

English



Guest information

Verden 

Location and how to get here

The city is well-connected and situated in the tri-city area Bremen, Hanover and Hamburg; the well-developed infrastructure allows a comfortable arrival from all directions.



International telephone code for Germany: 0049

Connections

Motorway A27 (Hanover-Bremen)
Federal road B215 (Rotenburg/Wümme-Minden)

Airports

Bremen 40 km
Hanover 80 km
Hamburg 125 km

Public transport

Train

Intercity trains, regional trains, suburban trains and regional express trains stop at the railway station Verden, Bahnhofstraße.

Bus

Central bus station (ZOB), Bahnhofstraße, station forecourt

City bus

Allerbus, Verden-Walsroder Eisenbahn (VWE),
Tel. (0)4231 92270,
www.allerbus.de, www.vwe-verden.de

VBN-PLUS shared taxi

Tel. (0)4231 68 888

Regional bus

Verkehrsverbund Bremen/Niedersachsen (VBN),
Tel. (0)421 596059, www.vbn.de

Taxi

Taxi Böschchen Tel. (0)4231 66160 or 69001
Taxi Kahrs Tel. (0)4231 82906
Taxi Köhler Tel. (0)4231 5500
Taxi Sieling Tel. (0)4231 930000

Car parks

The city of Verden has a car park routing system taking you safely and comfortably into the city centre. Car park P 1, multi-storey car parks P 3 and 'Nordertor' are recommended if you want to visit the shopping street and the historic old town.

Caravan park

Conrad-Wode-Straße
15 spaces up to a length of max. 12 m
GPS coordinates: E = 9° 13' 42" N = 52° 55' 32"

Marina of the Verden motor boat club

Höltenwerder 2

Car rental

Hertz
Marie-Curie-Straße 4, Tel. (0)4231 965015

Access to the attractions and sights of the city

Before you reach the city centre, the tourist information system and the parking information system will direct you to the attractions, sights, hotels and car parks.



Welcome to Verden

Verden has a lot to offer, Verden surprises. It is an outstanding city known for equestrianism, its cathedral and its location at the river Aller. There is something on offer for children and grown-ups alike and for almost all leisure activities. If you like activities, you can enjoy the city on foot, on a bicycle, on horseback or on a boat cruising along the river Aller or using our numerous cycling, riding and hiking routes. Those interested in the history of the city of Verden or in the history of horses, can explore further details in the Domherrenhaus or in the German Museum of the Horse. Those looking for adventures should visit the Magic Park, climbing park, the Verwell indoor/ outdoor swimming pools or the Domweih. Lovers of music should save the dates of the summer concerts in the cathedral or the Jazz and Blues Days. If you just want to soak in the atmosphere, you should stroll through the wonderful historic old town, enjoy the culinary offers or the tranquillity in the cathedral.

Accommodation

Whether you are a business traveller with important appointments or a cyclist with achy legs – tired folks will find the right accommodation in Verden. You can find places offering accommodation in the tourist information or on www.verden.de.

Offers for cyclists

Cyclists are very welcome guests in Verden. Hotel or private accommodation, every host in Verden is prepared for cycling tourists. Each accommodation also offers safe shelter for your bicycle.

Bed & Bike – a special quality sign for cyclists. Here you can find bicycle-friendly hosts and a special service.

Caravan park

The caravan park is within walking distance of the historic old town and offers supply and disposal to make your stay a pleasant one under the right conditions.

Tourist-Information

For all questions about your stay, the staffs at the tourist information are the right people to ask. Visit us in the historic town hall (Große Straße 40), and we can help you directly.

Tel. (0)4231 12345
Fax (0)4231 12320
E-mail: touristik@verden.de
www.verden.de



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Historic information and sights

The cathedral, the historic old town, the fishermen's quarter as the oldest part of the city and the Domherrenhaus – historic museum – are witnesses of a long and turbulent history of the city of Verden.

