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# WELCOME LETTER



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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 1,239 year old city of Bremen with a population of 568,000 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 [Bremen city portal](#) and have a look at the [city map](#).

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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Please send any queries, error messages or change requests to  
[breidbach@bremen-invest.com](mailto:breidbach@bremen-invest.com)

Bremen, February 2021



## Local Transport

### Local Public Transport BSAG

With 8 tram routes, 40 bus routes and a fleet of 349 vehicles, [BSAG](#) Bremer Straßenbahn AG, partner of the transport network VBN Verkehrsverbund Bremen / Niedersachsen, keeps almost 300,000 passengers on the move every day.

#### [Interactive Network Map](#)

#### [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.

#### **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 EUR.

#### **Paper Ticket**

Advance sale of paper tickets is offered at the [BSAG customer centers](#), 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 [here](#)). 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](#).

#### **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](#).



## Ticket Prices

### Single Ticket (EinzelTicket)

The single ticket at 2.85 EUR is valid during 3 hours, but only in the direction of your destination.

### Short-Trip Ticket (KurzstreckenTicket)

For only 1.50 EUR 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 EUR. 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 EUR 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 EUR p.m. resp. at 62.60 EUR p.m. for MIA PLUS.

### Supplementary Tickets

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

## BSAG Customer Centers

### Central Station Office

Breitenweg 3a (City Gate building) 28195 Bremen	Mon – Fri	7 am – 8 pm
	Sat	9 am – 6 pm
	Sun	9 am – 5 pm

### City Center Office Domsheide

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

### BSAG Lost Property Office

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

[fundbuero@bsag.de](mailto:fundbuero@bsag.de)

[Lost property database](#)

## 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 2021**

<b>Price Category I</b> Zones 100 + 101 (Bremen incl. North Bremen)	
<b>Adults</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Single Ticket	<b>2.85</b>
4-fold Single Ticket	<b>10.40</b>
10-fold Single Ticket	<b>26.00</b>
per coupon	<b>2.60</b>
Short-Trip Ticket	<b>1.50</b>
4-fold Short-Trip Ticket	<b>5.60</b>
per coupon	<b>1.40</b>
Day Pass 1 adult	<b>8.00</b>
Day Pass 2 adults	<b>11.00</b>
Day Pass 3 adults	<b>14.00</b>
Day Pass 4 adults	<b>17.00</b>
Day Pass 5 adults	<b>20.00</b>
Bicycle Day Ticket	<b>2.00</b>
Bicycle Monthly Ticket	<b>36.20</b>
7-Day Pass	<b>23.80</b>
Monthly Ticket	<b>67.80</b>
MIA One-Year Pass per month	<b>56.10</b>
MIA One-Year Pass PLUS per month	<b>62.60</b>
MIA Bicycle per month	<b>29.60</b>
<b>Kids / Students</b>	
Single Ticket	<b>1.45</b>
10-fold Ticket	<b>14.30</b>
7-Day Pass	<b>16.80</b>
Monthly Ticket	<b>49.30</b>

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## Car Sharing

[cambio Bremen](#)

[Flinkster](#)

## Multi-Storey Car Parks

[BREPARK](#)

## Bike Sharing

[ADFC](#) Bike rental by Bremen branch of German Cycling Club ADFC

[DB Call a Bike](#) Bike rental by Deutsche Bahn

[Swapfiets](#) / [Swapfiets Bremen](#) Bike rental on monthly basis

[LISTnRIDE](#) Bike rental

[WK-Bike](#) E-Bikes

## Scooter Sharing

[Tier](#) E-Scooters

[Voi](#) E-Scooters

## Long Distance Transport

### Bremen Airport

With almost 30 non-stop destinations in many 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.

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.

### Address

Bremen Airport Hans Koschnick

Flughafenallee 20

28199 Bremen / Germany

Phone: 0421.5595-0

[contact@airport-bremen.de](mailto:contact@airport-bremen.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.

- **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.
- 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:

[Deutsche Bahn](#) | → [online ticket](#)

NordWestBahn [www.nordwestbahn.de](http://www.nordwestbahn.de)

[metronom](#)

## Long-Distance Coach Travel

[Intercity bus search engine](#)



## Citizen Service

The citizen helplines

- **0421.115** ([Bürgertelefon](#)) and
  - **0421.361-0** ([Service Portal Bremen](#))
- are available Monday through Friday from 7 am to 6 pm.

