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Sylt, often referred to as the 'German Hamptons', has been a longstanding playground for Germany's rich and famous. Pronounced 'Zoolt,' Sylt is a stunning 40-km-long island on Germany's North Sea coast, which has one of the longest unbroken stretches of immaculate sandy beach in all of Europe. Apart from the sparkling sea, Sylt is celebrated for its invigorating sea air, idyllic Frisian houses, and endless fields of bright-yellow flowering rapeseed.



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### THE ISLAND



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People began visiting Sylt in the middle of the 19th century to take advantage of the iodine-rich air. In the 1960s, Sylt became famous for 'the rich and the naked', when the entire island became one big party. The island has grown up quite a bit since then, and it's a tamer affair these days. With its Michelin-starred restaurants and a handful of cool bars, Sylt is one of the chicest destinations in Europe.

For an island that is only 40 kilometres long and 700 metres wide at its narrowest point, Sylt is a big, little place. The largest town is Westerland, which sits right in the middle of the island. Hörnum lies to the south, while at the northern end is List — the most northerly town in Germany. During summer, it gets quite busy. However, such is the magic of this island that it's easy enough to leave the crowds behind and find your own bit of beach.

### DO & SEE



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Sylt is heaven for anyone who loves the outdoors. Here, you can do all manner of activities from surfing to cycling or just relax, take it easy and marvel at the big skies and endless beaches.

### **Westerland Beach**



Westerland Beach entices beach enthusiasts with its pristine golden sands and vibrant North Sea views. Renowned for picturesque dunes and

inviting waters, it offers a perfect mix of relaxation and recreational activities. Visitors can unwind to the soothing sounds of waves, take leisurely strolls, or partake in water sports for an adventurous coastal experience.

Photo: Anna K Mueller/Shutterstock Address: Westerland Beach

### Wanderdünen



List boasts the largest continuous shifting dune area in Europe, known as Die Wanderdünen (the shifting dune). With a height of 30 metres,

these remarkable dunes shape List's landscape, migrating up to 10 metres annually. In order to



protect this one-of-a-kind natural spectacle, it was placed under nature protection in 1923. While access to the dunes is strictly prohibited, guided tours to the foot of the dune offer a chance to explore the unique flora and fauna in the serene, untouched environment.

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### **Amrum Island**



When the tide recedes, mud flats are exposed allowing you to walk between islands. Trekking across the Wadden Sea is so

evocative that it has even got its own verb, Wattwanderungen (mudflat hiking). However, in order to avoid the quicksands and the tides, you must go with a guide.

Photo: Dirk Schmidt/CC BY-SA 3.0/Wikimedia(image cropped) Address: Amrum Island, Sylt

# Föhr Island



Föhr Island, often dubbed the Frisian Caribbean, lives up to its nickname with its lush green landscape sheltered from the wind by Amrum and

Sylt. It boasts a 15-kilometre sandy beach, making it a haven for water sports enthusiasts. Beyond its natural beauty, the island looks plucked out of a fairy tale, and you can explore some of its incredibly pretty villages or discover more about its rich historical tradition at the Frisian Museum.

Photo: elbfoto/CC BY 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Föhr Island, Germany

# **Sylt Museum**



This old sea captain's home offers a fascinating glimpse into the island's rich history in the areas of folklore and art. Entry into the building is

through a gate made of two gigantic whale ribs.

Photo: Rüdiger Stehn/CC BY-SA 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Am Kliff 19, Sylt

Opening hours: Thu-Sun 11am-3pm, Mon-Wed closed

Phone: +49 4651 31669

Internet: soelring-museen.de/syltmuseum

# **Sylt Aquarium**



Discover over 150 species of fish from both the tropics and the North Atlantic. Come face to face with all manner of marine life, from exotic

fish to three-metre-long sharks.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock

Address: Gaadt 33, Sylt

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm Phone: +49 4651 83 625 22 Email: info@syltaquarium.de

# Cycling



As visitors will quickly discover, cycling is big on Sylt and is, perhaps, the most fun way of getting around. Flat and uncongested, the island is

perfect for cycling. Sylt has also miles of cycling paths weaving through pine forests. Bikes can be hired throughout the island. The most convenient place to hire a bike is at Westerland station.



