



BREMEN at a glance

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A VERY WARM WELCOME TO BREMEN

'Well, I never knew that!' is a phrase often uttered by people visiting the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen for the first time. This fairytale location is known for its history and traditions, as well as for its cosmopolitan outlook. But Bremen is also the eleventh-largest city in Germany, a European centre for aerospace, a city of science and home to the Überseestadt district, one of the largest urban development projects in Europe. Bremen is a destination full of surprises – there's always more to discover.

This mini guide is the perfect introduction to Bremen's main attractions. But the best way to appreciate the essence of the city is to get out and about and explore it for yourself. A 20-minute walk is all it takes to cover the historical city centre.

In Bremen, everything is just around the corner. Stroll downriver along the Schlachte Embankment, or upriver into the bohemian Viertel district. Go with the flow, find hidden treasures along the way, take in an exhibition, enjoy a coffee in one of the cosy cafés or dance till dawn. A visit to Bremen, our city of contrasts, is always an experience to remember. Discover it for yourself!





AROUND THE MARKET SQUARE

Town hall and Roland statue

Bremen's town hall (1405–1410) and Roland statue have enjoyed UNESCO World Heritage status since 2004. The Weser Renaissance facade was added in the 17th century. Highlights include the Upper Hall, Golden Chamber and Ratskeller.

Bremen Ratskeller

The Ratskeller is over 600 years old and has 650 different German wines, the world's largest collection. Germany's oldest cask wine (1653), restaurant with Bremen specialities, guided tours.

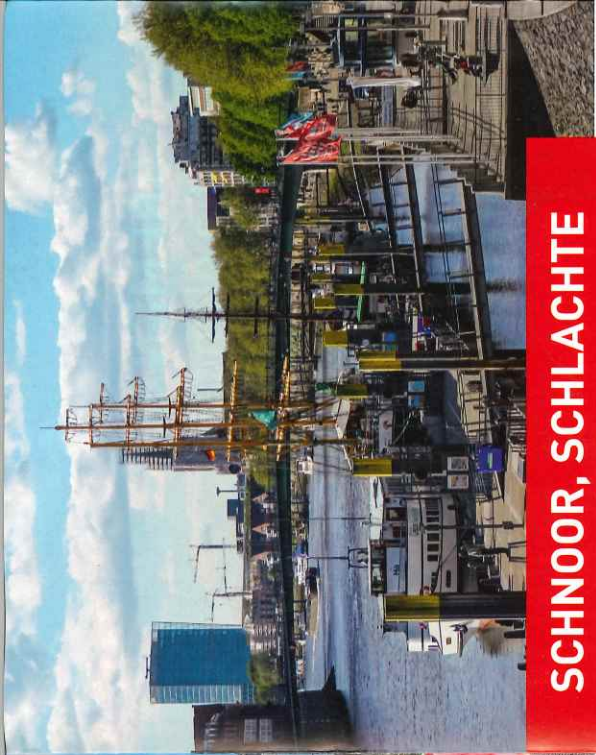
The Bremen Town Musicians

The most famous depiction of the characters from the eponymous Brothers Grimm fable is a bronze sculpture created by the artist Gerhard Marcks in 1951, located on the western side of the town hall.

St Peter's Cathedral

Protestant/Lutheran church with a history spanning more than 1,200 years. Early-Gothic style from the first half of the 13th century. Cathedral museum, lead cellar crypt and tower are open to visitors.

BÖTTCHERSTRASSE is Bremen's most famous street, with its gilded relief of the Bringer of Light, the Paula Modersohn-Becker and Roselius-Haus museums and the carillon made from Meissen porcelain.



SCHNOOR, SCHLACHTE AND BEYOND

Schnoor quarter

In Bremen's oldest quarter, narrow 15th and 16th century houses are huddled close together. The area is renowned for its cafés, restaurants, goldsmiths, pretty little arts and crafts shops, and the House of History.

Schlachte Embankment

A huge choice of restaurants, bars and cafés right on the Weser. In summer, beer gardens and ships overlooking the water are popular spots. Boat trips depart from St Martin's quay. Schlachte-Zauber Christmas market.

