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Welcome to Bremen!

The **Bremeninvest** team welcomes you to the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen, the smallest German Federal State consisting of the two cities Bremen and Bremerhaven.

The 1,235 year old city of Bremen with a population of 557,000 puts itself on the map as the pulsating, multifaceted heart of North West Germany.

The following pages contain some information which we hope will make the first few months of your residence in Bremen a little easier. Please visit also www.bremen.eu, the city portal of Bremen. A city map is available at www.bremen.de/stadtplan.

If you have any further questions or requests, please do not hesitate to contact the **Bremeninvest** team. We will do everything we can to help you find your way around in Bremen.

We hope you will enjoy your stay!

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Bremen, February 2018



Public Transport

With 7 tram routes, 44 bus routes and a fleet of 340 vehicles, Bremer Straßenbahn AG [BSAG](#), partner of the transport network VBN Verkehrsverbund Bremen / Niedersachsen, keeps almost 300,000 passengers on the move every day.

Interactive Network Map

<http://bsag-netz.de/index.php/de/tagesnetz>

VBN Journey Planner

The free app 'VBN FahrPlaner' provides tram and bus timetables for Bremen and Lower Saxony as well as details about fares and the nearest stops and stations. Learn more: www.bsag.de/en/information/mobile-info/vbn-journey-planner-app.html

Tickets

Children under 6 do not require a ticket if the accompanying person has a valid ticket. Children between 6 and under 15 require a kids' ticket. Students over 15 years of age require a customer card when using discounted students' tickets.

After 8 pm passengers of bus services are required to show the ticket resp. check the validity of electronic tickets when boarding the bus.

Using public transport without a valid ticket may entail a fine of currently € 60.00.

- **Paper Ticket**

Advance sale of paper tickets is offered at the BSAG customer centers (see below) and by BSAG sales partners which can be identified by the BSAG logo. Pre-sold single tickets of multiple packs need to be validated once beginning the journey in a bus or tram. The tickets purchased at the vending machine on the BSAG vehicle are already validated.

- **Mobile Ticket**

VBN tickets can be purchased from mobile devices thanks to the VBN journey planner app (see above / currently available for iOS and Android). Mobile tickets are only valid for instant departures. Learn more: <https://en.vbn.de/tickets/mobileticket.html>

- **BOB Account Ticket**

If you use BSAG buses and trams only now and then, the BOB Account Ticket would be suitable for you. At the ticket machine in the vehicle your ticket is recorded on your BOB credit card and within the BOB system for your monthly invoice. Applications for the BOB card are available from the BSAG customer centers (see below) and online at www.vbn.de/tickets/antraege/bob-ticket.html.

- **Annual Electronic Subscription**

If you take out an annual electronic subscription ('MIA') you will get the monthly ticket at a discount of 17% resp. 7% for 'MIA PLUS'. Applications for the MIA electronic ticket are available from the BSAG customer centers (see below) and online at www.vbn.de/tickets/antraege/antrag-mia.html



Ticket Prices

Single Ticket (EinzelTicket)

The single ticket at € 2.80 is valid during 3 hours, but only in the direction of your destination.

Short-Trip Ticket (KurzstreckenTicket)

For only € 1.45 you can travel three stops by BSAG bus or tram, i.e. the stop where you got on the vehicle plus three more (except on express buses, S-trams und regional buses).

Day Pass (TagesTicket)

Day Passes are available for a particular number of adults (see next page) who can be accompanied by 3 children between 6 and 14 (children under 6 do not require a ticket). The Day Pass is valid until 3 am of the following day.

7-Day Pass (7-TageTicket)

Valid for 7 successive days, transferable, € 22.80. On weekends and public holidays as well as on workdays from 7 pm it is valid for up to 2 adults and 4 children between 6 and 14.

Month Ticket (MonatsTicket)

The month ticket at € 65.00 is transferable. On weekends and public holidays as well as on workdays from 7 pm it is valid for altogether 2 adults and 4 children between 6 and 14.

One-Year Pass called 'MIA'

If you take out an annual electronic subscription you will get the monthly ticket at € 53.70 p.m. ('MIA') resp. at € 60.20 p.m. ('MIA PLUS').

Supplementary Tickets

The **Bicycle Day Ticket** (Fahrrad-TagesTicket) at € 1.95 admits the entrainment of one bicycle; also available as Month Ticket at € 35.30 or MIA Bicycle at € 28.90 p.m.

A **Nightline supplement** (Nachtlinien-Zuschlag) of € 1.00 per night/person becomes due for the use of the BSAG "N" lines.

Departures

At the bus/tram stop real-time departure times can be checked by scanning the QR Code on the timetable available there.

BSAG Customer Centers

Central Station Office

Hauptbahnhof	Mon – Fri	7 am – 8 pm
28195 Bremen	Sat	9 am – 6 pm
	Sun	9 am – 5 pm

City Center Office Domsheide

Balgebrückstr. 11	Mon – Fri	7 am – 7 pm
28195 Bremen	Sat	10 am – 6 pm

BSAG Lost Property Office

Gröpelinger Heerstr. 302, 1 st Floor	Mon & Thur	1:30 – 5:30 pm
28239 Bremen	Tue & Wed	9 am – 12 noon
Phone: 0421.5596-7979	Fri	closed

Lost property database: <http://fundsuche02.kivbf.de/MyApp.asp?wci=Suche1&MDT=BSAG>



Inquiries

Dial 0421.596059 for 24h inquiries about timetables and fares.

If you have any questions about BOB, MIA and increased fares (fines), please contact the customer care team on 0421.5596-666 (Mon – Thur: 9 am to 5 pm, Fri: 9 am to 1:30 pm).

BSAG Price Table valid as of 1 January 2018

Price Category I	
Zones 100 + 101 (Bremen incl. North Bremen)	
Adults	
Single Ticket	2.80 €
4-fold Single Ticket	10.20 €
10-fold Single Ticket	25.50 €
per coupon	2.55 €
Short-Trip Ticket	1.45 €
4-fold Short-Trip Ticket	5.40 €
per coupon	1.35 €
Day Pass 1 adult	8.00 €
Day Pass 2 adults	10.60 €
Day Pass 3 adults	13.20 €
Day Pass 4 adults	15.80 €
Bicycle Day Ticket	1.95 €
Bicycle Month Ticket	35.30 €
7-Day Pass	22.80 €
Month Ticket	65.00 €
MIA One-Year Pass per month	53.70 €
MIA One-Year Pass PLUS p.m.	60.20 €
Nightline Supplement	1.00 €
4-fold Nightline Supplement	3.60 €
per coupon	0.90 €
Kids / Students	
Single Ticket	1.45 €
10-fold Ticket	14.30 €
7-Day Pass	16.10 €
Month Ticket	47.40 €

E&OE



Taxi Operators

Taxi-Ruf Bremen

Phone: 0421.14014

www.taxi-ruf-bremen.de/en

Taxi-Roland-Bremen

Phone: 0421.14433

www.14433.de

Rail Travel

If you are travelling less than 500 kilometers (310 miles) within Europe, rail travel usually offers time advantages in comparison to air travel. As a rule, Germany's larger cities are accessible by the high-speed Intercity-Express (ICE); failing this, there is an Intercity (IC) service. A trip from Bremen to Berlin takes about 3.5 hours on an ICE, Hamburg is reachable in 50 minutes.

Long-distance traffic:

- **ICE** is the fastest and most comfortable way to travel with Deutsche Bahn (DB), reaching speeds of up to 300 km/h (200 miles/h). ICE operate between major cities incl. international destinations in Austria, Belgium, France, Netherlands, and Switzerland.
- **IC** and **EC** trains connect major cities, reaching speeds of 185 km/h (115 miles/h) and running either hourly or two-hourly. Intercity trains run exclusively in Germany, while Eurocity trains reach neighboring European countries.

Regional and short-distance traffic:

- The Interregio-Express (**IRE**) is the perfect direct connection. It connects regions with each other, but does not stop at all stations.
- The Regional-Express (**RE**) offers economic and fast connections throughout the day and connects rural areas to the long-distance and S-Bahn networks.
- The Regionalbahn (**RB**) operates between all stations.
- In cities, the **S-Bahn** is a good choice. S-Bahn trains operate at short and regular intervals and connect cities with the surrounding area.

Rail companies:

www.bahn.com | Online ticket: www.bahn.com/en/view/booking-information/booking/online-ticket.shtml

www.nordwestbahn.de

www.der-metronom.de

Long-distance Coach Travel

Find out more: www.busradar.com



Bremen Airport

With almost 50 non-stop destinations in 20 countries in Europe and North Africa, the 'Bremen Airport Hans Koschnick' ranks among Germany's key international commercial airports. Bremen Airport is Europe's fastest airport for departures. Passengers also benefit from the excellent connecting services at European hubs with about 200 incoming flights a week.

Nowhere else in Germany is an international airport as close to the city center as in Bremen. From the airport you can get to Bremen's city center within a mere 11 minutes.



Flight Destinations Summer 2018

Source: Bremen Airport (as of 02/2018 / subject to change)

Bremen Airport Hans Koschnick

Flughafenallee 20

28199 Bremen / Germany

Phone: 0421.5595-0

contact@airport-bremen.de

www.bremen-airport.com/en



Citizen Service

The citizen helplines **115** (*Bürgertelefon*) and **0421.361-0** are available Monday through Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. Please visit also www.service.bremen.de (available in German only).