The name of the city comes from the German word "Furt" (ford) or "Fähre" (ferry). In the beginning of the 19th century, Verden became seat of a bishopric and already in 1985, the thousand-year anniversary of the granting of the right to hold markets, right to coinage, customs laws and right to ban, to the Bishop of Verden, was celebrated. Verden was separated into two sovereign territories: the North Town characterised by power and trade around the town hall and the Church of St. John, and the South Town as clerical centre around the cathedral and the adjacent fishermen's quarter. Both towns were eventually joined in 1667 by the Swedish government. The development of Verden was influenced by handicraft and trade, local and regional authorities as well as the garrison.



Verden Cathedral

The noblest witness from a time long ago and the city's landmark can be seen from far away. Erected between 1290 and 1490, its choir area is probably the oldest in Germany and stood as example for other religious buildings. After damage to the church spire in a storm in 1737, it was given its characteristic tent-shaped roof.



The Stony Man at the Verden Cathedral

The statue is not that spectacular but the legend surrounding this rainspout is: The Stony Man was supposed to be a dishonourable sexton who the devil wanted to

summon. But when the devil wanted to go through the church wall with him, the sexton got stuck and was turned to stone.

City walking tours for individual persons in German

From May to October, every Saturday, 3 pm

Meeting point: Cathedral/Lugenstein

Duration: approx. 1 ½ hours

Something special twice a month in German

A special destination or a special guided tour every 2nd and 4th Sunday of a month.

More information in the Tourist Information.

Walking tours for groups, also in English

Our tourist guides know the little anecdotes and foot-notes in the history and share them with you and your group.

Your contact person for guided tours is the Tourist Information

You can find a complete overview of the tours offered in our information booklet (in German).

Cathedral information service

A volunteer is generally present in the cathedral from May to October in the mornings and evenings to welcome guests and provide information



Church of St. Andreas

In this late-romanic church, the finely chased brass grave plate of Bishop Yso (†1231) is of historical importance. It depicts him with a model of the church and fortification of Verden, and as such it is unique.



Church of St. John

The church was built around 1150 and is considered one of the oldest brick-built churches in Northern Germany. The medieval wall paintings and frescoes are particularly worth mentioning.



Town hall

The mixture of a Baroque facade (1730) and the spire in style of historism dating from the year 1903 are particularly worth mentioning about Verden's town hall. There were controversial discussions concerning a possible demolition of the dilapidated spire in the early 1970s.



Domherrenhaus – Historical Museum

In a timber-framed building of an aristocratic estate dating from the 18th century, you can explore Verden's history and find out about traditional trades and handicraft.



Ackerbürgerhaus

The timber-framed building dating to 1577 has a richly decorated gable and is considered to be one of the grandest buildings of the Weser Renaissance in the northern Weser area. The permanent exhibition about the Imperial Abbess of Herford is housed on the upper floor.

Cathedral

Lugenstein 10–12
Tel. (0)4231 2495 (sexton's office)
www.dom-verden.de
daily 9 am to 5 pm (outside of worship hours)
Nov. to Feb. 9 am to 4 pm

Church of St. Andreas

Andreasstraße 5
Tel. (0)4231 83366 (parish office)
www.andreasmemeinde-verden.de
May to Oct. Tue to Sun 10 to 12 am and 3 to 5 pm

Church of St. John

Ritterstraße
Tel. (0)4231 2612
www.stjohannis.com
April to Oct. 9 am to 5 pm
Closed Nov. to Mar.

Town hall

Große Straße 40
Tel. (0)4231 120
www.verden.de
during the office hours of the town administration

Domherrenhaus – Historic Museum

Untere Straße 13
Tel. (0)4231 2169
www.domherrenhaus.de
Tue to Sun 10 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm

Ackerbürgerhaus

Strukturstraße 7
Tel. (0)4231 899775
Mon, Thu and Fri 9.30 am to 1 pm and 2.30 to 6 pm
Sun 2 to 6 pm

German Museum of the Horse

Holzmarkt 9
Tel. (0)4231 807140
www.dpm-verden.de
Tue to Sun 10 am to 5 pm

Church of St. Josef

Andreaswall 13
Tel. (0)4231 2415
www.st-josef-verden.de



Equestrian sports and horses

“Gaudemus equis – Let’s celebrate the horse”

This saying on a memorial plaque dating to 1815 – found today in the German Museum of the Horse – expresses the great pleasure the people of Verden take in their horses. First and foremost in the world-renowned Hanoverian Horse.



