

## Reichenbach im Vogtland Has The Eighth Wonder Of The World

Reichenbach im Vogtland has within its borders enough entertainments and excitements to fill a vacation nicely. Of course there are the castles that never fail to evoke enthusiasm among visitors such as the Castle Schönfels where they have festivals to re-create a medieval ambience including a ride in an old-fashioned gondola.

Then there's the Castle Mylau which rises majestically by a lovely stream and houses a historic museum adding considerably to its interest. Right next to it you'll find a medieval church with the famous Silbermann organ and a bell tower that rises 72 meters in the air.

For more architectural gems visit the Netzschkau Castle with its typical gothic features, and the castle ruins of Elsterberg.

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Reichenbach does not hold back when it comes to delighting visitors with its various attractions. Perhaps one of the most unforgettable of all would have to be the *Goltzschtalbrücke* — a 19th century bridge comprising four storeys and made entirely of bricks, over which goes a railway.

The scenery across the gorge is truly out of this world, and equally stunning is the history of its construction. In fact, it is such an important piece of history for the township that they hold festivals and concerts right here.

Reichenbach is also known as the Neuberin Town. This is in honor of Friederike Caroline Neuber. Now there's no room here to go into the history of this wonderful woman. But suffice it to say she is deemed worthy enough to merit a permanent exhibition of her life and works in the Neuberin

Museum which is located by the Market Place. An elegant concert hall, the *Neuberinhaus*, is named in her honor and is home to the Vogtland Philharmonic Orchestra, which regularly hosts concerts, plays, and various artistic shows.

Reichenbach im Vogtland has a number of modern attractions in addition to the medieval wonders. A famous landmark is the Water Tower with a viewing platform 26 meters high. Another pleasant activity is a tour of the Garden City on a vintage bus taking you to all the hidden wonders of the city. Then there's the *Alaunwerk Mühlwand* where you get to don a safety hat and explore an old mine.

So, it certainly looks like this town has plenty for you both above and below ground. ;-)