

GETTING HERE AND AROUND

TRAIN STATIONS

The Altstadt Bahnhof (Old Town Railway Station) and Hauptbahnhof (Main Railway Station) are within walking distance of the city centre.

www.osnabruecker-land.de/planen/anreise

PARKING

An overview of all public car parks, e-charging stations and live-capacity can be found online.

www.parken-osnabrueck.de

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Osnabrück has a well-connected bus network.

Information on tickets and prices and a journey planner are available online.

www.stadtwerke-osnabrueck.de/mobilitaet

BICYCLES

The Radstation (bike station) at the Main Railway Station offers a wide range of rental bikes, children's bikes, e-bikes and rollfiets for wheelchair users as well as secure bike parking.

www.radstation-osnabrueck.de

EVENT CALENDAR

From concerts and theatre to exhibitions and family entertainment: you can find all events in Osnabrück and the Osnabrück region in the OSkalender.

www.os-kalender.de



Tourist Information Osnabrück | Osnabrück Land

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Email: tourist-information@marketingosnabrueck.de

Mon. to Fri. 9:30 am - 6 pm, Sat. 10 am - 3:45 pm

www.erleben.osnabrueck.de/de/ankommen

Accommodation Booking Service

Tel. 0541 323-4567

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Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 - 17:00, Fri. 8:30 - 16:00

www.osnabruecker-land.de/planen/buchen

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ALL WEATHER FAMILY FUN

Lots of weatherproof fun and recreation are waiting for you at the **Nettebad** leisure complex. With multiple indoor and outdoor pools and the largest waterslide park in Northern Germany, the Nettebad has lots of excitement in store for anyone looking to make a splash. Next door, the 9 individually-themed saunas of the **Loma-Sauna** provide a thoroughly relaxing experience. If living life in the fast lane is more your style, try competing for the fastest lap time on the **Nettedrom's** multi-level e-kart circuit and experience the thrill of sustainable racing - without compromising on speed!

North of the city centre, the Piesberg is one of Osnabrück's highest elevations and forms the centre of the **TERRA.vita Nature- and UNESCO Global Geopark**. Once a site for coal mining and still home to one of Europe's largest sandstone quarries, many geological treasures have been unearthed here over the years. An 8-kilometre-long loop trail offers spectacular views over the city and the Piesberg's canyon-like hillscape.

The nearby **Museum Industriekultur MIK** is located at the foot of the Piesberg on the site of a former coal mine. Its roaring steam engines and interactive exhibitions take you back in time to Osnabrück's industrial age. To get the full experience, let the glass lift take you 30 metres underground into the 300-metre-long "Hasestollen".



ENTERTAINMENT

From its historic pubs and stylish clubs to its busy festival calendar - Osnabrück is buzzing with culture, nightlife and events:

The **Osnabrück Theatre** offers a wide repertoire of operas, musicals, plays, symphony concerts, dance, and theatre for audiences of all ages.

The **OsnabrückHalle** is the city's largest event and convention centre and offers ample space for shows, concerts, conferences, trade fairs and society events.

Club events, concerts, dining and a modern hotel experience: the **Alando Palais** on the banks of the river Hase combines all of these with style and exclusive flair.

As a culture and community centre, the **Lagerhalle** next to the Heger Tor gate offers a diverse programme of music, theatre, literature, cabaret, lectures and independent cinema.

The **Rosenhof** used to be one of the city's first and most popular cinemas. Today, it is a nightlife staple as a popular club and concert location.

PLAN AHEAD WITH OUR EVENT CALENDAR:

In Osnabrück, there are always plenty of opportunities to meet friends, explore, have fun, and watch night turn into day. You can find all venues, dates and events online in our OSkalender.



FOOD & DRINK

Osnabrück is a place where good food is appreciated and interpreted in many different ways: lively street cafés, a diverse pub scene, regionally grown quality products and several Michelin-starred restaurants cater to even the most diverse tastes.

