



# LÜBECK STORY INSPIRATION

## UNESCO World Heritage Lübeck

Lübeck's medieval Old Town, with its remarkable wealth of cultural monuments, has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987. Even the city's archaeological subsoil, with some three million finds to date, is included in this designation.

Highlights you should not miss include:

- The Town Hall
- The Castle Monastery
- Koberg – a perfectly preserved quarter from the late 13th century – with St Jacob's Church and the Hospital of the Holy Spirit
- The patrician houses from the 15th and 16th centuries between St Peter's and Lübeck Cathedral
- The Holsten Gate and the historic salt storehouses on the left bank of the River Trave
- The so-called "Founders' Quarter", currently being redeveloped in line with historical models

### Lübeck - Queen of the Hanseatic League

In the mid-13th century, overseas merchants joined forces to form the Hanseatic League, united in the pursuit of their economic interests. Over time, the League grew to include 70 major cities and 130 smaller towns. You can explore this fascinating history at the European Hansemuseum. Stroll along the Museum Harbour on the Untertrave embankment, and step inside typical merchants' houses – for example, the Von Melle wine trading company (Beckergrube 86) or the Schabbelhaus (Mengstraße 48).

### Lübeck - in the footsteps of three Nobel Prize winners

Lübeck proudly counts three Nobel Prize winners among its residents: Thomas Mann (1875–1955), Nobel Prize in Literature, 1929; Willy Brandt (1913–1992), Nobel Peace Prize, 1971; and Günter Grass (1927–2015), Nobel Prize in Literature, 1999. The Willy-Brandt-House and the Günter-Grass-House offer insight into the lives and works of these eminent figures. While the Buddenbrook House is undergoing extensive renovation, Thomas Mann's legacy can be discovered through a variety of activities organised by the Buddenbrookhaus team.

### Lübeck's culinary ambassadors: marzipan and Rotspan

Lübeck is world-famous for its marzipan. Visit the Marzipan Museum at Niederegger's (Breite Straße 89) and marvel at its twelve life-size marzipan figures.

The city also boasts a unique, centuries-old tradition: importing young Bordeaux red wines by the barrel, ageing them in Lübeck's cellars, and bottling them under the name *Lübecker Rotspan*. Tastings are available at the historic wine merchant Von Melle.

### Lübeck Manufactories

Among Lübeck's many artisanal treasures are fine oils from the Löwen-Apotheke, hand-crafted leather belts from Mohrmann, and exquisite chocolates from Evers & Tochter – all produced by family-run businesses with a dedication to quality and tradition.

### Art and Culture in the Old Town


Lübeck is home to eleven museums, including the St Anne's Museum Quarter. The modern St Anne's Art Gallery presents temporary exhibitions of post-1945 art, while the historic museum houses outstanding medieval collections within the former St Anne's cloister, covering almost 9,000 square metres. A multimedia presentation links the different sections of the Museum Quarter, offering a virtual journey through seven centuries of art and culture.

The Kolk 17 Puppet Theatre & Museum further enriches the city's cultural landscape, with over 20,000 exhibits and a permanent theatre offering regular performances – a rare celebration of the art of puppetry in all its forms.

### Social welfare from the Middle Ages to the present day

Numerous sites in Lübeck testify to its long tradition as a place where social welfare was of central importance – a legacy that continues to shape the city today.





Visit the Hospital of the Holy Spirit, one or more of Lübeck's 90 historic alleyways, and the picturesque Füchtingshof courtyard, as well as the Seafarers' Guild, to gain an impression of the founding ideals behind these institutions and the people whose generosity made them possible.

#### The seaside resort of Travemünde

Water is the element that has always shaped life in Lübeck. Why not enjoy a picnic by the water in the so-called *Painters' Corner*, or take to the water yourself on an e-boat for a leisurely circuit around the island-shaped Old Town? The Baltic Sea and its fine sandy beaches are also within easy reach: Travemünde, Lübeck's seaside district, offers a wealth of water sports opportunities. Here you can also visit Germany's oldest lighthouse and explore the *Passat*, a majestic four-masted barque with a storied maritime past.

#### Lübeck - Christmas city of the north

The Christmas market in Lübeck has a tradition stretching back centuries. First mentioned in a document from 1648, today it unfolds against the magnificent backdrop of the city's UNESCO-listed historic buildings. During Advent, Lübeck transforms into a festive wonderland with eleven themed Christmas worlds, each with its own distinctive charm – from the romantic *Harbour Glow* to the enchanting *Fairytale Forest*, and the world-unique Craft Market held in the vaulted halls of the Hospital of the Holy Spirit.