

Salzbergen -- A Slice Of Locomotive Heaven In Lower Saxony

For those of you who think [rail travel](#) is a much more genteel mode of transport, then you'll love the historic Emsland Railway, which is a 176km route that's one of the oldest rail lines in Germany. What it also does is bring you to the town of Salzbergen.

No one said you couldn't get off the Emsland Railway, did they? ;-)

This little slice of locomotive heaven can be found in [Lower Saxony](#), right on the border of [North Rhine-Westphalia](#). Interested?

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Great, 'cause we got stuff to see. You can't go hanging around the train all day.

I'd start with the oldest stuff in town first, so that would be the Bronze Age grave mounds; then on to the medieval castle ruins, and to the Gut Stovern — a 13th century manor house with a chapel and a moat. Sorry, it's only open two days a month.

Last stop on the "architectural history" tour is the St. Cyriakus Catholic Church, which is actually built on top of an even older church (check out the 15th century *Klünsche* Madonna).

A guided tour around Salzbergen is a really good idea, as that'll explain so much more in-depth stuff of the town's history than I ever could.

Salzbergen has a Fire Department Museum (*Feuerwehrmuseum*), if you're interested, with all sorts of antiquated equipment and uniforms. My friend says too bad they don't have any hunky firemen in them.

She said all women love firemen. I think it's just her. I also think she needs some fresh air to cool down now... ;-)

If you find the need to be outdoors too, you can do it swimming, hiking, canoeing, horseback riding, biking, or hot air ballooning to name a few.

And this isn't even including all the festivities outside, like the *Schützenfest* (that's a Marksmen's or Shooting Festival) in mid-August, the Salt & Oil Market on the 3rd weekend of June, the *Herbstkirmes* or Autumn Fair (2nd weekend Oct), and the *Martinsmarkt* a month later.

Ladies, with any luck maybe you'll catch the eye of a fireman at the Refinery Run in August. Gentlemen, I'm sure you don't care about such things — so it's good that Salzbergen has the historic railway for the rest of us. ;-)