

Twist -- No, NOT The Dance But A Fun German Town!

You'll find the Lower Saxon town of Twist pretty much right on the border of the Netherlands. In fact, the name itself is a taken from a Low German word meaning "disputed border."

One thing's for sure, there's no disputing that Twist sits on some pretty amazing moorland real estate; and you'll have an awesome time all around the countryside.

Now I'm going to be totally honest, there's not a whole heck of a lot to "do" in Twist. But, with what there is — you'll really like it! Yes, there are small little religious grottos throughout town making great photo ops, then there is the 18th century St. Vinzenz Church with its two Rococo busts. And in the village of Neuringe, you'll see one of the most valuable organs of any German church.

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But, mostly everyone comes to Twist for the *Heimathaus*. This converted farmhouse is the venue for some of the biggest names in blues, folk, and jazz in the region — with many followers coming over the border from the Netherlands.

Music isn't the only thing over at the *Heimathaus*, though, they also organize bicycle tours and even entertainment for children.

The kids will love Twist's campground that even has its own swimming lake. There's a horse farm nearby with a playground that's perfect for family fun. Although, nothing will compare to the outdoor fun at nearby Schloss Dankern.

Oh sure, you'll think you're walking up to some stuffy old burg — it's what's hidden in back that'll

blow you over. Would you believe an entire leisure park? There's everything from aerial walks, swimming in both indoor & outdoor pools, waterskiing, a children's "castle," and shopping!

For all the activity at Dankern, it's quite the opposite at Schloss Clemenswerth. Once an old hunting lodge (some digs, I tell you!) from the 1730's, the schloss is now an elegant venue for weddings; and visitors are welcome to explore the castle's garden.

As you can see, the border of Twist might have been disputed at one point — but, there's no disputing you'll have a blast!