



Sylt

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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).

Photo: FotoStuss/Shutterstock

Rantumbecken



In 1936 and 1937, the German army built a dam five kilometres long between Tinum 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/Flickr(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/Shutterstock (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

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-rottes-kliff.de

Email: info@club-rottes-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.

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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.

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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 'Apotheke'.

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	B3
Bismarckstraße	B3	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	B3
Boysenstraße	B3	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	B3	Keitumer Landstraße	D3	St Nikolai Straße	C3
Bötticherstraße	B3	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	B3	Stranddistelweg	B3
Dirk Brodersen Straße	C3	Königsberger Straße	C4	syAm Seedeich	B4 C4
Dr Ross Straße	B3	Königskamp	D3 D4	Süderstraße	B3 B4 C3
Dünenstraße	B3	Lerchenweg	B4	Südhedig	C3 D3
Elbinger Straße	C4	Liiger Hörn	D4	Theodor Heuss Straße	B4
Elisabethstraße	B3	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	B3	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	B3	Zwischen den Hedigen	D2