Central Blocking Hotline

Rapid service in case of loss: By calling the nationwide service No. **116 116** you can have your bank and credit cards blocked just as identity cards and residence titles with electronic verification function. Within Germany the use of the a.m. hotline is toll-free. From abroad the service is reachable at the fee-based phone No. +49 116 116.

BürgerServiceCenter (Citizen Service Center)

The Citizen Service Center pools inter alia the following citizen services:

- Registration matters (e.g. registration/deregistration of private domicile, police clearance certificates)
- Adoption of formal undertaking letters (*Verpflichtungserklärung*) in favor of guests from abroad
- Certification of copies and signatures

Prior to visiting the BürgerServiceCenter, it is suggested to fix an appointment (phone 115 or online: <https://termine-reservieren.de/termine/bremen/>).

Addresses

BürgerServiceCenter- Mitte (city center)
Pelzerstr. 40, 28195 Bremen
Phone: 115
bscmitte@buengeramt.bremen.de

Business hours:

Mon: 7.30 am – 5 pm
Tue/Thur/Fri: 7.30 am – 12 noon
On appointment only:
Tue/Thur/Fri: 12 noon – 6.30 pm
Wed: 7.30 am – 1 pm
Sat: 9.00 am – 1 pm

BürgerServiceCenter-Stresemannstrasse
Stresemannstr. 48, 28207 Bremen
Phone: 115
bscstre@buengeramt.bremen.de

Business hours:

Mon: 8 am – 5 pm
Tue/Thur/Fri: 7 am – 12 noon
On appointment only:
Tue: 12 noon – 3 pm
Wed: 7 am – 12 noon
Thur: 12 noon – 5 pm

Migrationsamt Bremen (Bremen Migration Office)

The migration office is the competent immigration authority for the Bremen municipality and is responsible for residence- and nationality-related issues of citizens living in Bremen.

Address

Migrationsamt Bremen
Stresemannstr. 48, 28207 Bremen
office@migrationsamt.bremen.de

Bus line 25, bus stop ‚Steubenstrasse‘

Consultation hours:

Mon: 8 - 12 noon and 2 - 5 pm
Tue: on appointment only
Wed/Thu: 8 - 12 noon
Fri: closed



Shopping Hours

The Bremen Shop Closing Act (*Bremisches Ladenschlussgesetz*) provides that shops may open round the clock from Monday to Saturday. As a rule, supermarkets are open from Monday to Saturday from 7 am to 9 or 10 pm, shopping malls and department stores usually from Monday to Saturday from 10 to 8.

Dedicated post office branches are mostly open from Monday to Friday from 9 to 1 and from 3 to 6 and on Saturday from 9 to 1. New post offices are part of a stationery store or a supermarket (watch out for the [Deutsche Post](#) logo). Their business hours have been adjusted to the store's shopping hours.

On Sundays and public holidays, only shops at railway stations and airports are open as well as some pharmacies and shops at petrol stations on a reduced range of goods. Kiosks, bakeries, flower shops and farm shops may be opened for three hours. All other shops are closed on Sundays and public holidays.

On 24 December (*Christmas Eve*) and 31 December (*New Year's Eve*) – if these days fall on weekdays - shops have to close at 2 pm at the latest.

Smoking Ban

The Bremen Act on Non-Smoker Protection (*Bremisches Nichtrauchererschutzgesetz*) provides that smoking is banned in all public buildings (e.g. hospitals, schools, universities, theaters) and all forms of public transport as well as in restaurants, hotels, and clubs. Restaurants may maintain a separate smokers' room. For the time being smoking is permitted in local one-room bars with an area of less than 75 sqm provided they are clearly marked as '*Raucherlokal*', do not offer food and are off-limits for minors.

Local Newspapers

Weser-Kurier and **Bremer Nachrichten** dominate the regional media landscape under the umbrella of Bremer Tageszeitungen AG. They have the highest circulation and reach in the Bremen business region, since seven of ten people here read one of these newspapers. Around 170,000 copies are put together and printed day in, day out. Since the introduction of **Kurier am Sonntag** in 1983, readers have even been able to find out the latest news from Bremen, the region and the world at breakfast on Sunday (www.weser-kurier.de).

Local Radio and TV Station

As the smallest of nine German public-broadcasting institutions, the local broadcast station **Radio Bremen** (www.radiobremen.de) produces and provides programs for the nationwide TV network 'Das Erste' and four regional radio networks (Bremen Eins, Bremen Zwei, Bremen Vier, Bremen Next).

Regional TV programs serving the Federal State of Bremen and its surroundings are broadcasted daily between 6 and 8 pm. Outside this time slot, programs are broadcasted in cooperation with the station NDR (North German Broadcasting).



International Television

International television channels can be received via satellite. Satellite dishes are sold and fitted by specialist dealers. For more information on this, please contact a local dealer.

IPTV is available from most large telecommunications operators in combination with a fast DSL Internet connection (e.g. www.telekom.de/privatkunden/zuhause/internet-und-fernsehen).

Radio and TV License Fee

Based on the 'Interstate Broadcasting Agreement' (*Rundfunkstaatsvertrag*), the statutory Radio and TV license fee (*Rundfunkbeitrag*) provides the financing of public broadcasting (ARD, ZDF, Deutschlandradio). Every German household has to pay one fee regardless of the number of household members and the number of devices (radio, TV, computer, smartphone). The fee also covers the private cars of all household members. Additional contributions only become due for a second residence and for commercially used cars. The monthly rate amounts to € 17.50 per household.

Companies are likewise obligated to contribute. The amount of the monthly fee depends inter alia on the number of employees (headcount 0 to 8: € 5.83 p.m., 9 to 19: € 17.50 p.m., 20 to 49: € 35.00 p.m., etc.).

Homeowners, tenants and companies have to register unsolicitedly. Registration forms are available from banks and public authorities. The registration can also be made online:

private household:

www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/e175/e180/Buergerinnen_und_Buerger_Neuanmeldung_Wohnung_0103.pdf

company:

www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/e175/e189/Unternehmen_und_Institutionen_Neuanmeldungen_0110.pdf

Learn more: www.rundfunkbeitrag.de / English version:

www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/e175/e5283/Informationsflyer_Buergerinnen_und_Buerger_Englisch.pdf

Verbraucherzentrale Bremen (Consumer Advice Center)

The consumer advice center represents the interests of consumers in the Federal State of Bremen and offers up-to-date information all about consumer protection.

Address

Verbraucherzentrale Bremen

Beratungszentrum Bremen

Altenweg 4, 28195 Bremen

Phone: 0421.160777

Fax: 0421.1607780

info@verbraucherzentrale-bremen.de

www.verbraucherzentrale-bremen.de

Consultation hours:

Mon – Thur: 10 am – 6 pm

Fri: 10 am – 1 pm



Housing

As a rule, apartments for rent are completely unfurnished in Germany. Some provide a built-in kitchen, others don't. An apartment offered as a '3-room apartment' consists of two bedrooms, one living room plus kitchen plus bathroom. Furnished apartments are available to a minor degree but at increased rental fees. Tenancy agreements for apartments are generally issued in German only.

Residential Rent Charges

Rental charges consist of the base rent (*Kaltmiete / KM*) plus extra charges (*Nebenkosten / NK*). The overall rent is called '*Warmmiete*'. The extra charges are billed by the landlord, usually as monthly prepayments which are settled annually and result in either a credit or an additional payment.

In addition, the tenant is generally required to provide a security deposit amounting to two or three months' base rent.

Extra charges include heating, water consumption, garbage collection, stairwell cleaning, lighting of corridors, operational costs of elevator, chimney sweeping, sidewalk cleaning, garden maintenance, property tax, building insurance, etc.

Energy costs (electricity and gas) are in general directly paid by the tenant to the energy provider, though can in special cases also be included in the extra charges.

Case example

Base rent (<i>Kaltmiete</i>), e.g. 60 sqm unfurnished, good residential area, approx.	€ 550
<u>plus</u> extra charges (<i>Nebenkosten</i>), approx.	€ 175
Overall rent (<i>Warmmiete</i>) payable to landlord	€ 725
<u>plus</u> electricity charges billed by energy provider, e.g. for 2-person household, approx.	€ 75
Total monthly housing costs of this case example, approx.	€ 800

How to find Accommodation in Bremen

There are different ways to find an apartment in Bremen:

- Real estate agents (*Makler*) offer their services against broker's fee (2 months' rent plus 19% VAT) on the principle 'who orders, pays'.
- Real estate websites (e.g. www.immobilienscout24.de, www.wohnungsboerse.net, www.immonet.de, www.immowelt.de, www.immopool.de) not only provide rent and purchase offers but all kinds of information around housing.
- Bremen's housing societies (www.gewoba.de, www.brebau.de, www.espabau.de etc.) offer reasonably priced accommodation.
- Rental adverts are published in the local newspaper Weser-Kurier both online (www.immobilien.weser-kurier.de) and in the Saturday print edition.
- Private offers can also be found on the electronic bulletin board of the Bremen city portal (www.schwarzesbrett.bremen.de ⇒ Wohnungs-/Mietangebote)
(*Most of the websites listed above are unfortunately available in German only.*)
- Furnished accommodations are primarily offered by HomeCompany Bremen (<http://bremen.homecompany.de/en>).



Average Residential Rent in Bremen

The below 2018 data, representing monthly base rents excl. extra charges, were ascertained by an appraisal of rental adverts in the WESER-KURIER from September to November 2017. The average rental amount was calculated on the basis of an unweighted mean value.



