

Schulzendorf -- Hiking With Alpacas And Llamas

I would never have guessed in a million years that I'd find myself only a few minutes from [Berlin](#) in the town of Schulzendorf to go Alpaca and Llama hiking.

Yes, I said Alpaca and Llama hiking.

What's an Alpaca?

Well, it's kind of like an South American camel, that's bred for its coat (like sheep), that makes the warmest blankets, scarves, and gloves (among other items).

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Hey, something's got to keep these animals warm on those cold winters in the Andes Mountains. Who knew you'd find one on the outskirts of Germany's capital city?

Llamas, on the other hand, are a bit bigger than their Alpaca cousin, and are used as beasts of burden and as a food source. Not so here in Schulzendorf. They're great to take with you on a nature hike through the Naturpark Dahme-Heideseen.

These animals aren't the only attraction within the nature park (but, this will take a good 4 to 5 hours out of your day). This is the land of 100 Lakes, bird watching opportunities, guided hiking tours (one is even all about the mushrooms), organic farms, and tiny canals.

As if this isn't enough, you can still do a good deal of cycling around town (or the nature park), hiking, or try Nordic Walking. How about a little canoeing too, while you're at it?

I'm worn out & I'm just sitting here.

For something a tad more "cultural," come see Schloss Schulzendorf, a.k.a. Gut Schulzendorf, a huge manor house that I wouldn't mind moving into tomorrow. ;-)

Jazz lovers will love Schulzendorf for its Jazz Summer events held throughout the month of July.

Sorry, if you're not a fan of the music genre, maybe you'd rather take a walk over to the town's memorial to its Nazi resistance fighters instead.

No, I know you want to get back out on those trails with the Llamas and Alpacas. Otherwise you might have to go all the way to South America. And that's just too far from Germany, don't ya think?