BITTERFELD-WOLFEN – A CITY TO EXPERIENCE
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Whether for a short stay or a few weeks’ holiday, Bitterfeld-Wolfen is worth a visit. Here are five good reasons.

Bitterfeld-Wolfen has a maritime flair. The Goitzsche lake region on its doorstep is bigger than both Berlin’s Wannsee and Lake Steinhude in Lower Saxony and offers a wide variety of fun in, on and around the water.

Bitterfeld-Wolfen is a place of blooming landscapes. The recultivation of the post-mining landscape has been successful. The city and surrounding landscape are green. The biodiversity of flora and fauna will inspire every nature lover.

Bitterfeld-Wolfen offers active recreation. Days full of exciting experiences and fun await both old and young. The activities available range from fishing to hiking.

Bitterfeld-Wolfen is rich in industrial monuments. These sites of industrial culture are well worth seeing and help to make the history of mining and the chemical industry tangible for today’s generations.

Bitterfeld-Wolfen is hospitable. A testament to this are the numerous restaurants that spoil their guests with regional and international delicacies. Hotels and holiday homes provide a feel-good atmosphere for longer stays.
An almost forgotten story. There is hardly anything left to remind us of the excavators that once dug deep into the ground here to extract coveted brown coal. Over more than 80 years, 1.275 billion cubic metres of excavated material were moved. What remained after the mine closed resembled a moonscape. Bold visions and innovative concepts made the spectacular transformation into one of Germany’s most beautiful cultural landscapes possible. Now, thousands flock here for recreation every year.

The two faces of Lake Goitzsche
It’s just a few minutes on foot from Bitterfeld’s market square to Lake Goitzsche. Along its shores you can find both lively and peaceful places.

A city turns upside down...
... and with it its thousands of visitors. Every year the Bitterfeld harbour front transforms itself into a festival strip for one weekend. Both locals and visitors celebrate the traditional harbour festival with plenty of music, traditions and maritime delicacies.

ATTRACTIONS FOR WATER LOVERS
Do you fancy swimming, sailing, rowing, going on a pedal boat, diving or even standup paddle-boarding? Then the Goitzsche Lake is the ideal destination. Experienced people can enjoy themselves, beginners will find expert instructors, and rental points have all the necessary equipment available. There are slips and jetties available to use for boat owners.

Those who prefer something a bit calmer should definitely set sail on one of the two passenger boats. The ‘MS Weneta’ gives you that cruise feeling. For a more rustic experience, there’s the 130 year old two-masted ‘Reudnitz’, a ‘real’ pirate ship. Regardless of which watercraft you choose, the view across the lake to the surrounding landscape, the silhouette of Bitterfeld-Wolfen and its landmark, the Bitterfeld Arch, will remain unforgettable.
The Fuhne meadow is an area that stretches along the Fuhne brook from Jeßnitz to Bernburg. A local recreation area was developed in 1964 by citizens in the area where the district of Wolfen borders the Fuhne meadow. The transition to the untamed floodplain landscape is barely noticeable.

The Wolfener Busch is a specially protected habitat. This 20 hectare wood is home to bats, among other things. Both woods have well-developed hiking and cycling trails.

We also recommend visiting the Grüne Lunge (The Green Lung), a park in the middle of Bitterfeld’s city centre. Interesting offerings here, particularly for children, include the small animal park and mini golf.

CITY WILDERNESS

SURPRISES FOR NATURE LOVERS

When the sun shines, life buzzes along the lakeside promenade between the holiday home complex of Poueh, a district of the neighbouring municipality of Muldestausee, and the camping and holiday park in Bitterfeld. But this is only one facet of the Goitzsche lake region. The largest part of the 62 sq km site is a landscape conservation area and nature reserve.

Cormorants and cranes breed here. Ospreys, kingfishers and shorebirds, such as the little ringed gull, call this place home along with rare butterflies and almost 40 species of dragonfly. Daisies, St. John’s wort, bluebells, centaury and wild roses make the landscape bloom. On marked paths you can observe the flora and fauna up close.

However, a part of the area that is protected by the BUND (German Federation for the Environment and Nature Conservation) Foundation is off-limits. As part of a research project, nature is left to its own devices here and is developing into the Bitterfeld wilderness.

INSIDER TIPS

Fuhne meadow

Bitterfeld wilderness

BLOOMING LANDSCAPES

GET TO KNOW A VARIETY OF SPECIES

Formed by human hands. Even though the process of recultivation had already begun in parts before the final closure of the opencast mine, the work was given a boost after 1991. In the mid-nineties the former brown coal mining area was chosen as a region of correspondence for the EXPO 2000 World Fair. This didn’t just give the process an enormous boost, but also turned the Goitzsche into the world’s largest landscape art project.

- 20.4 sq km of woods
- 8.9 sq km of recreational areas
- 8.2 sq km of water
- 25.2 sq km of agricultural land
THINGS TO DISCOVER IN THE CITY

- The Bitterfeld Arch (Holzweißig)
- ‘Erlebniswelt’ Campus (Wolfen)
- ‘Woliday’ Swimming Pool (Wolfen)
- Skate Park (Wolfen-Nord)
- Equestrian centre (Greppin)
- Glass aspirin factory (Greppin)
- ‘Heinz Deininger’ Swimming Centre (Bitterfeld)
- Small animal parks - Bitterfeld, Greppin, Reuden
- ‘2Water’ Water Sports Centre (Bitterfeld)

THINGS TO DISCOVER IN THE SURROUNDING AREA

- Pegelturm - a floating lookout tower belonging to the Muldestausee municipality on Lake Goitzsche
- Altjeßnitz Maze - Germany’s biggest and oldest maze
- Agora Erlebnis Resort with wakeboard and water skis etc.
- Dübener Heide Nature Park - the biggest mixed forest in Central Germany

CHILDREN WELCOME

A holiday with children has to be eventful above all. In particular, we recommend that families visit the interactive exhibition ‘H2O & Co’ at the Water Centre, amongst other things. The recreational swimming pool ‘Woliday’ guarantees fun in any weather. A skate park is open to both beginners and advanced skaters. Three small animal parks await visits from both young and old animal lovers. You can skate all year round at the ‘Erlebniswelt’ campus and the neighbouring high ropes course offers great climbing fun.