Photo: Sandy Maya Matzen/Shutterstock.com

Internet: www.sylt-fahrrad.de

#### Cliffs



The cliffs are among the most beautiful forms of scenery on Sylt. These relics of the Ice Age, rising up to 20 metres, can be found in Morsum

(Colourful Cliffs), Kampen (Red Cliffs), Wenningstedt (White Cliffs) and Keitum (Green Cliffs).

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### Rantumbecken



In 1936 and 1937, the German army built a dam five kilometres long between Tinnum and Rantum right across the Wattenmeer tidal flats

intending to build a marine airport. In 1962, the area was declared a conservation area and rapidly developed into a popular breeding ground for many species of birds. Guided tours explain the local flora and fauna of the Rantum basin to holidaymakers.

Photo: Michael Thaler/Shutterstock Address: Rantumbecken, Sylt Internet: www.insel-sylt.de/rantum

# Forces of Nature - Erlebniszentrum Naturgewalten



Forces of Nature is a family-friendly complex featuring exhibits on the sea, weather, and coastline. The facility also includes a bistro and a

playground, making it an engaging destination

for visitors of all ages to explore and learn about the natural elements.

Photo: Bin im Garten/CC BY-SA 3.0/Wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Hafenstrasse 37, List Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm Phone: +49 4651 836190

Internet: naturgewalten-sylt.de

# Ellenbogen



Located at the northernmost tip of the island, Ellenbogen captivates with its picturesque landscape where the North Sea

meets the Wadden Sea. Shaped like an elbow, hence the name Ellenbogen, which means elbow in German, this destination is known for its pristine beaches, windswept dunes, and breathtaking views. Visitors can revel in the unique experience of standing at Germany's northernmost point, immersed in the natural beauty of the coastal environment.

Photo: Michael Thaler/Shutterstock Address: Ellenbogen, List, Sylt

### **Golf Club Budersand**



Golf Club Budersand
promises an
extraordinary golfing
experience, everything
from the tee to the
breathtaking views to the

relaxing dinner and drinks after a round. As it is an open landscape, it's advisable to choose a less windy day for optimal enjoyment on the course, or you can just enjoy the clubhouse and what they have to offer.

Photo: Krzysztof Urbanowicz/CC BY 2.0/Flick(image cropped)

Address: Fernsicht 1, Hörnum



Opening hours: Daily 8am-5:30pm

Phone: +49 4651 4492710 Internet: www.gc-budersand.de Email: golf@gc-budersand.de

#### St Severin Church



Named after the
4th-century bishop
Severin of Cologne, St
Severin is a Lutheran
parish church in Keitum,
constructed in the

Romanesque style and first documented in 1240. Step inside and you might be treated to the choir's melodic tunes.

Photo: Lightboxx/Shuuterstock (cropped)

Address: Pröstwai 20, Sylt Phone: +49 4651 31713 Internet: st-severin.de

### Leuchtturm Hörnum



Located in the southernmost part of Sylt, this lighthouse is not only a functional beacon but also a captivating landmark. The scenic

beauty that surrounds Hörnum's lighthouse with its breathtaking views of the North Sea and the island's coastal landscape, adds to the allure. Visitors can climb to the top, where panoramic vistas await.

Photo: JoergHoffmann/Shutterstock

Address: Hörnum, Sylt

### DINING



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Sylt might only be 38.5 kilometres long, but it has three Michelin-starred restaurants, among around 200 places to eat — from bistros to world-class restaurants. The cuisine itself comes from all over Germany. Seafood, of course, is the real local speciality. The sand flats around the island are a superb breeding ground for shellfish, and Sylt's oysters are considered among Europe's finest.

