

Wenden -- Sauerland Town With The Oldest Coal Furnace

It doesn't matter whether you come to Wenden for a specific scenic tour or you are just passing through on your way to a bigger city, you are probably going to stop and decide to stay longer than you had originally planned.

This city in the [Sauerland](#) region gets over 300,000 visitors during its annual City Festival, which is held in August. Imagine a county fair, and that is pretty much what this festival is like — rides for the kids, food to eat and a competition to see who has the best horse or pig.

Carnival is also celebrated here. Whether you come at the official start of the season in November or right before the beginning of Lent, the town swells in population with parades, song and fun.

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You may think that seeing an oven is not something that would bring a tourist to Wenden. Once you find out that this is the oldest coal powered furnace in all of Germany, you might decide to take a look. When that isn't enough, learning that there are so many tourists that come to this site that they had to build a Welcome Center will tip the scale and make you visit.

Again, Wenden is located in the Sauerland, which is a hilly area that is known for tourism. There are trails and paths in the area that will give you a view that is unforgettable.

Another unforgettable destination is a boat trip on the Biggensee. This trip can even be combined with a trip to the *Atta-Höhle*, a cave with stalactites and stalagmites that will impress anyone who visits.

Ask many Germans what they remember most from their childhood, and they will say the Karl May

books about Indians. Those who want to relive the time of the Indians should definitely see if the Karl May play is going to be shown while you are in town.