

# Sankt Peter-Ording

Schleswig-Holstein State · Germany

TRAVEL GUIDE

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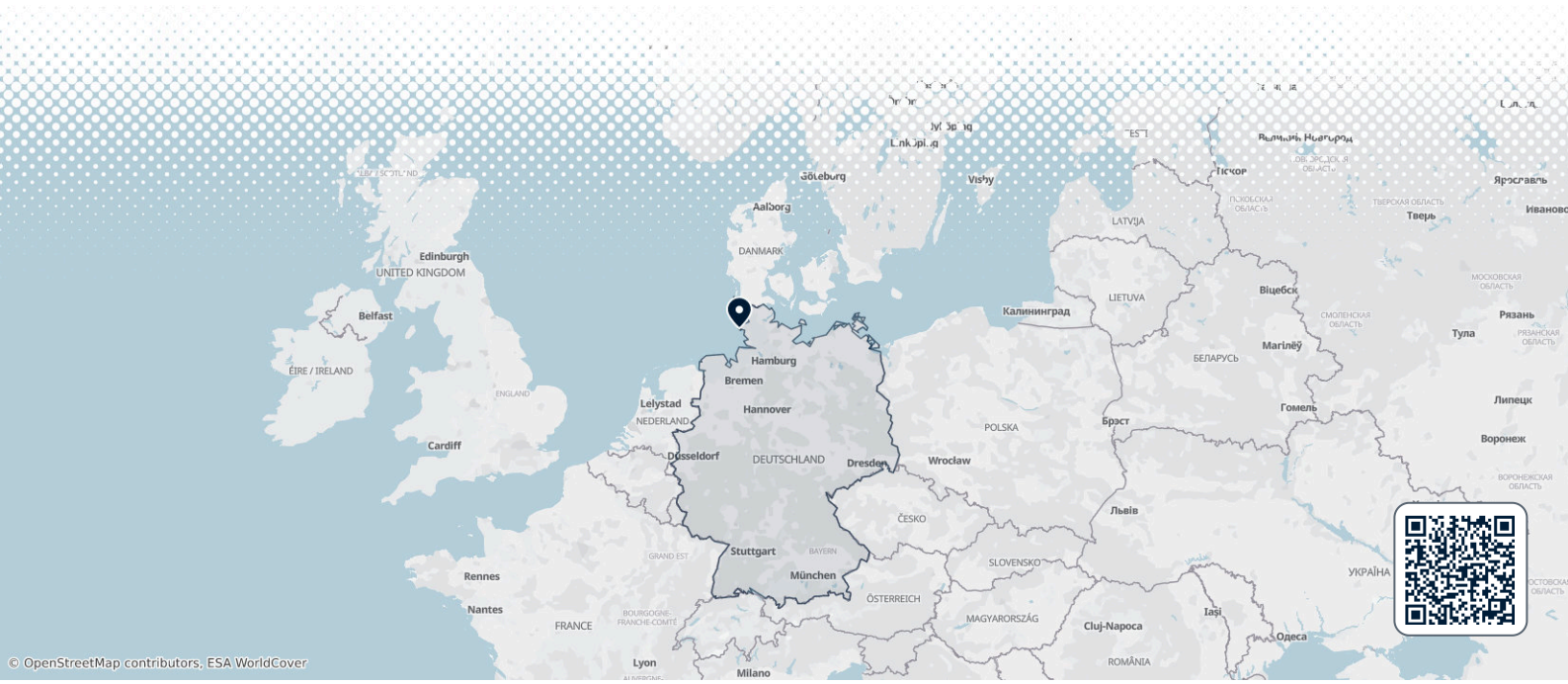


## Overview

Sankt Peter-Ording is a North Sea resort on the Eiderstedt peninsula in Schleswig-Holstein. It is known for a very wide sandy beach, dunes and salt marshes. The beach is lined with stilt houses.

The landscape is flat and open, and the wind is constant. The resort suits beach days, walks, kitesurfing and nature trips. It is a good choice for a relaxed stay of two or three nights, more than for sightseeing.

