Enter the Centre













A warm welcome to the vibrant centre of Schleswig-Holstein.

Neumünster is the centre of the holiday destination Schleswig-Holstein. Located right in the middle between North Sea and Baltic Sea this vibrant city with its cultural diversity invites you to stroll through its centre and relax. "Germany's True North" presents itself as shopping city with an animal park, various fairs in and surrounding the Holstenhallen (e.g. Nordbau), concerts, art, theatre, sports and a public pool with sauna.

The shopping centre Holsten-Galerie makes the city centre even more attractive while on the southern outskirts and easy to reach the Designer Outlet Neumünster with its picturesque little alleys awaits your visit.

Neumünster is well worth a day trip and an ideal starting point for exploring the "True North". Within only an hour you can reach the North Sea, the Baltic Sea, all major highlights in holiday country Schleswig-Holstein and even the centre of the Hamburg Metropolitan Region.

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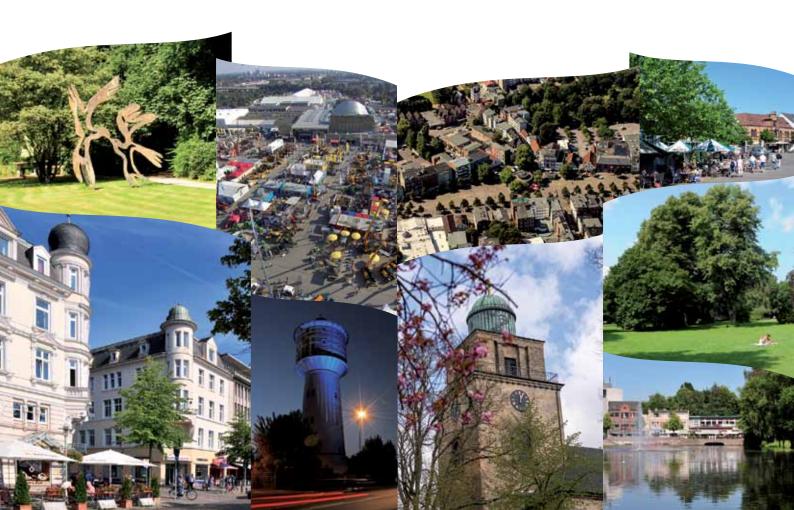
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Portrait of the City

The name of the city of Neumünster is closely linked to the Augustinian Monastery founded by Vicelin in 1127. The city was named after a church dedicated to Bartholomew - the "Novum Monasterium" (new monastery) - was erected here in 1136. Today the grand neoclassical Vicelin Church as well as the Catholic Church St.Maria-St.Vicelin still remind us of Vicelin, the founder of the monastery who was also called "Apostle of the North". The former monastery mill pond shapes the centre of the city.

During the 19th and 20th century Neumünster grew into an industrial and textile city of international importance. The still existing villas of the factory owners bear testimony to this rise. The Museum Tuch + Technik is in part dedicated to this prominent part of the city's history.

Today Neumünster presents itself as vibrant and green city in the interior of Schleswig-Holstein with a wide range of cultural and leisure activities. Many historic buildings such as the paper mill and Holsten Brewery are nowadays used for other purposes. The "Holstenhallen Neumünster" are the largest and most important exhibition halls in Schleswig-Holstein.



Shopping city Neumünster - city centre

Stroll through the city centre and check out its wide variety of boutiques and shops or visit the city's leading clothing stores, electrical retailers and furniture shops. Go window shopping along Großflecken, Lütjenstraße, Kleinflecken, Holstenstraße, Fürsthof and Markt-Passage.

The shopping mall "Holsten-Galerie" in Neumünster's city centre is a popular shopping destination. On 23.000 square metres about 90 specialty stores, cafes, restaurants and other businesses offer a unique shopping experience in a welcoming atmosphere. Entertainment is provided by a variety of activities, events and exhibitions. Stores are open Monday to Saturday from 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Due to its central location next to the main station and right in the centre of the city the Holsten-Galerie can be reached easily. Several parking decks offer 920 reasonably priced parking spaces. www.holsten-galerie.de