## Bürgeramt (Citizen Office)

The [Bürgeramt](#) of the Bremen municipality is responsible for frequently needed [services](#), such as:

- **Residence registration** (move from abroad)  
The [registration](#) must take place within 2 weeks of moving into the [apartment](#); personal appearance by prior appointment is required for all persons to be registered (booking of an appointment by calling 115)
- **Residence registration / [reregistration](#) / deregistration** (move within Germany)  
These matters are to be handled in writing.
- **Information on civil register** (*Meldebescheinigung*)  
The certificate from the civil register which is needed e.g. for the application of child benefits, can be applied for in writing.
- **Authentication of documents**  
Such certification does confirm that the content of the copy is identical to the original document, but not the authenticity or validity of the original. Authentications of foreign documents are only made for presentation to a German authority.
- **Declaration of commitment** ([Verpflichtungserklärung](#))  
Such declaration is needed for the issuance of a Schengen visa to invited persons. The procedure requires personal appearance by prior appointment (booking of an appointment by calling 115)
- **Registration of motor vehicle**  
Book an [appointment](#)  
  
Under certain conditions, the new registration of a vehicle is also possible online.  
Find out more: [Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure](#)
- etc.

## Addresses

### **BürgerServiceCenter-Mitte** (city center)

Pelzerstr. 40

28195 Bremen

Phone: 0421.115

[bscmittle@buergeramt.bremen.de](mailto:bscmittle@buergeramt.bremen.de)

Book an [appointment](#)

### **BürgerServiceCenter-Stresemannstrasse**

Stresemannstr. 48

28207 Bremen

Phone: 0421.361-88696

[bscstre@buergeramt.bremen.de](mailto:bscstre@buergeramt.bremen.de)

Book an [appointment](#)



## 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.

## Migrationsamt Bremen (Bremen Migration Office)

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

All clients are requested to make an appointment prior to visiting the office. Clients without appointment cannot be served.

### ➤ Issuance of residence permit

If you entered the country with a national visa for employment or self-employment or were allowed to enter without a visa because you are a [national of a certain country](#), please complete the appointment booking form [Vordruck Terminvergabe Einreise](#) and send it by email to [ref11@migrationsamt.bremen.de](mailto:ref11@migrationsamt.bremen.de). A prompt appointment will thereupon be scheduled. The residence permit will be issued if all requirements are met.

### ➤ Extension of residence permit

[Details on the procedure](#)

### ➤ Electronic Residence Title (eAT)

Approx. 2 to 4 weeks after the application for or the extension of a residence title at the migration office, the so-called PIN letter from the Federal Printing Office in Berlin will inform you that the eAT is ready. The eAT itself will be sent by registered mail.

### ➤ Residence consequences BREXIT

[Details](#)

## Address

Migrationsamt Bremen  
Behördenzentrum  
Stresemannstr. 48  
28207 Bremen  
Phone: 0421.361-88630  
[office@migrationsamt.bremen.de](mailto:office@migrationsamt.bremen.de)

Public transport: Bus line 25 / Bus stop ‚Steubenstraße / Behördenzentrum‘



## Shopping Hours

The Bremen Shop Closing Act ([Bremisches Ladenschlussgesetz](#)) provides that shops may be 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.

In recent years, many classical full-service branches of German banks have been converted to ATM branches with cash machines and self-service terminals that can partly be used around the clock.

Dedicated branches of [Deutsche Post](#) 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. In this case, the business hours correspond to the store's shop hours.

On Sundays and public holidays, only shops at railway stations and airports are open as well as some determined pharmacies and shops at petrol stations on a reduced range of goods. Kiosks, bakeries (unless it is a bakery café), flower and farm shops may be opened for 3 hours. All other shops are closed on Sundays and public holidays.

On 24 December (Christmas Eve) and on 31 December (New Year's Eve), shops have to close at 2 pm at the latest, if these days fall on a business day.

## 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.

## Local Radio and TV Channel

As the smallest of nine German public broadcasting institutions, the local broadcast channel [Radio Bremen](#) 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 like [Buten un Binnen](#) 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 EUR 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 EUR p.m., 9 to 19: 17.50 EUR p.m., 20 to 49: 35.00 EUR p.m., etc.).

Homeowners, tenants and companies have to register without request. Registrations can be made online: [Private household](#) / [Company](#)

## 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. For example, detailed information on essential insurance coverage such as personal liability insurance or household insurance can be obtained here.

Please [book an appointment](#) prior to your visit.

### Address

Verbraucherzentrale Bremen

Beratungszentrum Bremen

Altenweg 4

28195 Bremen

Phone: 0421.160777

[info@verbraucherzentrale-bremen.de](mailto:info@verbraucherzentrale-bremen.de)

### Consultation hours:

Mon – Thur      10 am – 4 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	EUR
Base rent ( <i>Kaltmiete</i> ), e.g. 60 sqm unfurnished, good residential area, approx.	600
<u>plus</u> extra charges ( <i>Nebenkosten</i> ), approx.	170
Overall rent ( <i>Warmmiete</i> ) payable to landlord	770
<u>plus</u> 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

- Real estate agents (*Makler*) offer their services against broker's fee (two months' rent plus 19% VAT) on the principle 'who orders, pays'.
- Real estate websites like [Immonet](#), [Immopool](#), [Immo Scout 24](#), [Immowelt](#), [Wohnungsbörse](#), etc. not only provide rent and purchase offers but all kinds of information around housing.
- Bremen's housing societies [GEWOBA](#), [BREBAU](#), [ESPABAU](#) etc. offer reasonably priced accommodation.
- Rental adverts are published in the local newspaper Weser-Kurier both [online](#) and in the Saturday print edition.
- Private offers can also be found on the [electronic bulletin board](#) of the Bremen city portal (⇒ *Wohnungs-/Mietangebote*)
- Furnished accommodations are offered by agencies like [HomeCompany Bremen](#) or [MIBEA](#) and can be searched online using the keyword '*Möbliertes Wohnen Bremen*'.



