

Schwanewede -- Is It Its History, Culture, Or Museums?

There isn't a sea in sight of Schwanewede, but there is a beach with sand that locals flock to when the weather is nice. The beach is on the Harriersand, a river island that is 11 kilometers long, and is one of the longest river islands in Europe.

Lounging in the sun isn't for everyone, and those who want to visit some of the more cultural sites won't be disappointed at the offerings in this town in [Lower Saxony](#).

The first exhibit that might interest you is the Wilhelmine Barracks. This was a home for children in [WWII](#) who were handled specially because they were thought to be perfect specimens of the German race.

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After a while, seeing site after site dedicated to Nazi Germany gets to be too much for any tourist. Those needing something a bit lighter will enjoy the Blacksmith Museum. Learn about this old occupation one on one with a guide who is knowledgeable. Make sure to give them a call before making your way out there.

There isn't just one village church that has historical importance in Schwanewede, but four churches. The oldest of the churches, St. Nicolai Church was built in the 13th century.

If you like the traditional German style of housing, you are going to enjoy seeing the type of architecture that is sometimes referred to as Lower Saxony Houses. These houses in the neighborhood of Meyenburg are like those typical German houses, but are built a little sturdier and are practical because they are farm houses.

You might do a double take when you see the two story windmill that looks just like the windmills in Holland. Dating from 1896 this windmill goes around and around (even when there isn't wind with a little help from more recent technology).

In the neighborhood of Eggestedt, you are going to find beautiful forests. Really pay attention and you might even be able to notice some ancient artifacts and evidence of hill graves where bodies were buried in the past...