



# Tourist attractions in Kiel - the city for people with and without disabilities



## State capital Kiel: port with city centre - city centre with port

### History

It was around 1233 that the Count of Schauenburg, Adolf IV, had his „Holstenstadt tom Kyle“, the present-day „Kleiner Kiel“, laid out on the long narrow inlet of the peninsula (the so-called „Fördearm“). In 1242 it received its town charter. For the longest time Kiel remained a rather tranquil little town. This changed rather quickly, though, when Kiel became the headquarters of the Prussian naval station in 1865 and the Reich's naval port in 1871. After the arrival of navy, the boatbuilders' yards were quick to follow and in the wake thereof also the workers. Within a few decades, Kiel had grown into a large city. Being a large military and arms location, Kiel was one of the principal targets of the Allied Forces during the Second World War. After having suffered more than 90 air raids, almost 80% of Kiel was razed to the ground. In 1946, under British occupation, Kiel became the capital of the new, autonomous Federal State of Schleswig-Holstein. The population, including large numbers of refugees, rebuilt almost the entire city in accordance with the latest building standards of the time. Thus, in 1956 already, the Holstenstraße was one of the very first pedestrian zones in Germany.

### Port with city centre

Every day, huge passenger ferries, such as the „Color Fantasy“ and its sister ship „Color Magic“ or the „StenaLine“, arriving from Norway and Sweden, moor in the heart of the city and transform the ferries into cruise ships. Every year the „port with city centre“ is the starting point for far more than 100 cruise liners. State-of-the-art cruise ship terminals such as the Ostseekai (Baltic Quay) or the Schwedenkai (Swedish Quay) continually attract additional luxury liners to the city. In Kiel, water and sailing are part of daily life. In the nine sport ports within the urban area, there are more than 2,265 water marinas and 440 dry-land marinas for yachts and dinghies.

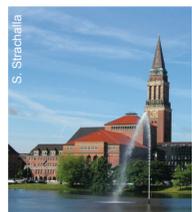
### Shipping on the Fjord of Kiel

Summer is the peak time for shipping on the Kiel Fjord. On board the ships of the „Schlepp- und Fährgesellschaft Kiel“, the guests are always completely taken by the images afforded by the fjord. The „Fördetörn“ (Fjord trip), takes visitors to see ships from around the world. These include traditional sailing ships and Scandinavian ferries as well as the amazing dream boats which moor in Kiel. Tickets can be purchased at the SFK Schlepp- und Fährgesellschaft Kiel mbH, 51 Kaistraße, at the Tourist Information office in 31 Andreas-Gayk-Str., at the kiosk in the Baltic Sea spa town of Laboe, from the Tourist-Service in the Baltic Sea spa town of Schönberg, as well as on board the ships. For more information, please contact (0431) 594-1266.



M. Krohn

## 1 Town hall, town hall square, opera and „Kleiner Kiel“



The town hall, which is located on the town hall square, was built between 1907 and 1911, at which time it replaced the old town hall at „Alter Markt“. The 106 metre high town hall tower, which you can ascend either on foot or by elevator, contains a glockenspiel which chimes every quarter of an hour. The Kiel theatre opera house is situated directly next to the town hall and also is a popular tourist destination. Every year the town hall square is the venue for the official opening of the annual „Kieler Woche“ (Kiel Week). In the area surrounding „Kleiner Kiel“, there are a great number of beautiful locations such as the Hiroshima Park or the Ratsdiener Garden. Here some of the most attractive „Gründerzeit“ buildings (period of prometerism) can be found, among them the ministry of justice, the headquarters of the Förde Sparkasse and the buildings situated along the town hall square.



T. Eisenkratzer

Fleethörn 18-24, 24103 Kiel  
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The town hall is easily accessible and has toilets for persons with disabilities. The opera house has only limited access.

## 2 Tourist Information



The tourist information of Kiel-Marketing is centrally located and offers competent information regarding holiday planning, cultural activities, day trips, maritime weddings and much more. The KIEL.SAILING CITY team will be happy to inform you about water and sailing sport activities in Kiel.

New town hall, Andreas-Gayk-Str. 31, 24103 Kiel  
Tel.: (0431) 679100  
HYPERLINK „http://www.kurskiel.de“ www.kurskiel.de  
Tourist-Information provides barrier-free access.

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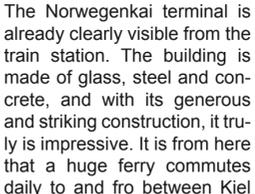
## 3 Schwedenkai



A. Teegen

As early as 1967, large ferries set sail to Gothenburg from Schwedenkai. The journey lasts 14 hours. The destination is definitely worth visiting: every year approx. one million passengers take a trip to this large city, situated along the Swedish west coast. Not only passengers, but also cars and freight are taken aboard. With the construction of the new terminal building, Kiel will be getting yet another architectural landmark. The Schwedenkai has limited access and a barrier-free toilet.

## 4 Norwegenkai



M. Ohlen

The Norwegenkai terminal is already clearly visible from the train station. The building is made of glass, steel and concrete, and with its generous and striking construction, it truly is impressive. It is from here that a huge ferry commutes daily to and fro between Kiel and Oslo (19 hours).

