

## Bremen – The Multifaceted City

### *Leading edge attractions pace the way into the future*

Bremen, home to the world famous Town Musicians, puts itself on the map as the pulsating, multifaceted heart of North West Germany. The 1,200 year old Hanseatic city has a unique quality that ensures a metropolitan city experience like no other – from rejuvenated Schlachte Promenade on the River Weser and the full-sized Columbus Space Module of the International Space Station to world beating attractions like the Science Center Universum Bremen.

**Famously historic city.** The magnificent architecture that radiates from the distinct Weser Renaissance Rathaus and the graceful Roland statue in Market Square (UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2004), the city's oldest living quarter at Schnoor, the exceptional structures in historic Böttcherstrasse and the imposing cathedral are etched in history. The delightful sculpture of the Bremen Town Musicians remains a defining monument for the Grimm Brothers' celebrated fairy tale.

**Waterfront city.** Central Bremen has renewed its links with the River Weser in a way that has revitalised the city's distinctive waterfront. Just minutes from the city centre, Schlachte with its wealth of trendy bars, friendly cafes, international restaurants and outdoor seating for some 2,000 people gives almost two million visitors each year plenty to watch over. The quayside is lined with vessels large and small, including a subtle pancake ship, the three-masted frigate Admiral Nelson and a replica cog ship, which typifies a Hanseatic vessel from the 13th and 14th centuries.

**City of Science.** Cutting edge technology brings the universe alive in the Science Center Universum Bremen. Each day, the triple attraction on earth, man and cosmos welcomes around 1,300 visitors to 200 visuals, interactives, simulations and playful settings where learning goes hand in hand with having a good time.

Bremen is shaped by stunning engineering, spanning ship building, aircraft construction, space station assembly and space propulsion systems. Those intrigued by space flight can step straight into today's hi-tech aerospace industry at EADS SPACE Transportation to appreciate a full-scale walk-through of the European Columbus science module, which is expected to hook up with the International Space Station (ISS). The tour allows visitors to stand shoulder to shoulder with space engineers and find out about how astronauts take a shower, eat, run missions and rest in orbit.

**Eventful city.** Bremen is a celebrating city – and there is always something going on. For 40 years, the prestigious Bremen 6 Days, which regularly pull in over 125,000 people, have transformed the AWD Dome into a cauldron of indoor cycling excitement in January. Amid a pastiche of samba rhythms and colourful masquerades, Germany's biggest samba festival creates one of the great free shows on earth in February. In the second half of October, the Freimarkt is Germany's oldest and third largest civic festival, drawing over four million people to the Bürgerweide, just minutes from the historic city centre. The countdown to Christmas sees the historic city centre taking on a new splendour with over 170 colourful stalls. It's no wonder that the Christmas Market continues to be acclaimed as one of the most enchanting in the country. In addition, the maritime spectacular 'Schlachte Zauber' brings a golden glow to the riverside in December. Traditional handicrafts and medieval-style taverns are a magnet for the entire waterfront with snow-covered chalet-style stalls.

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