## Average Residential Rent in Bremen

The below 2021 data, representing monthly base rents excl. extra charges, were ascertained by an appraisal of rental adverts in the WESER-KURIER from September to December 2020. The average rental amount was calculated on the basis of an unweighted mean value.



Legend	District	Average 2021 EUR / sqm
A	Bremen-West	8.27
B	Bremen-Mitte/-Nordost	9.43
C	Bremen-Südost	7.64
D	Bremen-Süd	8.14
E	Bremen-Nord	6.82



## Average Property Purchase Prices in Bremen

The following data on selected residential areas have been taken from the [Immobilien-Kompass](#) on Capital.de.

### Prices for Condominiums\*

District		Existing Buildings Average EUR / sqm	New Buildings Average EUR / sqm
A	Findorff	2,866	_**
	Walle	2,111	3,812
B	Mitte	3,064	5,649
	Östliche Vorstadt	3,114	6,093
	Borgfeld	2,313	_**
	Horn-Lehe	2,751	4,463
	Oberneuland	2,949	4,406
	Schwachhausen	3,178	5,229
C	Vahr	2,107	_**
	Osterholz	2,014	3,042
D	Neustadt	2,558	4,347
	Huchting	1,849	3,098
E	Burglesum	1,915	3,101

### Prices for Detached Houses\*

District		Existing Buildings Average EUR / sqm	New Buildings Average EUR / sqm
A	Findorff	3,013	_**
	Walle	2,191	3,286
B	Mitte	_**	_**
	Östliche Vorstadt	2,940	_**
	Borgfeld	3,047	3,974
	Horn-Lehe	2,848	3,360
	Oberneuland	3,169	3,893
	Schwachhausen	3,408	4,119
C	Vahr	2,603	2,550
	Osterholz	2,291	2,661
D	Neustadt	2,436	_**
	Huchting	2,077	2,546
E	Burglesum	2,043	2,475

\*) Survey period 2019

\*\*) 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](#).

Further information is also provided by ‚Bundesnetzagentur für Elektrizität, Gas, Telekommunikation, Post u. Eisenbahnen‘ ([Federal Network Agency](#) / contact: [verbraucherservice-energie@bnetza.de](mailto:verbraucherservice-energie@bnetza.de)).

A Bremen based energy provider is [swb AG](#):

swb Customer Center Energy  
Domshof / Schlüsselkorb 3  
28195 Bremen  
Phone: 0421.359-3590  
Mon – Fri 9 am – 6 pm  
[Contact](#)

Find out more:

[Electricity](#)

[Natural Gas](#)

[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.

<b>swb Wasser basis</b>	<u>Fixed rate p.m.</u>	<u>Consumption price</u>
one meter	4.06 EUR	2.21 EUR / m <sup>3</sup>
each additional meter	0.80 EUR	

## Drainage

The treatment of Bremen's waste water is carried out by [hanseWasser Bremen GmbH](#).

Drainage fee: 2.54 EUR / m<sup>3</sup>





## Garbage Collection

Garbage needs to be separated in a number of ways:

Gray bins	Non-recyclable residual waste
Brown bins	Bio stuff like kitchen scraps, peels, tea bags and garden waste
Yellow bins / yellow bags	Plastic and aluminium packagings, beverage cartons and other items labelled with the 'Green Dot'
Blue bins	Newspapers, waste paper and cardboard
Bottle banks (available at road-sides and near shopping areas)	Non-returnable bottles and glass jars

Garbage collection fees are billed by [Die Bremer Stadtreinigung](#) to homeowners. If you are a property owner, please [register](#) under '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 EUR 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.

### Table of Charges

Basic fee per private household / EUR	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 EUR 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 EUR	9.37	12.47	15.89	18.79	24.55
Charge for each additional emptying EUR	5.32	5.32	7.37	9.11	5.32 / 60 l 9.11 / 120 l

(Source: Die Bremer Stadtreinigung)

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.

Each residential area has a designated day on which garbage is collected. The respective calendar for your area is available [online](#) (enter your street name and house number).

Die Bremer Stadtreinigung offers all private households the opportunity to have bulky waste (*Sperrmüll*) collected free of charge once a calendar year. The collection can be ordered by completing the [download form](#) and sending it to [info@dbb.bremen.de](mailto:info@dbb.bremen.de).

Private Bremen households can also deliver bulky waste to the recycling stations Blumenthal, Hohentor, Hulsberg and Blockland.



