

Schloß Holte-Stukenbrock Has Rare Lions And Bears, Oh My!

Schloß Holte-Stukenbrock is home to free range white lions, tigers, bears, zebras, giraffes and many other exotic animals. Not free range? The people looking at the animals! You'll want to stay safely in either your car or one of the tour vans when you hit the Hollywood and Safari Park. ;-)

Yes, in [North Rhine-Westphalia](#) you've got a Safari Park. And a pretty cool one at that!

Schloß Holte-Stukenbrock has an internationally renowned exotic animals breeding program, and the rare white lions at the park made headlines in 2008 when two lionesses gave birth at the same time and had seven cubs. The cuties will be playing in the park for years to come, and many of the other exotics seen on the safari trail were born in the zoo, not captured in the wild.

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The Safari Park is open from May to October, and family rates and group tours are available daily. Oddly enough, just next to time very eco-friendly ageless zoo there is Hollywood, Schloß Holte-Stukenbrock's amusement park.

Apparently the city father's thought what the trees and plains of the [Teutoburg Forest](#) region really needed was a permanent set of fun rides, which are totally random but entertaining all the same.

More tame activities are visiting the many chapels in the town center, and seeing the 2 acre cemetery and memorial to [WW II](#) Soviet, Polish and German victims who were held at a POW camp near Schloß Holte-Stukenbrock. It's pretty sobering to look out over the crosses, for while the tanks spared the stonework of the town, the camp was less mercifully.

You can lighten your mood by attending one of the festivals or markets that seem to be on in Schloß Holte-Stukenbrock. There are nine regular festivals held here, ranging from a Wives Carnival to a Serengeti International rock and pop show.

You'll especially want to hit the October Pollhans party on the third weekend, which has its own special liquor, even more fun rides and an estimated 250,000 attendees rocking out over a 6 km fairground. Watch for special Pollhans pins and scarves sold on the first day of the 4-day weekend that give special discounts and privileges to attendees — and be sure to keep it as they are considered special collectibles.