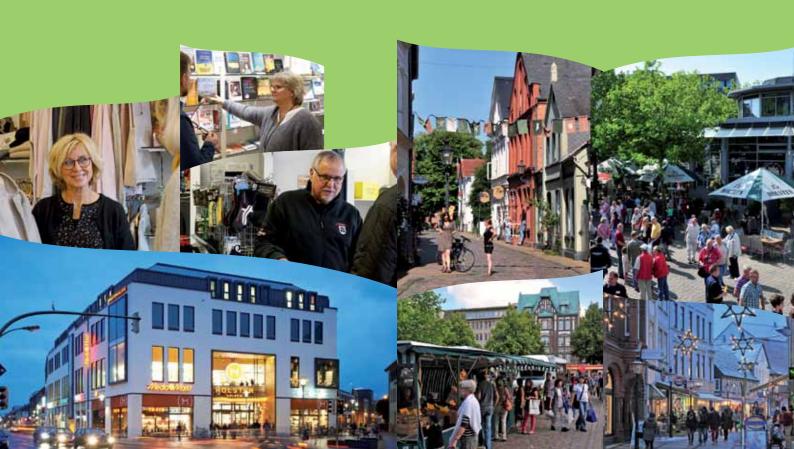


Our recommendation for stress-free parking:

Please make use of our centrally located car parks and parking lots. The parking guidance system will show you the most convenient route from any direction.

On pages 24/25 you will find a map of the city centre showing the available parking facilities or visit the website parken.neumuenster.com

The historic market square Großflecken hosts the weekly farmer's market with its great variety of regional products. Open every Tuesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each year end of November the Christmas Market is presented here.









Die Trauringmacher at goldsmith Schütt offer different options to personalize your wedding rings. You can even pretend to be a real goldsmith: make your wedding rings with your own hands under expert guidance.

www.schmuckundtrauringe.de



A listed building from 1781 is home to the **Café and Confectionery Oldehus**. The uniqueness of living tradition, creative craftsmanship and upscale gastronomy is enriched by the **Philine-Boulangerie Française** from Kiel. It offers a culinary break at any time of the day.



With its exhibitions, the **Ceramic Artist House** in the Fürsthof offers insights into contemporary ceramic art. In addition, visitors are invited to watch international ceramic artists at work. The works of art are on sale in the exhibition rooms.

www.keramikkuenstlerhaus.de



McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Neumünster is the largest designer outlet in Northern Germany. It is the area's top fashion destination for regional visitors as well as national and international tourists. Find your favourite designer brand at year-round discounts of up to 70% less than the RRP.

With its village style architecture, its cafes and restaurant, a large playground and more than 120 shops the Designer Outlet Neumünster offers something for every taste. An excellent shopping experience for the whole family! Easily reached via highway A7 and the exit Neumünster Süd.

Please check online for current opening hours: www.designeroutletneumuenster.de

The owner-operated department store Nortex Fashion Centre offers clothes for the whole family with 240 international brands in any available size on a 10.000 square metre sales floor. A huge selection of jackets and coats, evening wear, dresses, suits, shoes, sports jackets, trousers as well as country fashion for men and women guarantee a perfect shopping experience.

The fashion centre with a long tradition is known internationally for its unique selection of 103 different sizes for men and is also a specialist for plus and special sizes.

There are 600 free parking sites right at the centre - 200 of them being extra-large - as well as an on-site cafe. Special offers, fashion shows and other events are also part of the shopping experience.

www.nortex.de



On an area of 24 hectare woodland Tierpark Neumünster presents 700 animals from 85 different species in an animal-friendly environment. We are really living our motto "education through emotion".

Visitors can experience the animal park's motto "Nature-Experience-Enhancement" up close. The paths suitable for wheelchairs and the shady old trees invite visitors to take carefree walks between the spacious animal enclosures. On the large adventure playground, children can romp around on a wide variety of age-appropriate playground equipment.

Children's birthday parties in an "animal ambiance" can be celebrated here. Different types of BBQ areas can also be booked in advance for a user fee.



Opening hours:

The animal park is open daily year-round:
January, February | November, December
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
March | September, October
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
April to August
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Christmas Eve/New Year's Eve
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Ticket office closing time
is half an hour before.

Further information:

Tierpark Neumünster Geerdtsstraße 100 24537 Neumünster phone +49 (0)4321/51402 e-mail info@tierpark-neumuenster.de www.tierparkneumuenster.de



Sports, fun and relaxation

The "Bad am Stadtwald" invites you to take a break in a beautiful forest ambiance. The indoor and outdoor swimming pools are a perfect destination for a day out for the whole family, whatever the weather.