# Jörg Müller



Boasting a Michelin star, Sylt's classiest restaurant serves local specialities as well as contemporary European cuisine. Outstanding signature

dishes include oysters with a compote of red shallots and champagne sauce. Book in advance to make sure you get a table.

Photo: Yukiko Kanada/unsplash Address: Süderstrasse 8. Westerland

Phone: +49 4651 27788 Internet: www.jmsylt.de



### Sansibar



Sansibar is widely acclaimed as one of Germany's most beautiful restaurants, and for good reason. Boasting a chic ambiance, exceptional

cuisine, and impeccable service, Sansibar has become a culinary destination on the island. Situated amid picturesque sand dunes, the restaurant offers breathtaking views of the undulating landscape and the expansive sea. Beyond its stunning setting, Sansibar is celebrated for its outstanding culinary offerings and an extensive wine list, ensuring a memorable dining experience.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Hörnumer Strasse 80, Sylt Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm

Phone: +49 4651 964 646

Internet: www.sansibar.de/sansibar/de/restaurant

### Alte Friesenstube 1648



Located in a charming thatched house dating back to 1648, Sylt's rich history is brought to life in enchanting blue-tiled rooms adorned with

wooden tables and a romantic garden filled with blooming roses. As the oldest surviving house on the island, it has become a popular destination for both historical exploration and culinary delights, offering a mix of regional and fine cuisine, complemented by a large selection of wines.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gaadt 4, Westerland

Opening hours: Wed-Sun 5:30pm-11pm, Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +49 4651 1228 Internet: altefriesenstube.de Email: altefriesenstube@t-online.de

### Fisch Blum



Indulge in the culinary delights of Fisch Blum, a small bistro and shop where super fresh fish, in all variations, take centre stage. Whether you're

looking to take some home or enjoy it on-site at the snack bar, Fisch Blum offers a top-notch experience. The fish sandwiches are a favourite among patrons.

Photo: Pietro De Grandi/Unsplash Address: Neue Strasse 2, Westerland

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 11am-6pm

Phone: +49 4651 835014 Internet: www.sylter-fisch.de

## Samoa Seepferdchen



Samoa Seepferdchen is a charming tavern located on the beach of Samoa, featuring a seafront deck and a cosy heated outdoor area for late

summer nights. Specialising in regional seafood and hearty German mains, the menu is complemented by an extensive wine list, providing a delightful dining experience by the sea.

Photo: wrangler/Shutterstock.com Address: Hörnumer Strasse 70, Sylt Opening hours: Daily noon-10pm

Phone: +49 4651 5579

Internet: samoa-seepferdchen.de Email: info@samoa-seepferdchen.de



### Strönholt



Strönholt is a part of the Budersand Hotel and a golf club restaurant. A sought-after five-star venue, particularly in the summer. Boasting a

breathtaking view over the North Sea, the golf course, and the Sylt dunes, it promises a memorable dining experience. The restaurant focuses on delivering the best of regional fish and meat, occasionally incorporating unusual seasonal creations and classic Sylt dishes into its menu. To complement the culinary delights, Strönholt offers an exciting and innovative wine list featuring selections from renowned wineries to emerging young winemakers.

Photo: HLPhoto/Shutterstock.com Address: Fernsicht 1, Hörnum

Opening hours: Wed-Sun 5:30pm-10pm, Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +49 4651 449 2727 Internet: stroenholt.de Email: info@stroenholt.de

### Riva



Despite the many food options Sylt has to offer, sometimes it's hard to beat a good, old pizza. Riva invites you to thin-crust pizzas baked to

perfection in a stone oven, alongside a menu featuring pasta and appetizers. Set in a casual and light-filled venue, Riva provides a relaxed atmosphere for enjoying these Italian delights.