## Obtaining a Telephone Line

Providers of land lines in Bremen:

### Telekom Deutschland

[Private customers](#)

[Commercial customers](#)

#### Shops:

Sögestraße 1  
28195 Bremen  
Phone: 0421.4360343

Lloyd-Passage 37  
28195 Bremen  
Phone: 0421.168114

Weserpark Mall  
Hans-Bredow-Str. 19  
28307 Bremen  
Phone: 0421.48999252

Waterfront Mall  
AG-Weser-Str. 3  
28237 Bremen  
Phone: 0421.6437864

### swb AG / EWE TEL GmbH

[Private customers](#)

[Commercial customers](#)

swb Customer Center Telecommunications  
Domshof / Schüsselkorb 3  
28195 Bremen

[Contact](#)

Waterfront Mall  
AG-Weser-Str. 3  
28237 Bremen  
Phone: 0421.69684777



## 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).

### Regulations for Countries listed in Annex 11 FeV

Countries listed in [Annex 11 to the German driving license regulations](#) (*Fahrerlaubnisverordnung FeV*) 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 ([application form](#)).

### 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
- Completed [application form](#)
- 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
- possibly others

## Address

Bürgeramt Bremen  
Führerscheinstelle (*Municipal driving license office*)  
Stresemannstr. 48, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
28207 Bremen  
Phone: 0421.361-88669  
[fuehrerscheinstelle@buergeramt.bremen.de](mailto:fuehrerscheinstelle@buergeramt.bremen.de)

Consultation hours:

On appointment only

Appointments by calling 0421.115 or 0421.361-0

## 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.
- ✓ 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

Within the [Low Emission Zone](#) (LEZ) 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 (clearly indicated by the traffic sign 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 100 EUR.



## Police Services

Phone

**Emergency Call Police Department**

**110**

Central Call [Police Department  
office@polizei.bremen.de](mailto:office@polizei.bremen.de)

**0421.362-0**

### Online Police Station

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

Reports on the following offences can be made [online](#):

- [Bicycle theft](#)
- [Property damage](#)
- [Property damage to motor vehicles](#)
- [Theft of documents](#)

### **Centralized Contact Points for Reporting Offences**

Due to the current pandemic situation, reports on offences can personally only be made in the following police stations:

#### Police Station City Center

Beim Handelsmuseum 1  
28195 Bremen  
Mon – Fri 8 am – 8 pm  
Sat 10 am – 6 pm  
Sun 10 am – 6 pm

#### Police Station Schwachhausen

Parkallee 160  
28213 Bremen  
Mon – Fri 8 am – 8 pm  
Sat 10 am – 6 pm

#### Police Station North (Vegesack)

Kirchheide 51  
28757 Bremen  
Mon – Sat 10 am – 6 pm

In addition, the Bremen Police Department offers a temporary telephone reporting service:

Phone

**0421.362-12700**

Service availability

Mon – Fri 6 am – 10 pm  
Sat 8 am – 8 pm  
Sun 10 am – 6 pm





## Emergency Services

Phone

**Emergency Call Fire Department**

**112**

**Ambulance (Emergency Doctor)**

**112**

### Medical Emergency Service

**116 117**

Medical treatment outside GP consultation hours

#### Ärztlicher Bereitschaftsdienst Bremen

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

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

#### Ärztlicher Bereitschaftsdienst Bremen-Nord

Address: Klinikum Bremen-Nord  
Hammersbecker Str. 228, 28755 Bremen

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

### **Pediatric Emergency Service**

#### Kinder- und Jugendärztlicher Bereitschaftsdienst Bremen-Stadt

**0421.3404444**

Address: Prof.-Hess-Kinderklinik (side entrance)  
Friedrich-Karl-Str. 68, 28205 Bremen

Service hours: Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri 7 pm – 11 pm  
Wed 3 pm – 11 pm  
Sat/Sun/Holiday 8 am – 11 pm  
After 11 pm, please contact the reception  
of Prof.-Hess-Kinderklinik.

#### Kinder- und Jugendärztlicher Bereitschaftsdienst Bremen-Nord

**0421.6606-1800**

Address: Klinikum Bremen-Nord  
Hammersbecker Str. 228, 28755 Bremen

Service hours: Wed 5 pm – 7 pm  
Sat/Sun/Holiday 10 am – 12 noon  
5 pm – 7 pm



**Dental Emergency Service****0421.12233**

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

**Pharmacy Emergency Service**

Availability: [www.bremen.de/leben-in-bremen/gesundheit/apothekensuche](http://www.bremen.de/leben-in-bremen/gesundheit/apothekensuche)  
[www.aponet.de/service/notdienstapotheke-finden/suchergebnis/0/28195.html](http://www.aponet.de/service/notdienstapotheke-finden/suchergebnis/0/28195.html)

**Poison Emergency Call****0551.19240****Patient Transport Ambulance**[Akut Ambulanz](#)**0421.69108910**[info@akut-ambulanz.de](mailto:info@akut-ambulanz.de)[MEDITEAM Krankentransporte Bremen](#)

0421.66599665

[info@mediteam-bremen.de](mailto:info@mediteam-bremen.de)[Sinus Ambulance](#)**0421.17540004****Veterinary Emergency Service****0421 12211**

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

**Find out more:**

The local newspaper Weser-Kurier provides a comprehensive [directory of emergency services](#).