Numerous highlights are waiting to be discovered: from the 90-metre water slide with real-time measurement and light effects to the leisure pool with water jets and underwater loungers as well as the diving tower with 1-, 3- and 5-metre boards - there is something for everyone. For the little ones there is even their own realm in the baths where they can play to their hearts' content in the well-tempered and colourful children's pool with slide.

A unique feature in Schleswig-Holstein is the modern convertible roof which opens when the sun shines and allows you to swim in the open.

The open-air swimming pool also warmly invites young and old. There, among other things a shallow-sloping children's pool, gargoyles and a separate toddlers' area covered with a sun sail offer all the amenities

And if you want to relax at the end of a successful day enjoy yourself in the sauna world of the Bad im Stadtwald. Sauna visitors can choose from the following four sauna options: the herbal sauna on the rooftop terrace with changing fragrances, a sanarium with changing colours, a Finnish sauna and a steam bath. An individual massage rounds off the feel-good programme.

Opening hours:

The public pool "Bad am Stadtwald"

is open daily:

Monday 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Opening hours:

The sauna area

is open daily: Monday to Sunday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. "Women only" sauna on Mondays 4 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Further information:

Bad am Stadtwald Hansaring 177 24534 Neumünster phone +49 (0)4321/202-580 www.bad-am-stadtwald.de



Museum Tuch + Technik

How is wool spun to garn? How are fabrics woven? In the Museum "Tuch + Technik" visitors can take a journey through time, experiencing the main principles of cloth manufacture and learning how they have remained unchanged from the Iron Age to the present day. 2,000 years of of textile history are presented here. Visitorsof any age can even try their hand at being clothworkers by weaving and scratching wool or analyzing fibers through a microscope.

The machines used for making cloth during the industrial age are particularly impressive. More than 20 metres in length and three metres in height, the "Dreikrempelsatz" (triple unit carding set) is the machine upon which wool flocks were woven into loose threads. On the old industrial looms, located within the museum's walls, the shuttles can be seen dashing backwards and forwards making soft plaids, scarves and tea towels that visitors can later purchase in the museum shop.



Opening times:

Museum Tuch + Technik Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Mondays.

Special offers:

Guided tours, activity programmes, creative workshops, children's birthday parties, room rentals

Further information:

Museum Tuch + Technik Kleinflecken 1 24534 Neumünster phone +49 (0)4321-55958-0 www.tuchundtechnik.de

Gerisch sculpture park "Where is Arcadia?"

The Gerisch sculpture park is a unique place for art and nature lovers. It combines a landscape park, sculptures and extensive artistic installations in a beautiful ambiance.

The historic park with its art nouveau villa, the Gerisch gallery as well as the carriage house and other spaces were all renovated by the founder's couple Brigitte and Herbert Gerisch. They offer enough space for complex exhibitions and other kinds of events. Visitors can explore contemporary painting, graphic art, photography, sculptures and video art as well as avant-garde sculptures.

The art-café Harry Maasz offers delicious coffee and home-made cakes and enough space for visitors to think and talk about the current exhibitions.



Opening hours:

Wednesday to Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and by arrangement Winter break from the end of December until mid March

Diverse programme of events, regular Sunday guided tours, artist and curator talks, concerts, special offers for school classes, individual group tours by arrangement.



KulturLokschuppen Railway history you can touch

The railway is inextricably linked with Neumünster's rise as a city. Even today, seven railway lines converge in Neumünster. The central north-south axes between Hamburg, Kiel, Flensburg and Denmark pass through the town in the heart of Schleswig-Holstein as well as the lines towards Heide, Bad Oldesloe and Kaltenkirchen The KulturLokschuppen Neumünster on the site of the former railway depot is a fitting tribute to Neumünster's great railway history.

Experience locomotives and wagons of all kinds up close and personal, watch the volunteers of the association restoring historic vehicles or marvel at the function of the listed ballast turntable - the "KulturLokschuppen" Neumünster offers living railway history on a scale of 1:1!

Opening hours: The KulturLokschuppen Neumünster is only open on weekends: Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday by individual arrangement only for groups of at least 10 people. Opening hours on working days are planned after the completion of the extensive renovationwork. **Special tours:** Special trips with historic vehicles are offered throughout northern Germany. Please check online for current announcements and more information: www.kulturlokschuppen.de For more information: KulturLokschuppen Neumünster Brückenstraße 16-18 24537 Neumünster phone +49 (0)4873/973255

Public guided tours of the city

From May to October every first Saturday of the month. Meeting time and place:
10 a.m. at Vicelin Church
Public tours are offered free of charge;
max. number of people in a group is 30.