Photo: Nadya Spetnitskaya/Unsplash Address: Paulstrasse 10, Westerland Opening hours: Daily 4pm-9pm Phone: +49 4651 299 713

Internet: riva-sylt.de Email: info@riva-sylt.de

# Gogärtchen



A favourite among celebrities, thatch-roofed Gogärtchen is the place to see and be seen on Sylt. Known for its focus on regional ingredients,

Gogärtchen serves up a menu that harmoniously blends traditional Sylt dishes with innovative culinary creations.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com Address: Strönwai 12, Kampen

Opening hours: Thu-Mon 9am-8pm, Tue & Wed closed

Phone: +49 465 141 242

Internet: www.instagram.com/gogaertchen

Email: info@gogaertchen.com

# **CAFÉS**



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The charming cafés which are spread across the island invite you to stop by for a coffee or tea. If you have a sweet tooth why not try the famous German apple strudel?

### Kupferkanne



Discover the unique charm of Kupferkanne, a former World War II bunker transformed into a tearoom, where guests can enjoy exotic teas,

home-roasted coffee, and delicious cakes from



the onsite bakery.

Photo: Coffee Lover/Shutterstock.com Address: Stapelhooger Wai 7, Kampen

Opening hours: Thu-Tue noon-5pm, Wed closed

Phone: +49 4651 41010

Internet: www.kupferkanne-kampen.de

### **Cafe Vienna Pastry**



This relaxed family-run pastry shop, equipped with a bakery, entices patrons with a huge assortment of cakes — that taste just as good as

they look — plus chocolates and waffles, as well as hearty main dishes. An extremely popular spot for breakfast, it is advisable to secure a reservation during the high season to ensure a delightful culinary experience at this charming establishment.

Photo: wideonet/Shutterstock

Address: Strandstrasse 13, Westerland Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm

Phone: +49 4651 5335 Internet: cafe-wien-sylt.de Email: info@cafe-wien-sylt.de

### **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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There are bars of every variety to be found throughout the island. Generally speaking, Kampen is the place to head to for the best bars, along and around Strönwai. In Westerland, head to Friedrichstrasse. Smaller towns like Keitum have quaint Frisian taverns where you can relax with a beer. During the summer, the party heads to the beach.

### **Buhne 16**



Buhne 16 is a legendary surf-themed bar and bistro boasting a wooden patio right on the beach. Renowned for its laid-back beachside

ambience, the establishment offers a selection of beer, cakes, and light meals. However, it's during the summer that Buhne 16 truly comes alive, attracting a devoted cult following with its vibrant and memorable parties.

Photo: g-stockstudio/Shutterstock.com Address: Listlandstrasse, Kampen

Phone: +49 4651 4996 Internet: buhne16.de Email: tim@buhne16.de

#### **Pony**



Kampen is known in Germany as the St Tropez of the North and this spirit can definitely be found in Pony — the oldest nightclub on the

island.

Photo: Patrizia Tilly/Shutterstock.com Address: Strönwai 6, Kampen Phone: +49 4651 42182

Internet: www.pony-kampen.de Email: infos@pony-kampen.com

# Marrival Guides

### **Club Rotes Kliff**



Achingly hip, Club Rotes Kliff in Kampen is where you will find the fanciest cocktails, the coolest music and some very beautiful people. Trendy

without being snooty.

Photo: ARENA Creative/Shutterstock.com Address: Braderuper Weg 3, Kampen

Phone: +49 4651 43400

Internet: www.club-rotes-kliff.de Email: info@club-rotes-kliff.de

### **SHOPPING**



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Thanks to its status as a playground of the rich and famous, there is no shortage of designer shops on Sylt. However, it is not all about labels on the island — smaller, cuter shops and boutiques can also be found here. Kampen is home to elegant jewellers and designer boutiques with their luxury wares, while a wider, more down-to-earth variety of goods can be found in Westerland.

