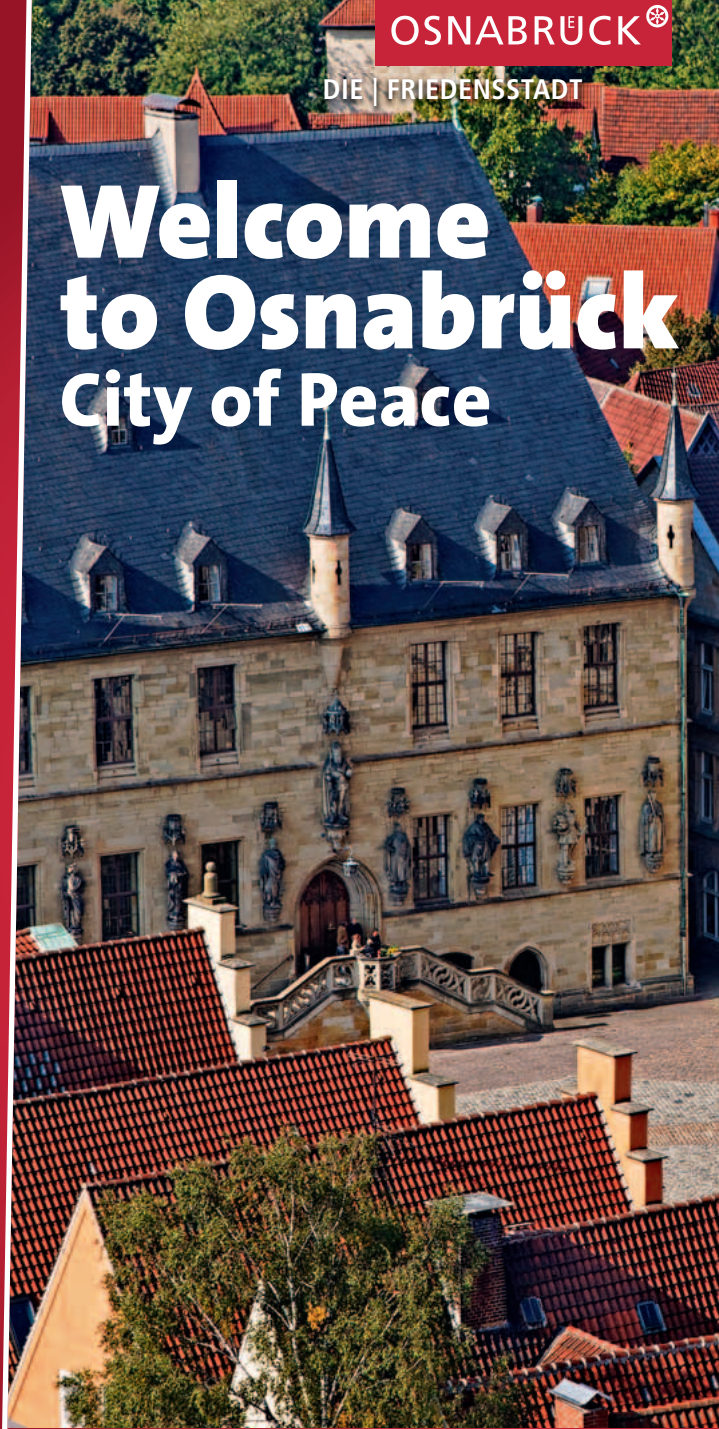


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# Welcome to Osnabrück City of Peace





The market place with its historic buildings

## Osnabrück – peaceful and cosmopolitan

➤ Osnabrück's political and cultural life is an embodiment of the maxim: "The task of peace – committed to peace". After 5 years of negotiations the "Peace of Westphalia" that ended the Thirty Years' War was proclaimed on the steps of its Town Hall in 1648. For more than 65 years local primary school children have been commemorating this event every year with a hobby horse parade.

