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Information & things to know about Fehmarn



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FEHMARN – SUNNY ISLAND IN THE BALTIC SEA

With 2,000 hours of sunshine per year, Fehmarn attracts around 420,000 tourists with almost 3 million overnight stays for a holiday on the sunny island in the Baltic Sea.

Natural beaches, inland lakes and cliffs alternate across the **78 kilometres** of beautiful coastline. The inland area with its extensive meadows and fields is ideal for **long walks and cycle tours**.

Covering an area of 185 square kilometres, Fehmarn is the **third largest island in Germany** and the only German island in the Baltic Sea that is part of the federal state of Schleswig-Holstein.

As **part of the Vogelfluglinie** (as the crow flies), i.e. the most direct transport link between Greater Copenhagen and Hamburg, Fehmarnsund Bridge was opened in

1963. This landmark connects the south of the island to mainland Germany. There is also a **19-kilometre ferry service** from Puttgarden in the north of Fehmarn to Denmark. Since summer 2020, the **world's longest immersed tunnel** has been under construction in the Fehmarnbelt, connecting the north of Fehmarn with the Danish island of Lolland. Completion is planned for 2029.

FEHMARN FACT SHEET

Figures, data, facts - Fehmarn offers a lot of information. Useful information that every guest should have heard at least once when visiting the island. Here you can find out real insider knowledge:



LOCATION

between Kiel Bay and Mecklenburger Bay in the Baltic Sea



13,917 INHABITANTS

of which around 6,000 live in Burg (updated 2023)



42 PLACES

„the island's capital“ Burg. Alongside Burg, Landkirchen und Petersdorf are relatively large.

300 KM



WELL-DEVELOPED CYCLE PATHS

as well as seven cycle routes and numerous cycle paths, many of which lead directly along the coast or the dyke.

2,000



HOURS OF SUNSHINE PER YEAR

This makes Fehmarn one of the sunniest regions in Germany.



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- THE ISLAND NAME

goes back to the Slavic word for "in the sea".



78 km

COASTLINE

with cliffs, sandy and natural beaches.



For over 60 YEARS

the Fehmarnsund Bridge connects the island with the mainland.

185 km²

AREA

This makes Fehmarn the third largest island in Germany and the only one in the Baltic Sea in Schleswig-Holstein.

200



different bird species

can be observed in the NABU water bird reserve Wallnau.

FEHMARN'S TOP 20



In spring

1. Discover and get to know the historical town of Burg on a guided walking tour.
2. Go on a hike and watch the island's nature slowly come to life.
3. Cycle through the bright yellow rapeseed fields.
4. Go on a fishing trip along the coast.
5. Stroll through the alleys of Burg and treat yourself to a spot of shopping.



In summer

1. Try one of the many water sport possibilities.
2. Spend a whole day at the beach.
3. Experience a sunset at one of the island's favourite sundowner hotspots.
4. Try out the barbecue areas on the marina promenade.
5. Enjoy a picnic under the open sky, but don't forget the seagulls.



In autumn

1. Searching for and collecting flotsam and jetsam after a storm.
2. Watching an impressive sunrise on the cliffs in the east.
3. Hike across the autumn-coloured island.
4. Cycle across the island on an e-bike and feel the sea breeze on your face.
5. Unwind on a horseback ride.



In winter

1. Pay an all-day visit to the FehMare bathing world.
2. Pamper yourself with a wellness programme.
3. Watch a film in the beautiful cinema in Burg.
4. Enjoy a lonely and windy walk on the beach to the full.
5. Take a stroll through the decorated streets of Burg.



ACCOMMODATION

Every year, around 420,000 tourists with almost 3 million overnight stays come to the island for a holiday.

Fehmarn has around **15,056 beds**, of which 2,500 are hotel beds in 17 hotels. The new Golf'n'Wave Hotel in Wulfen opened in the summer of 2025. In addition, **17 campsites** on the island offer a total of around 6,541 pitches. Of these, about 50% are permanent campers and 50% are tourist pitches. In addition, **94 farms** offer holiday rentals, and there are a total of 1,338 berths in the island's **six harbours**. (updated: 2026).



Camping

With **17 campsites** located directly on the coast, Fehmarn is a popular destination for campers, which means that the island welcomes numerous regular guests every year, but also continues to delight new guests. Spanning large camping parks with many exciting leisure activities to small, family campsites, **Fehmarn offers the right choice of motorhome and camping pitches for every guest.**

For those who like it a little more luxurious, the **mobile homes on Fehmarn are the perfect solution** and can be rented at more and more campsites. In addition, camping fans, in particular, appreciate the location of the different pitches and campsites.



AUDIO GUIDE

You can also find out more about the places of interest in the audio guide: fehmarnde.de/audioguide



PLACES OF INTEREST

- **5 lighthouses** (of which the "Flügge" lighthouse in the west of the island is accessible for visitors)
- **5 churches & 1 chapel**
- **6 ports** (Puttgarden ferry port, and marinas at Burgstaaken, Burgtiefe, Lemkenhafen, Orth and Fehmarnsund)
- **The listed Fehmarnsund Bridge**
- **Replica of a Stone Age long-bed tomb** on Wulfener Berg
- **Niobe Monument**
- **Jimi Hendrix Memorial**
- **Castle Ruin Glambek**
- **Burgtiefe tower & marina promenade**



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

...