The Norwegenkai quay is easily accessible and has toilet facilities for persons with disabilities.

## 5 Ostseekai



A. Teegen

Kiel is both the ideal starting and ending point for cruises to Northern Europe, in addition to being the perfect port of call during a shipping cruise. The new Cruise Terminal Ostseekai is one of the most modern terminals along the German coast.

The Ostseekai is easily accessible and has toilet facilities for persons with disabilities.

## 6 Kiellinie



Kiel's most popular shopping area is the Kiellinie. Passing the aquarium and the seal basin, one's gaze wanders across the Kiel Fjord. At the pier, the research ships from the Leibniz-Institute for Marine Sciences of the University of Kiel can be seen waiting for their next exploratory missions. Over a cup of steaming, aromatic coffee one can relax and observe the hustle and bustle on the water. The unique German sailing project, Camp 24|sieben, offers sailing training directly along the waterfront of the inner fjord in yaws, optimist and skippi yachts, under the guidance of professional sailing trainers. The entire Kiellinie has been designed for barrier-free accessibility.



M. Dietrich

## 7 Aquarium and seal basin



The public aquarium of the Leibniz-Institute for Marine Sciences offers a small insight into the wonderful variety of inhabitants in the oceans, lakes and rivers of the world and a short glance at the colourful world of tropical coral reefs. The shoal of herrings is an almost unprecedented sight. Hundreds of blinking herrings can be seen swimming in their typical shoal formation for 24 hours a day.

What is more, you can also see a group of seals in a generously planned open-air enclosure. A few years ago this enclosure was expanded in accordance with the strict Schleswig-Holstein regulations. The seals can be viewed 24 hours a day both above as well as under water. The daily feeding times (with the exception of Fridays), at 10:00 am and 14:30 are simply not to be missed.

Opened: April to September: 9.00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.,  
October to March: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Aquarium Kiel, Düsternbrooker Weg 20, 24105 Kiel  
Tel.: (0431) 600-1637, Fax: (0431) 600-1633  
www.aquarium-kiel.de

The aquarium is easily accessible and has a toilet for persons with disabilities. To a certain extent the seal basin can also be viewed while remaining seated in a wheelchair.



S. Paschka

## 8 St. Nikolai



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The Nikolai church at the Alten Markt is the most famous church in Kiel and the oldest preserved building of the city. Its construction date is estimated to be around 1242. The church was virtually completely destroyed during the Second World War. In front of the church there is a large sculpture, the „Geistkämpfer“ (Spiritual Warrior), erected by Ernst Barlach, symbolising the victory of good over evil.

Alter Markt, 24103 Kiel  
Tel.: (04 31) 982-6910 (pastor) or (0431) 9 50 98 (office)

The church can only be reached via cobblestone pavement and therefore only offers limited access. The toilet is practically barrier-free.

## 9 Central station



When the Kiel central station was completed in 1899, train travel was considered an ultra-modern mode of transportation and symbolised a prospering German empire. Back then, a train station was considered to be a kind of temple dedicated to progress. In those days it went without saying that a part of the station was dedicated to the emperor. On the eastern side, looking out over the water, the so-called „Kaiserportal“ (emperor's portal) was especially integrated for this purpose. Here the emperor was able to directly access his yacht „Hohenzollern“ via a large flight of stairs. Today, one can once again access the station's forecourt via a generously designed flight of stairs. All in all, the renovation of the Kiel train station is a successful interaction of historical structures and modern construction.

The central station has barrier-free accessibility and provides toilet facilities for persons with disabilities.



B. Quante

## 10 Kiel monastery



Even prior to the founding of Kiel, in 1227 already, count Adolf IV founded the Franciscan monastery in the present-day historic district of Kiel. During its eventful history it was, among others, considered to be the nucleus for the Kiel University, until it was all but destroyed in the Second World War. Merely a part of the cloister and the medieval vault, as well as the tower, which still stands to this very day, remained intact and can be visited. A dormitory for theology students was erected on this site.

Since 1999, the former monastery tower contains a glockenspiel with 50 bronze bells, which is played by a carillon on the first Saturday of every month. In addition to this, there is a little cafe in the cloister garden in which one can savour the peace and tranquility, away from the hustle and bustle of the Alter Markt.

Falkstraße 9, 24103 Kiel  
Tel.: (0431) 58 08 80

The Kiel monastery offers limited accessibility and does not offer any toilet facilities for persons with disabilities.

## 11 Kiel maritime museum with Museumsbrücke bridge



L. P. Paschka

The maritime museum is situated directly on the fjord. Here, in the former fish market of the city, is the ideal location for showing the maritime history of Kiel. Also worth visiting, and belonging to the museum, is the swimming section. In summer, three vintage ships can be viewed at the neighbouring Museumsbrücke bridge.

Opening hours: daily 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.  
15.10. - 14.4.: Tuesday - Sun 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Wall 65, 24103 Kiel  
Tel.: (0431) 901-34 28

The maritime museum offers limited accessibility and has two, quite large, toilets.

