

Summer sporting activities



Well maintained and sign-posted tracks and trails make it a pleasure to hike through the beautiful countryside in and around Seiffen. The summer toboggan run, mini golf course, hire shops for sports equipment and much more are all part of the wide ranging sporting activities on offer. Seiffen lies on the long-distance footpath the Kammweg (Erzgebirge-Vogtland Ridge Trail), which starts at Altenberg-Geising in the eastern Erzgebirge Mountains and ends in Blankenstein, in Thuringia. Well-marked hiking trails cross the border into the neighbouring Czech Republic and guarantee a close encounter with nature. In Seiffen keen cyclists will also find easy to moderate cycle routes to put them through their paces. And once a year they can take part in the Erzgebirgs-Bike-Marathon.



Experience the joys of winter



From the first Sunday in Advent to 6th January, Seiffen delights visitors with its unique Christmas spirit, which you won't find anywhere else in the world. As dusk descends on the romantic snow-covered toy village, contentment settles over the houses and workshops of the toymakers. Whole hosts of smoking men, nutcrackers, candle arches and pyramids have taken their rightful place in cosy sitting rooms. Seiffen's winter wonderland also offers high-quality skiing on well-maintained cross-country trails and numerous downhill slopes around the ski lift. A highlight of a visit to Seiffen must surely be spending a pleasant couple of hours on the natural skating rink or on the cross-country trails with artificial snow. And why not book a coach or sleigh ride?



Come and experience Christmas in Seiffen

The one and only. Every year from the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent to the fourth Sunday in Advent.



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WELCOME

TO THE TOY-MAKING VILLAGE OF SEIFFEN



Seiffen – an officially approved resort



This now world-famous toy-making village was first mentioned in written records in 1324 as 'Cynsifen'. Picturesquely nestled in a basin between the Schwartenberg, Ahornberg and Reicheltberg mountains, Seiffen lies in the heart of the Erzgebirge.

Local traditions, skilled craftsmanship and a passion for all things made out of wood have all played a

notable part in making Seiffen what it is today.

Families are particularly welcome in the toy-making village of Seiffen. It has been officially recognised as a family-friendly village since 2009, and there are three certified family-friendly attractions that offer a wide range of play and leisure activities for young and old alike.



Kurort Seiffen has been certified by TMGS Dresden as a family-friendly village since 2009



Kurort Seiffen has been certified as belonging to Sachsens Dörfer by TMGS Dresden since 2011



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Experience history through play



Situated in the centre of the village, the impressive Erzgebirge Toy Museum charts the history of toys and explains the history of Christmas traditions. Over three floors you will find thousands of fascinating exhibits. The museum is very family friendly and is certified as such. It also has a lift and disabled access. On your tour of the museum you will find a wide range of creative models you can have fun with yourself. With the words „Use me!“ they encourage visitors to try, build, play, discover and use their imagination. The Toy Museum is open every day from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

The Seiffen Open Air Museum has 14 historic buildings

and workshops from the Old Saxon Erzgebirge to explore and its demonstrations of the traditional art of ring turning are a particularly fascinating experience. Every day visitors can see the craftsmanship involved in this unique method of toy production in the water-powered wood turning workshop which dates from 1760. Historic Crafts Days held twice a year at the Museum village are a particular attraction. The Open Air Museum is open every day from 10.00am to 5.00pm, and from 10.00am to 4.00pm from November to March, weather permitting.



Tradition, culture and craftsmanship



Seiffen and its development are inextricably linked with mining. The name itself comes from the technique of 'sieving' tin ore. And even though the last mine was forced to close in 1849, numerous traces of its mining heritage, steeped in tradition, are still to be found.

The late Baroque church, a Seiffen landmark, was built by Christian Gotthelf Reuther and consecrated in 1776.

The church is open every day for visitors to look round and to spend time in silent prayer. During the Christmas season we particularly recommend a visit to our festively decorated church to listen to organ recitals and a range of concerts.



Erzgebirge houses with their pointed gables form an impressive backdrop to the hand-crafted production of Seiffen's famous and much sought-after wooden ornaments.

Two demonstration workshops and a further 100 workshops and small factories bring to life wooden smoking men, nutcrackers and pyramids, as well as many



other symbolic Seiffen figures. You are warmly invited to watch these craftsmen and women at work.

Staying in Seiffen



With its unique village charm, its more than 40 shops selling hand-crafted wooden ornaments from the Erzgebirge, its high-class restaurants and cafés and its attractive accommodation, Seiffen is worth a visit at any time of year. The shops open 365 days a year and welcome you inside to browse and buy. Hundreds of thousands of visitors a year confirm that **Seiffen is always in season!**

The wide range of activities on offer from crafts, turning and carving courses, concerts, slide show talks, handicraft afternoons, a model railway exhibition, special exhibitions and much more besides provide variety for every visitor.

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We look forward to welcoming you as our guest