Legend	District	Average 2018 EUR / sqm	Average 2017 EUR / sqm	Average 2016 EUR / sqm
A	Bremen-West	10.69	9.62	9.40
B	Bremen-Mitte/-Nordost	8.95	9.60	9.37
C	Bremen-Südost	7.32	7.32	6.80
D	Bremen-Süd	7.97	7.87	7.97
E	Bremen-Nord	6.73	6.71	6.39



Average Property Purchase Prices in Bremen

The following data on selected residential areas have been taken from the Immobilien-Kompass on 'Capital.de' (<http://immobilien-kompass.capital.de/bremen>).

Prices for Condominiums

District	Existing Buildings Average EUR / sqm	New Buildings Average EUR / sqm
A Findorff	2,166	3,185
Walle	1,530	3,298
B Mitte	2,386	3,250
Östliche Vorstadt	2,411	-*
Borgfeld	2,275	-*
Horn-Lehe	2,040	3,595
Oberneuland	2,242	-*
Schwachhausen	2,473	3,941
C Vahr	1,607	-*
Osterholz	1,439	2,605
D Neustadt	2,019	3,482
Huchting	1,275	-*
E Burglesum	1,387	2,925

Prices for Detached Houses

District	Existing Buildings Average EUR / sqm	New Buildings Average EUR / sqm
A Findorff	2,290	-*
Walle	1,589	-*
B Mitte	1,778	-*
Östliche Vorstadt	2,656	-*
Borgfeld	2,581	3,217
Horn-Lehe	2,652	2,877
Oberneuland	2,707	3,177
Schwachhausen	3,035	4,186
C Vahr	2,073	2,517
Osterholz	1,822	2,183
D Neustadt	1,909	-*
Huchting	1,560	2,348
E Burglesum	1,626	2,047

*) No sufficient offer



Public Utilities

Since the liberalization of the German energy market in 2005, consumers may freely select their energy provider. Information on energy providers is made available by *Verbraucherzentrale Bremen* (see above). Further information is also provided by *Bundesnetzagentur für Elektrizität, Erdgas, Telekommunikation, Post u. Eisenbahnen* (Federal Network Agency): verbraucherservice-energie@bnetza.de.

A Bremen based energy provider is swb AG:

swb AG / swb Kundencenter
Am Wall / Sögestraße
28195 Bremen
Phone: 0421.359-3590
www.swb-gruppe.de

Business hours:
Mon – Fri 9 am – 6 pm

Find out more:

Electricity www.swb-gruppe.de/strom

Natural Gas www.swb-gruppe.de/erdgas

Water

swb AG is responsible for the freshwater supply in Bremen.

swb Wasser basis	Fixed rate p.m.	Consumption price
swb Wasser basis (one meter)	4.06 €	2.13 € / m³
each additional meter	0.80 €	

Drainage

The treatment of Bremen's waste water is carried out by hanseWasser Bremen GmbH.

Drainage fee: **2.82 € / m³**



Garbage Collection

Garbage needs to be separated in a number of ways. Gray bins are to be used for the disposal of non-recyclable residual waste. Bio stuff like kitchen scraps, peels, tea bags and garden waste is to be put into the brown bin. Newspapers and cardboard belong in the blue bin. The yellow bins or bags are for plastic and aluminium packagings, beverage cartons and other items wearing the 'Green Dot'. Any kind of bottle or glass jar that is non-returnable belongs in the designated glass bins which are to be found on nearby sidewalks or at shopping areas.

Garbage collection fees are billed by 'Die Bremer Stadtreinigung' to homeowners. If you are a property owner, please register at Die Bremer Stadtreinigung (form at www.die-bremer-stadtreinigung.de/service/formulare-2478 ⇒ 'Eigentümerwechsel'). If you are a tenant, your landlord will notify Die Bremer Stadtreinigung on your behalf and recharge to you the corresponding fees as part of the extra costs (Nebenkosten).

As from 2014, Bremen garbage collection charges consist of a basic fee amounting to € 43.26 p.a. per household plus variable charges for the emptying of the gray bin. The minimum bin volume for residual waste is stipulated at 15 l per person and week. Correspondingly, the size of the bin is determined according to the number of persons belonging to a household. Home owners are obligated to notify Die Bremer Stadtreinigung of any change in the number of persons.

The bins are emptied biweekly, however, the standard emptying includes only 20 emptyings of the gray bins p.a. (resp. 13 emptyings for 1-person-households). The emptying of the brown and blue bins is not charged separately. The emptying of the yellow bins is financed through the Green Dot system.

Table of Charges

Basic fee per private household	€ 43.26 p.a.				
Variable charges					
Size of gray bins	60 l	60 l	90 l	120 l	60 l + 120 l
No. of persons in private household	1	2	3	4	5
Variable charges p.a.	€ 69.16	€ 106.40	€ 147.40	€ 182.20	€ 251.36
Standard No. of emptyings (emptyings covered by annual charges)	13	20	20	20	13 / 20
Monthly fee upon standard emptying	€ 9.37	€ 12.47	€ 15.89	€ 18.79	€ 24.55
Charge for each additional emptying	€ 5.32	€ 5.32	€ 7.37	€ 9.11	€ 5.32 / 60 l € 9.11 / 120 l

(Source: Die Bremer Stadtreinigung)

Each residential area has a designated day on which garbage is collected. The respective calendar for your area can be obtained from www.die-bremer-stadtreinigung.de ⇒ Bremer Abfallkalender: Enter your street name and click on 'Abfuhrtermine suchen'.



Obtaining a Telephone Line

Providers of land lines in Bremen:

Telekom Deutschland

www.telekom.de/privatkunden/zuhause/telefonieren

For commercial customers:

<https://geschaeftskunden.telekom.de>

Sögestraße 1, 28195 Bremen (*English spoken*)

Phone: 0421.4360343

Business hours:

Mon - Fri: 10 am – 7 pm

Sat: 10 am – 6 pm

Lloyd-Passage 37, 28195 Bremen (*English spoken*)

Phone: 0421.168114

Business hours:

Mon – Fri: 10 am – 7 pm

Sat: 10 am – 6 pm

Weserpark Mall

Hans-Bredow-Str. 19, 28307 Bremen (*English spoken*)

Phone: 0421.4852522

Business hours:

Mon – Sat: 10 am – 8 pm

swb Telekommunikation (EWE TEL GmbH)

www.swb-gruppe.de/internet

Phone: 0800.887-6000 (Mon – Fri 7 am – 8 pm, Sat 8 am – 4 pm))

For commercial customers:

www.swb-gruppe.de/geschaeftskunden/kommunikation/dsl

Phone: 0800.889-4000 (Mon – Fri 8 am – 6 pm)

Am Wall / Sögestraße, 28195 Bremen

Business hours:

Mon – Fri: 9 am – 7 pm

Sat: 10 am – 6 pm

Waterfront Mall

AG-Weser-Str. 3, 28237 Bremen

Phone: 0421.69684777

Business hours:

Mon – Sat: 10 am – 8 pm



The Validity of Foreign Driving Licenses in Germany

Residence Abroad

Driving licenses of foreign citizens who are not permanently resident in Germany but travelling as business people or tourists, are regarded as indefinitely valid, as long as they remain valid in the country of origin. An international driving license, a national driving license with a corresponding German translation or an EU/EEA driving license serve as proof of validity. Foreign provisional driving licenses or licenses with temporary validity terms may not be used in Germany at all.

Residence in Germany

Driving licenses of foreign citizens with permanent residence in Germany (i.e. bearers of a German residence permit) are only valid for a period of six months starting the day of taking up residence in Germany. Thereafter, it has to be transformed into a German driving license (exceptions are EU or EEA driving licenses). If the holder can convincingly prove that he/she will be staying in Germany for a period of less than 12 months, the validity of the driving licence can be extended to one year. A driving license that is obtained abroad whilst one is resident in Germany is not recognized in Germany at all, unless it is obtained during a stay abroad of at least six months duration for the sole purpose of schooling or studying.

Transformation of Foreign Driving Licenses

The guidelines on the transformation of foreign driving licenses differ, depending on the country in which the driving license originates. Transformation may or may not involve an examination. At all events, transformation is only possible if the license is transformed within three years since assuming residence in Germany. After this period, applicants are treated as beginners and have to complete a full driving training course and test.

EU and EEA Driving Licenses

The transformation of an EU or EEA driving license is voluntary, since the driving license is indefinitely valid in Germany. Special regulations apply during the first two years of holding a driving license (probation period).

Special Regulations

Some US states, Canadian provinces and certain other countries (e.g. Japan, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan) have training and examination structures comparable to those in Germany. The conditions for transforming these driving licenses have been considerably simplified. In most cases driving and theory tests are not necessary. Condition: the transformation has to be completed within three years of assuming residence in Germany.

Regulations for so-called 'Third Countries'

For all other states, the following applies for license transformations: theory and driving tests must be taken again in Germany. However, the regulations concerning minimum instruction do not apply as they do for first-time German applicants. A driving school has to be involved since applicants must be accompanied by a driving instructor during the test.