## Physician Search Service

[Kassenärztliche Vereinigung Bremen](#)

[Arzt-Auskunft Stiftung Gesundheit](#)

## Hospitals

The following 4 state-run hospitals are members of the hospital group [Gesundheit Nord](#):

### [Klinikum Bremen-Mitte](#)

*(Bremen's biggest hospital providing maximum medical care)*

St.-Jürgen-Str. 1, 28205 Bremen

Phone: 0421.497-0

[info@gesundheitsnord.de](mailto:info@gesundheitsnord.de)

### [Klinikum Bremen-Ost](#)

Züricher Str. 40, 28325 Bremen

Phone: 0421.408-0

[info@gesundheitsnord.de](mailto:info@gesundheitsnord.de)

### [Klinikum Links der Weser](#)

Senator-Wessling-Str. 1, 28277 Bremen

Phone: 0421.879-0

[info@gesundheitsnord.de](mailto:info@gesundheitsnord.de)

### [Klinikum Bremen-Nord](#)

Hammersbecker Str. 228, 28755 Bremen

Phone: 0421.6606-0

[info@gesundheitsnord.de](mailto:info@gesundheitsnord.de)

### [Freie Kliniken Bremen](#) (NGO)

### [DIAKO Ev. Diakonie-Krankenhaus](#)

Gröpelinger Heerstr. 406-408, 28239 Bremen

Phone: 0421.6102-0

[info@diako-bremen.de](mailto:info@diako-bremen.de)

### [St. Joseph-Stift](#)

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

Phone: 0421.347-0

[info@sjs-bremen.de](mailto:info@sjs-bremen.de)

### [Rotes Kreuz Krankenhaus](#)

St.-Pauli-Deich 24, 28199 Bremen

Phone: 0421.5599-0

[info@roteskreuzkrankenhaus.de](mailto:info@roteskreuzkrankenhaus.de)

### [Roland-Klinik](#)

Niedersachsendamm 72-74, 28201 Bremen

Phone: 0421.8778-0

[info@roland-klinik.de](mailto: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](mailto:info@vhs-bremen.de)

### [Aristoteles Institut](#)

Argonnenstr. 3  
28211 Bremen  
Phone: 0421.15190  
[institut@aristoteles.de](mailto:institut@aristoteles.de)

### [CASA Internationale Sprachschule gGmbH](#)

Am Dobben 14/16  
28203 Bremen  
Phone: 0421.46041430  
[intensiv@casa-bremen.de](mailto:intensiv@casa-bremen.de)

### [DAA Deutsche Angestellten-Akademie Bremen GmbH](#)

Bürgermeister-Smidt-Str. 41  
28195 Bremen  
Phone: 0421.4303490  
[info@daa-bremen.de](mailto:info@daa-bremen.de)

### [Goethe-Institut Bremen](#)

Bibliothekstr. 7 / Glashalle  
28359 Bremen  
Phone: 0421.360810  
[bremen@goethe.de](mailto:bremen@goethe.de)

### [Inlingua Bremen](#)

Am Wall 119  
28195 Bremen  
Phone: 0421.1690303  
[info@inlingua-bremen.de](mailto:info@inlingua-bremen.de)

### **Find out more:**

[Yellow Pages: Sprachschulen](#)

[Bremen City Portal: Sprachschulen](#)



## Childcare in Bremen

In Bremen, children who are at least one year old have a legal right to day care of 20 hours (from 1 August 2021 30 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 nurseries 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 320 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 (*Kindertagespflegepersonen*) who may take care of up to 5 children at the same time. The responsible organization [PiB Pflegekinder in Bremen](#) cooperates with around 260 self-employed childminders, 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 6 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 2021 is in January 2021. 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.

All children admitted to [KiTa Bremen](#) (municipal child and family centers) must provide proof of measles vaccination.

The enrolment is to be made at the chosen facility or - for a place in a nursery - with [PiB](#). For the enrollment, the day care pass ([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 by presenting the certificate of the Bremen civil register ([Meldebescheinigung](#)) or the birth certificate.





All kindergartens, day care centers and nurseries 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 declare – together with the application – an alternative childcare request.

## **Fees**

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

Details can be obtained from the KiTa contribution service ([KiTa Beitragsservice](#)).