Überseestadt

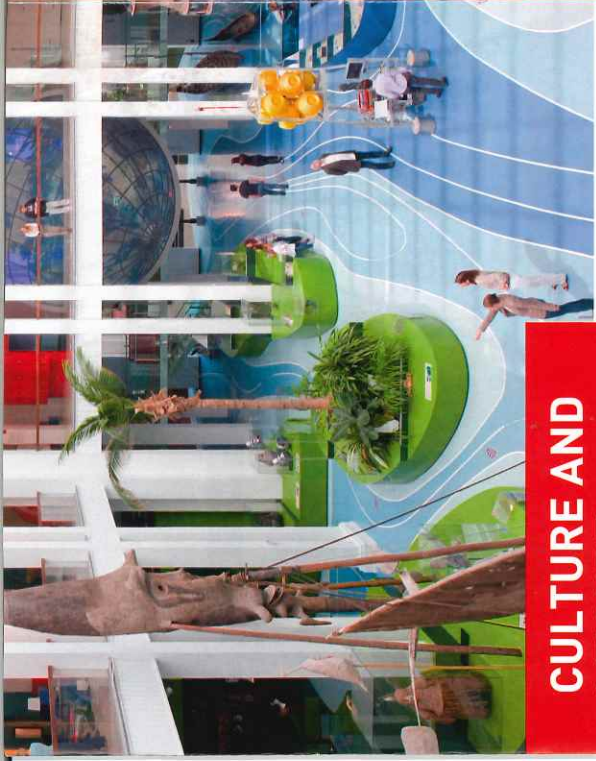
Bremen's former docklands are now a vibrant quarter with a great selection of cafés, bars and restaurants. Museums, leisure activities, wide range of events and modern architecture.

The Viertel

The Viertel is a vibrant quarter with plenty of atmosphere, boasting stylish restaurants and quirky bars, exclusive fashion and second-hand bargains, latte macchiato and cheap lager, street art and the cultural mile with its museums and theatres.

North Bremen

Ideal for cycle tours and excursions. The maritime mile in Vegesack with the tall ship Deutschland, museum harbour, Vegesack House of History, Overbeck Museum and much more. Various parks and gardens along the Lesum and Weser rivers.



CULTURE AND LEISURE

Kunsthalle art gallery

Masterpieces spanning 600 years are presented in this grand historical building. The diverse collection includes paintings and sculptures as well as prints and drawings. German and French impressionists, major touring exhibitions.

Ethnological Museum

Where Asia, the Americas and Africa are just a short walk apart. Opened in 1896, the museum has collections that cover the history of trade and humankind as well as natural history.

Universum Bremen

Science at your fingertips! Universum Bremen has three themed sections: technology, humans and nature. There's also a fantastic outside space with lots of stations exploring the science of movement. For all ages.

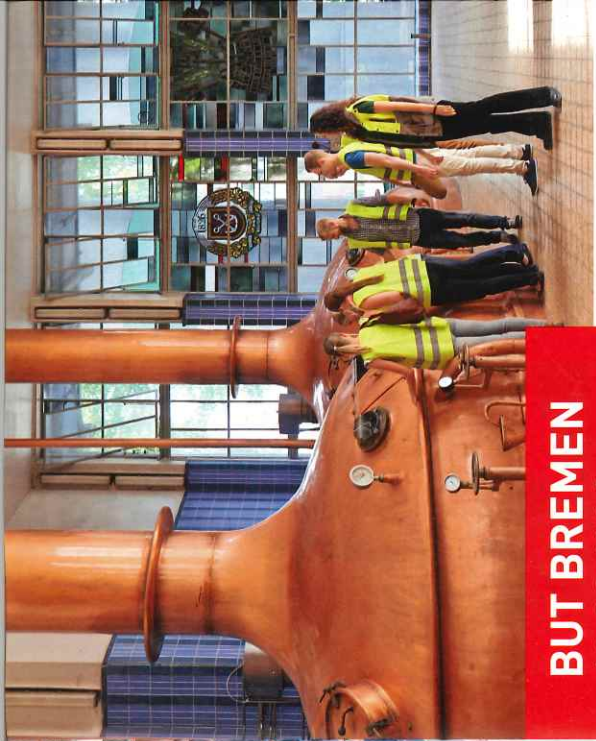
botanika

Covering over 4,000 square metres, the botanika gardens showcase the fascinating world of plants. Discover interactive experiments, special exhibitions, greenhouses and exotic animals, such as chameleons and gibbons.



