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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 1,238 year old city of Bremen with a population of 571,000 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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breidbach@bremen-invest.com
www.bremen-invest.com
www.wtc-bremen.com

Bremen, February 2020
Public Transport

With 7 tram routes, 41 bus routes and a fleet of 349 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
https://bsag-netz.de

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 (application: www.vbn.de/fileadmin/content/_tickets/_antraege/Kundenkartenantrag_Schueler.pdf)

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), at BSAG sales partners which can be identified by the BSAG logo and at the ticket machines at tram stops. The red ticket machines accept all standard payment methods, from banknotes and coins through contactless credit cards to mobile payment by cell phone. Pre-sold tickets need to be validated when you get on the tram or bus. - 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 (registration: https://shop.vbn.de/index.php/login). Mobile tickets are only valid for instant departures and must already have been visibly downloaded when boarding the tram or bus.

- BOB Account Ticket
The BOB ticket is ideal for occasional users of public transport. The POS terminal in the BSAG vehicle stores your ticket 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 and online at www.vbn.de/fileadmin/content/_tickets/_antraege/BOB-Antrag_BSAG.pdf.

- Annual Electronic Subscription
The subscription ticket MIA is ideal for frequent public transport users. By subscribing to the annual MIA ticket, you will get the monthly ticket at a discount of 17% resp. 8% for MIA PLUS. Applications can be made at the BSAG customer centers and online at https://abo.bsag.de/de/.
Ticket Prices

**Single Ticket (EinzelTicket)**
The single ticket at € 2.85 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, € 23.80. 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.

**Monthly Ticket (MonatsTicket)**
The monthly ticket at € 67.80 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.

**Subscription One-Year Pass MIA**
If you take out an annual electronic subscription you will get the monthly ticket at € 56.10 p.m. resp. at € 62.60 p.m. for MIA PLUS.

**Supplementary Tickets**
The Bicycle Day Ticket (Fahrrad-TagesTicket) at € 2.00 admits the entrainment of one bicycle; also available as Monthly Ticket at € 36.20 or MIA Bicycle at € 29.60 p.m.

**BSAG Customer Centers**

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**Inquiries**
Dial 0421.596059 for 24h inquiries about timetables and fares.
If you have any questions about BOB, MIA and the increased fare (fine), please contact the customer care team on 0421.5596-666 (Mon – Thur: 9 am – 5 pm, Fri: 9 am – 1:30 pm).
BSAG Price Table valid as of 1 January 2020

### Price Category I
Zones 100 + 101 (Bremen incl. North Bremen)

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### Taxi Operators

**Taxi-Ruf Bremen**  
Phone: 0421.14014  
[www.taxi-ruf-bremen.de/service/bestellmoeglichkeiten/](http://www.taxi-ruf-bremen.de/service/bestellmoeglichkeiten/)

**Taxi-Roland Bremen**  
Phone: 0421.14433  
[www.14433.de](http://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 200 km/h (125 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:**

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[www.nordwestbahn.de](http://www.nordwestbahn.de)
[www.der-metronom.de](http://www.der-metronom.de)

**Long-distance Coach Travel**

Find out more: [www.busradar.com](http://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.

**Bremen Airport Hans Koschnick**

Flughafenallee 20  
28199 Bremen / Germany  
Phone: 0421.5595-0  
[contact@airport-bremen.de](mailto:contact@airport-bremen.de)  
Citizen Service

The citizen helplines 0421.115 (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 of private domicile, police clearance certificates)
- Adoption of letters of commitment (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 0421.115 or online: https://termine-reservieren.de/termine/bremen/)

Addresses

BürgerServiceCenter-Mitte (city center)
Pelzerstr. 40
28195 Bremen
Phone: 0421.115 or 0421.361-88666
https://termin.bremen.de/termine/select2?md=5
bscmittte@buergeramt.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: 0421.361-88696
https://termin.bremen.de/termine/select2?md=4
bscstre@buergeramt.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 responsible for residence- and nationality-related issues of citizens living in Bremen.

