

## Admire and enjoy:

**Minden Museum** | Ritterstr. 23-33

Tue-Sun 11-17, info & reservations Tel: (05 71) 9 72 40 10

**Doll Museum** | Ritterstr. 38

Tue-Sun 10-18, info & reservations Tel: (05 71) 85 05 38

**Prussian Museum NRW** | Simeonsplatz 12

Tue-Thu, Sat-Sun 11-17, info & reservations Tel: (05 71) 8 37 28 24

**Boat Mill** | Weserpromenade 24

April-October, Tue-Sun 11-18

Info & reservations Tel: (05 71) 8 29 06 59

**Cathedral Treasure Chamber** | Kleiner Domhof

Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun: 10-12, Wed+Fri 15-17

Info & reservations Tel: (05 71) 83 76 41 00

**Minden River Cruises** | An der Schachtschleuse

April-October, info & reservations Tel: (05 71) 6 48 08 00

Boat moorings along the "Weserpromenade", paddle steamer at the "Schlagde"

All facilities and moorings are marked on the map!

## Guided tours

April to October, every Saturday at 15:00  
from the town hall arcade / market square  
(Marktplatz 1)

Discover Minden's past on a walk through the town with our experienced guides.

You'll see traditional, half-timbered houses in the upper Old Town, classical Prussian and Weser Renaissance buildings, the town hall with Westphalia's oldest gothic arcade and our 1,000-year-old cathedral – the symbol of this former diocesan town.

Impressive buildings, charming houses and romantic hidden corners with idyllic lanes are all waiting to be discovered.

Individuals, small groups and families – no prior arrangement necessary, cost: 3 euros per person.

Group tours are available at any time with prior arrangement.

Information and bookings:



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## A walk through the town

# Minden: worth seeing!



## Minden: worth knowing

**798** First written mention of Minden in the Frankish Imperial Annals

**c. 800** Charlemagne founds the diocese of Minden

**977** Kaiser Otto II awards Bishop Milo of Minden market, coining and tax rights

**c. 1230** Minden's citizens and their council begin trading independently of the bishop, their town and county sovereign

**1530** The council decrees a Protestant Church Order

**1552** Minden receives the right to free shipping on the River Weser from Kaiser Karl V

**1627** Kaiser Ferdinand II awards the town "Stapelrecht" (storage rights): every transport of grain and timber on the Weser has to stop in Minden, where the goods are then offered for sale

**1634** During the 30 Years War, Swedish troops occupy Minden and stay until 1650. Prior to this, the town had been occupied by imperial troops since 1625

**1648** As part of the Peace of Westphalia, the town and cathedral chapter are awarded to the Elector of Brandenburg

**1723** Minden becomes a Prussian administrative centre for the provinces Minden, Ravensberg, Tecklenburg and Lingen

**1759** At the Battle of Minden, Duke Ferdinand of Brunswick leads a coalition army (England, Hanover, Brunswick, Schaumburg-Lippe and Prussia) to victory over French and Saxon troops

**1806** Minden is occupied by French troops and awarded to the Kingdom of Westphalia

**1810** Minden belongs to the French Empire

**1813** Minden is recaptured by Prussian troops and receives fortifications

**1816** Establishment of the Prussian administrative district of Minden

**1847** Opening of the Cologne-Minden railway

**1873** The town's fortified defences are abolished

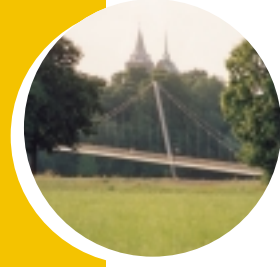
**1915/16** The Mittelland Canal and its crossing point with the River Weser connect Minden with Germany's inland navigation system

**1938** Minden's synagogue is destroyed during the so-called Pogrom Night

**1943 - 1945** Air raids destroy parts of Minden's Old Town, including the cathedral and town hall

**1947** The district administrative centre is moved from Minden to Detmold

**1973** Municipality reform: with the addition of 13 boroughs and 4 communities, Minden's population swells from 54,000 to 85,000



**Hotels:**

- A** Holiday Inn Minden
- B** Victoria Hotel
- C** Hotel Exquisit
- D** Stadthotel Kronprinz
- E** Hotel Altes Gasthaus Grotehof
- F** Hotel Bad Minden
- G** Hotel Zum Kühlen Grunde
- H** Parkhotel International
- I** Hotel Zur Stemmer Post
- J** Hotel Silke, garni
- K** Hotel Restaurant Marbella

**Guest houses:**

- L** Gasthof Grasshoff
- M** Gasthof Alt Meißén
- N** Gasthaus Zur Linde
- O** Gasthof Excelsior
- P** Gasthof Zur Quelle
- Q** Gasthaus Wappenkrug
- R** Gasthof Ratsklause

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**RS** Camper van parking area

Green signs in the town centre guide interested visitors without a town plan to the most important historical, cultural and tourist sights. The main sign is located at the foot of the Martinitreppe (Martini steps).

For those wishing to discover Minden's history and the "Glacis" park along the River Weser, we recommend the "Old Town Route" (marked red on the town centre plan to the right) and the "Weser-Bastau Path" (marked green on the town centre plan).



**Sights of Minden:**

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1 Cathedral                         | 19 Shaft lock                                 |
| 2 Town hall                         | 20 Aquatic crossroads                         |
| 3 Minden museum                     | 21 Minden river cruise mooring                |
| 4 Doll museum                       | 21a Paddle steamer mooring                    |
| 5 Marien church                     | 22 Boat mill                                  |
| 6 Martini church                    | 23 Civic hall                                 |
| 7 Simeons church/ Mauritian church  | 24 Kampa hall                                 |
| 8 Petri church                      | 25 mitmach museum minden                      |
| 9 Hagemeyer house                   | 26 Music school                               |
| 10 Bäckerstrasse 45 house           | 27 Jazz club                                  |
| 11 Hanse house                      | 28 Kleines Theater am Weingarten              |
| 12 Prussian museum                  | 29 Town library and night school              |
| 13 Provisions store and army bakery | 30 Doppelaula                                 |
| 14 Military hospital                | 31 Municipal Theatre                          |
| 15 Train station                    | 32 BÜZ (community centre)                     |
| 16 Fort C                           | <b>i</b> Tourist information & ticket service |
| 17 Botanical garden                 | Minden Marketing GmbH                         |
| 18 Museum railway station           |   |



**Old Town Route**

- A** Cathedral
- B** Historical Town Hall
- C** Schmieding House
- D** Löwenapotheke "Kaufhaus", "Hofviertel" storage houses
- E** Martini steps to the upper Old Town, Martini church yard with St. Martini church
- F** Former provisions store, army bakery, "Alte Münze" restaurant
- G** Minden museum (museum row), "Doll museum"
- H** "Hansehaus", "Windloch", back to the market square via the Martini steps to the lower Old Town
- I** Hagemeyer house
- J** Bäckerstrasse 45 house
- K** Johannes church with cultural centre and historical buildings

**Weser-Bastau Path**

- A** Minden river cruise mooring, high water level mark
- B** Former water level house
- C** Glacis bridge (pedestrians and cyclists), "Jupiter" on the planet path
- D** Boat mill
- E** "Amphitheatre"
- F** Former officer's mess "Prinz Friedrich"
- G** Swan pond, remains of former fortress walls
- H** Former government building with Manzel well
- I** Great Elector monument, Weser bridge
- J** Paddle steamer (mooring)
- K** Fishermen's quarters (part of town near the River Weser with fortified walls)
- L** "Saturn" on the planet path