The shops on Sylt are a must for lovers of tea, honey and jam. Also worth a look are the art and craft shops and studios, traditional in the village of Rantum. Similar delights are also found hidden in the side streets of Keitum.

### Westerland



The island's capital is a great attraction for shopping enthusiasts. The pedestrian areas are where the action is, mainly on

Friedrichstrasse, Paulstrasse, Strandstrasse, and their connecting streets, which offer a vibrant array of shops. From boutiques and brand-name stores to smaller individual shops featuring souvenirs and leisure wear, the shopping scene is varied. In addition to retail therapy, visitors can explore art galleries and craft workshops, and unwind in charming cafés and restaurants scattered throughout the lively streets.

Photo: Edler von Rabenstein/Shutterstock.com

#### Keitum



Artisans have traditionally settled in the tranquil village of Keitum and its surrounding villages in Sylt-Ost. Their artistically acclaimed

work is sold in the local galleries and workshops.

Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock Address: Keitum, Sylt

### Kampen



Kampen, Sylt's most exclusive village, might be home to only 600 people, but there are nevertheless branches of designers like Bulgari,

Cartier, Louis Vuitton, Swarovski and Tod's, each in its own thatched cottage. Stroll through the shops on Strönwai, Kampen's most well-known shopping street, and those in the



Kurhausstrasse, Hauptstrasse and 'Zur Uwe Düne', and you really will get a feel for how cosmopolitan and sophisticated Kampen is.

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### **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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#### **Good to Know**



All visitors to Sylt are charged a resort tax called a Kurtaxe that is spent on keeping the island beautiful and clean. In return, you

receive a Kurkarte, or resort card, which gives you access to the beaches and discounts at museums. If you're staying at a hotel, the Kurtaxe is normally added to the room rate. If you are a day-tripper to the island, you will need to buy a day pass, Tageskarte, from one of the kiosks that can be found along the beaches.

Naturism is quite popular in this part of the world, so those wanting to go au naturel or those of a modest nature should remember that beaches labelled FKK are designated for naturists.

Photo: Thea/unsplash

# Sylt Airport (GWT)



Sylt Airport, situated 2 kilometres west of Westerland, primarily handles summer seasonal scheduled traffic to major German cities. While

there is no direct bus service to/from the airport, various hotels provide shuttle services. Given its proximity to the city centre, walking is a feasible option. Alternatively, visitors can opt for car rental or taxi services. For those arriving from farther destinations, flying to Hamburg and then taking a train to Westerland/Sylt, which takes around 4 hours, is a viable alternative.

Photo: Eduardo Velazco Guart/Unsplash

Address: Flughafen Sylt Phone: +49 4651 920612 Internet: www.flughafen-sylt.de

### **Public Transport**



There is a network of reliable bus services throughout the island. During the day, the main north-south route runs at 20-minute intervals. Sylt

has seven different travel zones with different price ranges. For information on fares and schedules, visit the Sylter Verkehrsgesellschaft (SVG) website.

Photo: geogif/Shutterstock Internet: www.svg-busreisen.de Email: info@svg-busreisen.de



### Taxi



Taxi-Service Henke +49 4651 6699 Filippo Denker Taxiunternehmen +49 4651 7788

Photo: Peter Kasprzyk/Unsplash

## **Pharmacy**



This holiday resort features pharmacies throughout the entire island, with the majority of them located in the central area and List.

Look out for the red 'A' sign, for 'Aphotheke'.

Photo: Rolf G Wackenberg/Shutterstock

Address: Insel-Apotheke Sylt - Friedrichstrasse 17

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-1pm / 2:30pm-6:30pm; Sat

8:30am-1pm; Sun closed Phone: +49 4651 7210

# **Telephone**



Country code: +49 Area

code: 4651

Photo: Wesley Hilario/Unsplash

### **Electricity**



220 volts AC, 50Hz

Photo: Mike Winkler/Unsplash

### Population

13,924 (2022)

### Currency

Euro (EUR) €1 = 100 cents

### Opening hours

Most shops are open from 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and from 9am to 4pm on Saturday (in the summer months, on Sundays from noon to 6pm). Banks are open from 8:30am to 4pm.