Address

Migrationsamt Bremen
Behördenzentrum
Stresemannstr. 48
28207 Bremen
Phone: 0421.361-88630
www.service.bremen.de/dl__migrationsamt_100086-100086
office@migrationsamt.bremen.de

Bus line 25: bus stop ‘Steubenstraße / Behördenzentrum’

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

Issuance of a Residence Permit
Such visit can only be made on appointment. A form for booking an appointment is available at www.buergerservice.bremen.de/sixcms/media.php/5/Vordruck_Terminvergabe_Referat_11.pdf.
The completed form is to be sent by email to ref11@migrationsamt.bremen.de, alternatively by fax (0421.361-15013) or through the post.

Extension of a Residence Permit
See the procedure at www.service.bremen.de/sixcms/detail.php?gsid=bremen128.c.9359.de (unfortunately available in German only).
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. Post office services may also be provided by stationery stores or supermarkets (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 (unless it is a bakery café), 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 Nichtraucherschutzgesetz*) 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

*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](http://www.weser-kurier.de)).

Local Radio and TV Channel

As the smallest of nine German public-broadcasting institutions, the local broadcast channel *Radio Bremen* ([www.radiobremen.de](http://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, regional programs are broadcasted in cooperation with the channel NDR (North German Broadcasting).
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 incl. 9 regional channels, ZDF incl. 3sat, ARTE, KiKA, PHOENIX, additional digital channels and 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/Flyer_Buergerinnen_und_Buerger_EN.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 – 4 pm  
Fri 10 am – 1 pm

How to book an appointment:  
www.terminland.de/verbraucherzentrale-bremen
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 ‘Wärmiete’. 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 (Kaltmiete), e.g. 60 sqm unfurnished, good residential area, approx. € 600
plus extra charges (Nebenkosten), approx. € 170
Overall rent (Wärmiete) payable to landlord € 770
plus electricity charges billed by energy provider, e.g. for 2-person household, approx. € .80
Total monthly housing costs of this case example, approx. € 850

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’.
- 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)
- Furnished accommodations are offered by agencies like HomeCompany Bremen (http://bremen.homecompany.de/en) or MIBEA (www.mibea.de) or can be searched online using the keyword ‘Möbliertes Wohnen Bremen’.

Most of the websites listed above are unfortunately available in German only.
Average Residential Rent in Bremen

The below 2020 data, representing monthly base rents excl. extra charges, were ascertained by an appraisal of rental adverts in the WESER-KURIER from September to December 2019. The average rental amount was calculated on the basis of an unweighted mean value.

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<tr>
<th>Legend</th>
<th>District</th>
<th>Average 2020 EUR / sqm</th>
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<td>Bremen-Südost</td>
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Average Property Purchase Prices in Bremen

The following data on selected residential areas have been taken from the Immobilien-Kompass on ‘Capital.de’ (www.capital.de/immobilien-kompass/bremen).

Prices for Condominiums*

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<td>A</td>
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<td>Walle</td>
<td>1,968</td>
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<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>Mitte</td>
<td>2,724</td>
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<td>Östliche Vorstadt</td>
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Prices for Detached Houses*

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<td>Burglesum</td>
<td>1,819</td>
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*) Survey period 2017  
**) 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, Gas, Telekommunikation, Post u. Eisenbahnen (Federal Network Agency, www.bundesnetzagentur.de/EN / 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. The high-quality drinking water even exceeds the demands of the German Drinking Water Ordinance and can be used in the household without any extra micro filter. Moreover, in almost all areas of Bremen it has the lowest hardness level, saving you detergent and descaler.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>swb Wasser basis</th>
<th>Fixed rate p.m.</th>
<th>Consumption price</th>
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<td>one meter</td>
<td>4.06 €</td>
<td>2.13 € / m³</td>
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<td>each additional meter</td>
<td>0.80 €</td>
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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:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Gray bins</th>
<th>Non-recyclable residual waste</th>
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<tr>
<td>Brown bins</td>
<td>Bio stuff like kitchen scraps, peels, tea bags and garden waste</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yellow bins / yellow bags</td>
<td>Plastic and aluminium packagings, beverage cartons and other items labelled with the ‘Green Dot’</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blue bins</td>
<td>Newspapers, waste paper and cardboard</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bottle banks (available at roadsides and near shopping areas)</td>
<td>Non-returnable bottles and glass jars</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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).