Riding paths

The Verden city forest has a well developed network of riding paths with a length of over 30 km including an obstacle course. You can download the maps of the riding path network from www.verden-navigator.de.



German Museum of the Horse

Hippologists, horse lovers, horseback riders or merely out of interest: in the German Museum of the Horse you will find out something about horses – the historical development from the primordial horse the size of a cat

50 million years ago, the relationship between human and horse during different times and, of course, the success story of the Hanoverian Horse with the association’s headquarters being based in Verden.



500 horseshoes

You will find 500 brass horseshoes in the pavement leading from the Große Straße to the Holzmarkt. They are positioned in the four paces of the horse: walk, trot, canter and gallop. Each horseshoe displays the name of its

sponsor, among them names of famous equestrians such as Isabell Werth, Alwin Schockemöhle, Hans-Günter Winkler or Dr. Reiner Klimke.



Training and sales centre

The horses offered for auction receive their final treatment here and are then sent all over the world.

Riding

Verdener Schleppjagd Reitverein e.V.
Lindhoooper Straße 93, Tel. (0)4231 61502
www.vsjrv.de
Reitverein Aller-Weser e.V.
www.reitverein-aller-weser.de

Carriage and covered wagon ride

Karin Kahrs
Zum Meierhof 24, Tel. (0)4231 82906 or 930333
www.taxi-kahrs.de

Hannoveraner Verband e.V.

Lindhoooper Straße 92
Tel. (0)4231 673 0
www.hannoveraner.com

Horse shows

January: VER-Dinale – Indoor horse show
May: Horse show ‘Auf der Bunte’

Hunt

March: Spring hunt behind the Lower Saxony pack
October: Hunt behind the Lower Saxony pack

Auctions

Elite Auctions in spring and autumn
More Dates: www.hannoveraner.com

August

Verdiana – Horse Festival

October

Registration of stallions and stallion market for registered and unregistered stallions



Festivals and events

The list of events in Verden is long and the programme is varied – concerts of classical, church or jazz music, theatre, cabaret, fun fair, flea markets or the traditional “Störtebeker Meal” – there is something for everyone.



Laetare

For centuries, on the Monday after the Laetare Sunday bread and herrings are dispensed to the citizens. The famous pirate Klaus Störtebeker himself is said to have bequeathed this donation to the town before his death. It is not clear how much of this story is legend but the oldest verifiable donation receipt dates back to 1682.



Verdener Domweih

Dating back to the granting of the market and coinage rights to Bishop Erpo, the Domweih has been celebrated for more than 1000 years and has developed from a free market at that time to the large folk festival it is today. It is a

special date in the calendar for the people of Verden, which is not to be missed because you can be sure to meet family, close and long-lost friends.



Verden Jazz and Blues Days

In 1999, jazz loving people of Verden got together and organised the first Jazz and Blues Days. The rich cultural calendar of the city is unthinkable without it now. Especially the traditional opening concert with international guests, the

pub night and the competition „Jugend jazzt“ (The Youth plays Jazz) on the town hall square attract an audience from near and far.



Theatre subscription

In collaboration with the theatre council – a circle of people from Verden enthusiastic about theatre – a programme is prepared every year consisting of five pieces that satisfy the expectations of visitors.



