

Sinzig -- Culture Is (Almost) Gone, Industrialization Arrived

It seems like Sinzig is losing everything that it stood for. During the time of the Romans and before, this area was really important both industrially and culturally, but now the city really is only important industrially.

The number one tourist attraction in this dying town on the [Rhine River](#) is the St. Peter Parish Church. Built in the 13th century, this is one of the defining churches built in the Roman style of architecture. It is so important that it was added to the list of World Culture Heritage from the United Nations.

Another interesting place that most tourists end up heading to is the town castle. Built in the 19th century, this summer vacation house has great gardens and is now a museum that is open to visitors.

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Sinzig used to have a great city wall. In fact, if it was still in tact today, it probably would be considered one of the best city walls in all of Germany. However, natural disasters and industrialization destroyed the vast majority of the wall, leaving only reconstructed parts left for folks to take snap shots in front of.

Many know of Sinzig because it is on the Rhine River and they go through it on a boat ride down the Rhine. If you get off of the boat and need to stretch your legs, then make sure to take a look at the incredible *Ahrmündung* nature preserve. This is the only nature preserve on the estuary of the Rhine and the Ahr Rivers. In this area, you can see a lot of different birds, some of which can't be seen anywhere else in the world.

When walking around the town look for the Sinzig Linde, which is a species of tree that comes from this town. These trees were planted in 1550, making them a cultural site as well as a natural one.