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

## **Find out more:**

[Kinderbetreuungskompass: General Information](#)

[Child Care Provision: Information in English](#)

[Enrollment form of KiTa Bremen](#) ( ⇒ Aufnahmeantrag and Alternativer Betreuungswunsch)

[Directory of Day Care Providers](#)

[Yellow Pages: Kindergärten](#)

[Yellow Pages: Kinderbetreuung](#)

German-English kindergartens:	<a href="#">The Toddlers</a>
	<a href="#">Punch and Judy</a>
	<a href="#">Kids at Jacobs</a>
German-Chinese kindergarten:	<a href="#">Drachenkinder</a>
German-French kindergarten:	<a href="#">Interkulturelle Schule</a>
German-Italian kindergarten:	<a href="#">Girotondo</a>
German-Spanish kindergarten:	<a href="#">Las Mariquitas</a>



## 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 public or private substitute school. The Bremen School Act ([Bremisches Schulgesetz](#)) provides for a compulsory school attendance (*Schulpflicht*) of 12 years, thereof 10 years full-time compulsory education.

### 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 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.

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

Age	Grade	University or apprenticeship	University or apprenticeship	
18	13			
17	12	<b>Abitur</b>	<b>Abitur</b>	<b>Apprenticeship diploma</b>
16	11		Upper high school	Apprenticeship & vocational school
15	10	Upper high school		<b>EBBR / MSA</b>
14	9			
13	8			
12	7	<b>Gymnasium</b> (senior high school)	<b>Oberschule</b> (high school)	<b>Oberschule</b> (high school)
11	6			
10	5			
9	4			
8	3			
7	2			
6	1			
		<b>Grundschule</b> (primary school)		
5				
4				
3		<b>Kindergarten</b>		
2				
1		<b>Childcare</b>		

(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.

## Find out more:

The Bremen Senator for Children and Education: [Bildung in Bremen](#)

Directory of public and private schools: [Bremen School Navigator](#)



## International School of Bremen

The [International School of Bremen](#) 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.

### Address

International School of Bremen  
Badgasteiner Str. 11  
28359 Bremen  
Phone: 0421.5157790  
[office@isbremen.de](mailto:office@isbremen.de)

## Studying in Bremen

### University of Bremen

The [University of Bremen](#), founded in 1971, is a medium-sized German university which offers more than 100 master's and bachelor's degrees as well as the state law exam.

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 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.

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## **WFB Wirtschaftsförderung Bremen GmbH - Bremeninvest**

[WFB Bremen / Bremeninvest](#) 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.

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**

[World Trade Center 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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## Point of Single Contact

Points of Single Contact (PSCs) aim to assist European service sector companies in navigating through legal procedures. The [PSC Bremen](#) coordinates the entire start-up process, keeps you informed about progress and monitors compliance with deadlines.

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[office@ea.bremen.de](mailto:office@ea.bremen.de)

[Online Business Registration](#) (Gewerbeanmeldung)

## 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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## Starthaus Bremen

The [Starthaus Bremen](#) is an initiative of Bremen's development bank [BAB](#) (Bremer Aufbau-Bank), a subsidiary of WFB Bremen. It offers comprehensive start-up consulting for those who are studying and already have an innovative start-up idea, would like to take over a company or are unemployed and would like to generate own income.

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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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## Bremen Chamber of Crafts

The [Chamber of Crafts](#) represents the interests of 5,300 crafts enterprises with 31,000 employees to politics and administration. In addition, it regulates and monitors vocational training in the skilled trades and provides individual advice to its member companies on numerous topics relating to business management, business start-ups, training and continuing education.

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## Employment Agency Bremen-Bremerhaven

The [Employment Agency](#) provides labor market services such as job placement and employment promotion and regulates financial compensation benefits.

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[Online Placement of Job Offer](#)



## Honorary Consulates in Bremen

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## Honorary Consulates in Bremerhaven

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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.

### 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 dates back to the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](#). 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](#), a street that is not only home to a shopping arcade but also bursting with culture.

#### b) Schnoor

Bremen's oldest district, the [Schnoor](#), is a maze of lanes lined with little 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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) Traditional Events

The [Schaffermahlzeit](#), the oldest fraternity dinner in the world, has been taking place every year since 1545 on the second Friday of February. It is held in the upper hall of the town hall for about 300 ship owners, captains, merchants, and external guests. The course of the event has always followed fixed traditions. For centuries, only men were invited, but since 2015, the Schaffermahlzeit also regularly welcomes women.

The [Eiswette](#) of 1829 has developed into a unique social event. Bets are taken on 6 January 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. The question has had the same answer for decades - but that doesn't matter. It is simply a spectacle worth seeing that draws hundreds of spectators every year.



d) [Theater am Goetheplatz and Kleines Haus](#)

The Goetheplatz Theater 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.

e) Bremer Shakespeare Company

Founded in 1983, the first and foremost aim of the [Bremer Shakespeare Company](#) 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.

f) Bremer Philharmoniker

As one of the world's most traditional orchestras with a history of almost 200 years, the [Bremer Philharmoniker](#) can be experienced practically every day during the season. Through its diverse artistic commitment, the Bremen Philharmonic Orchestra is the mainstay of music life in northwest Germany.

g) Die Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen

With its unique sound and fresh interpretations, the [Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen](#) inspires audiences around the world just as it does in Bremen. Under the direction of the Estonian star conductor Paavo Järvi, the Bremen ensemble became an international top orchestra.

