

Salzwedel -- Ancient History And Architecture, Delicious Cakes

Salzwedel in [Saxony-Anhalt](#) has been around since 1112, and for a town with less than 21,000 people, it has a lot to do.

The first thing that many do when they arrive is head straight for the old part of town. In this area, they have what many consider “typical German architecture” — buildings with half timber construction. This is the type of architecture where you can see the timber framework on the outside.

While looking around the old part of town, make sure to walk through the *Neuperver Tor* and the *Steintor*, two gates that helped to keep the city safe. Another thing that is surprising to see is the well preserved city wall from the Middle Ages.

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To get a good idea of what the entire town looks like (especially the old part), climb up the tower in the Town Hall.

Not only is the older history of Salzwedel interesting, but the more modern of history is fascinating as well. In [World War II](#), this town was the location of a labor camp for Jewish women. There are several different memorials for victims in the town, including one at the camp itself on Gardenlegener Straße, one by the Ritzer Bridge and in some of the different cemeteries around town.

This town is located on the border between the former East and West German border. Those who are nostalgic for the old times can cross the border. After crossing back into the former [East](#)

[Germany](#), check out the Jenny Marx house, where the wife of Karl Marx was born.

Those who still think that there is nothing for them in Salzwedel, are going to want to know that this town is not only included as a stop on the “Tourism Road” but also on the [Romanesque Route](#), or *Straße der Romanik* in German. It made it onto the list because of the Lorenz Church, the Catholic Church that dates back to the 13th century.

Finally, relax with a city specialty — the Baum cake or tree cake. It’s named this, because it looks like a tree with rings. You can take a tour of a bakery that makes these cakes or you can just enjoy a piece in a cafe.