Documents required for Transformation

- Passport & electronic residence title
- Biometric photo
- Valid foreign national driving license & certified translation thereof
- Fee: approx. 50 € plus additional fees for theory and driving test



Address

Bürgeramt Bremen – Führerscheinstelle (*Municipal driving license office*)
Stresemannstr. 48, 3rd Floor
28207 Bremen
fuehrerscheinstelle@buergeramt.bremen.de

Business hours:

On appointment only

Appointments:

Phone: 0421.361–88669 or 115

or online: <https://termine-reservieren.de/termine/bremen/> ⇒ ‚Fahrerlaubnisse‘

Traffic Law

Just a few rules of the German road traffic regulations (*Straßenverkehrsordnung StVO*):

- ✓ Seatbelts must be worn by all car passengers on front and back seats (§21a StVO).
- ✓ Children under 12 or smaller than 1.50 m need to sit in special child safety seats (§21).
- ✓ The use of mobile phones - unless hands-free - is prohibited while the vehicle is in operation (§23)
- ✓ Driving with summer tires during winterly road conditions may entail a fine (§2).
- ✓ The signal-horn may only be used in case of danger (§16).
- ✓ At least one high visibility vest (EN 471 standard) per vehicle is mandatory (§53a).
- ✓ Penalties for driving under the influence of alcohol start with a blood alcohol limit of 0.03% in case of obvious driving impairment, otherwise at 0.05% even without signs of driving impairment.

The Bremen Low Emission Zone

A Low Emission Zone (LEZ) is an area in which only vehicles that meet a specific emission standard are permitted to drive. Vehicles with high emissions are banned from the LEZ. If you wish to travel into Bremen’s city center by your own car you should keep in mind that the low emission zone rules apply to the greater downtown Bremen area (districts Altstadt, Östliche Vorstadt and most of Neustadt). The boundaries of the LEZ are clearly indicated by special traffic signs (see on the right). To enter the Bremen LEZ your car must have a **green** low emission sticker. Overnight guests who have written confirmation of reservation at non-private accommodations are fundamentally exempted from the low emission zone regulations.

Entering the LEZ without the green sticker may entail a fine of currently € 80.

Further information is available at www.umweltzone.bremen.de.



Emergency Services

Phone

Emergency Call Police Department

110

Central Call Police Department: 0421.362-0

Emergency Call Fire Department

112

Ambulance (Emergency Doctor)

112

Medical Emergency Service

116 117

Medical treatment outside GP consultation hours

www.kvhb.de/sites/default/files/patienteninfo-116117-englisch.pdf

Service hours: Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri: 7 pm to 7 am
Wed: 3 pm to 7 am
Sat/Sun/Holiday: round the clock

Address: St.-Joseph-Stift, Entrance 'Notaufnahme' (*Emergency Room*),
Schubertstraße, 28209 Bremen

Pediatric Emergency Service

0421.3404444

Service hours: Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri: 7 pm to 11 pm
Wed: 3 pm to 11 pm
Sat/Sun/Holiday: 8 am to 11 pm

Address: Prof.-Hess-Kinderklinik, Friedrich-Karl-Str. 68, 28205 Bremen

Dental Emergency Service

0421.12233

Service hours: Mon - Fri 9 pm to 11 pm
Sat/Sun/Holiday: 10 am to 12 noon / 5 to 7 pm / 9 to 11 pm

Pharmacy Emergency Service

Availability: www.aponet.de/service/notdienstapotheke-finden.html

Poison Emergency Call

0551.19240

Patient Transport Ambulance

Akut Ambulanz

0421.69108910

BP - Bremer Patiententransport

0421.69498710

G.A.R.D. Bremen

0800.1922111



Hospitals

The following 4 state-run hospitals are members of the 'Klinikverbund Gesundheit Nord' (www.gesundheitnord.de / info@gesundheitnord.de):

Klinikum Bremen-Mitte

(Bremen's biggest hospital providing maximum medical care)

St.-Jürgen-Str. 1, 28205 Bremen

Phone: 0421.497-0

Klinikum Bremen-Ost

Züricher Str. 40, 28325 Bremen

Phone: 0421.408-0

info@klinikum-bremen-ost.de

Klinikum Links der Weser

Senator-Wessling-Str. 1, 28277 Bremen

Phone: 0421.879-0

Fax: 0421.879-1599

Klinikum Bremen-Nord

Hammersbecker Str. 228, 28755 Bremen

Phone: 0421.6606-0

'Freie Kliniken Bremen' (NGO / www.freieklinikenbremen.de):

DIAKO Ev. Diakonie-Krankenhaus, run by the Protestant Church

Gröpelinger Heerstr. 406-408, 28239 Bremen

Phone: 0421.6102-0

info@diako-bremen.de

St. Joseph-Stift, run by the Catholic Church

Schwachhauser Heerstr. 54 (Entrance Schubertstr.), 28209 Bremen

Phone: 0421.347-0

info@sis-bremen.de

Rotes Kreuz Krankenhaus Bremen, run by the Red Cross

St.-Pauli-Deich 24, 28199 Bremen

Phone: 0421.5599-0

info@roteskreuzkrankenhaus.de

Roland-Klinik

Niedersachsendamm 72-74, 28201 Bremen

Phone: 0421.8778-0

info@roland-klinik.de



Learning German in Bremen

Institutes that provide courses in German:

vhs Bremer Volkshochschule
Bremen Adult Education Center
Faulenstr. 69
28195 Bremen
Phone: 0421.361-12345

info@vhs-bremen.de

www.vhs-bremen.de/Live/en_Deutsch_als_Fremdsprache_Grundbildung_Bremer_VHS.vhs?ActiveID=1124

Aristoteles Institut
Argonnenstr. 3
28211 Bremen
Phone: 0421.15190

institut@aristoteles.de

www.aristoteles-institut.de/english/german_language_courses.html

CASA e.V. International Language School
Am Dobben 14/16
28203 Bremen
Phone: 0421.46041430

intensiv@casa-bremen.de

www.casa-bremen.de/en

DAA Deutsche Angestellten-Akademie Bremen GmbH
Bürgermeister-Smidt-Str. 41
28195 Bremen
Phone: 0421.430349-14

info@daa-bremen.de

<https://daa-bremen.de>

Goethe-Institut Bremen
Bibliothekstr. 7 / Glashalle
28359 Bremen
Phone: 0421.360810

bremen@goethe.de

www.goethe.de/ins/de/en/kur/ort/bre.html

Inlingua Bremen
Am Wall 119
28195 Bremen
Phone: 0421.1690303

info@inlingua-bremen.de

www.inlingua-bremen.de/en

Further addresses of language schools can be obtained from the local Yellow Pages www.gelbeseiten.de/branchenbuch/bremen or from www.bremen.de ⇒ Search: ‚Sprachschulen‘.



Childcare in Bremen

Children who are at least one year old have a legal right to day care comprising at least 20 hours per week.

Day Care for Children under 3

Children who have turned one year are entitled to early childhood support in a day care center or in private homes where they are looked after by a childminder.

In day care centers children will be taken care of in groups of up to 10 children. In addition, some kindergartens offer mixed-aged groups, where 5 out of 15 children will be under 3 years of age. Moreover so-called socially educational play groups for toddlers and their parents (*Sozialpädagogische Spielkreise*) are offered. Currently, there are more than 280 institutions in Bremen with a staff of pedagogically trained professionals who are responsible for the early childhood care, education and support of the children. Day care centers usually offer a period of care for 6 to 8 hours, 5 days a week.

Children can also be left in the care of childminders (*Tagesmutter/-vater*) who may take care of up to 5 children at the same time. In the municipal area of Bremen there are more than 300 registered childminders, who are arranged by *PiB – Pflegekinder in Bremen* (Bremen children in care). PiB ensures that all childminders are trained and supervises their work.

All childcare facilities have a 4 weeks closing period throughout the year.

Kindergarten

Children who have turned 3 years are entitled to 4 daily hours of childcare in a kindergarten until they enter primary school. As needed – with priority given to working parents – a higher number of day care hours can be applied for. On the whole, there are over 200 facilities (state-run day care centers, facilities run by church congregations or public welfare organizations, or in private hand) offering kindergarten places.

As a rule, kindergartens are open daily between 8 am and 4 pm, in addition early and late care can be arranged. The kindergarten year runs parallel to the academic school year, i.e. from 1 August to 31 July. During school holidays, kindergartens are closed on a total of 20 workdays. The opening and childcare hours in privately run kindergartens vary and information pertaining thereto can be obtained directly from them.

Enrollment

The enrollment period for the kindergarten year (referring both to kindergarten and day care) which begins on 1 August 2018 is from 8 to 26 January 2018. If the child shall be enrolled for a date other than 1 August, then it should be done in due time – at least 3 months in advance – so that it can be scheduled in the issuance of available places.

The enrollment is to be made at the particular facility of your choice. For the enrollment, the '**Kita-Pass**', provided by the Senator for Children and Education for all children registered in the Bremen municipality, is required and must be submitted along with the enrollment form. If the Kita-Pass is not yet available due to comprehensible reasons (e.g. recent move to Bremen), an enrollment can be made on presentation of the certificate of registration with the Bremen registry office.

All kindergartens, day care centers and childminders have a limited number of places available and not every institution is capable of offering all possible care hours. For this reason, it may not always be possible to accommodate a child in the institution of choice. It is therefore important to indicate alternative institutions if this is of interest.



Fees

In kindergartens and day care centers run by church, state and charities, fees are calculated according to equal principles and are based on the amount of the family income. Fee charts can be picked up at any childcare center. The current monthly fees for daily care are as follows (www.kinderbetreuungskompass.de/cms/20161223_Kita_Beitraege_2017.pdf):

- 4 hours: between € 0 and € 266
- 5 hours: between € 0 and € 307
- 6 hours: between € 0 and € 348
- 7 hours: between € 0 and € 389
- 8 hours: between € 0 and € 430

A daily care duration of 6 hours and more includes an obligatory lunch which entails an additional monthly fee of € 35.00.