Individual guided tours of the city

Different tours and topics are offered by arrangement, for example one of the following: special tours for children, themed tours such as the "Stolpersteine", women in Neumünster, industrial cultural heritage, in the footsteps of Fallada or Caspar von Saldern (in costume), green Neumünster, water in Neumünster, guided tours in Englisch or Swedish.

Prices and registration/further information: Urte Grode - coordinating tour quide, phone +49 (0)4321/5133

Exploring the city

You want to explore Neumünster on your own? Find out more about important houses, historical sites, streets and squares in Neumünster. Or check out the industrial cultural heritage of the city.

The brochures 40 City Spots – A walk trough Neumünster's inner city and Route of industrial heritage: 25 industrial heritage sites can be downloaded on the following site:

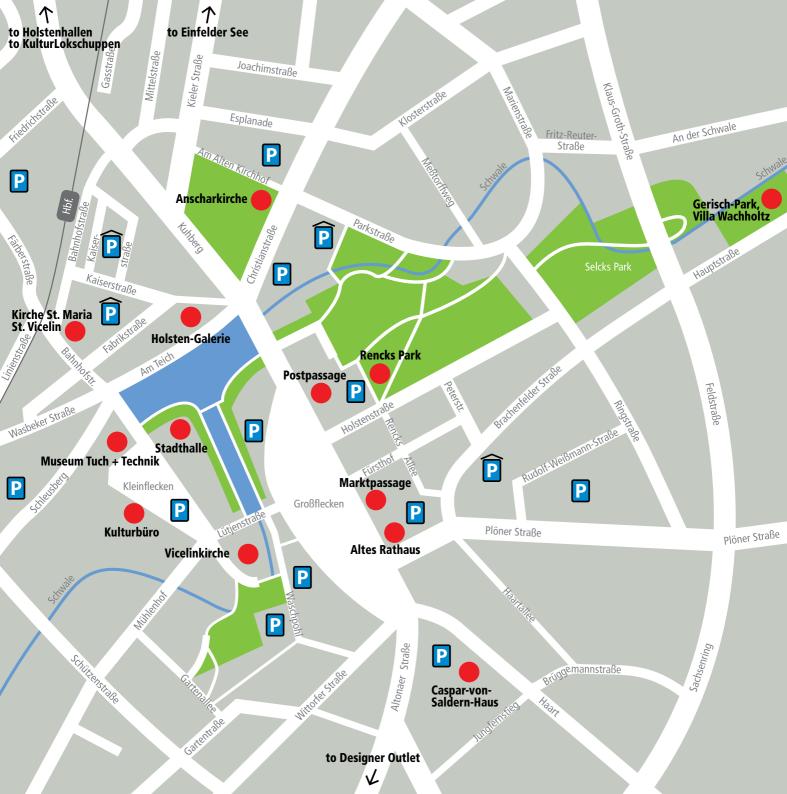
www.neumuenster.de/tourismus

Art in public spaces

Visitors of Neumünster come across more than 50 sculptures and memorials on squares and along streets of the city. The light installation "Kelvin" by Hamburg-based artist Till Nowak can be seen on the water tower. From sunrise to sunset this "lighthouse" can be seen in a red or blue shade of colour.

www.sh-kunst.de/ort/neumuenster





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Vicelin Church

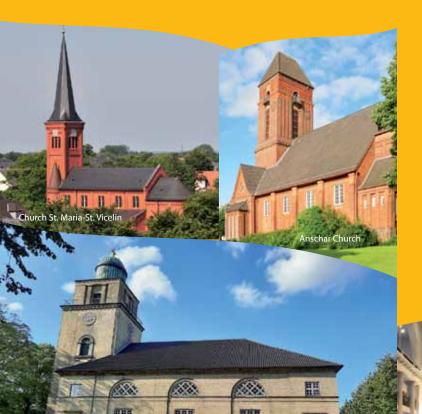
Vicelin Church

From 1829 to 1834, this Protestant church was built in the strict classical style according to the plans of Christian Frederik Hansen, the chief architect of Copenhagen. Style. It is regarded as the most important building and even the landmark of Neumünster.

