

Fortress Portrait



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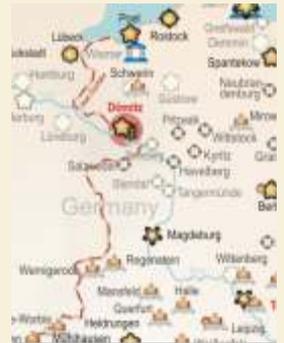
Germany, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

Fortress Dömitz

Fortress of Mecklenburg at the river Elbe



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Fortress Dömitz – a pentagonal bulwark of the renaissance

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The Fortress Dömitz offers interesting, manifold possibilities:

- to visit the fortress museum
- exhibition about the Low German writer Fritz Reuter
- visits and tours about the exhibitions of the biosphere reserve river landscape Elbe
- fortress history tours in the fortress facilities with bastions and casemates
- topic tours about the city history, the situation of the city in the border area from 1945 to 1990, the history of the Elbe bridge of Dömitz and the Dömitz port
- gastronomic offers in the fortress and the city
- Open Air events in the fortress courtyard during the summer months

History

The pentagonal fortification is the oldest and most formative building of the city. It is the only completely preserved fort of the renaissance in the north of Germany. The fortress was built during the years 1559-1565 and was a strong military point to secure the border of Mecklenburg for a long time.

During the 18th century a storey house and a bedlam was built in the fortress and later a prison. The most important Low German poet Fritz Reuter spent the last year of his "Festungstid" (fortress detention) (1839-1840) in the fortress Dömitz. Reuter's literary work played a big part in the contribution to the fame City also outside the borders of Mecklenburg. Since the year 1895 the fortress is subject to a civil use. In 1953 a museum about the city and fortress history was developed in the former commandant house of the fortress. In the former fortress chapel a memorial hall was built for Fritz Reuter. Today the fortress is an interesting destination in the north of Germany for thousands of tourists per year.

Architecture

- pentagonal fortification, bastions with casemates, commandant house, main sentries, armoury, arrestee house, commandant remise, block house, fortress courtyard, way on the counter scarp around the fortification, wall, moat and rawbridge facilities
- because of peculiarities of the building and exceptionally good conservation status under monument protection since 1975

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