For small moments of culinary pleasure, treat yourself to a visit to one of the weekly **farmers markets** that take place in the city centre: at the cathedral (Saturdays) and at the Ledenhof (Thursdays). If regionality and sustainability are important to you, you also mustn't miss out on the cafés around the **Redlingerstrasse**. They offer largely vegan and vegetarian menus and locally-roasted coffee.

The culinary delights waiting for you along the **Krahnstrasse** are no less extensive. It is Osnabrück's place-to-be for foodies and gourmets. Here you will find upscale restaurants, bakeries and patisseries as well as a delicatessen. In recent years, the kitchen of local star chef Thomas Bühner has spawned an up-and-coming **fine dining scene**, with no less than three Michelin-starred restaurants - IKO, Kesselhaus and Friedrich.

Later in the evening, Osnabrück's traditional pub scene makes the streets and alleys of the **old town** come alive with buzz. From the "Olle Use" to the "Zwiebel" and the "Schmales Handtuch", their walls have quite a few stories to tell.



SHOPPING

Plenty of choice within easy reach makes shopping in Osnabrück a supremely enjoyable experience.

Along the **Grosse Strasse** and **Kamp-Promenade** you will find must-haves from well-known brands and major retailers. Here you also find **L&T**, the largest owner-run fashion store in Northern Germany. In addition to fashion, sports and lifestyle ranges, unique attractions such as action-packed indoor surfing on the **L&T Hasewelle** combine shopping and entertainment.

Bustling activity and a plethora of cafés welcome you at **Nikolaiort** square. Here, you also find the **Schäffer** department store, another Osnabrück institution. Opened in 1891 and now run by the fifth generation of the Schäffer family, it offers quality lifestyle items, home-, kitchen- and tableware as well as children's toys.

Between **Nikolaiort**, **Hasestrasse** and **Lotter Strasse**, the **historic old town** is the perfect place to browse and linger. Artisan manufacturers, specialist merchants, family-owned shops, exclusive boutiques and delicatessen provide nothing but the best quality products in a beautiful setting.