Church St. Maria-St. Vicelin

In 1893 the Catholic church St.Maria-St.Vicelin in Neumünster was inaugurated. The church was designed by architect Emil Brettschneider and built in neo-romanticism style. It was untouched by the effects of war and completely renovated in 1965.

www.seliger-eduard-mueller.de



Anschar Church

Architect Hans Roß designed the second Protestant church in Neumünster which was inaugurated at Christianstraße in 1913. The church was hit by bombs in November 1944 and burnt down completely. Architect Fritz Hain Sr. who had also overseen the first construction phase before the war rebuilt it in a much simpler design. It was inaugurated on February 25, 1951.

www.anscharkirche.de

Church music

Church music plays an important role in all three churches and congregations and enriches the cultural programme of the city. Choral music, oratorios and cantata services have been presented in Neumünster for decades. During ecumenical services the choirs perform and celebrate together. The old-established Bach Choir was founded 80 years ago. Since 2022 the Vicelin community hosts the annual "Bachwoche Neumünster", an event dedicated to the works of Bach.



Climbing the tower of the Vicelin Church and guided tours of the church

By arrangement on Friday at 5 p.m. (not on church holidays). Contact: Pastor Bremer Phone +49 (0)4321/42792 E-Mail pastorin.bremer@email.de Please note that the tower is not barrier-free (steep staircase), please check online for more information:

www.vicelinweg.de

Church services

Please check online for the times of the church services for the different congregations (Protestant Lutheran, Roman Catholic, non-denominational) in Neumünster: www.kirche-nms.de



Kunstflecken - an extraordinary culture festival

Each year in September the city of Neumünster celebrates a huge cultural festival. For three weeks music lovers can experience a capella concerts, world music, jazz, cabaret shows, poetry slams and other performances.

Not only the outstanding artists attract a huge crowd but also the unique setting of the venues. The main stage is set up in the museum warehouse "Werkhalle" in between historical weaving looms and machinery from the early 20th century. Various exhibitions take place in former industry buildings like old factories and breweries. This way the festival called "Kunstflecken" also refers to the long history of the city.

By now the culture festival Kunstflecken is an established event in the cultural landscape of Schleswig-Holstein and attracts visitors from all over Northern Germany. Exhibitions and some events are admission free, such as the street music festival "BaDaBoom". Other events are well worth the price of a ticket.

Kulturbüro: phone +49 (0)4321/942-3316 www.neumuenster.de/kultur www.kunstflecken.de



Enjoying culture in Neumünster

For culture enthusiasts the theatre in the civic centre at Kleinflecken square is a top address. Throughout the year you can experience theatre, concerts, operettas, ballet, poetry slams and cabaret. Programme and tickets are available at the "Kulturbüro", the city's office of arts and culture.

Kulturbüro: phone +49 (0)4321/942-3316 www.neumuenster.de/kultur

Furthermore the "Niederdeutsche Bühne Neumünster" has been performing entertaining plays here in Low German language since 1923. The independent "Statt-Theater" delights its audience with its own and modern productions and cabaret.

Neumünster is one of the venues of the Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival. Well-known conductors, orchestras and even international stars are acclaimed each summer when performing at the Holstenhallen, making your vacation even more enjoyable.

Live music enthusiasts should have a look at the programme of Neumünster's Jazz Club, the culture association KDW, Volkshaus Tungendorf and Caspar-von-Saldern house. A rich variety of music including jazz, blues, rock, folk or classical music is guaranteed in these venues.

www.niederdeutsche-buehne-neumuenster.de www.statttheater.de www.shmf.de www.jazzclub-neumuenster.de



Holstenköste

The Holstenköste is one of the highlights in Neumünster's calendar. This four-day fair held in June offers an extensive programme: street fair booths, a Ferris wheel and food stalls as well as live music and art acts. Children and adults can participate in the Holstenkösten-run. Other events include a special area for children, a flea market, an open-air church service and a vintage car rally.

www.koeste.de

Stoffköste

In spring and autumn the popular Stoffköste market takes place on the Kleinflecken. More than 100 expert fabric dealers are happy to help you decide between cotton jersey, linen and silk. Food and drinks are also offered.

Schlemmerköste

Neumünster is transformed into a gourmet paradise. Numerous food trucks from the region will be serving burgers, burritos and Belgian waffles, but also national specialities such as African finger food.

