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**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 and around 50 research institutes
- Places to visit near Bremen: Maritime Bremerhaven, Worpswede artists’ colony, Meyer shipyard in Papenburg, Heligoland Island

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**BREMEN AT A GLANCE**

**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!
SCHNOOR, SCHLACHTE AND BEYOND

Schloss 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.

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 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.

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 fairy tale 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 cellars and tower are open to visitors.

Kunstakademie | Bremen’s Art Academy is home to some of Germany’s finest artists.

Botanische Gärten | Bremen’s Botanical Gardens are a must-visit for nature lovers.

EXPLORING BREMEN BY BIKE

Böttcherstrasse | 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.

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 Schlachte-Zauber and the traditional Christmas Market. Not a month goes by without some exciting event taking place!

Discover more at: bremen.eu/top-events