

Wurzen -- Colorful Town With Culture, Architecture, History,...

Wurzen is a city in the former [East Germany](#) that was turned into a model city after the Wall fell. Because of this, there are plenty of opportunities and it definitely isn't just another gray industrial town.

One of its claims to fame is the fact that in 1768, the famous German author Goethe traveled through Wurzen and had to wait a long time for the ferry over the Mulde River. While waiting for the boat, he was doing some thinking and later wrote a part of Faust.

As soon as you get into town, you are probably going to find a building that is built in a renaissance style — that one is the city museum. There are a lot of interesting things in this museum, including a cup that Napoleon used.

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Fans of the German author Joachim Ringelnatz can see his birth house here. If you aren't sure who Ringelnatz was, you might want to check out the Museum in the Dom Street first to see a permanent exhibit and then go through the *Ringelnatzhaus* (Crostigall 14).

Every [German city](#) of average size has a castle — Wurzen is no different. Its castle, dating back to 1497, is home to many weddings, so if you have always dreamed about tying the knot in Germany, you may have found the right place.

Those who aren't really into hiking, but still want to feel like they aren't stuck in church after church, should definitely check out the Market. The market has been held between the cathedral and the old city since the 13th century. Go on a market day and see the town come to life.

Those who are interested in nature are going to find the nature preserve Wachtelberg an interesting place. This park is located in the highest area of the city and has a tower that visitors can climb up the viewing tower and see over 40 kilometers on a clear day. It really is a beautiful area, especially when the flowers are blooming.