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

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<th>Basic fee per private household</th>
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<td><strong>Variable charges</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Size of gray bins</td>
<td>60 l</td>
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<tr>
<td>No. of persons in private household</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Variable charges p.a.</td>
<td>€ 69.16</td>
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<tr>
<td>Standard No. of emptyings (emptyings covered by annual charges)</td>
<td>13</td>
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<tr>
<td>Monthly fee upon standard emptying</td>
<td>€ 9.37</td>
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<tr>
<td>Charge for each additional emptying</td>
<td>€ 5.32</td>
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(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 ⇒ ‘Ihr Bremer Abfallkalender’ ⇒ ‘einfach hier klicken’: Enter your street name and house number.
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: 0421.48999252
**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.de/geschaeftskunden/kommunikation/festnetz-und-internet/dsl
Phone: 0800.889-4000 (Mon – Fri 8 am – 6 pm)

Am Wall / Sögestraße, 28195 Bremen
**Business hours:**
Mon – Fri 9 am – 6 pm
Sat 10 am – 3 pm

Waterfront Mall
AG-Weser-Str. 3, 28237 Bremen
**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
- Eye test certificate
- First aid training certificate
- Name of driving school who will be involved in the theory and practical driving tests
Address
Bürgeramt Bremen
Führerscheinstelle (Municipal driving license office)
Stresemannstr. 48, 3rd Floor
28207 Bremen
fuehrscheinstelle@buergeramt.bremen.de

Business hours:
On appointment only

Appointments:
Phone: 0421.115 or 0421.361–88669
Online: https://termine-reservieren.de/termine/bremen/:
⇒ ‘Fahrerlaubnisse’ ⇒ ‘Ausländischen Führerschein umschreiben’

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 € 80.00.

Learn more: www.umweltzone.bremen.de.
www.bremen-bremerhaven.de/en/bremen-low-emission-zone
Police Services

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<th>Emergency Call Police Department</th>
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<td>Central Call Police Department</td>
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office@polizei.bremen.de

Online Police Station
www.onlinewache.bremen.de

The online police station is not suitable for receiving emergency calls.

Reports on the offences
- bicycle theft
- property damage
- property damage to motor vehicles
- theft of documents

can be made online: www.onlinewache.bremen.de/online_anzeige-11347 (in German only)

Contact Points for Reporting Offences

During the below core hours additional personnel is available for recording offences:

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<tr>
<th>Police Station City Center</th>
<th>Am Wall 200, 28195 Bremen</th>
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<th>Waller Heerstr. 97, 28219 Bremen</th>
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<th>Otto-Lilienthal-Str. 15/17, 28199 Bremen</th>
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Emergency Services

Emergency Call Fire Department 112
Ambulance (Emergency Doctor) 112

Medical Emergency Service 116 117
Ärtzlicher Bereitschaftsdienst (Medical treatment outside GP consultation hours)
Address: St.-Joseph-Stift
Entrance Notaufnahme (Emergency Room)
Schubertstraße, 28209 Bremen
www.116117.de
Service hours: Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri 7 pm to 7 am
Wed 3 pm to 7 am
Sat/Sun/Holiday round the clock

Pediatric Emergency Service 0421.3404444
Address: Prof.-Hess-Kinderklinik
Friedrich-Karl-Str. 68, 28205 Bremen
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

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.bremen.de/leben-in-bremen/gesundheit/apothekensuche
www.aponet.de/service/notdienstapotheke-finden/suchergebnis/0/28195.html

Poison Emergency Call 0551.19240

Patient Transport Ambulance
Akut Ambulanz 0421.69108910
BP - Bremer Patiententransport 0421.69498710
G.A.R.D. 0421.66599666
sinus ambulance 0421.17540004

Veterinary Emergency Service 0421.12211
Service hours: Mon – Fri 8 pm to 8 am
Sat/Sun/Holiday round the clock
Hospitals

The following 4 state-run hospitals are members of the hospital group Gesundheit Nord (www.gesundheitnord.de/english/patient-visitor.html / 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@sjs-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

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: 0421.4303490
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/staedte/bremen/kreisfrei/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 main enrollment period for the kindergarten year (referring both to kindergarten and day care) beginning on 1 August 2020 is in January 2020. 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

Since 2019, the kindergarten childcare for children aged between 3 and 6 years is non-contributary in Bremen.

All other fees of kindergartens and day care centers run by church, state and charities as well as fees of childminders 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 fees charged by private organizations or parent associations are determined by the respective institutions themselves.

