

Xanten Is The Land Of Cathedrals And Dragon Slayers

Xanten used to be known as Colonia Ulpia Traiana, or maybe we should just shorten all that into Utopia and leave it at that, for it sums up pretty neatly what this affluent city is all about ;-)
— the only German city that start with the letter X.

Xanten evokes beautiful memories in those who have been there. Ah, Xanten! they're inclined to go when the name is brought up in conversation. That's the power of this perky little city that has literally everything. There's really no need for second thoughts, if you're in this part of the world don't leave without visiting Xanten.

The town's main attraction is possibly its Archaeological Park which is said to be one of the largest in the world. This is where you're transported to prehistoric times to the earliest Roman settlements.

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To complete the experience, proceed to the *Römer Museum* where authentic Roman remnants and artifacts are housed in as-was where-was condition in a modern glass and chrome building.

One of the most breathtaking sights has to be the St. Victor's Cathedral, and don't miss the historic tale of how it came to be. More religious architecture is to be seen at the Marienbaum Pilgrimage Center and the Protestant Church. The imposing three-storied Cleve's Gate reminds you of the glorious city walls that once enclosed Xanten in security.

Then there's the large artificial lake with a variety of water sport facilities. Take my word for it, there's nothing artificial about the great fun potential awaiting you here. ;-)

Yet another historic landmark is the Kriemhild Windmill which is still in operation. In fact, you should definitely sit down to a nice cup of coffee and a freshly baked pastry to commemorate the occasion.

See? Xanten has it covered from A to Z as far as a stay full of fun is concerned.