

## KIEL, GERMANY

A vibrant maritime city in Northern Germany, known for hosting Kiel Week – the largest sailing event in the world. Also home to the busiest manmade waterway on the planet – the Kiel Canal – in addition to several historically significant sites, such as Kiel Castle and the Laboe Naval Memorial.

### KEY INFO

**Currency:** Euro (1 USD = 0.92 EUR)

**Population:** 249,023 (83.8 million Germany)

**Emergency #:** 112

**Drinking water:** Tap water is drinkable

**Time Zone:** GMT+1 (Winter), GMT+2 (Summer)

**ID Requirements:** Photo ID/Passport (non-EU)


**Languages:** German (56% can speak English)

**Drive on the:** Right

**Pharmacy:** Hof Apotheke Rüdel, Alter Markt 11 


**Protection:** SPF 30+



**Wi-Fi:** Port, Public Library, Cafes

**Post Office:** Deutsche Post, Umschlagsplatz 5510 

### PORT LOCATION

Most ships dock in the Ostseekai terminal. 1km from the centre of town. The train station is 1.8km from the port (5-min drive, 26-min walk). [Check your ship's berth here.](#)

**Getting Around:** Kiel is a walkable city, with many attractions close to each other. Public buses and ferries are operated by KVG, with single fares starting from around €2.50 and a day pass costing approximately €6. The main station **Kiel Hauptbahnhof**  connects the city with other Northern Germany highlights, including Hamburg (Deutsche Bahn Intercity-Express | 1-hr 8-min train | €20-30)   
 [www.kvg-kiel.de/en](http://www.kvg-kiel.de/en) for more information

**Taxis:** Taxis are available and can be hailed on the street. The base rate is approx. €3.50 + €2/km  

**Tourist Bus:** There is a [Hop-On-Hop-Off Sightseeing Bus](#) in Kiel (8 stops | €20 | stops at port | 105-min)

**Tourist Information:** In Terminal ([click here for a tourist map of Kiel](#))



**Port Facilities:** Tourist Information, Toilets, Shops, Taxis, Café, WiFi



**Port Address:** Cruise Terminal Ostseekai, 24103 Kiel, Germany 

### CENTRAL KIEL HIGHLIGHTS

**Zoological Museum of Kiel University:** 17<sup>th</sup> Century museum showcasing diverse zoological collections, including systematics, evolution, and marine life.

9a-5p (Tue-Fri), 10a-5p (Sat), 12p-4p (Sun) | €4  | 650m from port (10-min walk) |  | 

**Aquarium GEOMAR:** Small, outdoor aquarium, best known for its seals. Also, home to various fish and crustaceans. 9a-6p | €3 | 650m from port (10-min walk) |  | 

**Kieler Schloss (Kiel Castle):** Cultural centre housing three multi-purpose halls and a restaurant. The castle was completely destroyed in a 1944 bombing raid. The current 'castle' was inaugurated in May 1965. 6:30a-12a (Mon-Fri), 7a-12a (Sat), 10a-4p (Sun) | Free | 650m from port (10-min walk) |  | 


**Kieler Schifffahrtsmuseum Fischhalle & Museumsbrücke:** Discover Kiel's maritime history in this former municipal fish hall, now filled with artefacts and models.



10a-6p (Tue-Sun) | Free | 750m from port (10-min walk) |  | 

For more: [www.kiel-sailing-city.de](http://www.kiel-sailing-city.de), <https://www.sh-tourismus.de/en/regions-and-cities/cities/kiel>



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**Kiel City and Maritime Museum:** Housed in a former nobleman's court, dating back to 1616, this museum (paired with the permanent exhibits at the Fish Hall), presents a seasonally rotating programme of exhibitions. 10a-6p (Tue-Sun) | Free | 750m from port (11-min walk) |  | 

## GREATER KIEL HIGHLIGHTS

**Kiel Canal Aussichtsplattform Schleuse:** Watch ships enter and exit the world-famous Kiel Canal, connecting the Baltic and North Seas. The canal cuts the journey between Skagerrak and Jutland by 250 nautical miles. 8a-10p | Free | 6.5km from port (15-min drive) |  | 

**Flandernbunker:** A World War II bunker transformed into a place of remembrance and learning. 10a-5p | Free | 4.1km from port (10-min drive) |  | 

**University of Kiel Botanical Garden:** A diverse range of plants, arranged in themed gardens. 9a-6p | Free | 4km from port (10-min drive) |  | 


**Naval Memorial:** At the mouth of the Kiel Fjord, this 1936 memorial was originally erected to honour World War I sailors. There's a visitor centre, and an observation deck at the top of the tower. 9a-6p | €8 | 21km from port (35-min drive) |  | 

**German Submarine U-995:** In the shadow of the Naval Memorial, this WWII submarine has been converted into a technical museum. 9a-6p | €7 | 21km from port (35-min drive) |  | 

## SOMETHING TO EAT OR DRINK

**Rote Grütze:** Traditional Northern German dessert, made by cooking a variety of red berries with sugar and thickening with corn starch or potato starch. Typically served warm with custard or ice cream. [More](#)

**Kieler Sprotte:** A local smoked fish delicacy, typically smoked and packed in wooden boxes and available in both restaurants and markets.

**Beer:** Of course, Kiel has several local breweries to explore, including Kieler Brauerei (at Alter Markt 9), known for its traditional brewing methods. Lille Brauerei (Eichkamp 9c) is a smaller, more experimental option. For a wide range of local beers, check out Brewcomer, a beer store with great choices. 




## LOCAL SOUVENIRS

Kiel has a long history as an important maritime trade hub. For that reason, many local stores specialise in maritime souvenirs and memorabilia, such as model ships and lighthouses, and other travel-related trinkets.

## LOCAL LINGO

<b>Hello</b>	Hallo	<b>Please</b>	Bitte
<b>Goodbye</b>	Auf Wiedersehen	<b>Thank you</b>	Danke
<b>Toilet/Restroom</b>	Toilette	<b>Cruise Ship Port</b>	Kreuzfahrthafen

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