Learn more:

General information
www.kinderbetreuungskompass.de/Informieren.html

Child care provision
www.kinderbetreuungskompass.de/cms/Kita-Info_eng.pdf

Kita-Pass

Enrollment form of KiTa Bremen (state-run facilities):
www.kita.bremen.de/unser_betrieb/detail.php?gsid=bremen02.c.740.de
⇒ Anmeldeformulare (application forms) incl. Alternativer Betreuungswunsch (alternative option)

Addresses

Addresses are available at www.kinderbetreuungskompass.de
or in the local Yellow Pages www.gelbeseiten.de/branchenbuch/staedte/bremen/kreisfrei/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

In Germany the responsibility for school and university education lies with the ministries of education of the 16 federal states. Therefore, parts of the education system may be differently structured and termed. Children with main residence in the State of Bremen have to attend a Bremen-based school.

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.

Compulsory School Attendance

The compulsory school attendance (Schulpflicht) begins on 1 August for all children who turn six before 30 June. At the request of the parents and in accordance with a medical certificate, also children who turn six before 30 September can be enrolled to primary school on 1 August. Children who turn six between 1 October and 31 January may possibly be enrolled on 1 August, but only on basis of an explicit recommendation of the school doctor and the kindergarten.

During the 12 year-long compulsory education, 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 with obligatory lessons from 8 am to 4 pm (Ganztagsschule).

Basic School Education System in Bremen

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(Source: Die Senatorin für Kinder und Bildung)
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’). 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 compulsory education.

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

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

International School of Bremen

The International School of Bremen (ISB) is a private, college-preparatory school and offers English-language education from Kindergarten to grade 12. It was established in 1998 to serve students in the international community of Bremen (roughly 60% international students representing 40 nationalities and 40% German students).

The main programs comprise the International Primary Curriculum (IPC / age 3 to grade 5), the International Middle Years Curriculum (IMYC) in grades 6 and 7, the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) in grades 8 to 10 and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) in Grades 11 and 12.

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Studying in Bremen

University of Bremen

The University of Bremen, founded in 1971, 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 nearly 20,000 students, among them 2,500 international students from all five continents, the University of Bremen 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.

The internationalization of teaching and learning is one of the strategic goals of the University. Guest lecturers from all over the world enrich the study programs.

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Bremen City University of Applied Sciences

The City University of Applied Sciences (Hochschule Bremen) enjoys a long tradition that goes back to 1799. Approximately 9,000 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.

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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 23 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.

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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 art & 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.

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Jacobs University Bremen
Jacobs University, founded in 2001, is a private English-language university, characterized by a truly intercultural community. Over 1,500 students from more than 120 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.

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Methodist Church
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Buddhistisches Zentrum Bremen (Buddhist Center Bremen)
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Jüdische Gemeinde im Lande Bremen (Jewish Congregation)
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Islamische Föderation Bremen e.V. (Islamic Federation Bremen)
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WFB Wirtschaftsförderung Bremen GmbH - Bremeninvest

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International investors are looked after by the international team of Bremeninvest, bundling all services which meet the requirements of foreign investment. The competent team of Bremeninvest provides full support for the set up of an office, formation of a company, finding logistics services providers, settling immigration matters for international managing directors and finding office or warehouse facilities.

WFB and Bremeninvest offer one-stop business support services. With their specialized local network the economic developers can guarantee arrangement of contacts to all the relevant partners in Bremen – always in accordance with the individual needs.

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World Trade Center Bremen

WTC Bremen, operated by Bremeninvest, has been a licensed member of the World Trade Centers Association since 1991. At the location in Bremen Airport City, one of Europe’s most noteworthy service sector areas, WTC Bremen is concentrating on its core business: supporting internationally operating companies and foreign direct investment in the Hanseatic City of Bremen. A flexible range of office premises, expert advice and all-round support rendered by the experienced team at Bremeninvest are specially tailored to the individual needs of these firms.

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**Welcome Service Bremen**

The Welcome Service of the business support agency ‘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 53,000) 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.

For 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/Group-offers ⇒ Guided tours & trips.