Jimi Hendrix gave his last concert on Fehmarn. A monument commemorates this concert at the Love and Peace Festival in 1970?

...

the actor **Nick Wilder**, whom many know as advertising the character "Herr Kaiser" from the Hamburg-Mannheimer Insurance, was born on Fehmarn?

...

the German Expressionist **Ernst Ludwig Kirchner** created around one tenth of his life's work in four summers on Fehmarn with 120 oil paintings?

...

Germany's largest tropical **aquarium** is situated in Burg?

...

Germany's oldest model ship can be admired in the St. Petri church in Landkirchen?

... there is a **card game** played on Fehmarn called **Scharwenzel**, which is probably not played anywhere else?

...

Burg is one of the oldest urban settlements in Schleswig-Holstein?



...

Fehmarn locals used to say they were **going to "Europe"** when travelling to the mainland?

...

Fehmarn is the **second largest city** in Schleswig-Holstein after Lübeck?

...

the first written mention of the island dates back to the **year 960**?

...

the **smallest airfield in Germany** is at Neujellingsdorf on Fehmarn?

...

a **cake is not normally pre-cut** so that everyone can take exactly as much as they want?

...

small yeast dough balls, so-called **Kroepel**, are now considered a specialty?

...



the young generation of Fehmarn traditionally organises "**ditch jumping**" every year, where participants try to jump over the Kopardorfer Au with a pole?

...

the **Hinrichsberg** (27.7 m) is the highest point on the island?

ARRIVAL & INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT LINKS

Fehmarn has been connected to the mainland via the Fehmarnsund Bridge (also known as the "coat hanger") since 1963.

Therefore, on 31 August 2022, the train service for Fehmarn was discontinued. Since then, **comfortable double-decker coaches** have been operating as rail replacement services between Lübeck and Puttgarden. The reason for this is the construction of the **fixed link across the Fehmarnbelt** between Puttgarden on Fehmarn and Rødby in Denmark and the associated expansion of the backcountry connection.



Fehmarn's Vogelfluglinie and International Transport Links

The Vogelfluglinie (as the crow flies) is a transport corridor that was **developed in the 1960s** between the metropolitan areas of **Copenhagen and Hamburg**, in which Fehmarn is integrated. It is also an important bird migration route of cranes and other Arctic waterfowl running parallel between Central Europe and Scandinavia.

Since its **commissioning on 30 April 1963**, the Fehmarnsund Bridge connects the south of the island with the mainland of Schleswig-Holstein. Popularly known as the "hanger", it replaced the ferry service between Großenbroderfähre and Fehmarnsund and has been **a heritage listed building since 1999**.

Today, two German and two Danish **ferries depart every 30 minutes between Puttgarden and Rødby**, the journey time is 45 minutes. At the end of the 1950s the expansion of the *Vogelfluglinie* was the largest construction site in Schleswig-Holstein and led to a rapid tourism development on Fehmarn.

Fehmarn Belt Fixed Link

The transport route is being extended once again as part of the Fehmarn Belt fixed link project. **Since summer 2020**, the world's longest immersed tunnel has been under construction in the Fehmarn Belt, connecting the north of Fehmarn with the Danish island of Lolland. **Completion is planned for 2029**.

The fixed link across the Fehmarn Belt, which is about 20 km long from coast to coast, will consist of **a double-track electrified railway line and a four-lane road connection**. The Fehmarn Belt tunnel is being built by the Danish state-owned company Femern A/S, which provides information on the current construction progress on its website:

www.femern.com/de/

The official website of the island of Fehmarn also provides up-to-date information about the tunnel construction:

<https://www.fehmarn.de/ffbq#c5928>

As a result, the transport axes on Fehmarn and in Ostholstein will also be expanded.



BEACH

78 km of coastline with 20 different beaches

- **South:** white and sandy beaches
- **East:** steep and rugged coastline
- **North:** dunes with inland lakes
- **West:** mainly natural beaches
- Flat sheets of rock in the west and north of the island

The many different stretches of beach spread along the entire island coastline are ideal for spending hours by the sea and can be customised to suit your individual needs. **Natural beaches and cliffs are ideal for long walks. You can easily explore the island by bike on**

the dykes.

For a day at the beach with sunbathing, swimming, splashing around, eating ice cream and playing volleyball, it is best to choose one of the **authorised beaches** in Burgtiefe, Meeschendorf, Bojendorf/Wallnau or at Grüner Brink.

There are beach chairs here that can be booked in advance of your holiday and the bathing areas are supervised by the DLRG (German Lifesaving Association).

Guests travelling with their dog can take their pet into the water at designated **dog beaches** in Bojendorf, Meeschendorf and at Grüner Brink.



ACTIVE ON LAND

Cycling on Fehmarn

Around 300 kilometres of signposted cycle paths span the island and the coastline. **78 kilometres of coastline** ranges from natural beaches, inland lakes to cliffs. When heading away from the coastal areas, the roads pass through villages or meadows and fields, which turn bright yellow during the rapeseed blossom season in spring. **For those who like to explore a specific theme, they can choose e.g. the "church tour", the "harbour tour" or the "Sundbrückentour".**

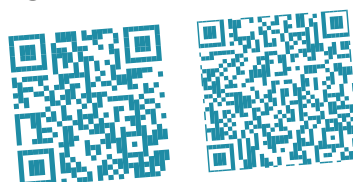
The signposted routes of the "Baltic Sea Cycle Route" and the "Mönchsweg" are one of the most scenic cycling routes on Fehmarn.