Verden Summer Concerts

The cathedral community of Verden organises about 30 concerts every year: weekly summer concerts, oratorical concerts, organ concerts, choir and chamber music concerts as well as completely different

concerts arouse the interest of a wide audience.
www.dommusikenverden.de

Selection of annually recurring events

- January** Sport & Schau
- March/ April** Laetare
- May** Spring Flea Market
- May to September** Verden Summer Concerts (every thursday)
- May/ June** Verdener Domweih
- September** Autumn Flea Market
- September** Verden Jazz- and Blues Days
- November/ December** Christmas Market

Daily events can be found under www.verden.de or in the monthly calendar of events.



Activities and leisure

The city as well as the wide surroundings – near the river Aller, in the geest or in the marshlands – offer a number of possibilities to be active.



Boat tours on the Aller and the Weser

MS Stadt Verden with her home port in Verden takes you upstream on the river Aller – or downstream to the river mouth and then on to the river Weser. Whether you just decide to do a trip on Aller and Weser

or make a longer trip to Bremen, the river landscapes are a special treat when experienced from a boat.



Museum train

With the narrow-gauge railway from Verden to Stemmen – that means 11.8 km of nostalgia on a trip through the North German landscape. A special experience for all ages. Of course, bicycles can come too.



Adventure climbing park

Running riot and pushing boundaries in a total of 6 courses with different levels of difficulty. The highest course takes you to a height of up to ten metres. Children can practice for „high“ challenges on a kids' course with a height of up to one metre.

Fishing

Verein der Sportfischer Verden/Aller e.V.
Tempelpforte 10, Tel. (0)4231 82734,
www.sportfischer-verden.de

Badminton

Sportpark Verden Walle
Achtern Hoff 42, Tel. (0)4230 1013
www.sportpark-walle.de

Golf

Golf-Cub-Verden e.V.
Holtumer Straße 24, Tel. (0)4230 1470
www.gc-verden.de

Canoe /Kayak (rental)

Der Kanuverleih
Dorfstraße 90, 27324 Eystrup,
Tel. (0)700 80604000, www.kanu-on-tour.de
Mooring: Wassersportverein Verden e.V.
Am Ditmarsberg 1, Tel. (0)4231 3291
www.wsv-verden.de

Fitness-Center

Easy Fitness
Otto-Hahn-Straße 8, Tel. (0)4231 9046674
www.easyfitness-international.com
Ladylike Frauenfitness
Brückstraße 12, Tel. (0)4231 9857688
www.ladylike-fitness.de
SoS-Sport-Studio
Im Westerfeld 13, Tel. (0)4231 961650
www.sos-sport-studio.de
Sportpark Verden Walle
Achtern Hoff, Tel. (0)4230 1013
www.sportpark-walle.de
Vitesse
Siemensstraße 14, Tel. (0)4231 84411
www.ulc-fitness.de/vitesse-verden

Airfield/ Glider flight

Verdener Luftfahrtverein e.V.
Verkehrslandeplatz Verden-Scharnhorst,
Botterbusch 105, Tel. (0)4230 264,
Sat, Sun und holidays, www.flugplatz-verden.de

Squash

Sportpark Verden Walle
Achtern Hoff 42, Tel. (0)4230 1013
www.sportpark-walle.de



Verwell

Verwell is a water park for all the family with a 90m long giant slide and a generous sauna area, fire place room and bar.



Jungle Adventure

Indoor adventure park for 360 days a year. Fun and games for children up to 13 years.



Magic Park

Germany's only leisure park that offers magic as well as animals, carousels and magic shows in a fairy tale forest where you can meet Hansel and Gretel and other life-size fairy tale figures.