The fees charged for childminders are also based on the parents' income according to the table of fees.

The fees charged by private organizations or parent associations are determined by the respective institutions.

Learn more:

General information

www.kinderbetreuungskompass.de/Informieren.html

Child care provision

www.kinderbetreuungskompass.de/cms/Kita-Info_2017_eng.pdf

Kita-Pass

www.kinderbetreuungskompass.de/cms/Info_KitaPass_2018.pdf

Enrollment form of KiTa Bremen (state-run facilities):

www.kita.bremen.de/unser_betrieb/detail.php?gsid=bremen02.c.740.de

⇒ *Antrag zur Aufnahme* (application for admission)

⇒ *Alternativer Betreuungswunsch* (alternative option)

Addresses

Addresses are available at www.kinderbetreuungskompass.de or the local Yellow Pages (www.gelbeseiten.de/branchenbuch/bremen: ⇒ 'Kindergärten', 'Kinderbetreuung').

German-English kindergartens:

www.the-toddlers.com

www.punch-and-judy.de

www.kids-at-jacobs.de

German-Chinese kindergarten:

www.drachenkinder-bremen.de

German-French kindergarten:

www.interkulturelleschule.de

German-Italian kindergarten:

www.girotondobremen.de

German-Spanish kindergarten:

www.lasmariquitas.org



School Education in Bremen

School Enrollment Requirements

By 31 March of any year, the verbal skills of all children becoming school-agers the following year are assessed by special language tests, which will – if necessary – be followed by a compulsory language tuition program. Children of migrants who only have little or no previous knowledge of the German language, start their school enrollment with a special language course of several months before they are integrated into the regular form.

Statutory School Attendance

The statutory school attendance (*Schulpflicht*) begins on 1 August for all children who turn six before 30 June. At the request of the parents, also children who turn six before 31 December can be enrolled to primary school on 1 August. Children who turn five before 30 June may – at parents' request – be enrolled on 1 August on basis of a positive assessment by the primary school. During the 12 year-long statutory school attendance, students are obligated to visit a public school or a private substitute school in the Federal State of Bremen. At the school's option, lessons can be given on five or six weekdays and by way of an all-day school (*Ganztagschule*).

School Types

- *Grundschule* (primary school)
- *Oberschule* (high school / secondary school)
- *Gymnasium* (senior high school)
- The **primary school** comprises grades 1 to 4 and provides education and care Monday through Friday from 8 am to 1 pm (so-called 'reliable primary school'). All-day primary schools providing obligatory lessons from 8 am to 4 pm can be freely selected, even if the family's place of residence is not in the immediate vicinity. English as a foreign language is introduced from grade 3.

During grade 4 parents receive a recommendation from the primary school regarding the next stage (*Oberschule* or *Gymnasium*) of their child's education. If parents do not attend this consulting, the school will bindingly assign the student to a school type.

- The **Oberschule** offers the achievement of the *Abitur / Allgemeine Hochschulreife* (senior high school degree / pre-university qualification) typically after a nine-year course of education, i.e. at the end of grade 13.

The 'expanded vocational training level' (*EBBR erweiterte Berufsbildungsreife / erweiterter Hauptschulabschluss*) or the 'intermediate-level education certificate' (*MSA mittlerer Schulabschluss*) can be achieved after a six-year course at the end of grade 10.

The *Oberschule* offers a common syllabus to children of mixed ability on different educational levels. Classes have a maximum of 25 students. Students of grades 5 to 10 are enabled to learn at least two foreign languages.

In the course of their subsequent vocational training, degree holders of the vocational training level and intermediate-level education still have to attend a vocational school in order to comply with the 12 year-long statutory school attendance.



- At the **Gymnasium** the achievement of the Abitur is scheduled after an eight-year course of education. The syllabus demands a rapid learning aptitude of the students and provides a uniform educational level. However, also the a.m. other degrees may be obtained.

Classes have a maximum of 30 students. Students of grades 5 to 10 must at least learn two foreign languages. A third foreign language may be selected in grade 8 or 9. During the final two years (qualification phase) the tuition consists of obligatory and optional units with individually selectable profiles and emphases, e.g. a bilingual syllabus of instruction which enables the achievement of a language competence going far beyond the performance of regular foreign language classes. The qualification phase is completed by the Abitur exams; bilingual courses may require additional tests according to international qualification standards.

Learn more:

www.bildung.bremen.de/bildung-1464 (available in German only)

Addresses

Bremen School Navigator (list of public and private schools):

www.bildung.bremen.de/sixcms/detail.php?gsid=bremen117.c.3714.de

International School of Bremen

The International School of Bremen (ISB) is a private, co-educational, college-preparatory, English-speaking school. It was established in 1998 to serve students in the international community of Bremen. As a private substitute school, it provides an educational alternative to the German State system for the children of families in the growing international business community and those local families who appreciate the need for an international education. Today the students and staff represent 42 countries from across the world, students range from 3 to 19 years.

The dedicated and experienced teachers at ISB come from a number of countries, including Australia, Germany, India, The Netherlands, Canada, Spain, United Kingdom, South Africa, Burma and USA. The members of the teaching staff are certified according to the standards of their home countries. Many of the teachers hold Master Degrees or Doctorates.

Address

The International School of Bremen
 Badgasteiner Str. 11
 28359 Bremen
 Phone: 0421.5157790
office@isbremen.de
www.isbremen.de



Studying in Bremen

University of Bremen

In June 2012, the University of Bremen, founded in 1971, has become one of Germany's eleven top universities of excellence. It is the science center of Northern Germany, renowned for its strengths in the sciences and engineering disciplines, as well as the humanities and the social sciences.

With 320 professors and 20,000 students from 115 different countries, the university offers a large spectrum of subjects, sorted into 8 main areas of study: society & education; culture, media, art & music; teaching career; human & health sciences; nature & environment; language & literature; economics & law; mathematics, engineering & production.

At the University of Bremen there is truly an abundance of international and intercultural diversity. Following the university's success in the excellence initiative, this welcome development will certainly receive an additional boost.

Address

Universität Bremen
Bibliothekstraße 1
28359 Bremen
Phone: 0421.218-1
www.uni-bremen.de/en

International Office:
Dr. Annette Lang
Phone: 0421.218-60361
lang@uni-bremen.de

Bremen City University of Applied Sciences

The City University of Applied Sciences (Hochschule Bremen) enjoys a long tradition that goes back to 1799. Approximately 8,700 students enroll in 66 degree courses in areas such as engineering, natural sciences, economics and social sciences; about two-thirds are required to complete semesters of study or praxis abroad.

The International Graduate Center (IGC) was founded by the City University as an interdisciplinary graduate school for management and leadership. For applicants with a first university degree, the IGC offers several MBA and Master degrees in the area of international and European business and management. All full-time courses are taught entirely in English. The IGC has currently some 200 students from more than 40 countries.

Addresses

Hochschule Bremen
Neustadtswall 30
28199 Bremen
Phone: 0421.5905-0
info@hs-bremen.de
www.hs-bremen.de/internet/en/

International Office:
Dr. Heike Tauerschmidt
heike.tauerschmidt@hs-bremen.de

International Graduate Center
Süderstr. 2
28199 Bremen
Phone: 0421.5905-4782
info@graduatecenter.de
www.graduatecenter.org/en



Bremerhaven University of Applied Sciences

The University of Applied Sciences in Bremerhaven was founded in 1975. Thanks to its predecessor institutions the education tradition of the university can be traced back to more than hundred years ago. Currently it offers 24 attractive study programs and has about 3,000 students from 60 different countries. Bremerhaven University of Applied Sciences is continuously expanding its international partnerships with other institutions, whereby special value is placed on ensuring that these enable students of all disciplines to undertake periods of stay abroad.

Address

Hochschule Bremerhaven
An der Karlstadt 8, 27568 Bremerhaven
Phone: 0471.4823-0
www.hs-bremerhaven.de/en/

International Office:
Aleksandra Rupietta / arupietta@hs-bremerhaven.de

University of the Arts Bremen

The University of the Arts (Hochschule für Künste Bremen) is a publicly funded university whose roots in music, arts and design date back to 1873. The University runs a faculty of fine arts & design and a faculty of music with approximately 900 students, 65 professors and over 200 lecturers and teachers. It has a decidedly international character and has established an extensive network of international partnerships and cooperative agreements. Around one third of all students enrolled at the University of the Arts come from abroad.

Address

Hochschule für Künste
Am Speicher XI 8, 28217 Bremen
Phone: 0421.9595-1000
www.hfk-bremen.de/en/t/portrait-der-hfk

International Office:
Birgit Harte / b.harte@hfk-bremen.de & Anke Schmidt / anke.schmidt@hfk-bremen.de

Jacobs University Bremen

Jacobs University, founded in 2001, is a private English-language university, characterized by a truly intercultural community. Some 1,400 students from over 110 nations currently live and study on the residential campus. Jacobs University is a research-oriented university with a broad portfolio of undergraduate and graduate study programs from the natural and social sciences to engineering and economics. Study exchange programs are offered in conjunction with 18 international partners, amongst others with Rice University, Washington State University and Carnegie Mellon University.