Today, people still come together where merchants used to

meet in the olden days: The "Markt" (market place) has remained the heart of the city hosting weddings, festivals, wine events and the traditional annual Christmas Market. Its flair is enhanced by the surrounding picturesque and historic buildings, such as the Town Hall, the "Stadtwaage" (city scales), St. Mary's Church on one side, the colorful bourgeois houses with their stepped gables on the other side. Just a few steps outside the market place Osnabrück's late Romanesque cathedral (St Peter's Cathedral) overlooks the city's old town.

***A wonderful mix of historical and modern times***

From 1412 to 1669 Osnabrück was a member of the "Hanse"

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(Hanseatic League), the most important trading alliance of its time that brought great status and wealth to its member cities. These days, the old trade routes have turned into pleasant streets with attractive shops. The mixture of historic quarters and modern architecture is the hallmark of Osnabrück whose status as a University city (almost 27,000 students) completes its long history of Episcopal power. Osnabrück's compactness is key to its popularity. Whether for sightseeing, shopping, strolling or studying – a good layout and short distances are a plus for all guests.

### ***A city surrounded by nature***

Moreover, Osnabrück (165,000 inhabitants) is very fortunate to be located in the middle of a nature reserve. With 1,220 square kilometres *the UNESCO Global Geopark TERRA.vita*

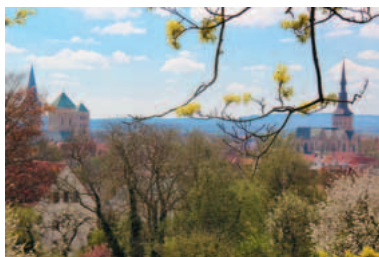


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You can find many green areas in Osnabrück and the region.

is wide open for cycling and hiking tours as well as for improving your handicap on one of the many golf courses scattered in the countryside surrounding the city. Embedded between the Teutoburg Forest and the "Wiehengebirge", the green traces of this nature reserve stretch right into Osnabrück's inner city.



Osnabrück is a member of the network **Historic Highlights of Germany** ([www.historicgermany.com](http://www.historicgermany.com)) and spans the gap between past and present.





Door handle of the Town Hall of the Peace of Westphalia

## 1,200 years of eventful history

Around the year 780, Charlemagne, king of the Franks, erected a stone church on the banks of the Hase River the nucleus of today's Osnabrück. The city's name presumably a combination of the Low German words Ossen (ox) and Brügge (bridge). Being the hub of old trading routes and a bishop's seat, Osnabrück developed

into a thriving centre for commerce in the Middle Ages. In 1157, Emperor Frederick Barbarossa granted the city its fortification privileges. Most of the towers that were part of the medieval fortification can still be seen in the city.

### *Osnabrück and the Peace of Westphalia*

From 1412 to 1669, Osnabrück was both a member of the Hanse (Hanseatic League) and of the Westphalian Federation of Cities. Magnificent town houses and other prestigious buildings bear witness to the power and wealth of the medieval merchants. Osnabrück became important during the negotiations for the Peace of Westphalia that took place here and in nearby Münster between 1643-1648. The Peace of Westphalia, proclaimed in October 1648, finally ended the Thirty Years' War and changed

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One of the fortified towers (Bucksturm)

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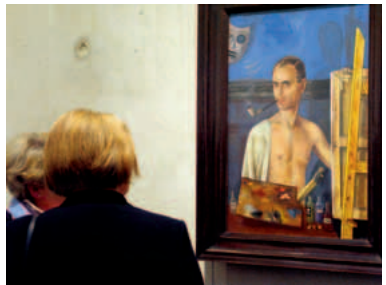
The Felix-Nussbaum-House with its special architecture

the face of Europe. While the Catholics used Münster as a venue, the Protestants resided in Osnabrück. Following this time Osnabrück was alternately ruled by Catholic and Protestant bishops until 1803.

### **Famous natives of Osnabrück**

Osnabrück became widely known amongst literature lovers through the works of one of its own sons, **Erich Maria Remarque** (1898-1970). The Erich Maria Remarque Peace Centre dedicates an exhibition to his life and literary work. Another of the city's natives is **Felix Nussbaum**. The artist was born in Osnabrück in 1904 and died in 1944 in Auschwitz. The renowned architect Daniel Libeskind designed the Felix-Nussbaum-Museum as a special place for Nussbaum's artistic work. The architecture of the building is intended as "rooms against Oblivion" and captivates visitors by its unusual interior design.