EXPLORING BREMEN BY BIKE

For the best routes, see:
<http://www.bremen-tourism.de/tourplanner>
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BUT BREMEN ALSO HAS...

Beck's Brewery

Bremen's world-famous brewery. Take a tour to learn all sorts of fascinating facts about beer brewing and the Beck's and Haake-Beck brands. You'll explore the museum, the ingredients store and the mash house before sampling some of the beers.

Mercedes-Benz

Take a look behind the scenes on a tour of a state-of-the-art automotive factory and see how a Mercedes is built. You can also book a driving experience on the off-road track.

Space tour

Walk around a replica of the Columbus module, which is orbiting the Earth as a part of the ISS, learn how astronauts live, and see inside the production area at the Airbus Defence & Space facility.

Event highlights

Bremen likes to celebrate – at the Freimarkt (Germany's oldest funfair and one of the largest in the country), Europe's largest Samba carnival, Europe's biggest six-day cycle race, the music festival, maritime festival and Breminale festival, and at the traditional Schlachte-Zauber Christmas market. Not a month goes by without some exciting event taking place!

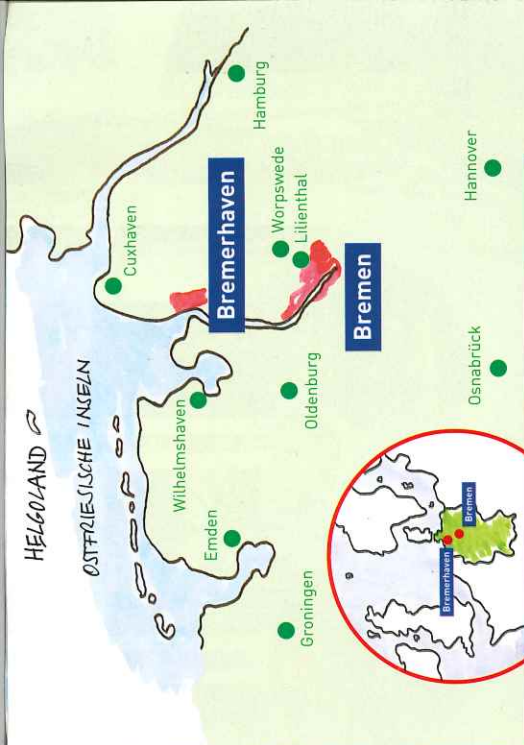
Discover more at:

<http://www.bremen-tourism.de/events-and-activities>



BREMEN - KEY FACTS

- Historical Hanseatic city dating back more than 1,200 years
- Germany's eleventh-largest city, with a population of around 550,000
- Bremen and its port, Bremerhaven, form Germany's smallest federal state
- Third most bike-friendly city in Europe
- International airport, eleven minutes by tram from the city centre
- IC/ICE train services, travel time to Hamburg/Hannover: 1 hour, Berlin: 3 hours
- Centre for the aerospace and automotive industries, four universities (incl. 'university of excellence') and around 50 research institutes
- Places to visit near Bremen: Maritime Bremerhaven, Worpsswede artists' colony, Meyer shipyard in Papenburg, Heligoland Island



WE ARE THE EXPERTS ON BREMEN

Tourist information, hotels, tickets, travel offers and more.
We are on hand in our tourist information offices and at our service centre to answer any questions you might have about your trip to Bremen.



Marktplatz/Langenstrasse
in Kontorhaus arcade, free Wi-Fi.
Mon–Fri 9.30am–6.30pm
Sat 9.30am–5pm, Sun 10am–4pm

Main train station

opposite the Deutsche Bahn travel centre.
Mon–Fri 9am–6.30pm, Sat+Sun 9.30am–5pm

Our tip

Our **Things to do** brochure is available from our tourist information offices in German and English for just 50 cents. It's great for planning your trip.



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