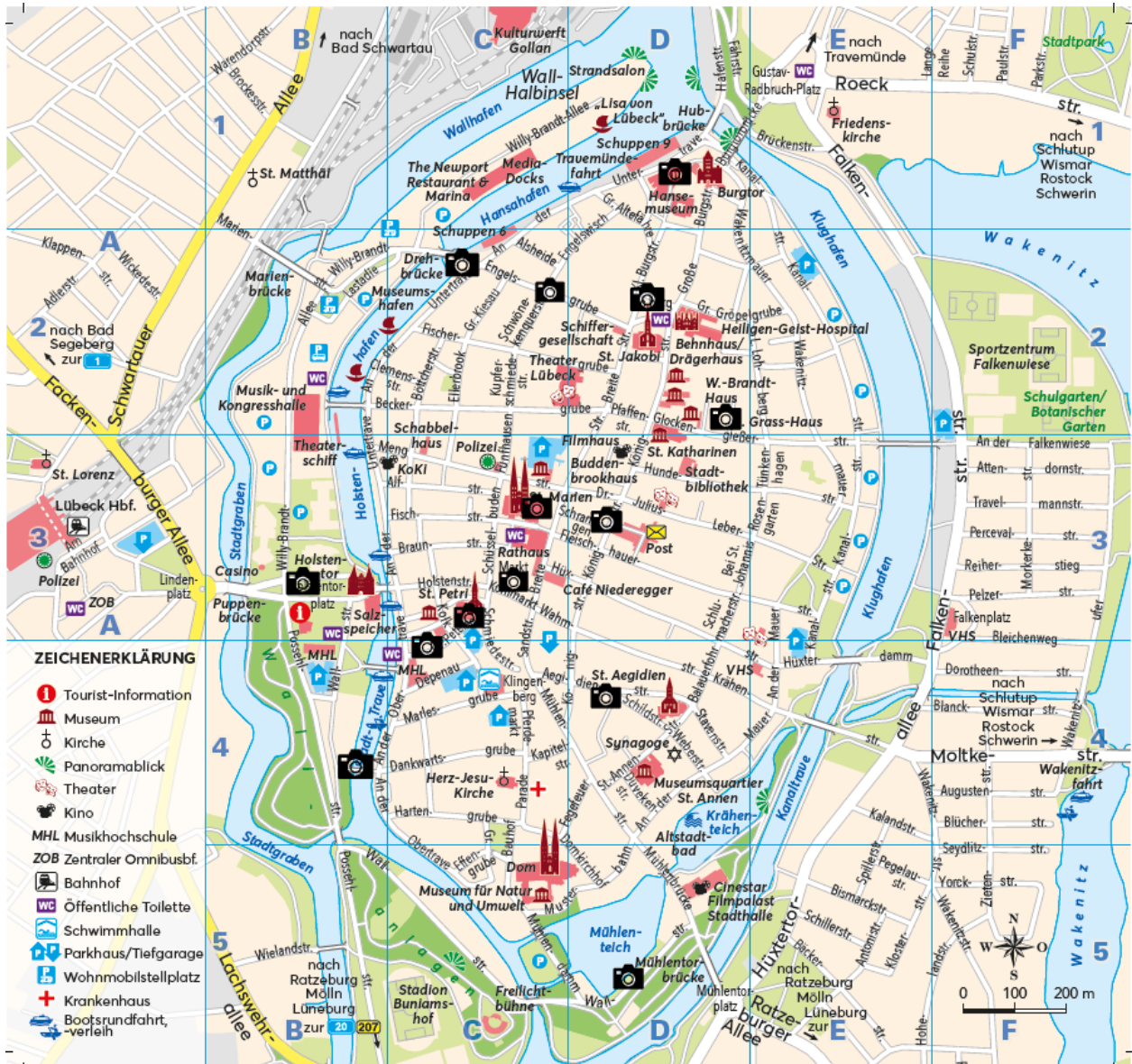


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Are you looking for a great photo spot? These are some of the instagramable places!



The Holsten Gate

The Holsten Gate is the landmark of Lübeck and the perfect photo motif when viewed against the backdrop of the church spires of St. Mary's church, St. Peter's church and the historical salt warehouses. The best spot is slightly towards the right-hand side of the lawn in front of the Holsten Gate, looking towards the Old Town. At midday, you can take photos here without any shadows, and in the golden hour shortly before dawn or dusk, the first or last rays of the sun shine directly on Holsten Gate, creating a wonderful effect.

Lübeck from above: Observation platform St. Peter's church

The viewing platform offers you a perfect view of Lübeck high above the rooftops of the Old Town. On one side, you can photograph Holsten Gate as the entrance gate to the historical Old Town. The ensemble of buildings here is complemented by the red-brick Salt Warehouses. If you turn to your right, you will be greeted by a superb view from above onto St. Mary's church and Lübeck's historical Town Hall. The best pictures can be taken when the sky is clear. When there are no clouds or mist, you may be lucky enough to see as far as the Baltic Sea. At the golden hour, shortly before dawn or dusk, the city begins to shine. Experience the beauty and history of the city from a bird's eye view and be enchanted by the breathtakingly view. From the St. Peter's observation deck you can admire the Old Town.