Tour suggestions

with maps, accommodation, food and sights for hikers, riders and cyclists can be found at:
www.verden-navigator.de

Bicycle rental

Glanders Fahrradverleih
 Obere Straße 13, Tel. [0]4231 8920
 Aller Rad
 Große Straße 120, Tel. [0]4231 6773677
 Stadtwerke Verden GmbH (E-Bikes)
 Weserstraße 26, Tel. [0]4231 915 0

Bicycle repair

Aller Rad
 Große Straße 120, Tel. [0]4231 6773677
 Lollo
 Zollstraße 1A, Tel. [0]4231 3187
 Räderei
 Obere Straße 31, Tel. [0]4231 932312

Flotte Weser (MS Stadt Verden) boat tours

Forstweg 5, 31582 Nienburg, Tel. [0]5021 919314
www.flotte-weser.de

Verdener Eisenbahnfreunde Kleinbahn Verden-Walsrode e.V. -narrow-gauge railway

Tel. [0]4238 622, www.kleinbahnexpress.de

Kletterpark - Climbing park

Saumurplatz 2, Tel. [0]4231 61163
www.kletterpark-verden.de
 May - November

Magic Park

Heideweg 3-7, Tel. [0]4231 661110
www.magicpark-verden.de

Verwell

Saumurplatz, Tel. [0]4231 9566655, www.verwell.de

Jungle Adventure

Otto-Hahn-Straße 2, Tel. [0]4231 951113
www.abenteuer-jungle.de

Cinema

Cine City
 Zollstraße 1, Tel. [0]4231 9850461
www.cine-city.de

Library

Stadtbibliothek
 Holzmarkt 7, Tel. [0]4231 807111



Landscape and nature

Out of the city and into nature – this is possible in Verden thanks to many close recreational areas.



Verden dunes

This bizarrely beautiful landscape in the Verdener Stadtwald became a protected area already in 1930. It is therefore the oldest protected landscape in Lower Saxony. After the last ice age, around 15,000 years ago, these

wandering dunes were formed inland and all periods of the dune development can still be seen today: sand drifts, open vegetation-free areas, whitish hair-grass meadows, sand sedge growth to pioneer forest stages.



Path along the river Aller

A stroll along the banks of the river Aller with a wide view over the river and banks offers many exciting sights. During a detour through the fishermen's quarter you can see how life in Verden has always been

influenced by the river.



Playground for all generations at the banks of the river Aller

Fitting with its direct location by the river Aller, this playground imitates a stranded ship with flotsam. Water and sand are perfect for children to

play with. Shady areas under large trees, balancing games and a picnic area invite all generations to relax.



Sachsenhain

In the direct neighbourhood of the stork sanctuary you can find the Sachsenhain. 4500 granite rocks line a circular path in this protected landscape. Created in 1935 by the National Socialists, it is to

remind us of Charlemagne's massacre of Verden. The entire area is now owned by the regional Protestant-Lutheran Church and is used as recreational and educational centre by the protestant youth.



forest playground

The Stadtwald (urban forest) covers an area of 125 hectares and has hiking trails as well as a riding path network with a length of about 30 km, a forest playground, a nature trail and a forest class room.



Stork sanctuary

The sanctuary was established in 2003 and you can see white storks at close distance. Here, injured storks or storks in need of care are looked after and begin their journey to the south in the autumn after their recovery. Guided tours can be arranged with

the sanctuary manager.

Stadtwald and forest playground

Parking: Am Bürgerpark/Niedersachsenring, Uhlemühlen, Heideweg, Lönsweg. Direct access to the playground from parking: Am Bürgerpark/Niedersachsenring

Verden dunes

from the parking at Uhlemühlen

Stork sanctuary

Eisseler Straße, 27283 Verden
Contact: Petra and Klaus Müller
Mobile (0)170 2859771