Weinköste

Enjoy the laid-back atmosphere during the Weinköste market along the mill pond. Here you can enjoy a wide variety of wines produced by winegrowers from different regions of Germany, Austria and France.

Bierköste

Once a year, craft beer lovers and connoisseurs as well as soon-to-be beer lovers gather in the city centre. Numerous breweries present their handcrafted beers. Additional events offer the opportunity to gain a deeper insight into the craft beer scene.

www.city-nms.de

Weihnachtsmarkt

From late November until Christmas Eve the main square Großflecken is turned into a colourful Christmas wonderland with a skating rink and many food stands. A cosy market atmosphere is created by the Christmas goods and culinary specialities presented here. Children love the merry-go-round - and sometimes even Santa Claus drops by. www.neumuenster.de/weihnachtsmarkt



Outdoor recreation such as walking, hiking, nordic walking, cycling, horseback riding and carriage rides are highly popular in Neumünster, the main spots being the gardens and parks of the inner city, the municipal forest, Lake Einfeld and the bog Dosenmoor.

Many routes are connected to the surrounding route network making Neumünster an ideal starting point for tours or daytrips. Athletic visitors can choose from a large variety of leisure activities such as fishing, swimming, stand up paddleboarding, beach volleyball, draisines (a kind of rail trolley), golf courses, a high ropes course, a skatepark, indoor soccer or an airfield.



Cycling city Neumünster

Starting from Neumünster you can take different cycle routes within bike-friendly Schleswig-Holstein. The city offers a great cycle path network with short trips into the surrounding countryside as well as some excellent circular routes.

Take the famous Ochsenweg for example: this tour takes you back into the era of crusades and pilgrimages. In the 16th century cattle herds were driven to Hamburg and on to the Netherlands along this route and Neumünster grew into an important market city. Today you can enjoy this historical tour on your bike.

A cycle tour in the footsteps of Saint Vicelin.

In the "Vicelinweg" brochure and at www.vicelinweg.de you will find stories about the history, life and work of St. Vicelin. A lot of information, for example, about overnight accommodation or rest points, is available on mobile devices.





Neumünster for walkers, hikers, nordic walkers and cyclists

The city forest, the Schwale valley with the monastery island and Rencks Park, the bog Dosenmoor and Lake Einfeld are popular local recreation areas. For more athletic visitors the nordic walking trails offer several routes with three circuits which are interconnected by walking trails.



The "Garden Route between the Seas" is marked as walking trail throughout the city.

Lake Einfeld

Along the northern edge of the city glacial Lake Einfeld with its 8 kilometre loop is a popular destination for walkers, joggers, nordic walking fans and cyclists. Swimming, stand up paddleboarding, playing beach volleyball or relaxing - all of this can be done at the beach along the lake's eastern shore. The cafes and restaurants located directly at the lake are great rest points. Bike paths and hiking trails from here are leading towards Kiel or into the scenic surrounding countryside. A section of tour "Vicelinweg" also runs along Lake Einfeld.



Neumünster is a very green city, even in the centre: Rencks Park, the areas surrounding the pond and the monastery island invite visitors to stay a bit longer. The municipal forest, a so-called "Naturerlebnisraum" offers an intense experience of nature. The 520-hectare Dosenmoor is located on the outskirts of the city and is easily easily accessible by bike or public transport. It has been a nature reserve since 1981.

Municipal forest

Neumünster's municipal forest "Stadtwald" covers an area of 119 hectare and is the second largest "Naturerlebnisraum" in Schleswig-Holstein. Here you can experience nature at its best. The brochure "Geschichten aus dem Stadtwald" (which translates as "Stories from the municipal forest") offers interesting insights into the cultural and historical aspects of this park and forest landscape.

Einfelder Sehpunkte

The brochure "Sehpunkte" with its 20 spots around Lake Einfeld explains the culture and history of the lake with its villages Einfeld and Mühbrook.

Dosenmoor

The raised bog includes both well-preserved areas and rewetted areas that are increasingly being transformed back into a healthy ecosystem. Walking routes of different lengths lead through the nature reserve. The Dosenmoor Information Centre has its headquarters in the former peat factory and offers guided tours of the nature reserve, both public and by arrangement.



Garden Routes

The "Garden Routes between the Seas" give an impression of Schleswig-Holstein's garden culture and invite you to visit the gardens and parks situated between the North Sea and Baltic Sea.

