then the Schloss Itzbach, Schloss Fremersdorf, and Großhemmerdorf are also worth to visit. The Schloss Hemmersdorf lies in ruins and was sold off in pieces in the early 1800's.

The grandest castle is the 12th century *Burganlage Siersburg* overlooking the valley. Though it lies in ruins, it somehow only adds to its beauty. It's also the place for the town's annual medieval market and festival.

Since Rehlingen-Siersburg has ten local neighborhoods, there are also quite a few old churches to visit here, which means some really great old artwork. Make sure to enter St. Martin (built 1758) and St. Rufus (built 1890). The oldest churches are St. Nikolaus which was built in 1480 and the Parish Church Willibordus Chapel and Herb Garden which was built in 1523.

Rehlingen-Siersburg is another one of those [German towns](#) that's also inviting to experience outdoors. Besides all the exploring of the towns castles and churches, there are many Nordic Walking, hiking, and biking trails around here.

Still outside but a bit more below street level is the *Niedaltdorfer Tropfsteinhöhle* (with stalactites). It's a cave that's about 10,000 years old and it wasn't discovered until the 1880's — now it's a popular tourist attraction.