Further information at: www.fehmarn.de/sonneninsel/aktiv/radfahren

Cycling facts

- 300 kilometres of well-developed cycle paths
- Around 15 bike hire shops
- 5 themed routes
- 2 long-distance cycle routes
- 21 e-bike charging stations

The komoot and outdooractive route planner apps have everything you need for an eventful bike tour with fantastic views and exciting highlights:



Horse Riding

Fehmarn can also be discovered and familiarised with on horse-back. The stud farms and holiday farms spread across the island offer **taster sessions, courses and group rides** for both inexperienced and advanced riders.

Hiking

The **varied nature and many small highlights** make Fehmarn a paradise for hikers. You can unwind on long walks along the beaches and over the dykes and enjoy the view over the vast Baltic Sea.

Golfing

On Fehmarn you can do what many golfers want: golfing with a sea view! On the **18-hole course (par 72)**, you can putt, chip and pitch to your heart's content all year round in dreamlike surroundings and with **a view of the Baltic Sea** or the Burger Binnensee - and without any dress code.



NEW EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

In late April 2025, the **Fehmarnsche Ringreiterverein e.V. von 1912 (FRRV)** opened a state-of-the-art equestrian centre on the northern outskirts of Burg. With an **investment of around 6.4 million euros**, Fehmarn now has one of the most advanced equestrian facilities in Schleswig-Holstein and **Germany's largest outdoor arena featuring an ebb and flow drainage system**. Measuring 125 x 65 metres, it is a core component of the facilities and ensures optimal training and competition conditions in all weather

conditions. Furthermore, two ultramodern self-supporting riding halls offer prime indoor conditions. An event and seminar room for around 200 people provides comprehensive facilities for members, trainers, and guests. The FRRV regularly organises tournaments, with the **Fehmarn Horse Festival as the annual highlight during the last weekend in June**.





WATER SPORTS

Fehmarn is known among (kite-) surfers as "Hawaii of the North", which is known far beyond the borders of northern Germany for its optimal wind conditions.

On Fehmarn, windsurfers and kitesurfers have 17 spots. There is a **perfect spot for every wind direction and every level**, no matter whether you are a beginner gaining experience in the shallows, advanced or an expert. The island offers a selection of (kite-)surfing schools with numerous courses and equipment.



SUP

Get on your board and get out on the water - **there are spots with different conditions all around the island.** Almost all windsurfing and kitesurfing schools on Fehmarn offer SUP training and hire as an alternative for windless days.



Kitesurfing

The surfing and kitesurfing spots on Fehmarn are just as varied as the wind directions. This means that you **can kite well on the sunny island in any wind direction.** This advantage attracts many guests from outside the island on windy days.



Windsurfing

Different areas for beginners to professionals and optimal wind conditions make Fehmarn an absolute El Dorado for windsurfers. The numerous surf schools offer **courses for all levels of ability.**



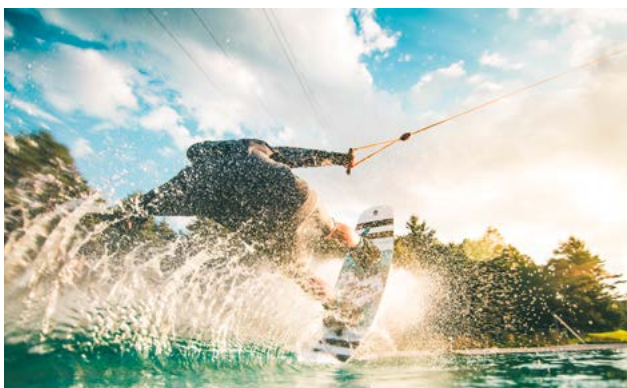
Wingfoiling/Wingsurfing

The new trend sport, wingfoiling, has not stopped at Fehmarn either. It is becoming increasingly common to see the foil board sticking out of the water at Fehmarn's surf spots with a surfer holding the wing in their hand. **Germany's first school specialising in wingsurfing opened on Fehmarn in July 2020.**



Diving

From the shore, the **diving depth is between 3 and 7 metres** and visibility is between 3 and 15 metres in optimal conditions. On the dives, there are overgrown erratic boulders with lots of underwater flora and fauna to discover as well as **wrecks that can be dived into.**



Wakeboarding

Directly at Wulfener Hals, **beginners and pros can discover this action-packed water sport** for themselves during (taster) courses or during public operation. The Wakepark Fehmarn also offers culinary delights with its unusual and **island-wide famous French fries creations and delicious cocktails**, inviting you to enjoy a sundowner in the evening and linger on the raised seating areas on the dyke.

www.wakeparkfehmarnde



Sailing

Thanks to its geographical location, wind conditions and good infrastructure, Fehmarn is an ideal spot for sailors and boat owners. There are a total of five marinas on Fehmarn.