The route starting in Neumünster is called "Zu grünem Werk und Ernteglück" which translates as "Green Creations and Harvest Joys" and combines beauty and functionality. Starting in Neumünster the route takes you to the beautiful countryside around Lake Einfeld and to the monastery island of Bordesholm. This very journey was made in 1327 by Augustinian canons escaping the bustle of Neumünster by moving their monastery to Bordesholm.

Memories of the city's industrial growth around 1900 come alive here, as factory owners created their architectonically and historically valuable private villas in extensive gardens. Other gardens served as recreation space for the workers. Fruit farms helped provision the city, for example the fruit meadow at Kieler Straße.



The "Garden Route between the Seas" is marked as walking trail throughout the city.



The importance of Neumünster as commercial centre and traffic junction shaped the city's hospitality industry. Many restaurants started off as inns and travellers who came by carriage or stagecoach and their horses were catered for here. The historic Café Oldehus at Großflecken for example started off as an inn.

Eat & enjoy

Neumünster offers the culinary variety of a vibrant city. From international cuisine to typical home-style cooking from the Holstein region or a selection of snacks and fast cuisine. Let yourself be spoiled! The *Wittorfer Brauerei* is the first brewery in Neumünster for more than 30 years, with its own brewing plant, beer garden and sale from the cold store.

Meetings and conventions

Neumünster is an ideal location for business meetings and conventions. Our experts offer a wide variety of venues, conference hotels and many ideas for your supporting programme.

Staying the night

Neumünster offers the choice of hotels and guesthouses you expect from a city: modern conference hotels, cosy family-run businesses, holiday homes or apartments and youth hostels - pick one!

www.neumuenster-tourismus.de/uebernachten



Trade fairs and congresses in Neumünster

Neumünster is a trade fair, conference and congress city. The Holstenhallen Neumünster, the Holstenhallen Congress Center, which as completed in 2022, and the Dr. Uwe-Harder-Stadthalle are home to over 1,000 events each year.

As the largest event centre in Schleswig-Holstein, the Holstenhallen offer 14,000 m² of contiguous hall space and an outdoor area of over 80,000 m². They offer space for all kinds of events. There is room for large trade and public fairs as well as congresses, conferences, balls, concerts and show events.

The Holstenhallen Congress Center (HCC) was completed in 2022. A modular partition wall system allows for a variety of different room concepts. Ideal for holding conferences and congresses with the most modern conference concepts, large plenary halls, various workshop rooms and a spacious catering and exhibition area are offered.

The Dr. Uwe Harder City Hall was built in 1984 and serves as a cultural centre in Neumünster's city centre. It has a 550 m² ballroom, three conference rooms and a theatre hall for up to for up to 570 guests. The hall's own underground car park is very convenient for visitors.

Annual fairs at the Holstenhallen Neumünster:

- NordBau Northern Europe's largest construction trade fair
- Outdoor hunting and nature
- Classic Car Days Schleswig-Holstein
- art fair HOLSTENART

Horse city Neumünster

"Events about horses" are an integral part of Neumünster's calendar of events. As early as 1951 the first horse show was held in the Holstenhallen, thus starting the long tradition of "horse events" in the heart of Schleswig-Holstein.

In addition to the VR Classics, an international horse show with World Cup status, the Holsteiner Verband, the Trakehner Verband and the Pferdestammbuch Schleswig-Holstein und Hamburg e. V. also hold their internationally important approvals every year. The "Ball der Pferdefreunde" (Horse Friends Ball) with over 6,000 visitors is the traditional annual meeting of the horse scene in the Holstenhallen.

The NordPferd is Northern Germany's largest equestrian sports fair. It takes place in spring and complements the extensive programme of the Holstenhallen.

Please check online for a current calendar of events or more information: www.holstenhallen.com



Our neighbours

Its central location makes Neumünster the ideal starting point for a holiday in Schleswig-Holstein: to the East you will find the hilly region "Holsteinische Schweiz" with its more than 200 lakes and the watersports centre Plön. A little further on, the beaches on the Baltic Sea beckon. To the west of the city you will find the rural idyll of the Aukrug Nature Park, and to the north the Kiel Canal. And a little more than a tidal range away: low tide and high tide on the North Sea. Kiel Sailing-City and Hamburg - the gateway to the world - can both be reached in about half an hour.









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