

Irresistible Mölln...

A town for all seasons

Mölln is quite irresistible. That, at least, is what people say who have been coming here for many years. It is because they have never been disappointed. There is no such thing as the wrong season to visit Mölln. Clearly, summer is always a good time, but it is also lovely in spring, autumn and winter because Mölln's characteristic features shine through at all seasons. The cunning humour of Till Eulenspiegel, the old jester, permeates "his" town as if he, too, felt it was irresistible.

Flowers blossom in and around Mölln from spring until autumn, for example in the spa gardens and in the area surrounding Hegersee. Swans and ducks raise their young on the rivers and lakes surrounding the town. For nine months of the year people pursue all kinds of water sports and one can swim, take long walks or just spend time in the fresh air all through the summer, enjoying the cool shade of the forest when the sun beats down in summer, watch the trees take on a russet tinge in autumn until, finally, snow magically transforms the town, revealing a new, charmingly different face.

A town of many faces

Until some 200 years ago, Mölln was a fortified town with a system of lakes surrounding the old town on three sides, furnishing a natural form of protection from outside aggressors. Mölln has essentially remained much the same as it was in medieval times with its 13th century Church of St. Nicholas, the brick Town Hall (built in 1373) and the picturesque, semi-timbered houses on its cobbled market place. The wonderful blend of ancient and modern makes Mölln irresistible.

The medieval market place, bustling high street, spacious residential areas, a modern trading estate and wooded suburbs all stand side by side in harmony. With the lakes and forests surrounding the town at such close proximity, nature reveals itself everywhere. There are facilities both in the modern spa centre and in the spa gardens for visitors to adhere to the precepts for the hydropathic cure developed by the famous medical practitioner, Dr. Kneipp. There are opportunities to pursue any number of pastimes. Good food and drink are in plentiful supply in the friendly local inns. Mölln is always worth a visit - for a Sunday excursion, a restful holiday or to recuperate in the most pleasant way possible. Try it.

Mölln is irresistible

If you drive down the High Street in a car you may well be impressed by its excellent shopping facilities. However, you will have no inkling of what you are missing. The only way to really discover Mölln is to stroll through the streets – especially the narrow, cobbled ones. It is they that make Mölln so

picturesque, so different. A weekly market still takes place every Saturday on the market square, as in olden times. A memorial to Till Eulenspiegel who died in the town in 1350 has been erected on the market square. Fortunately, his spirit has remained very much alive in Mölln. This did not change when the population of our little town rose from 6,000 to 15,000 after the war.

Till Eulenspiegel, the historic buildings and, more recently, a modern spa go to make Mölln an attractive prospect. The closer you look, the more you will find, whether you simply wander around out of doors, maybe enjoying the fountains in the spa gardens or watching the animals in the peaceful nature reserve with its "bottomless pond", or visit the museum, which is housed in a building dating back to 1582 with one room now devoted to Till Eulenspiegel. Afterwards there is always a delicious meal awaiting you, either in the open air or in pleasant indoor surroundings.

Til Eulenspiegel's town

There is no need to worry about what to do in the evenings. There is plenty of entertainment and cultural fare. Mölln is a venue for concerts, plays, professional touring performances and dances. If you are looking for something a little less serious, you might like to spend some time in good company in the "Ratskeller" or one of the other characteristic inns. Of course, the younger visitors whom we also welcome in Mölln, will find top-class discos. Or what about spending an evening bowling? There is so much to do in Mölln that it is indeed irresistible.

Mölln and nature

Being so close to nature, with the forest and lakes reaching almost into the town, Mölln also offers the opportunity for countless outdoor activities. You can walk through the woods or stroll by the lakes. The magnificent Lauenburg Lakes National Park extends right up to the outskirts of the town.

There is no need to fear the rain as thatched shelters are scattered around offering safe sanctuary – ideal for picnics, too! Of course, one can also go swimming, either in one of the many lakes or in one of the two indoor swimming pools. Or go boating – rowing or sailing – or putter around the Stadtsee and down the Lübeck-Trave Canal to Lauenburg Lock in a motorboat. There are facilities for tennis and crazy golf or – something, which few towns can boast – you can even learn to glide here!

What about going fishing – you might even land your own supper! Trout and eel abound in the lakes and it is not far to the Baltic for sea fishing. And, if you don't feel like walking, you can enjoy "the greatest pleasure on earth" – on horseback, or hire a bike to explore the area. The choice is entirely yours!

Registered Kneipp Spa in the Lauenburg Lakes National Park

Did you know that Mölln is a registered Kneipp spa where everybody can easily sample Dr. Kneipp's cold-water therapy? So many devotees swear by

it, so if you want to improve your health, just follow the instructions given by the doctors at the new spa centre.

Massage, inhalation and many different kinds of medicinal baths are available, including hot mudpacks to soothe and ease aches and pains. Then it is just a few steps from the spa centre to the beautiful park situated in the middle of the town.

There is no doubt about it – you owe yourself a trip to Mölln!

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