

Schlangen -- Ruins And Museums In The Teutoburg Forest

Schlangen (which actually translates to Snakes) has just about anything and everything you could ask for in a small [German town](#). There's good local [German cuisine](#), a beautiful nature area, and more history crammed in than a high school textbook. Not too shabby, huh?

The only thing you're not going to find is a theater of some sort. That's all right, Schlangen is just between [Detmold](#) and [Paderborn](#) so everyone just heads over there.

Other than that, you'll find just about everything else right here.

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Like what? Oh, how about the *Dorfmuseum und Alte Schmiede Mötzt* with over 5000 exhibits on agriculture, crafts, and textiles and original furnishings. The museum is open 3pm-6pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Then over at the *Heimathaus Oesterholz-Haustenbeck* there's more than 1,100 years of history under one roof (the building alone is a piece of village history — a 200+ year old farmhouse).

Another piece of Schlangen's history is the *Burgruine Kohlstädt*. Well, it wasn't always in ruins. The castle was built around 1050 and stood for more than 700 years before it was torn down in 1770.

The castle is part of the southern [Teutoburg Forest](#) Nature Park, where you'll also find many walking paths, hiking trails, bicycle tracks, and caves to explore. Nearby you'll also find the *Haustenturm*, once an observation tower now a nesting site for many birds.

When you've made your way back to town, you still have more sightseeing to do. Don't miss the *Rathaus* (Town Hall), the Catholic Church St. Marien, and the Evangelical Church whose foundations are that of the original 9th/10th century original.

All this activity sure works up a hearty appetite, so here's your chance to try the *Lippischer Pickert*. This regional pancake looking dish is made with flour, potato, currants, and raisins; and eaten with sausage, jam, and butter. Yummy!

With all this wonderful stuff to see, do, and eat — you'll never once miss that missing theater. ;-)