

Schwerin Is The City Of Lakes

Schwerin became a part of the Duchy of Mecklenburg in 1358, paving the way to become it the seat of the dukedom from then on.

In 1621, subsequent to the division of Mecklenburg, the town turned out to be the capital of the Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

On May 2, 1945, after the end of [World War II](#), the city was taken into command by U.S. troops. Later, on June 1, 1945, it was handed over to the British, who subsequently gave it to the Soviet forces in July same year.

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After [German reunification](#) in 1990, Schwerin was chosen as the capital of [Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania](#) amid serious competition.

One of the many highlights this city has to offer is, the Schwerin Cathedral, which is really an impressive building. It is 105m (345ft) long and 117.5m (386ft) high and was erected in Gothic style in mid 12th century. A statue of the Lion was erected on the northern side of the cathedral tower in memory of the founder of the cathedral, Henry the Lion.

The Old Gardens (*Alter Garten*), in the superb backdrop of the city's most stunning site for events, hosts annual castle festival productions which attracts a good number of tourists from far-off places. The Mecklenburg State Theater is to be found right by the Old Gardens. The building, carved on the Italian Renaissance style, now used as a place to host cultural events.

And speaking of castle festival productions, the majestic [Schwerin Castle](#) is another major highlight

of the city and can be found right behind the Old Gardens.

The 18th century stone grinding mill, a popular tourist spot, is a fully-functional water mill. This mill might well be visited as a technical monument and museum. Observatory and Planetarium could also be found out in the town. These places are perfect to the universe lovers who adore watching moon, the planets and the most beautiful sights of constellations.

Schwerin has a Television Tower which was made public for the very first time in 1961. The Renowned Tower Café is close to the TV Tower from where you can get pleasure of an amazing sight across the city.

If you're fond of animals of different species, no need to lose your heart — the city has a zoo. :-)

This zoo was established in 1956 as a recreational area for native animals. Its location makes it even more appealing. It is positioned amid Schwerin Lake in the east and the Fauler See in the west. It has now become an extremely special destination for a day out for young and old alike over the past few decades.

Or perhaps you like to spend your time at beaches? If so, you'll get your due at *Zippendorfer Strand* (Zippendorf Beach).

By the way, there's a small airport nearby. 32 km or 20 mi southeast the city is the [Schwerin-Parchim Airport \(SZW\)](#).