## When to visit

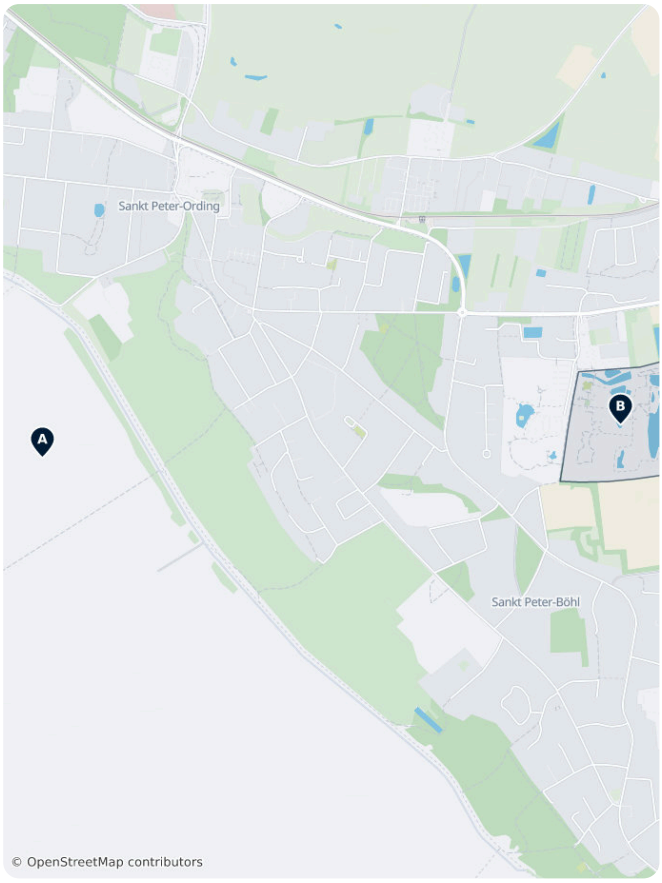
June to September is the best time for the beach. Autumn and winter are cold and windy, and suit long walks on an empty beach.

| MONTH | CONDITIONS | DAY °C avg / max | NIGHT °C avg / min | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | Poor<br>Poor for watersports | 4° / 9°<br>Feels like -2° | 1° / -6° | 15 rainy days · Dry air |
| February | Poor<br>Poor for watersports | 5° / 9°<br>Feels like -1° | 1° / -6° | 12 rainy days · Dry air |
| March | Poor<br>Poor for wildlife watching | 7° / 12°<br>Feels like 2° | 2° / -3° | 12 rainy days · Dry air |
| April | Fair<br>Fair for cycling | 11° / 18°<br>Feels like 7° | 5° / 0° | Dry air |
| May | Good<br>Good for cycling | 15° / 22°<br>Feels like 11° | 9° / 5° | 13 rainy days · Dry air |
| June | Good<br>Good for wildlife watching | 18° / 25°<br>Feels like 15° | 12° / 9° | 14 rainy days · Dry air |
| July | Good<br>Good for wildlife watching | 20° / 27° | 15° / 12° | 15 rainy days |
| August | Good<br>Good for wildlife watching | 20° / 27° | 15° / 12° | 16 rainy days |
| September | Good<br>Good for cycling | 17° / 23° | 13° / 9° | 14 rainy days · Dry air |
| October | Fair<br>Fair for cycling | 13° / 17°<br>Feels like 9° | 9° / 4° | 16 rainy days · Dry air |
| November | Poor<br>Poor for wildlife watching | 8° / 13°<br>Feels like 3° | 5° / -1° | 16 rainy days · Dry air |
| December | Poor<br>Poor for watersports | 5° / 10°<br>Feels like 0° | 2° / -5° | 16 rainy days · Dry air |

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

## Top sights

- A Sankt Peter-Ording Strand is the main attraction. The sand is very wide and flat, and the tide goes far out.
- The stilt houses stand on the beach between the dunes and the sea. Some are cafés and restaurants.
- The Böhler lighthouse stands in the Böhl district, at the edge of the dunes.
- The salt marshes lie behind the beach. They are part of the Wadden Sea National Park and have a lot of birdlife.
- B Westküstenpark & Robbarium St. Peter-Ording is a small wildlife park with a seal enclosure. It is a good stop for families.
- The Museum Landschaft Eiderstedt explains the peninsula and its coastal landscape.

