

## Tangermünde Is Medieval In Age, Character, And Elegance

Tangermünde really remains a medieval town even today in the 21st century and this has got to be its main attraction. It really is no exaggeration to say that this place hasn't changed in the last 800 years. In fact, the townspeople take great pride in their success at having preserved history and turned back time, so to say.

The two rivers and a wetland plain and of course, the magnificent castle, add to its timelessness. Now if only those walls could talk... Of course they couldn't, but the tour guides can and they do so with a fervor trying their best to convey all that historicity in mere words. They sure have their work cut out for them.

Tangermünde, being a medieval town, it's no wonder at all that almost every structure here is straight out of a National Geographic special edition on medieval history. The Town Hall has a Gothic façade with imposing gables, spires, and buttresses; no, it was never a Church, but you would be forgiven for thinking so. ;-)

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Tangermünde's famous Castle is another sight for sore eyes as it rises splendidly from the surrounding greenery.

A sedate stroll along Lange Straße will quickly convince you of the authenticity of this town's claim to its proud medieval past. You really should take the stroll after sun down when the whole place is highlighted with strategically placed illumination. Let me tell you, you simply can't get enough of that.

Welcome to the historic city center and there you have the St. Stephens' Cathedral and a number

of those ubiquitous half-timbered buildings.

Right in front of the Church is this historic well. You can't really leave this place without checking this beauty out, either.

Tangermünde's attractions are all in keeping with its medieval elegance. Check out the *Eulenturm* (Owl Tower) and the *Schrotturm* (Shot Tower). The former is a museum which gives you a fair idea of its historicity.

For more of that you need to go to visit the City History Museum housed in the fabulous Town Hall.

The town's only concession to modernity has to be the Elbe Bridge which replaced the historic one brought down during the war. But somehow it blends right in without being an eyesore.