## 12 Kiel municipal museum Warleberger Hof



Warleberger Hof, situated in the historic city, is the oldest preserved residential house in Kiel. Here traces of patrician living culture of the early 17th century have been preserved to this very day. Apart from the impressive vault, one can also see historical rooms with painted stuccoed ceilings, precious carpets and mural paintings. Today the city museum is located here. It displays a variety of special exhibitions on the city's history as well as cultural historical themes, primarily from 19th and 20th centuries.

Opening hours: daily 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.  
15.10. - 14.4.: Tue. - Sun. 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Dänische Straße 19, 24103 Kiel  
Tel.: (0431) 901-34 25

The Kiel Stadtmuseum Warleberger Hof (Kiel City Museum) has a lift accessible for persons with disabilities and two small toilets.



S. Meier

## 13 Art gallery



With varying exhibitions and continually new programmes, the Kiel art gallery of the Christian-Albrechts University does not only attract inhabitants of Kiel to the museum. Virtually within sight of the Schwedenkai quay, the building which was built in 1905 is situated directly on the water's edge.

The art gallery can be visited daily from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m., except on Mondays, and on Wednesdays until 8.00 p.m. If you would like to have more detailed information regarding current exhibitions, prices etc., please visit the art gallery's homepage at [www.kunststhalte-kiel.de](http://www.kunststhalte-kiel.de).

The art gallery has limited access and has a barrier-free toilet.

## 14 Modern Kiel: the Hörn with Hörnbrücke bridge, Germaniahafen harbour and Hörn campus



The end of the Kiel Fjord is called „Hörn“. The entire area between the Norway dock and the end of the Hörn is a former shipyard. This is where the new heart of Kiel will emerge, situated directly on the waterside: the „Kai-City Kiel“ - a mixture of living and working directly on the water's edge.



Landeshauptstadt Kiel

The pedestrian bridge spanning the Hörn is a so-called trinomial foldable bridge. It connects the eastern and the western banks. In no time at all one can travel from the west to the east part of the inner city and vice versa.

In order to let ships pass, the bridge is opened for a quarter of an hour at fixed times of the day, during which time it cannot be crossed.

In the summer of 2004 the Kiel museum harbour, the Germania harbour, was formally inaugurated. With pedestrians looking on, the old ships are repaired, renovated and refurbished. The club members would be happy to provide information on their „precious gems“. However, it goes without saying that the ships are not kept in the dock all year round. Tradition is something that needs to be kept alive. Therefore one can also frequently observe individual boats out on the Fjord. In comparison to modern-day cruise ships, these „great-grandparents“ might look like nutshells, but they are beautiful all the same.



H. Biebrich



B. Quante

The „Hörn Campus“ is situated at the far end of the Hörn. This building was completed in 2001, and provides premises for numerous Kiel companies. The motifs of wind, water and dynamics are reflected in the curved glass facade that looks out over the water. The generous staircase, directly in front of the building, extends down to the water.

The entire Hörn is barrier-free or, to the extent that it is still being built, will be constructed in a barrier-free fashion.

## 15 Integrative playground Mittelstraße

In 2009 the first public integrative playground was opened in Kiel. The concept for the organisation and conceptualisation was created in accordance with the „Guidelines for the Integration of Children with Limitations on Playgrounds in Nuremberg“, in cooperation with an integrative day care centre. It has an under-run sand box, broad slides as well as special swings. All devices are ideally suited for children with disabilities! There is disabled parking in close proximity to the playground (can be accessed via Knooper Weg/Teichstraße).

### The following sights are located outside of this city plan:

Schleswig-Holstein open-air museum (Molfsee)  
Kiel Canal  
Waterways and Shipping Office Kiel-Holtenu  
Media dome at the FH Kiel (Dietrichsdorf)  
Forest tree nursery (Düsternbrook)  
Olympia centre Schilksee  
Falkenstein beach

More information on these and numerous other excursion tips can be obtained from the Tourist Information office, new town hall, Andreas-Gayk-Str. 31, 24103 Kiel, Tel.: (0431) 679100 or on the Internet at [www.kurskiel.de](http://www.kurskiel.de).

### Geo step by step

Geo step by step is a non-profit, environmental education association in Kiel, which also provides educational advice on sustainable development in the areas of city and art history.

The association offers guided tours for adults through Kiel and the surrounding areas. These tours can be organised in a barrier-free manner if so required, regardless of whether they shall be suited for wheelchair users or accompanied by a sign language interpreter.

More information can be obtained from Geo step by step, Kollhorster Weg 1, 24109 Kiel, Tel.: (0431) 363118 or on the Internet at [www.geostepbystep.de](http://www.geostepbystep.de)

### City guide for wheelchair users

The state capital of Kiel has created a city guide for wheelchair users. Almost 1,000 entries provide information on barrier-free restaurants, doctors, shopping stores, parking places and numerous other facilities within the state capital of Kiel. These entries can be found on the Internet at [www.kiel.de](http://www.kiel.de), key word „Kiel sozial“/„Menschen mit Behinderung“ (Kiel Social / Persons with Disabilities).

### Further information on barrier-free accessibility

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