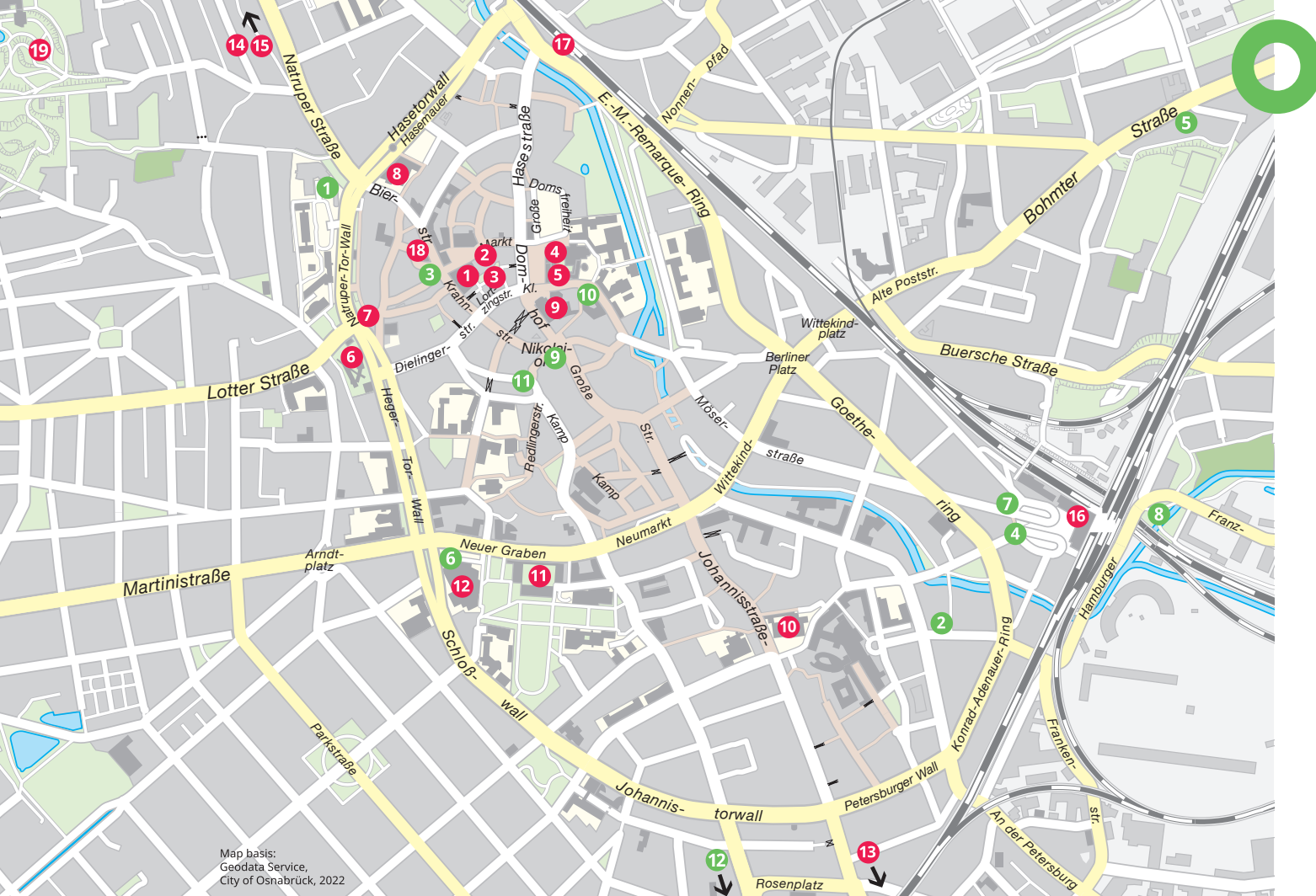
Also good for browsing: the shops along the **Redlingerstrasse**. A few metres away from the busier shopping streets, you will find an eclectic scene of independent shops selling sustainably produced and fairtrade products.



OSNABRÜCK GUIDE



Discover the City of Peace



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Further information on accessibility, charging points for e-vehicles and more can be found here:

<https://erleben.osnabrueck.de/de/ankommen/>

WELCOME TO OSNABRÜCK – THE CITY OF PEACE!

The people of Osnabrück really like their city and even voted it Germany's „Happiness Capital“ in a nationwide survey a few years ago. Both modern and historic, Osnabrück offers a surprisingly diverse city experience.

Here, even just a shopping trip can turn into a journey back in time. After all, Osnabrück was founded by Charlemagne in 780 AD. At the centre of the hustle and bustle of this Hanseatic city lies the Town Hall of the Peace of Westphalia, prominently situated on the triangular market square. Here and in the city of Münster, representatives of the European powers came together over the course of five years and negotiated the end of the Thirty Years' War with the Peace of Westphalia in 1648.



In Osnabrück, the legacy of the Peace of Westphalia is regarded as both an everlasting task and duty. The ideas of peace and tolerance are kept alive through numerous events such as the Osnabrück Peace Talks, the awarding of the Erich Maria Remarque Peace Prize and the German Peace Prize for Photography as well as through various events such as the Morgenland Festival and the beloved children's hobby horse ride.

Once founded as a medieval bishopric, today's Osnabrück is a dynamic university city that delights with its charming old town, variety of shopping districts, lively restaurant scene and diverse arts and culture! It is also a place of cutting-edge research and education. One example: the German Research Centre for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI) Lower Saxony is based in Osnabrück.

Incidentally, Osnabrück is also the only major German city to be located in the middle of a nature park – the UNESCO Global Geopark TERRA.vita, which awaits with excellent hiking and cycling routes.

And now: Discover our City of Peace - it's great to have you here!

