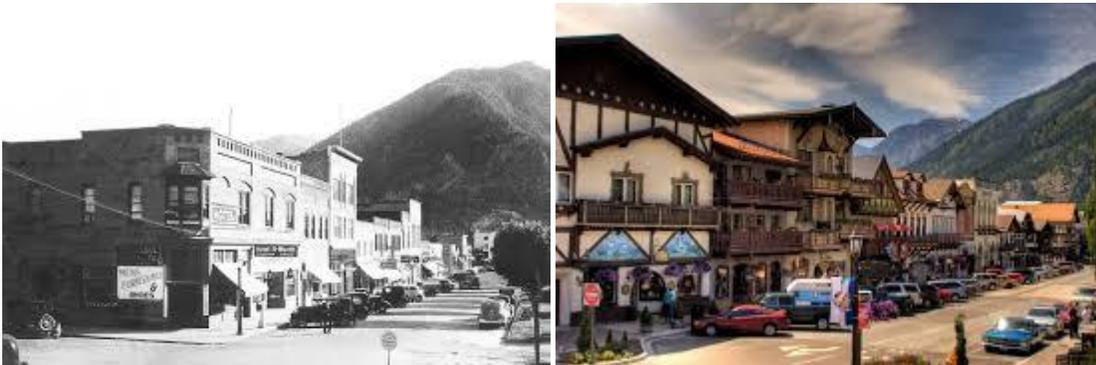


LOCAL TOWNS WITH A THEME



The town of Duvall has experienced a great amount of construction during the period of 2008-2009 with the aim of making the one-road town center more accessible and presentable to tourists.



Leavenworth struggled until 1962, when the Project LIFE (Leavenworth Improvement For Everyone) Committee was formed to transform the city into a mock [Bavarian](#) village to revitalize its economy.^[6] Owen and Pauline Watson, owners of a business on Front Street, formed the committee after visiting [Solvang, California](#) in 1958 and thought it was an excellent idea for Leavenworth.

Leavenworth is home to the [Leavenworth Nutcracker Museum](#), which opened in 1995 and contains more than 5,000 [nutcrackers](#) dating from [prehistoric](#) to modern.^[7] Leavenworth hosts an annual [Oktoberfest celebration](#).^[8] Leavenworth's transformation into a theme town was inspired, and assisted, by [Solvang, California](#).

In November 2007 [Good Morning America](#) went to Leavenworth for *Holiday Gifts for the Globe* where GMA helped light up the town for the Christmas Holiday. Leavenworth was also named the Ultimate Holiday Town USA by [A&E](#).



Winthrop, WA: In 1972, when [State Highway 20](#) was nearing completion over the North Cascades, several business people began planning for travelers passing through the town. They agreed to the idea of a western-themed restoration which still exists.



Solvang, CA: The city is home to a number of bakeries, restaurants, and merchants offering a taste of [Denmark](#) in California. The architecture of many of the façades and buildings reflects traditional Danish style. There is a copy of the famous [Little Mermaid](#) statue from [Copenhagen](#), as well as one featuring the bust of famed Danish fable writer [Hans Christian Andersen](#). A replica of Copenhagen's Round Tower or [Rundetårn](#) in the scale 1: 3 was finished in 1991 and can be seen in the town center.