

BREMERHAVEN

Verkehrsverbund
Bremen/Niedersachsen



Start and End Point

Bremerhaven Hbf

RS2, RX2

(2 times per hour from 'Bremen Hbf')

City Stroll

Duration

approx. 2.5 hours

(not counting sightseeing)

Citybus

Bus lines 502, 505, 506, 508, 509 from 'Hbf' to the stop 'Hochschule Bremerhaven/Stadttheater' (every 3 mins.)

Fresh Air & Culture

Large-scale pottery, spectacular interactive museums, fabulous contemporary architecture: Bremerhaven has long since become a top trip destination in Germany. A stroll across this maritime city reveals its most beautiful sights.

We'll take the bus from the main train station in direction city centre to the stop 'Hochschule BHV/Stadttheater' on the expansive Theodor-Heuss-Platz. Those, who prefer walking, might just follow Friedrich-Ebert-Strasse, which will also lead to **Theodor-Heuss-Platz** after about 2 kilometres and crossing the 'Geeste'. On your way, you might like to take a stroll down **Bürgermeister-Smidt-Strasse**, the pedestrianised shopping zone of Bremerhaven. Not long, and we spot the Great Church (Grosse Kirche) built in 1855, which was - just like the street it is on - named after the city's founder Smidt.

We continue on via Kirchenstrasse in direction of the harbour. Very soon we will have reached Columbus Centre, a landmark of Bremerhaven, dating back to the 1970ies. The shopping centre in the shape of a ship consists of several parts, and has shaped the image of the city for a long time, and was seen as the state of the art business and office complex of its time.

A footpath leads across the **Columbus Centre**, straight to the **Old Harbour** with berths for the museum ships of the **Shipping Museum** (Schiffahrtsmuseum). These ships and also the museum are always worth a visit, and are highly recommended for families and children. Very impressive, for example, is a tour of the **Wilhelm Bauer Submarine** dating back to World War II, where you can get a first-hand impression of the tight quarters and extreme conditions, under which the crew had to work. The mighty tall ship, the **Seute Deern** built in 1919 is also open for visitors. The ship with its overall height of 75.70 metres is the largest remaining wooden cargo sailing ship in the world. Today, the ship features a restaurant for visitors.

From the shipping museum we have a great view of the new **Havenwelten** district with its futuristic buildings. Havenwelten has visibly changed the landscape of Bremerhaven's city centre - and most definitely in any small way: The sail-shaped skyscraper **Hotel SailCity**, the shopping centre **Mediterraneo**, the unusually shaped **Climate House** (Klimahaus) and the **German Emigrants House** (Deutsches Auswandererhaus) enchant us with their contemporary modern architectural designs. Another unmissable attraction is the **Zoo by the Sea** (Zoo am Meer). Tip: Since each of the attractions and sights are well worth a visit all on their own, we recommend just picking one of them at a time, saving the rest for later visits to our great city.

I would definitely recommend the **Viewing Platform** at the 140 metres Atlantic Hotel SailCity as your starting point for your tour across the new Havenwelten district. From the vantage point of this highest building in the city, you will enjoy wonderful panoramic views of Bremerhaven and Havenwelten, the international ports, and the entire surrounding area up to where the Weser River flows into the North Sea.

On our way to the Climate House (Klimahaus), we'll quickly visit the **Mediterraneo**, a shopping centre with an unmistakably Mediterranean ambiance, where visitors get a summer feeling, no matter what the weather outside! The high glass cuppola creates an attractive and warm climate in this artificial 'city' with a piazza, garden arcades, water features, a market, and even old city buildings, where a cup of 'open air' cappuccino is as enjoyable in winter as it is in summer. The Mediterraneo is connected to the Columbus Centre across the street via a glass bridge.

From here, we'll get directly to the **Climate House** (Klimahaus) - a visit for which you should plan ample time. The Climate House offers visitors a unique 'trip around the world' across all of Earth's climate zones. The tour, which follows the eighth eastern meridian, leads past backdrops modelled after original locations around the world. From the refreshingly cool breeze of an Alpine meadow in Switzerland, to the oppressive heat of the Sahel region in Africa and the perishing cold of the Antarctic, or the heavenly climes of the South Sea and the changing weather of Northern Germany - here, we can experience first hand how

people live in the most important climate zones of our planet. This impressive demonstration explains how people on Earth are influenced by the climate they live in, and what changes we face in our future due to climate changes.

Visitors will be able to carry out their own 'experiments' in the various exhibition areas, including 'The Elements' and 'Outlook'. Here, visitors have an opportunity to test how they can make a difference in their daily lives by supporting the efforts for CO2 emission reduction.

Diagonally across from the Climate House we find the **German Emigrants House** (Deutsches Auswandererhaus). Here, visitors can follow in the footsteps of over seven million people, who emigrated overseas via Bremerhaven. Spatial and sound installations and state-of-the-art museum technology lead the visitor on a journey through time and the history of German migration. Selected emigrant biographies allow us a very personal glimpse of how people dealt with the loss of their native country during the 19th and 20th centuries, and how they experienced their arrivals in America and Australia in particular. Other topics also include aspects of modern migration. At the end of the exhibition, visitors also have an opportunity to search databases in order to trace their own ancestors, who may have emigrated in the past.

We continue our stroll on Hermann-Heinrich-Meier-Strasse alongside the **New Harbour** (Neuer Hafen) until we reach the Beach Hall (Strandhalle), and the ever popular **Zoo by the Sea** (Zoo am Meer). The latter was renovated completely just a few years ago, and now offers its resident animals spaces appropriate to their species. Visitors can enjoy breathtaking underwater views of swimming and hunting polar bears, penguins, and seals.