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Felix Nussbaum "self-portrait with easel"



Erich Maria Remarque Peace Center

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### **CITY TIP**

There is a **guided city tour** in English every Monday at 7 p.m. which starts in the town hall. Registration is not required.



Town Hall of the Peace of Westphalia

## Old Town Sightseeing Tour

**1 Town Hall of the Peace of Westphalia** Built in late Gothic style, with the historic “Chamber of Peace”. The Municipal Treasury with the imperial goblet and historic town replica are well worth seeing.

**2 Heger Tor** The Heger Tor was built in 1817 as a memorial to the soldiers from Osnabrück who fought at Waterloo.

**3 Felix-Nussbaum-Haus / Museum of Cultural History** The museum building, which was opened in 1998 and designed by the American

architect Daniel Libeskind, houses the largest collection of works by the Jewish painter Felix Nussbaum, who was born in Osnabrück and murdered in Auschwitz in 1944.

**4 Bucksturm** The Bucksturm is the oldest tower of the former town wall and was a prison and torture chamber during certain periods.

**5 Kunsthalle Osnabrück** This Gothic hall church (13<sup>th</sup> century) was a monastery church until 1803, then a barracks and since 1971 it has been the town art gallery. It is one of the most beautiful exhibition rooms in Lower Saxony.

**6 Herrenteichswall** The Herrenteichswall was an element of the fortification and protected against attacks. In May 1909 the newly arranged entrance to the Herrenteichswall with the Haarmannsbrunnen was inaugurated.

### CITY TIP



The **CityCard** is a ticket for all buses within the city, including free admission to six museums in Osnabrück plus a voucher booklet for other interesting cultural activities. [www.osnabrueck.de/english](http://www.osnabrueck.de/english)



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7 **Cathedral Treasury and Diocesan Museum** Sculptures, paintings and textiles pertaining to the history of the diocese of Osnabrück from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> centuries are on display in the Cathedral Vault and Museum of the Diocese in the Romanesque cloister of St. Peter's Cathedral.

8 **Marktplatz** The Town Hall, Stadtwaage and the St. Mary's Church on the one, the colourful bourgeois houses with their stepped gables on the other side, border the historic market place.

9 **St. Marien Gothic Hall church** (14<sup>th</sup> century) with important art objects including the intricately carved main altar (16<sup>th</sup> century). Visitors can climb to the top of the church tower.

10 **Bürgerbrunnen** Hans-Gerd Ruwe created the well, which was inaugurated in 1985. Referring to the 1200th anniversary of the city in 1980, the well consists of 1200 parts and tells the history of Osnabrück.

- old town sightseeing tour
- pedestrian area
- free WiFi (Telekom)





There are some nice cafes in the marketplace in the old town

## Culinary highlights

➤ Osnabrück is a haven for all gourmets. This is not only because the IKO restaurant and the Friedrichs restaurant ranks among the top 500 in Germany. Another foodie destination in the city is the

restaurant “Weinwirtschaft” at “Steigenberger Hotel Remarque”. It offers a range of local and seasonal dishes and always delicious wine types. In contrast, those who like a more rustic setting will enjoy the brewery “Rampendahl” in the old town. The confectioner “Leysieffer” has been the first address for sweet treats for more than 100 years. Speaking of tradition: The restaurant Walhalla is Osnabrück’s oldest inn. Fresh local ingredients are a feature of a typical Osnabrück meal. In spring there is asparagus, in winter there is kale, served with smoked pork chop or white pudding. There is culinary delight of every kind and for every taste in Osnabrück. Even more quality of a buzz and vitality is brought into the Old Town by the lively coffee bars and with own roasting houses.