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 Bremer 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 (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/en) 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 2011 the Kunsthalle re-opened in new splendor, substantially extended and modernized.
d) Weserburg
The Weserburg (https://weserburg.de/en/), 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 caringly 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/information/) 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) 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 out-standing 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 2018, 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/bremen/) presents novel, electrifying shows, excellent food and an atmospheric ambiente.

e) Universum® Bremen
In Universum® Bremen (https://universum-bremen.de/?lang=en) 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.

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 Kajenmarkt 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 Punkendeich 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 (www.eiswette.de).

Bremen Sixdays
The Six-Day Cycle Race in Bremen 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
Brass bands, massed pipes and drums, choirs, dancers and solo artists from all over the world present excellent brass music and choreographies (www.bremen-tattoo.com).

February

Bremen Classic Motor Show
The Bremen Classic Motorshow 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 will again take place in Bremen on February 15, 2020. 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 with a wide variety of actors: samba and percussion as well as brass bands, masked players, stilts and dancers (www.bremen-karneval.de).

April

Osterwiese
The Osterwiese (April 3 - 19, 2020), held at Bürgerweide, is a fun fair that takes place around Easter (www.osterwiese.com).

jazzahead! music fair and festival
The jazzahead! fair for agencies, labels, artists, media representatives, producers and organizers (3,400 participants from more than 60 countries) is the only one in the world to place jazz at the center of action and offers the opportunity to get together. The jazzahead! cultural festival is held from April 17 to 26, 2020. Canada is the 10th partner country of jazzahead! and the first from overseas. The big festival opening will take place at the Bremen Theater, followed by concerts, performances, dance theater, movie nights and much more in various venues. At the closing weekend, a gala concert at the Glocke concert hall will conclude the program (www.jazzahead.de/en).
June

Poetry on the Road
The international literature festival from June 5 to 8, 2020 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/?lang=en).

La Strada
The international street circus festival LA STRADA is held from June 18 to 21, 2020. Artists and visitors will transform Bremen into a big stage in the open (www.lastrada-bremen.de).

July

Summer in Lesmona
The traditional open air festival of the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen takes place from July 3 to 5, 2020 in Knoop’s Park in the North of Bremen. Thousands of music lovers, armed with picnic baskets and folding chairs, flock to the banks of the river Lesum each year in order to enjoy the good company and to savor the exquisite music under the skies (www.kammerphilharmonie.com/en/experience/formats/summer-in-lesmona/).

Bremen Summer Theater Festival / Shakespeare in the Park
From July 8 to 11, 2020, the open air festival ‘Shakespeare in the Park’ will be presented in the magnificent surroundings of the Bürgerpark for the 24th time. By tradition, the Shakespeare Company performs five particularly popular productions from their repertoire (www.bremen.eu/shakespeare-in-the-park).

Breminale
Cultural spectacle (July 15 – 19, 2020) 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).

Maritime Festival

August

SAIL Bremerhaven
The SAIL Bremerhaven from August 19 to 23, 2020 welcomes more than 250 small and large ships from 20 nations, among them a lot of historical windjammers. The big parade of tall ships takes place on August 19 from 11 am at the river Weser dyke. www.bremerhaven.de/en/events/sail-2020/sail-2020.80821.html

Musikfest Bremen
Since 1989 the classical music festival (Aug. 29 – Sept. 19, 2020) 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 – in Bremen, Bremerhaven and selected venues across the Northwest. Traditionally the festival opens with the concert evening ‘A Great Night Music’ in venues around the market square which is illuminated especially for this occasion (www.musikfest-bremen.de/en).
September

Maritime Week on the Weser
From Sept. 14 to 19, 2020 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.bremen.de/leben-in-bremen/maritime-woche).

Music and Light at Hollersee
On the lakeside in front of the Dorint 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.

October

Bremen Marathon
Nearly 7,000 runners take part in the annual swb-Marathon Bremen (Oct. 4, 2020). The competitions comprise the marathon, half marathon, 10 km run and a kidsrun (www.marathon-in-bremen.de).

Bremer Freimarkt
985 years mark what is one of Germany’s oldest civic festivals (Oct. 16 – Nov. 1, 2020). 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. 23 – Dec. 23, 2020). 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 (www.schlachte-zauber.de).

Complete events calendars are available at
www.bremen-tourism.de/events-and-activities
www.weser-kurier.de/termine
Public German Holidays 2020

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February 24 Carnival Monday (‘Rosenmontag’): In the Rhineland area, carnival processions take place and most offices are closed.

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