Sachsenhain

Access from Eisseler Straße and Am Jugendhof
www.ejh-sachsenhain.de

Path along the river Aller

Parking: Am Allerufer & multi-storey car park P3

Playground for all generations

Reeperbahn

Public parcs

Bürgerpark

with boule-court and dog meadow
Bremer Straße

Rosengarten

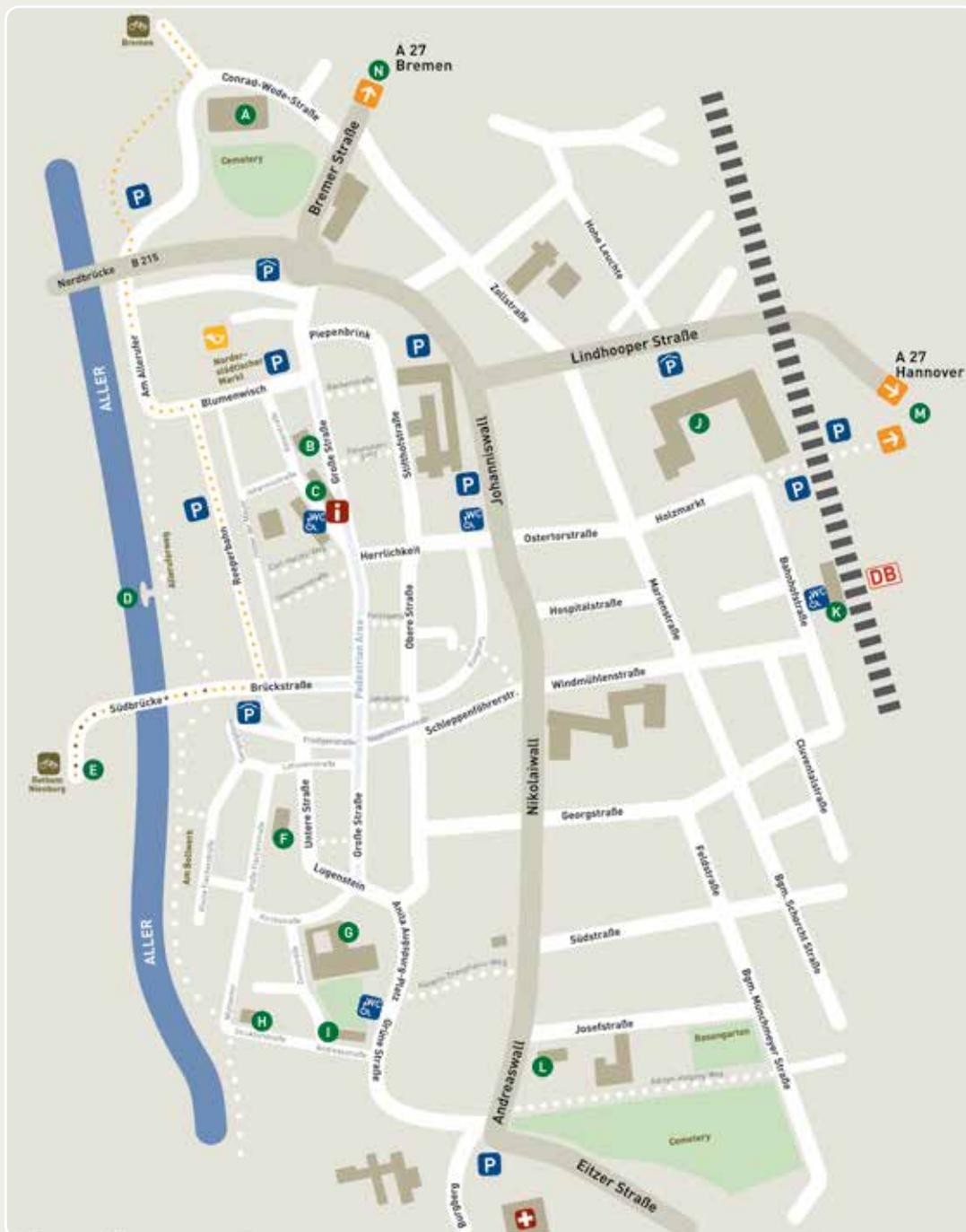
Josephstr/Bgm.-Münchmeyer-Straße

Rhododendronpark

Berliner Ring/Moorstraße



Map of Verden



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- L** Church of St. Josef
- M** Race Track, Stadium, Youth Hostel, Verwell Leisures pools, Niedersachsenhalle
- N** Golf Course, Stork sanctuary



The **Nette Toilette** symbol indicates shops and restaurants with public toilets.



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