Address

Jacobs University Bremen
Campus Ring 1, 28759 Bremen
Phone: 0421.20040
info@jacobs-university.de
study@jacobs-university.de
www.jacobs-university.de



Churches and Denominations in Bremen

Catholic Church

Katholischer Gemeindeverband in Bremen
Hohe Str. 7, 28195 Bremen
Phone: 0421.3694-0
Fax: 0421-3694-200
www.kgv-bremen.de

Protestant Church

Bremische Evangelische Kirche
Franziuseck 2 – 4, 28199 Bremen
Phone: 0421.5597-0
Fax: 0421.5597-265
www.kirche-bremen.de/index2.php

Other Denominations

International Baptist Church Bremen

Hohenlohestr. 60, 28209 Bremen
Phone: 0421.3975314
www.ibc-bremen.de

Methodist Church

Schwachhauser Heerstr. 179, 28211 Bremen
Phone: 0421.442363
www.emk-bremen.de

Buddhistisches Zentrum Bremen (Buddhist Center Bremen)

Wachmannstr. 2, 28209 Bremen
Phone: 0421.89781680
www.buddhismus-bremen.de

Jüdische Gemeinde im Lande Bremen (Jewish Congregation)

Schwachhauser Heerstr. 117, 28211 Bremen
Phone: 0421.4984944
www.zentralratjuden.de

Islamische Föderation Bremen e.V. (Islamic Federation Bremen)

Sonneberger Str. 18, 28329 Bremen
Phone: 0421.596598-0
www.islambremen.de



WFB Wirtschaftsförderung Bremen GmbH - Bremeninvest

WFB Wirtschaftsförderung Bremen GmbH is responsible, on behalf of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen, for developing, strengthening and marketing Bremen as a business location. Its services and products are primarily aimed at helping to secure and create jobs in Bremen and at providing businesses in Bremen with an optimal environment for entrepreneurial success.

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The Welcome Service of 'Unternehmensservice Bremen' advises foreign business founders and foreign skilled workers of Bremen-based companies in questions related to residency status, recognition of qualifications and other queries of the daily life in Bremen. If you belong to the described group and feel challenged with similar thresholds, feel free to contact the Welcome Service for your personal consultation. The service is free of charge.

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Bremen Chamber of Commerce – CCI for Bremen and Bremerhaven

For more than five hundred years, the self-administration body of Bremen's economy has endeavored to promote the success of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen and its business enterprises. The Chamber of Commerce asserts the interests of Bremen's business community in political and social aspects. This includes lobbying for efficient infrastructure, promoting regional and urban development, upgrading research infrastructure as well as the expansion of traffic connections in response to changing requirements. All Bremen-based traders (roughly 52,000) are compulsory members of the Chamber.

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Culture, Museums, Leisure and Events

Bremen and Bremerhaven offer numerous leisure activities for both young and old. Below you will find just some of the many things to see and enjoy in and around Bremen. Full details are available on www.bremen-tourism.de and www.bremerhaven.de/en. The CityInitiative Bremen Werbung provides additional information on www.bremen-city.de/en.

For inquiries and bookings of guided tours to Bremen's exceptional cultural sites or internationally renowned companies like the Beck's brewery or the Mercedes-Benz factory, please visit www.bremen-tourism.de/guided-tours-tickets-and-more/list.

A) Culture

a) Market Square, Town Hall and Cathedral

Bremen's magnificent town hall (Rathaus) and the Roland statue on market square (Marktplatz) received the UNESCO World Heritage status in June 2004. The market square is often the backdrop to glittering parties and the setting for political rallies. Surrounding the Roland statue are the town hall, the city state's local parliament (Haus der Bürgerschaft), and the 'Schütting', seat of the Bremen Chamber of Commerce. Domshof, the cathedral grounds, plays host to the market which is held daily. Next to the town hall is Bremen's colossal cathedral, St.-Petri-Dom.

Bremen's town hall (www.bremer-rathaus.de) dates back to the 15th century and is considered to be one of the most beautiful of its kind in Germany. After 1605, the town hall facades were redesigned in the style of Weser renaissance. To the rather plain looking west side of the town hall are Bremen's famous town musicians, the 'Stadtmusikanten'. Just a few feet away from the four town musicians, down a few steep steps, is the famous wine cellar and restaurant 'Bremer Ratskeller' (www.ratskeller.de). Since it was erected in 1405, German wines were stored and sold there. With about 650 varieties the Ratskeller has the world's greatest selection of German wines.

Opposite the town hall is the Böttcherstraße (www.boettcherstrasse.de), a street that is not only home to a shopping arcade but also bursting with culture.

b) Schnoor

Bremen's oldest district, the Schnoor quarter (www.bremen-schnoor.de) is a maze of lanes lined with little 15th and 16th century houses set close together like a string of pearls (German: 'Schnur'). It is located between the cathedral area and the river Weser and is home to numerous collectors and passionate craftsmen, cigar turners and pipe carvers, toy collectors and model shipmakers.

c) Kunsthalle Bremen

Bremen's Kunstverein (art association) with presently over 9,000 members was one of the first in Germany. Founded in 1823 by the citizens of Bremen, it still runs the Kunsthalle art gallery (www.kunsthalle-bremen.de) with its own funds. Over the centuries, a rich and diverse collection has been assembled, containing outstanding paintings and sculptures as well as precious holdings of graphic art. In August 2011 the Kunsthalle re-opened in new splendor, substantially extended and modernized.



d) Weserburg

The Weserburg (www.weserburg.de), Bremen's museum of modern art is located in the middle of the River Weser in the heart of the Hanseatic City. Constantly alternating presentations of works from famous private collections as well as special exhibitions show the dynamic development of modern art from the sixties to the present.

e) Theater am Goetheplatz and Kleines Haus

The Goetheplatz Theater (www.theaterbremen.de) has the appearance of a temple dating back to the days of classicism. Built in 1913, it has been lovingly restored on several occasions and, being a four-layered theater, is a leading stage for opera, drama, ballet, and children's and youth theater.

f) Bremer Shakespeare Company

Founded in 1983, the first and foremost aim of the Bremer Shakespeare Company (www.shakespeare-company.com/en) is the production of Shakespeare's plays in repertory. The plays are collectively produced, no single concept straightjacketing the production, no star actor subjecting all other performers, but making provision for each actor to voice his or her very own view.

g) Übersee-Museum

In the Übersee-Museum (www.uebersee-museum.de/en) the combination of collections focussed on ethnology, trade and natural history is connected to a harmonious experience which is unique in Europe. Here visitors can immerse themselves in distant continents and discover the fascinating cultures and natural environments with unique exhibits from across the world, masterful animal dioramas and real plants.

h) Focke Museum (Bremen State Museum of Art and Cultural History)

One park and six houses showcase 1,200 years of fascinating municipal and cultural history in permanent and temporary exhibitions, at the Focke laboratory and in the children's museum (www.focke-museum.de).

i) Stadtbibliothek Bremen (Bremen City Library)

As a place of lifelong learning, the City Library (www.stabi-hb.de) promotes the playful acquisition of knowledge in the ever increasing convergence of culture, daily management and creative leisure activities as well as intra- and inter-cultural integration.

j) Deutsches Schiffahrtsmuseum Bremerhaven

The German Maritime Museum – Leibniz Institute for German marine history (DSM) (www.dsm.museum/info/info-english.5836.de.html) is the largest of its kind in Germany. The museum building is presently in the process of renovation. The first part shows a shipwreck with a fascinating story: the Bremen Cog of 1380. Its discovery in the river Weser in 1962 prompted the founding of the museum and now represents the focus and starting point of the new design und exhibitions.



B) Leisure

a) ÖVB Arena

Bremen's event hall ÖVB Arena (www.oevb-arena.de) with its distinct roof construction resembling that of a ship's bow, is located next to the central station. The gigantic rooms inside host concerts, trade fairs, the Bremen Sixdays, and many other events.

b) The Glocke

The Glocke concert hall, one of the foremost music venues in Northern Germany and the traditional home of music in Bremen, is situated in the heart of Bremen's city center. The elegant art deco design and excellent acoustics characterize this outstanding venue not only for the performance of classical music, but also for musicals, jazz, chanson evenings, comedy, plays and readings (www.glocke.de).

c) Metropol Theater Bremen

In 2017, the former Bremen Musical Theater was renamed in Metropol Theater Bremen (<https://metropol-theater-bremen.de>). For many years, the theater has captivated the audience with a diverse program of all genres.

d) GOP Varieté Theater

The architecturally outstanding GOP Varieté Theater at Bremen Überseestadt (www.variete.de/spielorte/bremen/) presents novel, electrifying shows, excellent food and an atmospheric ambiente.

e) Universum® Bremen

In Universum® Bremen (www.universum-bremen.de) more than 300 exhibits on the subject areas technology, humans, and nature let you experience and understand scientific phenomena. The outdoor area offers more fascinating stations on the topics of water and wind. The 27 m high tower 'Turm der Lüfte' does not only offer a great view over Bremen but also surprises with interesting exhibits to try out and explore.

f) Weserstadion

The Weserstadion is the home stadium of the local football league team WERDER BREMEN (www.werder.de/en). It is situated on the north bank of the River Weser, only about a kilometer away from the city center. WERDER BREMEN is popular as one of the Bundesliga's 'second most-loved clubs' for fans who first follow their own local side.

g) Golf Sport

The 18 hole superbly designed golf course of Golf-Club Oberneuland, situated just 15 minutes from Bremen city center, is not only challenging and memorable but a pleasure to play (www.gc-oberneuland.de). Find out more on golf sport in Bremen and its surroundings on www.1golf.eu/en/golf-courses/germany/cities/bremen.