The Burgtiefe marina in the south of the island is characterised by two special features: plenty of space between the berths and a round jetty that is unique on Fehmarn. The harbours have modern service buildings with sanitary facilities, ship cranes, bunker stations for diesel and petrol and much more. Surfing and sailing schools, restaurants, supermarkets, barbecue areas and playgrounds are often located in the immediate vicinity.

www.yachthafen-burgtiefe.de

WORLD MARKET LEADER & INTERESTING SURFING PERSONALITIES FROM FEHMARN

Fehmarn is the home to a **kiteboard manufacturer, which is one of the big players on the global scene.** Executive director **Bernie Hiss** carved his first surfboard as a 14-year-old boy in the basement of his parent's house. As a former top surfer, he was German runner-up in 1998. According to Hiss, winning the championship title in the German Windsurfing Cup in 1999 happened not only thanks to his skills, but primarily due to his quest for perfection in the production and fine-tuning of his equipment. **His company Hiss Tec has now grown the brand CARVED from a garage business to a leading**

global technological company for carbon kiteboards.

At least one German championship title was won on CARVED boards every year between 2002 and 2008, until it was decided not to participate in any competitions. **Hiss Tec also produces kites under the brand name CORE,** which are equally suitable for beginners and professionals. CORE is now the market leader for kites in Germany. www.ridecore.com



Linus Erdmann

Linus Erdmann is a **professional kitesurfer and 8-time German freestyle champion.** His father gave him a passion for board sports such as wakeboarding, snowboarding, windsurfing, skateboarding and kite-surfing. He competed in the German championships for the first time in 2008. Today, he is one of the best German kitesurfers and 8-time German champion. Erdmann's vision is to support the next generation on their way to becoming professional athletes with his knowledge. That's why he founded "**Children of the Sea**" in 2015 to create a foundation for youth development, camps and events. To share his lifestyle with others, he moved to Fehmarn with his wife and child in 2020, where he sees the future of German kitesurfing and its development. This is why he co-founded the **Kitesurf Club Deutschland e.V.,** which is also based here.

www.linuserdmann.de



Jürgen und Manfred Charchulla

Born in 1939, the illustrious surfers Jürgen and Manfred Charchulla, who are based on Fehmarn, are considered **pioneers of windsurfing.** They have been interested in water sports since the age of 15 and pursued this hobby for 15 years. In **1973, they opened one of the world's first surf shops in Bremen.** In 1974, Manfred Charchulla initiated the first windsurfing lessons in Körbecke on the Möhne dam and on the island of Sylt. **As the first surfers, both brothers crossed the English Channel on 25 May 1975 on a tandem.** About a year later, they mastered the Skagerrak on a tandem in 14 hours - from Hanstholm in Denmark to the Norwegian Mandal (without a dinghy). In 1975, the Charchulla brothers finally settled down on Fehmarn and founded a surfing school at the Burger Binnensee in the immediate vicinity of South Beach.



FOOD & BEVERAGE

Fehmarn has numerous culinary facets, from farm cafés to restaurants and bistros to beach bars, catering for all tastes.

The Fehmarnsche Kaffeetafel (Fehmarn Coffee Gathering)

A "Fehmarnsche Kaffeetafel" is a coffee and cake gathering that follows its own customs. In order to serve everyone exactly the portion the individual guest prefers, **the cake is not pre-cut**. Everyone simply cuts a slice and then passes the cake to their neighbour together with the cake knife. On the other hand, everyone participating is aware of the big variety of even more delicious cakes in the background – so it is best to start off slowly.

A typical pastry that is offered at every celebration is the **Wiener Ziegel**. It consists of thin layers of cake with alternating layers of cherry jam and a light butter cream. These are then covered with a blanket of Lübeck marzipan and decorated with dark chocolate. The rich cake is cut into slices around one centimetre thick.

Other typical specialties are sugar ringlets, small crispy pretzels sprinkled with coarse sugar. In many places, you may also be served the so-called marshal tartlets: puff pastry with a plum jam filling and a baked macaroon bonnet and "Kröpel" (pronounced kroepel) – small, round, sweet, deep-fried yeast balls made from leavened dough. Also popular is Butterkuchen, a cake made from juicy leavened dough with lots of butter, finely chopped almonds and a sugar crust, which is slightly caramelised before being baked.

Beach bars & Sundowner

There are a number of popular chill-out locations on Fehmarn that guests and locals like to visit on warm, sunny days. With a selection of different cocktails - with and without alcohol - as well as other drinks, you are spoilt for choice as to which sundowner you would prefer to ring in the end of the evening with.



Further information about the island's gastronomic offerings:
fehmarnde.de/fehmarnerleben/gastronomie-genuss

FEHMARN'S NATURE RESERVES

Fehmarn has a unique and diverse natural environment to offer, which looks very different in different parts of the island. White sandy beaches, rugged cliffs, rocky natural beaches, extensive dykes and endless meadows and fields.

Fehmarn has four nature reserves covering several hectares:



The "**Krummsteert**" (low German for "crooked tail") is located on the south-western tip of the island of Fehmarn and must not be entered. There are various ecosystems and biotopes on 395 hectares. Typical plants such as sea kale, chickweed and sea mustard as well as various wading birds feel particularly at home here.



The best place for birdwatching is at the "**NABU water bird reserve Wallnau**", one of the most ecologically valuable regions in northern Germany. Unnoticed by the birds, you can enjoy a spectacular view from specially built observation huts of numerous, sometimes very rare bird species.