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One of the top 500 restaurants in Germany: IKO restaurant

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Shopping in the Heger-Tor-Quarter

## Shopping Quarters

- ▶ **Heger-Tor-Quarter:** Enjoy the Old Town with exquisite boutiques, small art shops and typical pubs.
- ▶ **Redlinger Straße:** The Redlinger Straße is an individual, young-scene district and is particularly known for its number of alternative stores, bars, restaurants and cafés.
- ▶ **Große Straße:** The popular main shopping street downtown is the Große Straße where you can find the major large chains and regional dealers.
- ▶ **Nikolaiort:** The meeting point in the heart of the city offers many varied pavement cafes or bars to relax in during a shopping trip.
- ▶ **Kamp-Promenade:** The open shopping centre offers besides its extraordinary architecture a variety of different shops, an ice cream parlor and a bakery.



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Shopping in the city of Osnabrück

- ▶ **Herrenteichsstraße:** Starting from the Nikolaiort, this small street houses modern design, individual stores and good catering.
- ▶ **Hase-Quarter:** This shopping district with its varied gastronomy is directly located along the river "Hase".
- ▶ **Hasestraße:** This street is popular for its charming mixture of rustic pubs, southern street life and specialist retailers.
- ▶ **Lotter Straße:** Art, culture and vitality all jostle in this street. Small, individual shops and different restaurants alternate with green areas.

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## European Media Art Festival (EMAF)

As one of the most important forums for media art, the EMAF offers an up-to-date overview of contemporary themes and aesthetics in the field of media art.

## May Week Festival

Northern Germany's unique inner city festival. 10 days of music, comedy and open-air shows. Every year during the 2nd week in May.



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## Osnabrück Wine Days

In vino veritas – a local wine tasting event for wine buffs next to the Town Hall in the Old Town.

## Night of Culture

Experience the cultural diversity of the city – a night of outstanding cultural entertainment. Last Saturday in August.



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## Morgenland Festival

Since 2005, the Morgenland Festival Osnabrück has devoted itself to the fascinating world of Middle Eastern music: An important venue for musicians and music enthusiasts from East and West. Every year in late summer.

## Christmas market

Simply enchanting and one of the most beautiful of the North is the historic Christmas Market in front of the Town Hall and St Peter's Cathedral. Atmospheric Christmas lights illuminate the Old Town. From the end of November to December 22th.



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Further information [www.osnabrueck.de/english](http://www.osnabrueck.de/english)



The open air market on Saturdays

## Absolute musts

- ▶ **Springbrötchen:** The bread roll made in Osnabrück is a must in nearly all bakeries. It derives its name (cracker roll) from the cracked, crispy surface created by repeatedly applying a thin layer of butter or oil on its surface.
- ▶ **Himmlische by Leysieffer:** The confectionery “Leysieffer” has been the first address for sweet treats for more than 100 years.
- ▶ **Hobbyhorse chocolate confectionery:** The finest chocolate confectionery made in Osnabrück: Hand-crafted truffles and pralines made from the finest raw materials (with alcohol) and of course without preservatives.
- ▶ **Rampendahl:** on three floors of the-pub-come-brewery guests can enjoy the traditional home-made Rampendahl beer.
- ▶ **Coffee roasters:** Many small coffee roasting houses invite you to take a break in pleasant surroundings and enjoy a taste of freshly roasted coffee beans complemented by small snacks and delicacies.
- ▶ **Open air market on Saturdays:** from 7 am – 2 pm in the courtyard of St Peter’s cathedral visitors can fill their shopping baskets with a wealth of fresh produce from local traders and producers from the Osnabrücker Land region.
- ▶ **Old Town pubs:** Countless quirky pubs with an abundance of flair invite guests to stay and enjoy the atmosphere of Osnabrück’s well-lit original inner city.

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## Ideas for a stopover

### Osnabrück – at first glance

Just try a little piece of Osnabrück. Includes one overnight stay, the city card that helps you to find your own way through our city. A nice little cappuccino break is also included.

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### Time for best friends

Osnabrück equates to a great time for best friends: City stroll, shopping or just browsing. Includes a small French breakfast, sparkling wine in a fashion boutique, a cocktail in the evening and more.

One or two overnight stays. From 139 € p.P. in a double room (one night).



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### Christmas time in Osnabrück

Our Christmas Market is truly inspiring and regarded as one of the most beautiful Christmas Markets in the North of Germany: Cosy atmosphere, historic setting and magical lighting of the town. Enjoy a hot cup of mulled wine and keep it a souvenir. From 79 € p.P. in a double room.