h) Kunsthalle Bremen

Bremen's [Kunstverein](#) (art association) with presently over 10,000 members was one of the first in Germany. Founded in 1823 by the citizens of Bremen, it still runs the [Kunsthalle](#) art gallery 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.

i) Weserburg

The [Weserburg](#), 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.

j) [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.



k) Gerhard-Marks-Haus and Wilhelm-Wagenfeld-Haus

The sculpture museum [Gerhard-Marks-Haus](#) and the design museum [Wilhelm-Wagenfeld-Haus](#) which looks after the estate of the Bremen-born product designer and Bauhaus student Wagenfeld, are located in two former guard buildings opposite each other on Am Wall.

l) Museen Böttcherstraße

The [Böttcherstraße Museums](#) provide the architectural and cultural highlight of the Böttcherstraße ensemble. They include the Ludwig Roselius Museum, featuring exquisite furniture, carpets, wall coverings and decorative art, and the Paula Modersohn-Becker Museum, displaying masterpieces of the pioneer of modern painting.

m) Übersee-Museum

In the [Übersee-Museum](#) 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.

n) [Stadtbibliothek Bremen](#) (Bremen City Library)

As a place of lifelong learning, the City Library 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.

o) Deutsches Schiffahrtsmuseum Bremerhaven

The [German Maritime Museum](#) – Leibniz Institute for German marine history (DSM) 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](#) 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.





c) Sendesaal Bremen

The [Sendesaal Bremen](#), formerly a recording studio of the radio station Radio Bremen, is now operated as a public event center for music events. Due to its special construction, the hall has unique acoustics.

d) Metropol Theater Bremen

In 2018, the former Bremen Musical Theater was renamed in [Metropol Theater Bremen](#). For many years, the theater has captivated the audience with a diverse program of all genres.

e) GOP Varieté Theater

The architecturally outstanding [GOP Varieté Theater](#) at Bremen Überseestadt presents novel, electrifying shows, excellent food and an atmospheric ambiente.

f) Universum® Bremen

In [Universum Bremen](#) 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.

g) Weserstadion

The wohninvestWESERSTADION is the home stadium of the local football league team [WERDER BREMEN](#). It is situated on the north bank of the River Weser, only about a kilometer away from the city center.

h) 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. Find out more on [golf courses near Bremen](#).

i) Schlachte Embankment

When the sun shines down on Bremen, locals and tourists head for the [Schlachte](#) embankment 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.



j) The Viertel

If you walk down Goetheplatz to Ostertorsteinweg, you'll ultimately come to what people in Bremen call the [Viertel](#), 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.

k) 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](#), Historical Museum Bremerhaven and German Maritime Museum.

l) Deutsches Auswandererhaus (German Emigration Center Bremerhaven)

The [German Emigration Center](#) 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.

m) Klimahaus® Bremerhaven 8° Ost

The [Klimahaus Bremerhaven 8° Ost](#) 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.

**Find out more:**

[Bremen Tourism](#) (⇒ [Guided Tours and Trips](#))

[Bremerhaven Tourism](#)

[Portal of the Federal State of Bremen: Two Cities - One State](#)

[Bremen City Portal \(German Version\)](#)

[Bremerhaven City Portal](#)

[Bremen City Initiative](#)



## C) Relaxation

### a) Bürgerpark

The [Bürgerpark](#) 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. And a classical [open-air concert](#) traditionally marks 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. The flowering season lasts six weeks, the best time to visit is the month of May. The horticultural science center botanika 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.

### 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](#) 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.

### **Find out more:**

[Bremen - The Greenest Major City in Germany](#)

[Parks in Bremen](#)



## Bremen's Calendar of Events

Below we have compiled some highlights of events taking place throughout the year. Due to the pandemic, changes or cancellations may occur.

### January

[Bremen Sixdays](#)

[Bremen Tattoo Marching Band Festival](#)

### February

[Bremen Classic Motor Show](#)

[Bremen Samba Carnival](#)

### March

[Osterwiese Fun Fair](#)

### April

[jazzahead! music fair and festival](#)

### May

[Poetry on the Road](#)

### June

[La Strada International Street Performance Festival](#)

### July

[Summer in Lesmona - Picnic with World Class Orchestra](#)

[Breminale Festival](#)

[International Maritime Festival](#)

### August

[Musikfest Bremen - Classical Music Festival](#)

[Shakespeare in the Park](#)

### September

[Maritime Week on the Weser](#)

[Music and Light at Hollersee](#)

### October

[Bremen Marathon](#)

[986<sup>th</sup> Bremer Freimarkt Fun Fair](#)

### November / December

[Bremen Christmas Market](#) and [Schlachte Zauber Historical Winter Spectacle](#)

**Complete events calendars are available here:**

[Top Events in Bremen](#)

[Weser Kurier: Events](#)