Also accessible to visitors is the 134-hectare "**Grüner Brink**" on the north coast of Fehmarn. The strip of land between the dyke and the Baltic Sea, 2.5 kilometres long and up to 180 metres wide, was actually formed by the dyke construction in 1872 and has been under conservation since 1938.



The "**Northern Lakeland**" has only been under protection since 29 August 2014, making it the youngest of the four protected areas on the island. It mainly comprises coastal sections and adjoining lowland areas with lakes, reeds, salt marshes and extensively used grassland areas.

Especially protected is the tiny **Kolhof island situated in Burger Lake** (Burgtiefe), which also serves as a breeding ground for numerous birds in the southern part of Fehmarn.



Take a look at the Art and Culture Guide to find out more about Fehmarn's history, culture and architecture. The Art and Culture Guide is available free of charge at the tourist information centres and online at fehmarnde.com

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & CULTURE

Marina Burgtiefe & Marina Promenade

The Burgtiefe marina is the **largest marina on the island** of Fehmarn and is characterised by its well-protected location in the "Burger Binnensee". Besides an excellent wave attenuation solution, it has other special features such as the **round dock**. In total, the Burgtiefe marina has **more than 600 berths**. The South Beach area offers a versatile and wide range of dining and leisure activities. The approximately **18-metre-high, barrier-free observation tower** in the far west of the marina promenade is accessible free of charge, and from the top, guests can enjoy a 360-degree view of the marina, the Burger inland lake, the promenade, Wulfener Hals and the Baltic Sea.

Audio guide

The new audio guide takes locals and visitors on an entertaining tour of the entire island with a **total of 39 stations**. Here you can learn exciting stories and interesting facts about the sunny island - its nature, history and culture.

With six stations, there is a special focus on the island centre of Burg, including an exciting tour of the town. If you want to get in the mood for your Fehmarn holiday at home or reminisce about your previous holiday on the sunny island, you can also find the audio guide files on fehmarnde.com/audioguide.

LEISURE ATTRACTIONS

Dark experiment

With an eye mask and blind stick, you can experience a forest walk or a supermarket purchase. A pair of drug and alcohol impairment goggles show the impact of both on simple tasks such as texting or throwing a ball.

www.dunkelexperiment.de

Cinema in Burg

Is a classic "cuddly cinema" in the style of the 1970s. Despite the nostalgic atmosphere, the cinema uses the latest image and sound technology.

www.burg-film-theater.de

NABU water bird reserve Wallnau

A bird migration hotspot. In ecological terms, one of the most valuable regions in northern Germany. "Inverse zoo principle": from special observation huts, very rare bird species can sometimes be seen with binoculars; nature trail with play stations, observation tower and picnic area; lunch and home-baked cakes in the farm café – all boasting organic quality.

www.nabu-wallnau.de

Farmworld Fehmarn

Covering an area of almost 100 square metres, the Farmworld Fehmarn miniature farm displays modern agriculture during the different seasons.

www.farmworld-fehmarn.de

Skate Park Fehmarn

Relaxed skating in the city centre. In the skate park, you can roll and jump over ramps, benches and platforms.

Butterfly Park Fehmarn

Third largest butterfly park in Germany, large free-flight hall with glass roof, constantly between 600 and 1000 moths, and up to 100 butterfly species, predominantly from Malaysia and Costa Rica.

www.schmetterlingspark-fehmarn.de

Maritime Centre Fehmarn

With 4 million litres of water and thousands of tropical sea animals, this is one of the largest aquariums in Europe. The "Haiwelten" (shark world) section features Sandtiger, Lemon and Nurse sharks.

www.meereszentrum.de

Adventure Golf Fehmarn

Totally crazy golf obstacles, 18 varied courses with sea view, pirate playground for children - the family golf experience on Germany's largest adventure golf course.

www.adventure-golf-fehmarn.de

Siloclimbing

One of the 16 climbing routes is 40 metres high and thus the tallest climbing wall in Europe. The climbing routes are arranged such that children (minimum height is 1.10 m) and beginners have little trouble in coping with the easier climbing routes. The youngest climbers are 4 to 5 years old, the oldest are over 70.

www.siloclimbing.de

Adventure Island Fehmarn

Adventure Island Fehmarn is East Holstein's first laser tag arena and offers a unique adventure experience over an area of 400 m². The arena boasts spectacular light and sound effects. Besides laser tag fun, visitors can try their hand at air

hockey, darts, basketball, table football, and a boxing machine.

www.adventure-island-fehmarn.de

Soccer golf

Try to move the ball over/past obstacles using your foot with as few tee-offs or kicks as possible – that is the goal of soccer golf. The combination of mini golf and football is particularly suitable for families and groups.

www.soccerygolf-fehmarn.de

Water Fun Fehmarn

Germany's first water park in the Baltic Sea. Guaranteed fun and action across 2000 square metres, featuring jump towers, trampolines and climbing walls in the water! You can also rent paddle boats and stand-up paddle boards or take SUP courses.

www.wasserspassfehmarn.de

Hotel Escape

An escape room – an hour, a team, a mission! In a former hotel, inhabited by dubious guests, a dark secret lurks! Can you defy the dangers and keep a cool head? You can expect mysterious adventures and exciting mysteries for young and old.