h) Schlachte Embankment

When the sun shines down on Bremen, locals and tourists head for the Schlachte embankment (www.schlachte.de) on the banks of the River Weser. The terraces, restaurants, pavement cafés and beer gardens offer wonderful views of the water. The Kafenmarkt at the Schlachte is a meeting point for young and old every Saturday morning throughout the summer months. Live music, improvisations, market criers, food and drink, complemented by an antiques and bric-a-brac market on the banks of the River Weser.

i) The Viertel

If you walk down Goetheplatz to Ostertorsteinweg, you'll ultimately come to what people in Bremen call the 'Viertel' (www.dasviertel.de), a colorful and lively district full of culture and lifestyle tightly clustered together. The Viertel is home to over 300 different shops, delicatessens, cafés, bars, and international restaurants.

j) Havenwelten Bremerhaven (Harbor Worlds Bremerhaven)

The Havenwelten Bremerhaven at the River Weser dyke is a maritime tourism resort with unique attractions: Climate House[®] Bremerhaven 8° East, Atlantic Hotel Sail City, Mediterraneo shopping mall, German Emigration Center, Zoo at the Sea (www.zoo-am-meer-bremerhaven.de), Historical Museum Bremerhaven and German Maritime Museum.

k) Deutsches Auswandererhaus[®] (German Emigration Center Bremerhaven)

The German Emigration Center (www.dah-bremerhaven.de) opened in 2005 as a museum unique in Europe, dedicated to the German and European history of emigration and immigration. In 2012, a new extension wing was inaugurated which focuses on the history of Germany as a country of immigration. By relating emigration and immigration in the past and the present, the German Emigration Center has become the first migration museum in Germany.

l) Klimahaus[®] Bremerhaven 8°Ost

The Klimahaus[®] Bremerhaven 8°Ost (www.klimahaus-bremerhaven.de/en) is a unique world of weather, climate and climate-change knowledge and experience. Travel the world along the eighth longitude, cross five continents and experience the earth's climate zones close up – exciting and spectacular.



C) Relaxation

a) Bürgerpark

The Bürgerpark (www.buergerpark.de) meets with the ÖVB Arena on its north side. Spanning an area of over 200 hectares, this is the largest privately financed city park in Germany. It is a paradise of sparse woods and meadows, old, gnarled trees, as well as picturesque canals and lakes. Bremen's Shakespeare Company performs some of its shows here during the summer. A classical concert together with an impressive fireworks display traditionally mark the conclusion of the summer season.

b) Wallanlagen Park

The city's ramparts which once formed an extra line of protection around the boundary walls were transformed into a green belt. The Wallanlagen park right in the heart of the city is a veritable display of horticultural art and the perfect place for a relaxing stroll.

c) Rhododendron Park and botanika

Bremen's impressive collection of rhododendrons and azaleas totals around 10,000, making it the second largest in the world (www.rhododendronparkbremen.de). The flowering season lasts six weeks, the best time to visit is the month of May. The horticultural science center botanika (www.botanika-bremen.de/en) lies in the heart of the Rhododendron Park. In the discovery center all the senses are stimulated: interactive experiments and multimedia stations provide a fascinating tour of Asia, which reveals some of the diverse sounds and smells that nature has to offer.

d) Knoop's Park

Knoop's Park, one of Bremen's loveliest parks in the North of Bremen with a total area of 65 hectares, offers beautiful open green spaces and some 7 km of walk ways, tree-lined avenues and romantic paths (www.foerderverein-knoops-park.de).

e) Stadtwaldsee / Werdersee / Weser beach by Café Sand

The beaches of the lakes Werdersee and Stadtwaldsee (also called 'Unisee' / University lake) and the sandy beach by Café Sand (reachable via a direct ferry connection from the Viertel) are very popular among those seeking relaxation and sunshine in the summertime.

f) Blockland

Blockland (www.blockland.de) is not only Bremen's largest contiguous agricultural area but also its natural recreational area No. 1. To go by bike, on foot or on inline skates along the top of the Blockland dyke is certainly one of the most beautiful ways to spend a sunny day in Bremen. And in a freezing winter, the natural ice rink 'Semkenfahrt' attracts lots of ice skaters.



Bremen's Calendar of Events

January

Eiswette

The 'Eiswette' is one of Bremen's traditional events. Bets are taken on January 6 at a place called Sielwall at Osterdeich as to whether the 'master tailor', who may weigh no more than 99 pounds, will manage to cross the River Weser without getting his feet wet. At the banquet held one week later, some 800 prominent guests gather around circular tables known as ice floes ('Eisschollen'). Bremen's traditional dish of 'Kohl und Pinkel' (kale and sausage) is served (www.eiswette.de).

Bremen Sixdays

The Six-Day Cycle Race in Bremen from January 10 to 15, 2019 offers a mix of top-class cycling, sensational live music and fabulous food. Year after year, tens of thousands of spectators are spellbound by its blend of sporting action, fun, thrills and live entertainment (www.sixdaysbremen.de).

Bremen Tattoo

From January 19 to 20, 2019, Bremen Tattoo takes place for the second time. Brass bands, massed pipes and drums, choirs, dancers and solo artists from all over the world present excellent brass music and choreographies (www.brementattoo.com).

February

Bremen Classic Motor Show

The Bremen Classic Motorshow (Feb. 1 – 3, 2019) is the right place to be for every vintage vehicle fan. Beautiful everyday classics, authentic originals, coveted rarities and elegant sports and racing cars are on sale in three halls. Information on servicing, restoration and maintenance is also available (www.classicmotorshow.de/home-2/).

Carnival

Germany's biggest samba carnival takes again place in Bremen on February 23, 2019. More than 90 samba groups with over 1,600 participants from all over Germany and its neighboring countries bring carnival spirit to Bremen's city center. The highlight is the grand parade on the Saturday with a wide variety of actors: samba and percussion as well as brass bands, masked players, stilts and dancers (www.bremer-karneval.de).

March

Osterwiese

The Osterwiese (March 23 – April 8, 2018), held at Bürgerweide, is a fun fair that takes place around Easter (www.osterwiese.com).

April

jazzahead! music fair and festival

The jazzahead! fair (April 19 – 22, 2018) for musicians, concert organizers, agents, record labels and educators allows for the exchange of musical information and offers possibilities for networking. The jazzahead!'s cultural festival kicks off on April 6 and ends on April 22, 2018. This year's partner country will be Poland (www.jazzahead.de/en).



May

May 1st

As a working-class city rich in tradition, Bremen celebrates Labor Day with May marquees and a march to Domshof which is organized by Germany's trade union body, the DGB.

Seaside City Festival – Shore Leave Bremerhaven

The 'SeeStadtFest 2017 – Landgang Bremerhaven' from May 24 to 27, 2018 attracts guests from near and far with lots of music, firework display, international culinary delights and much more. Steamships, motor ships, sail ships and wind-jammers all invite daily to open-ship (www.bremerhaven.de/en ⇒ 3rd Seaside City Festival).

Poetry on the Road

The international literature festival (May 31 – June 4, 2018) is organized by the City University of Applied Sciences and Radio Bremen. Since its inception in 2000 it has made Bremen the cosmopolitan literary metropolis of Northern Germany in the eyes of literary writers and national and international organizations (www.poetry-on-the-road.com).

June

La Strada

The international street circus festival LA STRADA will take place in Bremen from June 14 to 17, 2018. Again, artists and visitors will transform Bremen into a big stage in the open (www.lastrada-bremen.de).

July

Breminale

Cultural spectacle (July 25 – 29, 2018) at the Osterdeich with a program of multicultural live music in circus tents, outdoor art on the banks of the River Weser, jugglers and entertainers, imaginative children's games, open-air cinema, theater, dance, readings by authors etc. (www.breminale-festival.de).

August

Maritime Festival

International shanty and sea music scenes unite in Vegesack's harborside in the North of Bremen (August 3 - 5, 2018 / www.festival-maritim.de/en).

Summer in Lesmona

The traditional open air festival of the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen takes place from August 17 to 19, 2018 in Knoop's Park in the North of Bremen. Thousands of music-lovers from all over the world, armed with picnic baskets and folding chairs, flock to the banks of the Lesum each year in order to enjoy the good company and to savour the exquisite music under the skies.

(www.kammerphilharmonie.com/en/2013-09-26-20-16-59/summer-in-lesmona)

Bremen Summer Theater Festival / Shakespeare in the Park

From August 22 to 26, 2018, the open air festival 'Shakespeare in the Park' will be presented in the magnificent surroundings of the Bürgerpark for the 23rd time. By tradition, the Shakespeare Company performs five particularly popular productions from their repertoire (www.shakespeare-company.com/programm/shakespeare_im_park/).



Musikfest Bremen

Since 1989 the classical music festival 'Musikfest Bremen' (Aug. 25 – Sept. 15, 2018) offers interesting programs with a new perspective on well-known works and musical coherences as well as promising rarities. Fascinating artistic personalities provide accomplished live performances of dramaturgically gripping programs – in Bremen, Bremerhaven and selected venues across the Northwest (www.musikfest-bremen.de/en).

September

HanseLife Consumer Fair

The HanseLife (Sept. 15 – 23, 2018) is the biggest shopping and entertainment fair in the Northwest. The exhibition and sales areas with about 800 exhibitors touch many areas of daily life - there are good topics such as kitchen and culinary, homes and housing, health and wellness, technology and knowledge (www.hanselife.de).