## ANNEX

### Public German Holidays 2021

January 1	New Year's Day	entire Germany
January 6	Epiphany	only in Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria and Saxony-Anhalt
March 8	International Women's Day	only in Berlin
April 2	Good Friday	entire Germany
April 5	Easter Monday	entire Germany
May 1	Labor Day	entire Germany
May 13	Ascension Day	entire Germany
May 24	Whit Monday	entire Germany
June 3	Corpus Christi	only in Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria, Hesse, North Rhine-Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland
August 15	Assumption Day	only in Bavaria and Saarland
September 20	World Children's Day	only in Thuringia
October 3	Day of German Unity	entire Germany
October 31	Reformation Day	only in Brandenburg, Bremen, Hamburg, Lower Saxony, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, Schleswig-Holstein and Thuringia
November 1	All Saints' Day	only in Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria, North Rhine-Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saarland
November 17	Penance Day	only in Saxony
December 24	Christmas Eve	entire Germany
December 25	Christmas Day	entire Germany
December 26	2nd Christmas Day	entire Germany
December 31	New Year's Eve	entire Germany

February 15                      Carnival Monday ('*Rosenmontag*'):  
In the Rhineland area, carnival processions take place and most offices are closed.

Find out more: [Feiertage 2021](#)

### School Holidays Federal State of Bremen 2021

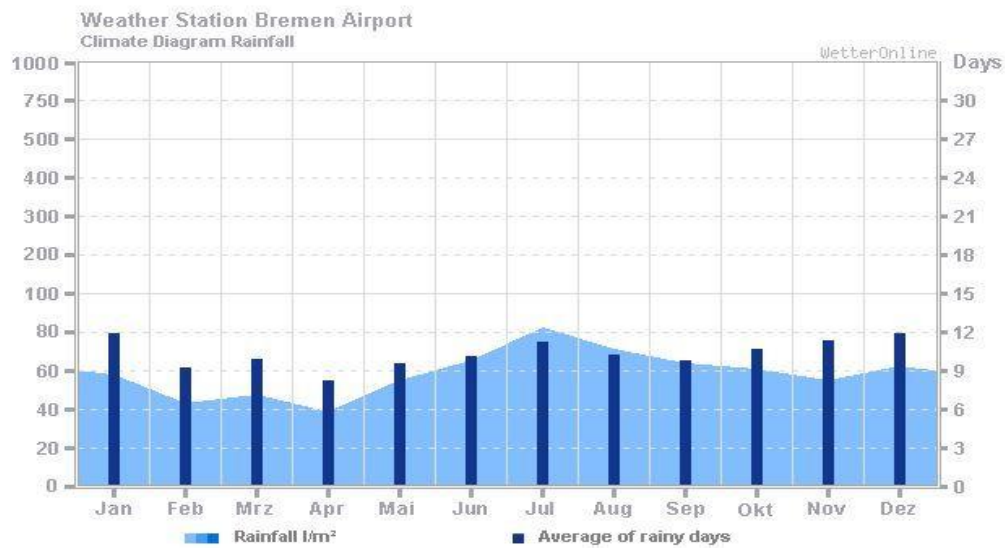
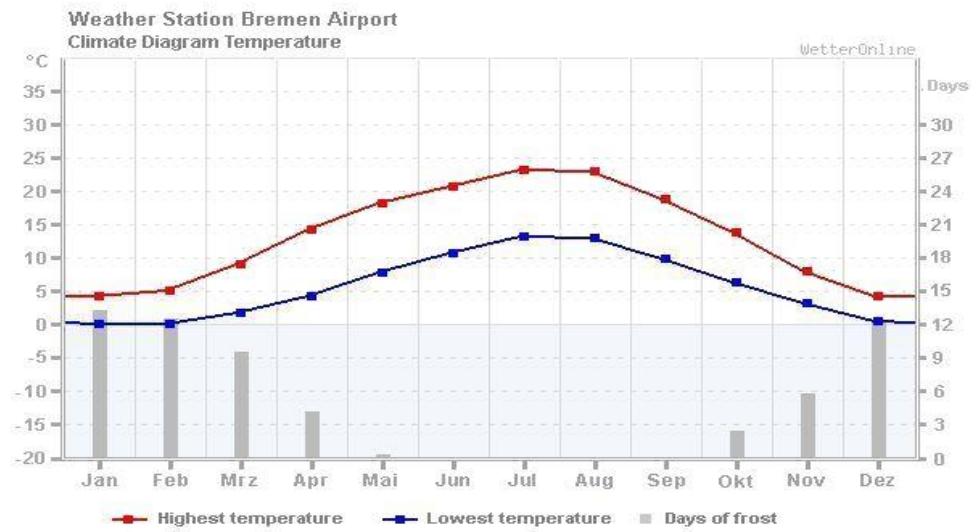
Winter	February 1 - 2
Easter	March 27 – April 10
Whitsun	May 14 and May 25
Summer	July 22 – September 1
Autumn	October 18 – 30
Christmas	December 23 – January 8, 2022

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## Climate



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