www.fliehwenndukannst.jetzt

Barefoot Park

Barefoot Park Fehmarn in Neue Tiefe opened in the spring of 2023. All the senses are activated during the experience. As guests walk along a path, they explore a wide variety of terrain underfoot. The path is followed by a labyrinth, after which comes a huge adventure playground.

www.barfusspark-fehmarn.de

MUSEUMS



Galileo World of Knowledge

In this 3,200 square metre interactive museum the theme worlds "Technology and Energy" and "Earth and Life" can be explored.

www.galileo-fehmarn.de



Submarine Museum Fehmarn

Visitors can experience life in a confined space during a visit to U11 Submarine and find out about the German submarine fleet of the post-war period in the exhibition next door.

www.ostsee-u-boot.de



Windmill Museum Jachen Flünk

The "Jachen Flünk" mill is the oldest windmill in Schleswig-Holstein. It is still fully operational with wind sails and is open to the public as a mill and agricultural museum.

www.museum-fehmarn.de



Fehmarn Museum Burg

Exhibits on the topics of geology of the island of Fehmarn, regional history, crafts, guilds, seafaring and hunting are presented in 23 rooms.

www.stadtfehmarn.de/Leben-auf-Fehmarn/Fehmarn-Museum/



Life-saving Museum Fehmarn

Exhibition on the history and technology of rescuing people at sea as images and audio, ship models, information on the German Society for the Rescue of Shipwrecked. Visit of the legendary rescue cruiser "Arwed Emminghaus" with its daughter boat "Alte Liebe" ("Old Love").

www.seenotrettungsmuseum-fehmarn.de



Museum Übersee

A journey around the world with a focus on art, culture and *Völkerforum*. Extensive collection of handcrafts from Africa, the nature-loving and spiritual way of life of the people of Oceania, woodcarving from Asia, musical instruments to try out, original gamelan gong orchestra from Bali.

www.abenteuer-uebersee.de



GLAMBEK CASTLE RUINS

In 1210, Danish King Waldemar II built a castle on the strategically important Burgtiefe peninsula, which was the most important site in the island's history until its destruction. Four-metre-high ramparts, two towers, a moat, and a drawbridge with a portcullis protected the stately rooms and stables inside the fortress. In 1321, one year after the enactment of the Fehmarn land law, **Judge Reventlow had numerous disloyal islanders hanged at Glambek Castle**. After many feuds and conquests, the badly damaged fortress served as a warehouse for wood and grain until it was **finally destroyed in 1628**. Many stones were removed and reused for other buildings. The ruins disappeared under sand dunes and **only reappeared following a violent storm and flooding on 13 November 1872**. In 1908, the architect Voß and merchant Bundies finally uncovered the remains of the castle grounds. In **September 2024, excavations**

took place for the first time since 1908. Archaeologists and students from the Institute for Prehistoric and Early History Archaeology at the University of Hamburg investigated the area and gained new insights. For example, it is questionable whether Waldemar II really built the castle, as there is no written evidence that documents it. More detailed information regarding the aforementioned excavations is available in an interview with Lorenz Luick from the University of Hamburg: www.fehmarn.de/blog/die-burgruine-glambek-zweifel-ziegel-und-zusammenarbeit



ART & ARCHITECTURE PERSONALITIES

The island has already been the focus of attention of well-known personalities in the past - be it artistically or architecturally.

Ernst Ludwig Kirchner

Fascinated by the untouched beauty of the island, the young painter Ernst Ludwig Kirchner found new colours and forms in a veritable creative frenzy at the beginning of the 20th century. In complete seclusion, he discovered the 'earthly paradise' on Fehmarn. **The permanent Ernst Ludwig Kirchner exhibition in the attic of the library (Bahnhofstr. 47, Burg) presents reconstructions of some of Kirchner's Fehmarn paintings** in their original size as well as postcard copies, photos and extracts from sketchbooks. Kirchner's monumental murals from 1916 have been reconstructed in their original size and are **perma-**

nently installed on the outside wall of the Burg **Film Theatre** on Fehmarn.

www.kirchnervereinfehmarn.de

Arne Jacobsen

Nothing else in Fehmarn divides opinion and causes debate more than the sight of the three skyscrapers on South Beach. What is the point of these "concrete buildings" and the many adjacent "blocks"? Truly a lot when you think back to the time they were built.

In the 1960s, when tourism started to boom, the municipality of Burg decided to transform the south beach peninsula Burgtiefe into a seaside resort. The Dane Arne Jacobsen won the architectural competition. He is still considered one of the most important architects and designers of the 20th century.

In 1966, construction work began and lasted for seven years – ending two years after Jacobsen's death in 1971. Originally intended as three-to-four-storey buildings, the three skyscrapers were ultimately extended to 17 floors due to the increasing need for accommodation. Today, a hotel is housed in the blocks named 'Copenhagen' and 'Berlin', while in the building 'Stockholm' you will find a mother-and-child recreation facility.

Lots of open space, sociable gatherings & beautiful view

In order to create an overall relaxed impression, Jacobsen designed the rather bulky buildings with delicate lines, putting the typical apartment structure aside. In fact, he chose a **multi-level construction form to merge many open spaces and green areas.** This concurs with his main idea of bringing nature and architecture together in harmony.

At the centre of his designs, he **combined worlds of experience and social life.** He placed the (former) "Haus des Gastes", which was incidentally inaugurated in 1968 as the first building, the spa centre (today the fun pool) and the seawater wave pool (completed in 1972) at the centre of the entire complex. Glass promenades make it possible for holidaymakers to meet in a nice atmosphere despite the wind or bad weather.