**Booking and further information:**

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The Varus Battle – Museum and Park Kalkriese

## Where Romans met with Germanic tribes

Osnabrück is surrounded by charming countryside that offers many recreational activities. Whether you enjoy walking, cycling, jogging more than 3500 km of long distance, circular and bike trails stand ready for you. The ridges of the Teutoburg Forest and the Wiehengebirge shape Osnabrück's surroundings. Most of the region is part of the nature reserve TERRA.vita, member of a European network of nature parks.

### **The Varus Battle – Museum and Park Kalkriese**

The devastating defeat of the Roman legions under Varus in the year 9 AD against the Germanic tribes is legendary. The victory of Arminius was supposed to be the beginning of the end of the long-lasting

Roman Empire. Where and how exactly Arminius succeeded has produced a lot of speculation and myths. In 1989, the site near Kalkriese was discovered by archaeologists and the excavation is still continuing. Nowadays, Kalkriese is one of Europe's most important excavation sites.

The Varus Battle Exhibition, redesigned in 2009, allows you to experience history and presents an overview of the current research findings. The 24-hectare park invites you to explore all that it has to offer. Top-class special exhibitions, numerous events – such as Germany's biggest Roman and Germanic Days – and exciting guided tours make a visit a special event.

[www.kalkriese-varusschlacht.de/en](http://www.kalkriese-varusschlacht.de/en)



Iburg Palace in Bad Iburg

## Iburg Palace

### *The Initial Building*

For about 600 years the Bishops of Osnabrück resided here in the only still existing castle built on a hill in the Osnabrücker Land region. The castle was built in the 11th century under the reign of Bishop Benno II. Until its dissolution in 1802 it also used to host a community from the Benedictine order.

### *Redesign and Restoration*

Under Konrad IV. von Rietberg (Bishop from 1482-1508) Iburg

Castle became the permanent residence of the Bishop of Osnabrück. He added an octagonal keep (later called Bennoturm). The palace's current appearance was shaped by its redesign in Renaissance style in the 16th and 17th centuries. Prince Bishop Franz Wilhelm von Wartenberg (1625-1661) had the Knights' Hall turned into a Baroque State Room which has been restored to its former splendour following comprehensive restoration work in the 20th century.



Baroque State Room





Ippenburg Palace in Bad Essen

## Sophie Charlotte

One of the palace's most famous inhabitants was Sophie Charlotte, daughter of Ernst August I., Duke of Braunschweig-Lüneburg and Sophie von der Pfalz, who lived in Iburg Palace from her birth in 1668 to 1673 and who, in 1701 became the first Queen of Prussia after marrying Frederick I of Hohenzollern. Following her early death in 1705 Frederick named a newly-built residence after her, Charlottenburg Palace. Today the palace and the district of Charlottenburg form part of the city of Berlin.

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Gesmold Palace in Melle

**Further palaces in the Osnabrücker Land region that can only be viewed from the outside:**

- ▶ **Ippenburg Palace**  
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49152 Bad Essen
- ▶ **Schelenburg moated castle**  
Alt-Schledehausener-  
Straße  
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- ▶ **Hünnefeld Castle**  
+ Alte Rentei  
49152 Bad Essen
- ▶ **Gesmold Palace**  
Schloßallee 5  
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- ▶ **Fürstenau Palace**  
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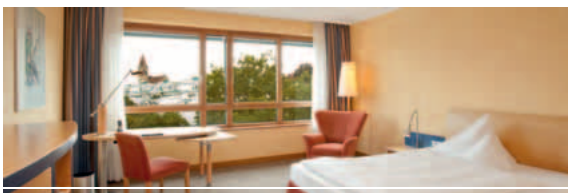
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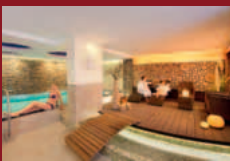
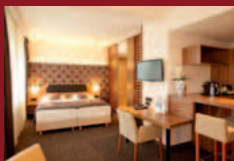
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