View of St. Peter's church and Große Petersgrube

"Große Petersgrube" leads from the Obertrave embankment uphill towards St. Peter's church. If you stroll along the street and look up, you can photograph the entire church spire from a short distance. But "Große Petersgrube" itself is a real head-turner: all the architectural styles of Lübeck's history are on display here. The architectural diversity of the façades ranges from Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo to the Classical style. The best time to take pictures here is late in the day. The beautiful, colourful gabled houses on lower Petersgrube on the left can be seen in their best light with the sun low on the horizon in the evening.

View of "Schlüpferallee" (knicker avenue)

Picturesque, colourful gabled houses line the street with the strange name right on the Trave river: Schlüpferallee is one of the rare locations where washing is still dried in the open air when the sun shines. The street on the Obertrave embankment is at risk of flooding and for that reason, the houses there have no laundry rooms in the basement. The best place to capture these beautiful houses by the water in a picture is from the pedestrian bridge opposite Dankwartsgrube, from the Possehl Bridge or from the meadow on Wallstraße. "Schlüpferallee" is lit by the sun at midday and in the early afternoon.

View over Mühlenteich pond towards the Cathedral

If you walk along Wallstraße, you'll reach the tranquil Mühlenteich pond looking directly onto the impressive Cathedral. The combination of monument and pure nature with water lilies and lakeside flora is particularly attractive here. Of course, the Mühlenteich pond is particularly beautiful when nature awakes from its hibernation and everything is in full bloom.

View from the Drehbrückenplatz square on the Museum harbour

From the long steps leading down to the water you have a direct view of the Trave river and the historic ships berthed in the Museum harbour. Walk along the embankment and marvel at the variety of ship types anchored here. It's a wonderful place to relax and sit on the quayside with your loved ones. We recommended coming here in the evening at sunset to take stunning pictures.

View of St. Jacob's church and Engelsgrube

"Engelsgrube" leads from the Untertrave embankment uphill to St. Jacob's church. If you stroll along the street and look up, you can photograph the church spire. The best time to take pictures of this street and the church is midday due to direct sunlight. Up on the Hill at the end of Engelsgrube you will stand in front of the church. If you turn around you will see the beautiful curved arch that frames the street and creates an unmistakable charm of the Engelsgrube.

View of the Hospital of the Holy Spirit

While exploring the Old Town, you should definitely plan a visit of the Hospital of the Holy Spirit on Koberg. With its three-gabled representative frontage and four slender spires, the hospital is one of the most important architectural monuments in Gothic red-brick style. The best photos can be taken from the Koberg and at midday.

View from the terrace of the European Hansemuseum

From the museum's lofty terrace, you have a wide view onto the river Trave, the historical harbour sheds and Lübeck's Museum harbour. Numerous lovingly restored, traditional sailing ships are moored here and the historical cog "Lisa von Lübeck" has its berth on the opposite bank. When the sun sets and bathes the harbour in a warm light, the evening atmosphere transforms the museum harbour into a wonderful place that promises a great view from above.

View into Füchtingshof

The alleys and courtyards are Lübeck's green oases, havens of peace in the middle of the vibrant Old Town. Füchtingshof is one of Lübeck's best known and most beautiful courtyards. It is almost a magical experience walking through the courtyard, which you absolutely have to let have an effect on you.

Two views here are particularly attractive: You can stand in the arch-shaped entrance of the courtyard and photograph the view into the courtyard with parts of the passageway as if through a window. Or you can walk into the courtyard and turn around to face the passageway, thus capturing part of the passageway building in your photo. Füchtingshof is open to visitors every day from 10 am – 12 noon and 3 pm – 6 pm.

View into the Glandorps Hof and the Ilhornstift

Turn from Königstraße into Glockengießerstraße and follow down the road. Here you'll find two beautiful courtyards on your left: The Ilhornstift at Glockengießerstraße 39 is a late-medieval residential complex in Renaissance style. The inner courtyard dates back to the middle of the 16th century. The neighbouring Glandorps Hof is a picturesque place not only in spring. The ideal place to escape from everyday life and enjoy life. It is best photographed at midday in direct sunlight.

View of St. Giles church

St. Giles' lies amidst the former craftsmen's and farmers' district in the Eastern part of the Old town facing the river Wakenitz. From Königstraße turn east into Aegidienstraße. There you'll have a beautiful photo motif of the beautiful facades of the houses on Aegidienstraße and Schildstraße and of the church spire. St. Giles' is best portrayed at midday with direct sunlight.

View of the spires of St. Mary's church

Walk down the pedestrian area "Schrangen" located between the two Karstadt buildings in the heart of the Old Town towards the Lichthof shopping arcade. When you turn around and direct your gaze up, you can capture not only the two church spires but also its ridge turret. This accentuates the special architecture of St. Mary's church. At the golden hour, shortly before dusk, you can get a superb photo of the spires of St. Mary's church in the foreground against the sunset.

You can also walk up towards St. Mary's church and photograph the spires up close from the inner courtyard "Rathausinnenhof", as it is a very pompous photo motif at any time of the year.

View of the Town Hall

With its artistic façades, Lübeck's Town Hall is one of the most beautiful town halls in Germany. Many different architectural styles are represented in the building. Especially the Gothic and Renaissance periods are represented here. The Town Hall is located in the heart of the Old Town and with its impressive facade it resembles a fairy-tale castle. The best and most magnificent view of the Town Hall is from the marketplace.