All balconies of the apartments extend across the entire width of the apartment and are mostly facing the sun. Similarly, guests from all high-rise apartments have a great view towards the sun and the sea.

This even works when seated, because rotating slats on the balcony railings provide a sense of perspective or privacy – which can be cranked open or closed. The open design, the south-facing balconies, combined with a good view, are also central elements in Jacobsen's designs.





SUSTAINABILITY

A commitment to sustainability and active nature conservation go hand in hand with a holiday on the sunny island. This is why Fehmarn is committed to environmental protection and nature conservation in more and more places and supports projects in

which guests and locals can also participate. By buying local food - produced directly on Fehmarn - you support local suppliers and avoid long transport routes.

Flower strips

Fehmarn-Wege GmbH & Co. KG is a voluntary association of Fehmarn residents who have set themselves the goal of sustainably improving the tourist infrastructure of the island of Fehmarn. In particular, the willingness of farmers to co-operate in this project and voluntarily make their land available is a guarantee of success in the construction of cycling and hiking trails.

One initiative of Fehmarn-Wege GmbH & Co. KG is the **island-wide flower strips** that bloom alongside the cycle paths. In return for compensation payments, farmers sow flower mixtures instead of crops in areas well located for tourism. These provide a habitat for insect and bee populations and ensure an increase in biodiversity. **The area covers around 22 hectares.**

Positive climate footprint: road construction without asphalt and concrete

Fehmarn wants to be climate-neutral by 2030. From 2011 to 2023, the island has therefore constructed numerous paths and areas using climate-friendly building materials from HanseGrand Klimabaustoffe GmbH & Co. KG in semi-bound and water-bound construction methods.

According to an analysis by this company from 2023, 60 to 80% of CO₂ has been saved on Fehmarn in the last 12 years through the use of alternative building materials in water-bound path construction. This is roughly equivalent to the annual emissions of 860 cars.

*Source: Firma HanseGrand Klimabaustoffe GmbH & Co. KG



Fehmarn Bee Island

With the 'Bee Island Fehmarn' project, Fehmarn aims to sustainably improve the livelihood of insects. Among other things, with areas that are specially created for bees and can be recognised by signs with a bee logo.

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Reusable on Fehmarn

Since the beginning of 2023, several catering establishments on Fehmarn have joined the Germany-wide reusable system RECUP & REBOWL. In many catering establishments, you can now get your coffee for a deposit in a RECUP reusable cup or food in a REBOWL reusable bowl. These can be returned to any RECUP partner business throughout Germany.

www.recup.de

There are also other reusable systems on Fehmarn, e.g. from the NABU project "Waste-free on the beach", with the FairCup cups.



BUND project "Holiday for the sea"

The BUND project "Holidays for the sea" is committed to sustainable tourism in Schleswig-Holstein. Together with tourism organisations and local authorities, landlords of holiday accommodation are invited to encourage their holiday guests to use less packaging and behave in a more sea-friendly way.

<https://urlaub-fuers-meer.de/>



Island-wide waste collection campaigns

Raising awareness of environmental protection, sustainability and available resources - these are the goals behind the annual island-wide waste collection campaigns, usually in spring.

LOCAL PRODUCTS

Küstenmanufaktur

Küstenmanufaktur produces delicious products from Fehmarn: **jams, mustards, sauces, pestos and soups**. The products are available directly from the shop, Osterstraße 55, opposite the fire station in Burg, and at the weekly market in Burg on Wednesdays (Easter to October).

www.kuestenmanufaktur.de

Rapeseed honey

At the **Hönemann apiary**, many bees and two enthusiastic beekeepers produce **mild rapeseed honey and strong summer blossom honey** in the midst of the natural and diverse nature of the island in Meeschendorf. With its almost white colour, the rapeseed honey can be easily distinguished from the golden yellow summer blossom honey.

www.fehmarn-honig.de

Knustbier

Northern German joie de vivre mixed with water, hops, malt and yeast. Lovingly brewed by craft farmers Kerstin and Jonathan. With the best ingredients and a pinch of dry humour, left unfiltered in the bottle. Authentic and fresh - just like the North Germans. Anyone who knows the Nordic way of enjoying life will love KNUST.

www.knustbier.de

Lina Danklefsen - porcelain/painting

As a child of the North, Lina Danklefsen grew up on Fehmarn, breathed the salty Baltic Sea air and internalised the moods of the sea. **She combines acquired skills with a fine sense for textures and colouring**. In her studio on Fehmarn, she combines the variety of forms of porcelain with the expressive possibilities of colour.

www.linadanklefsen.de

Fehmarn distillery

The **raw materials for the fine spirits produced by Fehmarn Destillerie GmbH grow on the agricultural land of Johannisberg**. And this is exactly where the Fehmarn experts refine them with a great deal of passion, diligence and knowledge: what comes from here also tastes like here.

www.fehmarn-destillerie.de

Quarkeria

Every day from April to October, the Quarkeria on South Beach in Burgtiefe offers the **tastiest quark dishes in different variations from their own production**. With fruit as a topping and chocolate sprinkles or cereals, the delicious refreshment is available in two different sizes.

