

## Steinhagen -- Give Yourself A Boost, Sample Its Steinhäger!

For being nowhere near the sea, you probably wouldn't expect a trip to the beach, but in Steinhagen it is totally possible. Of course you aren't going to be swimming at the sea, but in a spring that comes deep from the earth.

Don't worry if you didn't pack your bathing suit, because there are still a couple of chances to get active. Of the five different nature sanctuaries in the town, Jakobsberg is the best.

Going in early spring is a treat because of the flowering liverwort plants all over the place, making it a big tourist attraction. Trails meander across the park, so make sure that you take one that goes past the 300-500 year old trees.

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If your throat has a little tickle, it might be time to sample *Steinhäger*, which is a schnapps made out of juniper berries. The alcohol is distilled three times, making it especially potent. The only place in the world that this liquor is made in is here in Steinhagen, so make sure to take a couple of bottles for friends and family.

The bottle that it comes in is very distinctive. To see a larger than life version, just look on the roof of the Historical Museum. Here, you can see a 5 meter tall bottle!

While you are near the Historical Museum, you might as well have a look around. In addition to the obligatory information about the history of Steinhagen, you are also going to find information on how to make the famous juniper berry schnapps.

What makes [German towns](#) different is that most of them have a pedestrian zone. The pedestrian

zone here is around the *Kirchplatz*. In this area, you can see the Protestant church that has been around since 1334 and some houses in the traditional German style with the wooden beams on the outside.

Tourists from all over the area come to Steinhagen for the Equestrian Days, which are held yearly in May. This festival fills hotels and guest houses, so make sure to book early if you are planning to come at that time.