#### Internet

www.sylt.de/en

#### Newspapers

Sylter Zeitung: www.sylter-zeitung.de Sylt Life: https://sylt-life.de

### **Emergency numbers**

Police: 110

Ambulance & Fire Brigade: 112

### **Tourist information**

Info-Center Westerland Friedrichstrasse 44, Sylt +49 4651 998 340 Open Mon–Sat 10am–4pm, Sun closed







Amselweg	B4 C4	Hedigenwai	D2	Peter Andresen Wai	C4
Apenrader Straße	C1 D1	Henningstraße	C2	Pidder Lüng Wai	C1
Bahnweg	C2 D1	Horstweg	D3	Privatweg	В3
Bismarckstraße	В3	Hoyerweg	D1	Robbenweg	B4
Bomhoffstraße	B2	Hugo Köcke Weg	D1 D2	Rosenweg	C3 D3
Borrigwai	D4	Industrieweg	C3	Rote Kreuz Straße	B1 C1
Boy Peter Eben Weg	D4	Inken Michels Weg	B4	Schmiedeweg	C2
Boy Truels Straße	C1	Jahnstraße	C2 D2	Schützenstraße	В3
Boysenstraße	В3	Johann Möller Straße	B2 C2	Siilwai	D4
Brandenburger Straße	B2	Kampende	D4	Sijpwai	D1 D2
Breslauer Straße	C4	Kampstraße	C1 C2	Sjipkamp	D2
Brunnenweg	D1	Keitumer Chaussee	C3 D3	Smeelwai	D2
Bundiswung	В3	Keitumer Landstraße	D3	St Nikolai Straße	C3
Bötticherstraße	В3	Kirchenweg	C3	Stadumstraße	C2 D2
Culemeyerstraße	D3	Kjeirstraße	C2	Steinmannstraße	B2 C1
Danziger Straße	C4	Kolberger Straße	C4	Stephanstraße	C2 C3
Deckerstraße	C2 D2	Kollundweg	C1 D1	Stettiner Straße	C4
Diechweg	D4	Käpt'n Christiansen Straße	В3	Stranddistelweg	В3
Dirk Brodersen Straße	C3	Königsberger Straße	C4	syAm Seedeich	B4 C4
Dr Ross Straße	В3	Königskamp	D3 D4	Süderstraße	B3 B4 C3
Dünenstraße	В3	Lerchenweg	B4	Südhedig	C3 D3
Elbinger Straße	C4	Liiger Hörn	D4	Theodor Heuss Straße	B4
Elisabethstraße	В3	Lorenz de Hahn Straße	C4	Theodor Storm Straße	C1
Feldstraße	C2	Max Hansen Weg	D2	Tingleffweg	D1
Fischerweg	B4	Maybachstraße	B3 C3	Tinnumer Straße	C3 C4
Friedhofsweg	D2 D3	Meisenweg	B4 C4	Tonderner Straße	C1
Friedrichstraße	В3	Mittelstraße	C2	Trift	C3
Friesische Straße	B2 C2 D2	Munkmarscher Chaussee	D2 D3	Umgehungsstraße	D1 D2 D3
Gaadt	B4	Mühlenweg	D3	Uthlandstraße	C1
Gartenstraße	C3 D3	Norderstraße	B2 C1 C2	Vogteiweg	D4
Gorch Fock Straße	C1 C2	Nordhedig	C2	Waldstraße	C1
Graf Spee Straße	C1	Nordmarkstraße	C2	Wenningstedter Weg	D1 D2
Haderslebener Straße	C1 D1	Osthedig	D2	Westhedig	C2
Hans Böcker Straße	C3 C4	Paulstraße	В3	Zwischen den Hedigen	D2