www.quarkeria.de

Fehmarn rapeseed pillows/cushions

Filled with rapeseeds, which are much finer than other grain-filled pillows, **these popular souvenirs or gifts are available in a wide variety of cottons**, shapes and colours. As two, three or four-chamber pillows, children's pillows or neck croissants, they can be used for both heat and cold therapy.

www.rapskissen.com

Lupin coffee

For the regional Holstein Kaffee Kaffeerösterei Neumünster GmbH, the Rickert family grows the white lupine on Fehmarn with a lot of passion and joy. With this support, Managing Director Svenja Thomas can finally offer a completely regional and thus sustainable coffee alternative. **The lupine coffee is roasted from the seeds of the white lupine and has a real coffee taste**.

www.holstein-kaffee.de

Radden's ice cream

This Fehmarn ice cream tradition has been around in the south of Burg's old town since 1947. The changing and unusual flavours of the popular soft ice cream are always well received by young and old guests. No wonder that the queue sometimes stretches to the next corner.

www.facebook.com/raddens.eis/



TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT 2035

As the island has undergone above-average development in tourism in recent years, as well as the associated consequences such as declining acceptance of tourism, increasing traffic congestion, changing guest needs and the resulting adjustments to the infrastructure, the Fehmarn Tourism Service has been working on a new tourism development concept over the past few months.

The town council has also decided that the island

should become climate-neutral by 2030. The focus is on the following topics: sustainable tourism development, increasing the acceptance of tourism among locals, brand-strengthening, barrier-free and target group-oriented tourism infrastructure, mobility, digitalisation, motorhome tourism, employee recruitment, etc. The project is expected to be completed in late summer 2024. Implementation will take place over the next few years.



For further information,
please visit
fehmarnde.de/veranstaltungen

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS ON FEHMARN

In terms of events, Fehmarn is versatile all year round: be it sporty, cultural, culinary or musical - there is a suitable date for every taste. The calendar of events includes numerous annual events.



Rapeseed blossom festival, Petersdorf

The Petersdorf *Rapsblütenfest* is one of the most popular traditions on the island. The festival programme is packed with live music, dance and show performances, and the locals and guests enjoy the party. Highlights include the **coronation of the Rapsblütenkönigin** (Queen of rapeseed blossom), **the Rapsblütenprinzessin** (Princess of rapeseed blossom) and **the Children's King/Queen**.



Surf Festival, South Beach Burgtiefe

Almost the entire surf industry will be at the start of the **Surf Festival with their latest test equipment**, turning South Beach into Europe's largest windsurfing trade fair.

Water sports fans can get the **best possible impression of the latest boards, sails and SUPs and try them for free on the Baltic Sea**. On the beach and at the exhibition stalls, the stars of the scene meet, sign autographs, give interviews and run various workshops on how to improve the technique.

In the evenings, bands and DJs attract visitors to the dance floor.



Foil Festival, South Beach Burgtiefe

The first Foil Festival offers an unbeatable platform for enthusiasm and innovation in the up-and-coming sport of WingFoiling and PumpFoiling. The competitions promise exciting manoeuvres and races in various disciplines.

The Foil Festival will also host the world's largest WingFoil beach fair, where 43 wing, foil and board manufacturers will be represented. Visitors can test the equipment free of charge.



Midsummer Bulli Festival, South Beach Burgtiefe

Around 1200 colourful, crazy, beautiful and unusual Bullis (VW camper vans) are expected just in time for the summer solstice on the South Beach in Burgtiefe. Enjoy listening to famous live bands right in front of the dunes, chilling out and barbecuing with friends, shopping the mile or have delicious snacks at the Foodtruck area. There is something for everyone and ensures that not only enthusiasts of the legendary vehicle and the general population alike get their money's worth. Exciting interviews and award ceremonies complete the "Woodstock for Bulli-drivers".



Wine Festival, Burg marketplace

In a cosy atmosphere, wine connoisseurs and wine-makers from various German wine-growing areas meet to experience a fun weekend on the topic of wine. Bold and fruity wines can be tasted directly under the open sky. Culinary treats, expert advice and daily live music ensure the best in entertainment.



Lichtermeer, Burg

Colourful lamps, shining lights and impressive light displays illuminate the Senator-Thomsen-Park in Burg in an extraordinary light. In addition to various programme items as a highlight of the sea of lights, the Fehmarn Tourist Service also offers a suitable entertainment programme for younger guests. The dark season is welcomed in a cosy atmosphere with campfires, stick bread and torchlight walks.



Kite Festival, South Beach Burgtiefe

At the spectacular kite festival, not only South Beach in Burgtiefe is transformed into a colourful paradise, but also the sky above the sunny island of Fehmarn. **The large open-air event offers three days of great highlights for the whole family**, e.g. kite shows with unusual large kites and stunt kites, a variety of entertainment for children, extensive leisure activities and a varied programme on the stage.



Christmas market, Burg market square

From the end of November, small wooden stalls line the market square in the centre of Burg's old town, wafting the smell of mulled wine, punch and food. This is when the Fehmarn Christmas market opens its doors. In addition to typical specialities such as crêpes and potato pancakes, visitors can also stop at stalls selling jewellery and handicrafts and marvel at the offerings. The lighting in the trees and on the small stalls as well as flickering fire barrels create a particularly cosy atmosphere.



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