

KIEL – A CITY PORTRAIT

Dynamics and balance by the sea

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Welcome to a unique city. Far up in the north, right on the Baltic coast. Where the fjord becomes the sea. Water forms Kiel's core. It is from this core that people draw both strength and serenity. Kiel is all about dynamics and balance by the sea.

Kiel is the North.

Kiel is the capital city of Schleswig-Holstein and at the same time, it is Germany's northernmost city. The Kiel Fjord stretches right into the heart of the city – opening people's horizons as well as acting as an important crossroads. With its cruise and ferry terminals, Kiel harbour forms a bridge to Scandinavia and the Baltics. The Kiel Canal is the busiest artificial waterway in the world. All of this put together makes Kiel an important transport hub for the entire Baltic region.

Yet Kiel is not only linked to the North in terms of transport, but more than anything else it is the northern way of thinking that everyone experiences here.

Wide horizons, the wind and the sea – that is what makes Kiel special and also what shapes the people living here. It is their commitment, their relaxed attitude and openness that makes Kiel such a great place to live.





THIS IS KIEL

54° 20' latitude,
10° 8' longitude | The city was
founded around 1242 |
Surface area of 120 km² |
Highest point: Wohlersberg at
74.2 metres above sea level |
1,660 annual hours of
sunshine | 100 km to Hamburg,
400 km to Copenhagen |
over 1,500 seagoing vessels
per year, over 2 million
passengers, over 120 cruise
liners in the port |
32,000 ships in the Kiel Canal
(Nord-Ostsee-Kanal) |
Home port of the Gorch Fock
sailing training ship

Kiel is quality of life.

Kiel's largest sport and leisure area is 17 kilometres long. The fjord and its beaches provide ideal conditions for water sports and recreation. Kiel's direct proximity to the Baltic Sea, its sea air and maritime flair as a harbour city make it a great place to be. In all this, Kiel is neither a quiet little town, nor a hectic metropolis. Kiel is a relaxed city by the sea – enjoying the wide expanse of the Baltic Sea, but also the short distances of a compact city, with a great deal of tradition and a city image that has developed continuously over the years.

Kiel has a lot to offer away from its waterfront, too: with its theatres, museums, galleries and a broad range of

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248,000 inhabitants |
17 km fjord | Kilometres of
sandy beaches | 684 hectares
of forest | 12 museums |
2 botanical gardens | 9 marinas
with over 2,300 moorings and
up to 10,000 guest moorings
per year | Kieler Woche with
over 3 million guests from
50 nations and 4,000 active
sailors | 200 sports clubs
with 260 kinds of sports and
56,000 members | Space for
up to 13,500 spectators in the
Sparkassen-Arena |
Tourism: 675,000 overnight
guests per year



restaurants and events, Kiel is also the cultural centre of Schleswig-Holstein. Every year the city celebrates Kieler Woche, the biggest summer festival in northern Europe and the world's largest sailing event.

Kiel is family-friendly. Its aim is to become one of Germany's most child-friendly cities. In all areas – from accommodation via infrastructure through to the social environment. Kiel is a sporting city. In addition to a large number of sporting associations, the fjord is home to Germany's most successful handball team, THW Kiel, as well as the football club Holstein Kiel.

Kiel is opportunity.

From kindergarten via schools and universities through to its vocational training centre Berufliches Bildungszentrum: Kiel is committed to lifelong learning and has the best conditions to provide this. In addition to all types of schools, Kiel has three universities (Kiel University, the Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel University of Applied Sciences), as well as various institutes of further education.

As a university city, Kiel is also home to a range of outstanding scientific research institutions – such as the University Medical Center Schleswig-Holstein, the renowned Kiel Institute for the World Economy or the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, which is one of Europe's leading marine research institutions.

The adult education centre Förde-vhs and Musikschule Kiel offer a broad range of educational and leisure opportunities for those living in Kiel. The city's sailing camp on Kiellinie is unique in Germany. For many years now, this camp has given children and young people the chance to learn how to sail.

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3 universities with more than 33,000 students | Vocational education provider Wirtschaftsakademie Schleswig-Holstein with 23,000 participants a year in training and further education courses | Further education forum Kieler Forum Weiterbildung with 50 partners | 1,800 courses at the adult education centre Förde-vhs | Annual award of the Global Economy Prize | Land Capital Kiel's Culture and Science Prize



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Central location for
services and trade in
Schleswig-Holstein | Financial
centre | Science park with
70 companies | A working
population of over 166,000 |
7,100 taxable businesses



Kiel is the future.

Kiel is a powerful business centre. The direct proximity to universities and research institutions here provides for especially close links between companies and science. The Land Capital's economy spans a wide range of sectors – traditional, maritime and innovative industries here are interconnected to the same degree as are industrial production and modern services. As the commercial capital of Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel can offer companies crucial locational advantages, thanks also to its excellent land and water-based infrastructure.

Many of Kiel's companies operate on a global scale; several are world market leaders, such as the pump manufacturer EDUR and the wafer machine manufacturer Walterwerk. Kiel is also of national significance – as a shipbuilding and naval centre, as well as a home to a range of specialist clinics in the medical sector.

Many innovations have their roots in Kiel. Not only maritime devices such as the gyrocompass or the echo-sounder, but also pioneering advances such as contact lenses or the fax machine were invented on the fjord. Developments from Kiel are still in great demand across the globe: for instance, GEOMAR played a significant role in creating an early warning system for tsunamis.

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