THE CITY CENTRE

We suggest starting your tour of Osnabrück at the **historic town hall** on the market square.

This is where the **Peace of Westphalia** was proclaimed in 1648 following five years of negotiations. Inside, the building's **“Peace Hall”** served as the backdrop for many of these peace talks and is free to visit. Its walls are lined with portraits of many of the envoys and heads of state involved in this historic diplomatic accomplishment.

Across the **market square**, you will find the imposing **St. Mary's Church** to your left and the **Erich Maria Remarque Peace Centre** to your right. The latter is dedicated to the life and work of the Osnabrück-born author, who is most known for his anti-war novel “All Quiet on the Western Front”. The exhibition is free to visit.

In the centre of the neighbouring Platz des Westfälischen Friedens (Westphalian Peace Square) you will find the **Bürgerbrunnen** (Citizens' Fountain). It was designed by local artist Hans Gerd Ruwe in 1985. The fountain depicts scenes from the city's 1,200-year history and is constructed from 1,200 individual parts.

The tour continues to **St. Peter's Cathedral**. Its towers have shaped Osnabrück's changing skyline for centuries. It was here, near the banks of the river Hase, where Charlemagne first founded the Osnabrück diocese in the late 8th century. The neighbouring **Diözesanmuseum** (Diocesan Museum) tells its history and houses the cathedral treasure.

Through the cobblestoned alleys of the **Heger Tor neighbourhood**, you will reach the Waterloo Tor gate – also called **Heger Tor** gate. From the platform on top of



its arch you have a beautiful view over the roofs of the old town. Here, you can also discover a number of **Stoneworks**, a special type of medieval warehouse building typical for Osnabrück.

Across the street opposite the Waterloo Tor gate, you will find the **Museumsquartier MQ4** (Museum Quarter). You will notice the unusual building design of the **Felix-Nussbaum-House**, designed by renowned architect Daniel Libeskind. It houses the world's largest collection of works by Osnabrück-born painter Felix Nussbaum, who was murdered by the Nazis in Auschwitz in 1944.

The **Kunsthalle Osnabrück** is located on the edge of the old town, a little further down the street in a former Dominican monastery church. Today it serves as a unique exhibition space for contemporary art.

DISCOVER AT YOUR LEISURE

To discover Osnabrück's sights at your own pace and leisure, download our free „Entdecke Osnabrück“-app! Our two AR-powered guides Magda and Friedrich will take you on an interactive tour of the city, its history and lore. All you need is your smartphone.



Want to delve even deeper into Osnabrück's history? You can choose from a variety of guided and themed city tours. To book, head to our Tourist Information or take a look online.



DAY TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Withing walking distance of the old town, the **Botanical Gardens** of the University of Osnabrück are uniquely situated between two disused quarries in the Westerberg neighbourhood. The gardens invite you on a fascinating journey through the native plant worlds from the most diverse regions of the earth. A must-see: The **Rainforest House** with the tropical flora of Central and South America.

Across town, the **Museum am Schölerberg** explores the rich natural history of the Osnabrück region. At the heart of the exhibition is the life-sized replica of a carbon-age rainforest as it would have existed in Osnabrück some 300 million years ago! The exhibition also retraces our planet's evolution as a whole – from the birth of our galaxy to urban living models for a sustainable future. With its immersive full dome technology, the adjacent **Planetarium** lets you explore the depths of the universe even further. Additionally, the museum also houses an information centre for the surrounding TERRA.vita Nature- and UNESCO Global Geopark.

Right next door to the museum lies another one of the city's main attractions, beautifully embedded into the woodland landscape of the Schölerberg: **Osnabrück Zoo**. Here, you can get up close and personal with over 2,600 animals from nearly 300 different species via a number of raised pathways that lead you through the zoo's 9 uniquely-themed habitat areas. With its various restaurant facilities, exceptional playgrounds and many special events taking place throughout the year, the zoo is perfect for a family day out!