ACTIVE HOLIDAY

ON THE MOVE (FAMILY) FUN INCLUDED

CYCLING AND HIKING TRAILS ACROSS THE CITY & SURROUNDING AREA

Once they were communal neighbours. Today Bitterfeld and Wolfen, together with other municipalities, form the eighth largest city in Saxony-Anhalt. All of them can be easily explored on foot: it’s worth taking a look at the historic town halls of Bitterfeld and Wolfen, Bobbau’s water tower, Thalheim’s romanesque village church, Greppin’s equestrian centre and of course the Bitterfeld Arch, a landmark which stands in the Holzweißig district.

Destinations further afield can be explored by bike, including the 36 km route around Lake Goitzsche. It makes up part of the well-developed network of hiking and cycling trails that criss-cross the Goitzsche lake region. Many of the trails are also ideal for nordic walking fans, as well as skaters and joggers.

Leisure pools and swimming pools, along with a 70 m tube slide make a visit to the ‘Woliday’ swimming pool in Wolfen a real experience. The ‘Heinz Deininger’ swimming centre in Bitterfeld has a 25 m competition lane, non-swimmers pool and wading pool.

Cyclists at the Goitzsche Lake
EXCELLENCE

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Mühlbeck-Friedersdorf book village in the neighbouring municipality of Muldestausee

Tears of the gods. Between 1975 and 1993 it wasn't just brown coal that was mined in Bitterfeld, but also amber. With a production volume of around 400 tonnes, Bitterfeld was the biggest producer of amber in the GDR. Set in gold or silver and made into rings, necklaces and bracelets, the stones were sold as genuine Baltic Sea souvenirs. This and further stories about the ‘tears of the gods’, as amber is also called, can be found in a permanent exhibition at the Bitterfeld County Museum.

INDUSTRY CULTURE

INSTEAD OF MICHELANGELO

You won’t find any castles or palaces in Bitterfeld-Wolfen. However, the attentive observer will encounter industrial monuments at every turn that recall milestones of the history of mining and industrialisation.

The Wolfen Museum of Industry and Film (IFM) is unique in the world. On the grounds of the legendary Wolfen film factory, once the second largest raw film factory in the world, the history and the process of film production is demonstrated. In terms of industrial history, the IFM is one of the most important locations and one of the most attractive for tourists in Europe. For this reason it was also included as an anchor point in the European Route of Industrial Heritage.

The former administration buildings of the film factory and the factory’s water tower are also worth seeing. The IG Bitterfeld metal laboratory, which was one of the largest and most modern research institutes in the 1930s, is also a listed building. The same applies to the 300 houses of the former housing estate of the film factory. Gems of mining history are the culvert towers of the former Theodor brown coal mine. A real feast for the eyes is the factory owner’s ‘Villa am Bernsteinsee’ built in 1896 in the neo-renais sance style.

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Summertime is ice cream time!
Who hasn’t experienced it? As soon as the temperature rises in summer, most people start to crave a nice cold ice cream. It doesn’t matter whether you’re young or old. The sweet refreshment is both pleasurable and increases well-being. In Bitterfeld-Wolfen you can find numerous gastronomic establishments offering this delicious treat.

A DREAM WORLD

There’s a wide range of accommodation on offer for guests to choose from. On the shore of Lake Goitzsche, not far from the nature reserve, you’ll find a camping and holiday park. The well-kept complex offers pitches for tents and camper vans as well as caravans. Some of them offer disabled access. In addition, four cozy holiday homes are available for stays of a few days. The beach is only a few metres away. A further holiday home complex, the lodge park, is located directly on Lake Goitzsche. The modern holiday homes in bungalow style offer a fantastic view over the lake. Tourists who prefer a hotel or guest house won’t be disappointed in Bitterfeld-Wolfen. All available accommodation provide a cozy atmosphere and all are ideal as points of departure for trips both nearby and further afield in the surrounding area.

You made your bed ...
... now lie in it. Bitterfeld-Wolfen also has accommodation with that special something. For example, a glass dome above the honeymoon suite of the Bernsteinsee villa provides a view of the starry sky. The floating holiday homes and house boats in close proximity to the campsite are particularly special for the whole family.
Optimal transportation infrastructure
In terms of transport, Bitterfeld-Wolfen is ideally located. Direct access to the city from Autobahn A9. Bitterfeld-Wolfen is also easy to reach by train (ICE station). The well-developed local public transport takes care of short journeys. This means Leipzig and Halle are easy to reach by train or car. Even the Dessau-Wörlitz Garden Realm is just a stone's throw away. And if a business trip or holiday calls, the Leipzig-Halle airport isn't far away.

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10. ‘MS Reudnitz’
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This brochure should give you an overview of the most important tourist attractions in Bitterfeld-Wolfen. Take a look at the historical buildings and enjoy the many green areas of the city and the maritime flair of the Lake Goitzsche. Anyone who doesn’t already know of Bitterfeld-Wolfen will be astounded. Bitterfeld-Wolfen presents itself as a place of change, namely as a green industrial city on Lake Goitzsche.

Come and find out for yourself. Go on a journey of discovery through Bitterfeld-Wolfen.

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