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LÜBECK – NORDIC BEAUTY WITH STYLE

QUEEN OF THE HANSEATIC LEAGUE – FIRST GERMAN PORT CITY OF THE BALTIC SEA

+++ Lübeck. Joyful, lively, serene - that's Lübeck's heartbeat, which pulsates through the winding streets of the island-shaped Old Town and fills the impressive brick architecture with life. The Nordic beauty has retained the charm of an original port city and welcomes its visitors from all over the world openly with the motto "Concordia domi foris pax" - harmony inside, peace outside.

Lübeck's Old Town is completely surrounded by water and a veritable place of yearning. The impressive brick architecture of the merchants' houses and churches is still the hallmark of this Hanseatic town which was founded in 1143 as the first port at the Baltic Sea and has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987. Take a relaxed stroll through the medieval alleys and immerse yourself in the pulsating life behind old walls and discover Nordic beauty with style. Experience the unique diversity of the listed architecture and the hidden world of the historical residential alleys and courtyards. **Our tip:** Just a few minutes' walk from the busy Old Town, the *Painter's Corner* near the footbridge is one of Lübeck's many small oases of peace. A perfect place to relax, for a picnic and a different view of the Old Town island and its panorama.

In Lübeck, there's culture on every street corner, behind old and new walls, in hidden locations and public spaces, and it's part of everyday life. Lübeck's historic Old Town is a true treasure chest of cultural highlights. The world-famous *Holsten Gate*, numerous museums, the marzipan salon at *Café Niederegger*, the museum harbour and the historic Town Hall are only a few of the places that are well worth visiting. The *St. Anne's museum quarter* offers visitors an experience of the history of Lübeck from the Middle Ages to the present. Well worth seeing are also the *Hospital of the Holy Spirit* dating back to 1280, which is one of the oldest functioning social institutions of the world. A special highlight is the *European Hansemuseum* which presents a fascinating interactive insight into 600 years of Hanseatic history and the world of medieval merchants.

Music can be enjoyed during organ concerts in the five splendid Gothic churches of the Old Town, during music events varying from classic to pop at the Music and Congress Centre, in master concerts of the Academy of Music, at the *Brahms Festival* and the international *Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival*. The *Nordic Film Days* are considered the most important showcase of Nordic films in Europe. Lübeck is particularly proud of the town's three Nobel Prize Laureates Thomas Mann, Willy Brandt and Guenter Grass. The literature museum *Buddenbrook-House* is going to be renovated and you can see parts of the original exhibition in the museum *Behnhaus/Draegerhaus* (until 2023/24). The *Guenter Grass-House* is an exhibition and research facility. By means of exciting performances and multimedia elements the *Willy Brandt House Lübeck* retraces the political life of Lübeck's third Nobel Prize laureate and former Federal Chancellor Willy Brandt as a learning location for contemporary history.

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