At the historical **Simon Loschen Lighthouse**, constructed in the style of the northern German Gothic redbrick houses, we cross the sluice gate forming the entrance to the New Harbour via its public footpath. From this vantage point, the sluice gate technology is visible, and passers-by can admire the many sports and sailing ships in the harbour. Strolling along the **Harbour Promenade**, we have an opportunity to admire some of the elegant new apartment buildings, and can enjoy sweeping views of the New Harbour and the Weser River. At the end of our path, we finally reach the **Emperor's Sluice** (Kaiserschleuse), which was reopened in 2011.

This is where we will turn back, and continue along the water's edge to **Pingel Tower** (Pingelturm), a lighthouse constructed in 1900, which sports a fog signal bell.

At the **Emigrants' Monument** (Ausländerdenkmal), we have a great view of Columbus Quay, from where over seven million people have emigrated since 1827. In 1980, the quay started a new life as a cruise-ship dock. Our path continues along the Weser River in direction of the Spa Quay (Seebäderkaje) and the Zoo by the Sea back to the **Beach Hall** (Strandhalle), the traditional bar dating back to the turn of the 19th century. **Weser Beach** (Weserstrandbad) is just around the corner from here. When the weather is fair, you can rest here for some sunbathing in one of the region's iconic wicker beach chairs to watch the passing ships. Our little visitors will be able to play in one of our kiddie pools.

Showcase Fishing Harbour (Schaufenster Fischereihafen)

If you feel you can't go home before you have had some of our local seafood delicacies, and are generally interested in maritime attractions, then you should definitely include a trip to the **Fishing Harbour**, which is only six kilometres away from the city. Simply board bus line 505 or 506 at the 'Havenwelten' stop. Upon your arrival, the famous boulevard **Showcase Fishing Harbour** is definitely worth a stroll along the former fish packing plant, which today houses maritime themed shops, restaurants, and more. The **Museum Ship 'Gera'**, which offers first-hand insights into the life and work on a sea-going fishing boat, is permanently moored at the fishing harbour. Those interested in the fascinating biospheres of marine animals can get their fill at the sea water aquarium **Atlantikum**. Close by the fishing harbour, you will also find the science and adventure centre **Phänomenta**. Here, kids and the whole family can experiment to their heart's content, discovering all the secrets behind natural phenomena and technology at more than 80 individual experimentation stations.

Tips

German Shipping Museum (Deutsches Schifffahrtsmuseum)

Hans-Scharoun-Platz 1 (Alter Hafen)

27568 Bremerhaven

Tel +49 (0)4 71 - 48 20 70

Mar. to Oct. daily, 10 am to 6 pm

Nov. to Feb. Tu-Su, 10 am to 6 pm

€6, kids €4

Submarine €3, kids €2

Viewing Platform SailCity

Am Strom 1, 27568 Bremerhaven

Tel +49 (0)4 71 - 30 99 00

Apr.–Sep. daily,

9:30 am to 8:30 pm, Oct.–Mar. daily, 10 am to 4:30 pm

€3, disc. €2

Climate House (Klimahaus) Bremerhaven 8° Ost

Am Längengrad 8, 27568 Bremerhaven

Tel +49 (0)4 71 - 9 02 03 00

Apr. to Aug. Mo-Fr 9 am to 7 pm,

Sa/Su/Pub. Hol. 10 am to 7 pm

Sep. to Mar. Mo-Fr 10 am to 6 pm, Sa/Su/Pub. Hol. 10 am to 6 pm

€14. disc. €9.50

www.klimahaus-bremerhaven.de

Zoo by the Sea (Zoo am Meer)

H.-H.-Meier-Straße 7, 27568 Bremerhaven

Tel +49 (0)4 71 - 3 08 41 41

www.zoo-am-meerbremerhaven.de

Apr. to Sep. 9 am to 7 pm, Mar and Oct. 9 am to 6 pm,

Nov. to Feb. 9 am to 4:30 pm

€6.50, kids €3.50

Every Monday is Zoo Day (except. public holidays)

€5, kids €2.50

Popular animal park focusing mainly on marine life

German Emigrants' House (Deutsches Auswandererhaus) Bremerhaven

Columbusstr. 65

Tel +49 (0)4 71 - 90 22 00

Mar. to Oct. daily, 10 am to 6 pm

Nov. to Feb. daily 10 am to 5 pm

€12.30, kids €6.90

An architectural marvel and an excellently appointed exhibition!

Beach Hall (Strandhalle) Bremerhaven

H.-H.-Meier-Straße, 27568 Bremerhaven

Tel +49 (0)4 71 - 4 60 61 62

11 am to 11 pm daily

Coffee and cake, lunch/dinner in a beautiful Art Nouveau ambiance with inspiring views of the Weser River

Atlanticum

Sea Water Aquarium

Am Schaufenster 6 (Fischereihafen)

Tel +49 (0)4 71 - 93 23 30

10 am to 6 pm daily

€4.10, kids €2.60

Fish of the North Sea and the North Atlantic

PHÄNOMENTA Science Center

Hoebelstraße 24, 27572 Bremerhaven

Tel +49 (0)4 71 - 41 30 81

Apr. to Oct. daily, 10 am to 6 pm

Nov. to Mar. daily 10 am to 5 pm

€5. disc. €2.50

families €12.50

www.phaenomenta-bremerhaven.de