Maritime Week on the Weser

From Sept. 15 to 23, 2018 the city center is transformed into a sun deck for events, all pertaining to water. The program provides an opportunity to get in touch with Bremen's maritime past, present and future. The highlight of the maritime week is a festival for the whole family with boating trips on the Weser, a city rally for children, a maritime market and a large boat parade on the Weser (www.maritimewoche.de).

Music and Light at Hollersee

At the lake in front of the Park Hotel Bremen, the Bremen Youth Symphony Orchestra plays classical and modern works. Amidst a sea of torches people sit on blankets and chairs brought along and enjoy the open air atmosphere (Sept. 16, 2018).

October

IAC International Astronautical Congress

The world's largest aerospace congress (Oct. 1 – 5, 2018 / www.iac2018.org), consisting of a scientific conference program and a space exhibition, will gather some 4,000 space actors from 60 nations. A Public Day will take place on October 5. Get inspired by events, exhibitions and entertaining as well as informative offers around the subject space according the motto of the Bremen space year STERNSTUNDEN 2018. The complete events calendar is available at www.iac2018.org/bremen-space-year.

Concert of International Youth Symphony Orchestra

On October 5, 2018, 190 young musicians from 21 different countries will present the world premiere of a composition under the motto STERNSTUNDEN 2018 at the Glocke concert hall.

Bremen Marathon

More than 8,000 runners take part in the annual swb-Marathon Bremen (Oct. 7, 2018). The competitions comprise the marathon, half marathon, 10 km run and a kidsrun (www.marathon-in-bremen.de).



Bremer Freimarkt

983 years mark what is one of Germany's oldest civic festivals (Oct. 19 – Nov. 4, 2018). Not satisfied with the fairground, the city's 'fifth season' spreads out into the entire city, featuring music, dance and excitement. As a festival high note, the Freimarkt Parade with about 150 colourful groups and bands proceeds through the streets on the second Saturday from 12 noon (www.freimarkt.de/en).

November / December

Bremen Christmas Market and Schlachte Magic

One sure indication of Christmas time is the traditional Christmas Market in Bremen, taking place at market square and Liebfrauenkirchhof (Nov. 26 – Dec. 23, 2018). An enchanting village of stalls and carousels arises. Delicious flavors of beeswax, mulled wine, cinnamon and honey cake are wafting through the air. Also Christmas melodies are sounding from all sides (www.bremer-weihnachtsmarkt.de/en). At the same time, the historical winter spectacle 'Schlachte-Zauber' on the Schlachte embankment enchants the city's favorite waterfront with a maritime theme (www.schlachte-zauber.de).

Complete events calendars are available at
www.bremen-tourism.de/events-and-activities and
www.weser-kurier.de/termine



ANNEX

Public German Holidays 2018

January 1	New Year's Day	entire Germany
January 6	Epiphany	only in Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria and Saxony-Anhalt
March 30	Good Friday	entire Germany
April 2	Easter Monday	entire Germany
May 1	Labor Day	entire Germany
May 10	Ascension Day	entire Germany
May 21	Whit Monday	entire Germany
May 31	Corpus Christi	only in Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria, Hesse, North Rhine-Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland
August 15	Assumption Day	only in Bavaria and Saarland
October 3	Day of German Unity	entire Germany
October 31	Reformation Day	only in Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia
November 1	All Saints' Day	only in Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria, North Rhine-Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saarland
November 21	Penance Day	only in Saxony
December 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>entire Germany</i>
December 25	Christmas Day	entire Germany
December 26	2nd Christmas Day	entire Germany
December 31	<i>New Year's Eve</i>	<i>entire Germany</i>

February 12 Carnival Monday ('*Rosenmontag*):
In the Rhineland area, carnival processions take place and most offices are closed.

School Holidays Federal State of Bremen 2018

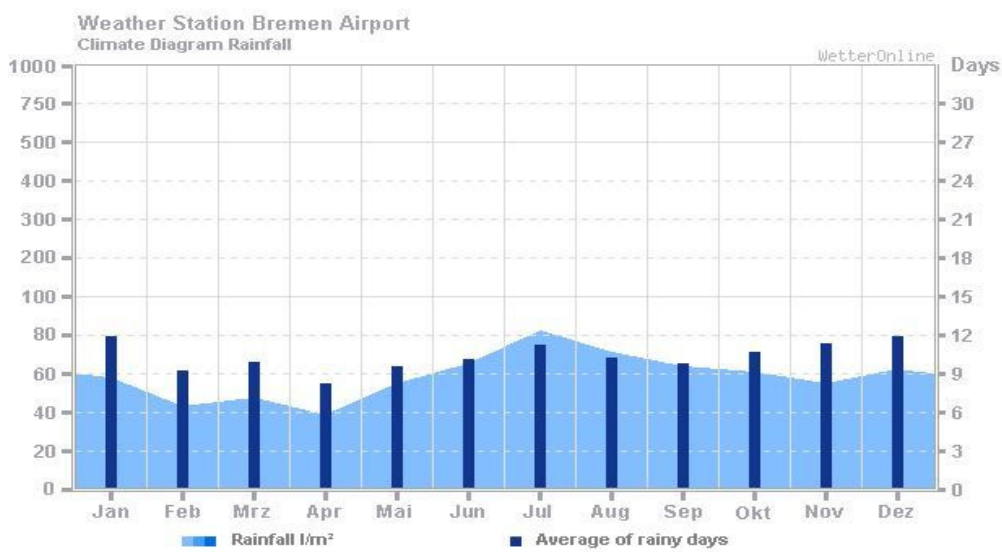
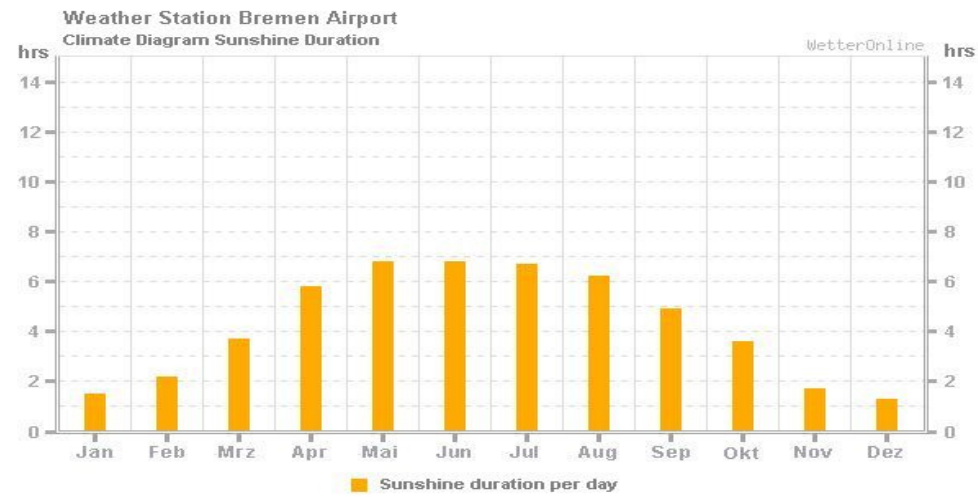
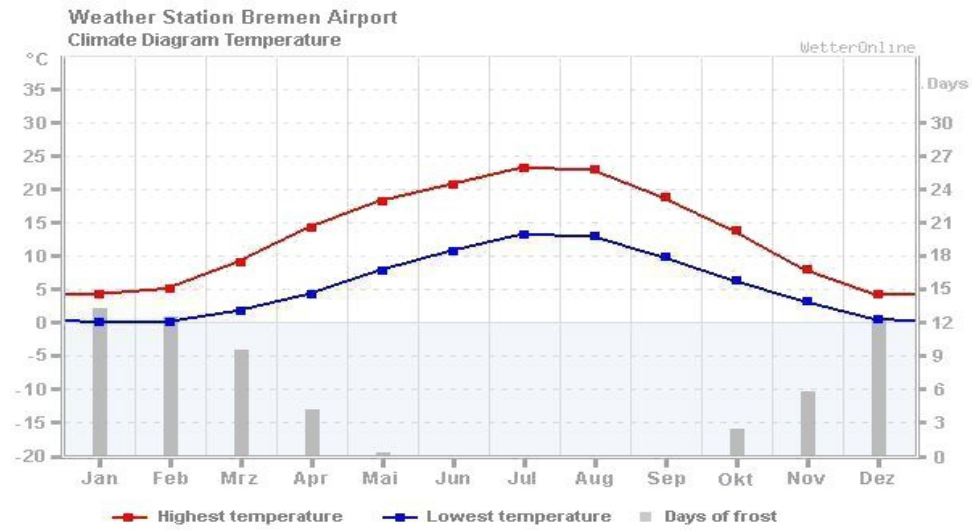
Winter	February 1 – 2
Easter	March 19 – April 3
Whitsun	April 30 / May 11 / May 22
Summer	June 28 – August 8
Autumn	October 1 – 13
Christmas	December 24 – January 4

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Learn more: www.schulferien.org/Schulferien_nach_Jahren/2018/schulferien_2018.html



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Deutschland Portal:	www.deutschland.de/en
Welcome to Germany:	www.bamf.de/EN/Willkommen/willkommen-node.html
Travel Destination Germany:	www.germany.travel/en/index.html
Make it in Germany:	www.make-it-in-germany.com/en
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