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## What to experience

- Kitesurfing and windsurfing: The wide beach and steady wind make this a main activity. Schools offer lessons.
- Beach sailing: Land yachts run on the hard sand at low tide.
- Mudflat walk: Guided walks lead out onto the Wadden Sea at low tide. Go only with a guide.
- Spa day: The Dünen-Therme has pools and saunas, and is a good option on a rainy day.

## Day trips

- Tönning is a small harbour town on the Eider river. The train from Husum stops there.
- Husum is a larger harbour town on the North Sea coast.
- Westerhever is a village on the peninsula, with a famous lighthouse standing on the salt marsh.

## Where to explore

Föhr and Amrum are North Frisian islands. Ferries to them leave from Dagebüll, not from Sankt Peter-Ording.

- Föhr
- Amrum

## Getting there

- By train: Take a train to Husum, then change to the regional train to Bad St. Peter-Ording. It stops at Tönning on the way.
- By air: Hamburg Airport is the nearest large airport. Continue by train via Husum or by car.
- By car: The peninsula has no motorway. Roads from Husum and Tönning lead to the resort.

St. Peter-Ording tourism

## Getting around

- The resort is made up of several districts along the coast. Distances between them are long for walking.
- Bike hire is easy to find, and the roads and paths are flat.
- The beach is reached by boardwalks across the dunes.

### Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

**Moderate**

The beach is flat, but the resort districts are far apart.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

**High**

The land is flat, and bike paths link the districts.

## Driving

- A car is useful for the peninsula and the villages. It is not needed in the resort if you stay near the beach.
- Beach car parks are paid. On sunny summer weekends the car parks fill early.

# Food & drink

Look for North Sea shrimp, fish rolls and lamb from the salt marshes.

Restaurants and cafés cluster in Bad St. Peter-Ording and in Ording. The stilt houses on the beach are another place to eat.

## What to eat & drink

### LUNCH

**Doner Kebab · Döner Kebab**
A sandwich of roasted meat, salad, and sauce in flatbread, invented by Turkish immigrants in Berlin and now a national staple.

### DINNER

**Schnitzel**
A thin, breaded and fried cutlet, usually pork, served with potatoes or fries and a lemon wedge.

**Sauerbraten**
A pot roast marinated for days in vinegar and spices before slow cooking, served with red cabbage and dumplings.

### SNACKS & STREET FOOD

**Bratwurst**
A grilled or fried pork sausage, often served in a bread roll with mustard, sold at stands nationwide.

**Currywurst**
Sliced sausage topped with curry-spiced ketchup, a Berlin invention now popular across the country.

**Pretzel · Brezel**
A large, chewy salted bread pretzel, especially common in Bavaria, often eaten with butter or cheese.

### SWEETS & DESSERTS

**Black Forest Cake · Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte**
A layered chocolate sponge cake with cherries, cherry liqueur, and whipped cream.

### DRINKS

**Beer · Bier**
Germany brews hundreds of regional styles, from Bavarian Weissbier to Cologne's Kölsch, each tied to its home city.

**Gluhwein · Glühwein**
Mulled, spiced red wine served hot, a staple of winter and Christmas markets.

**Apfelschorle**
Apple juice mixed with sparkling water, the everyday non-alcoholic drink of choice.

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## Safety & health

- Tides: The tide comes in fast and the flats are wide. Check the tide times before a long walk on the beach or the mudflats.
- Swimming: Swim only at supervised beach sections. Currents can be strong near the sandbanks.

## Country facts

Quick practical facts for Germany at a glance:

CURRENCY
**EUR €**

EMERGENCY
**112**

ELECTRICITY



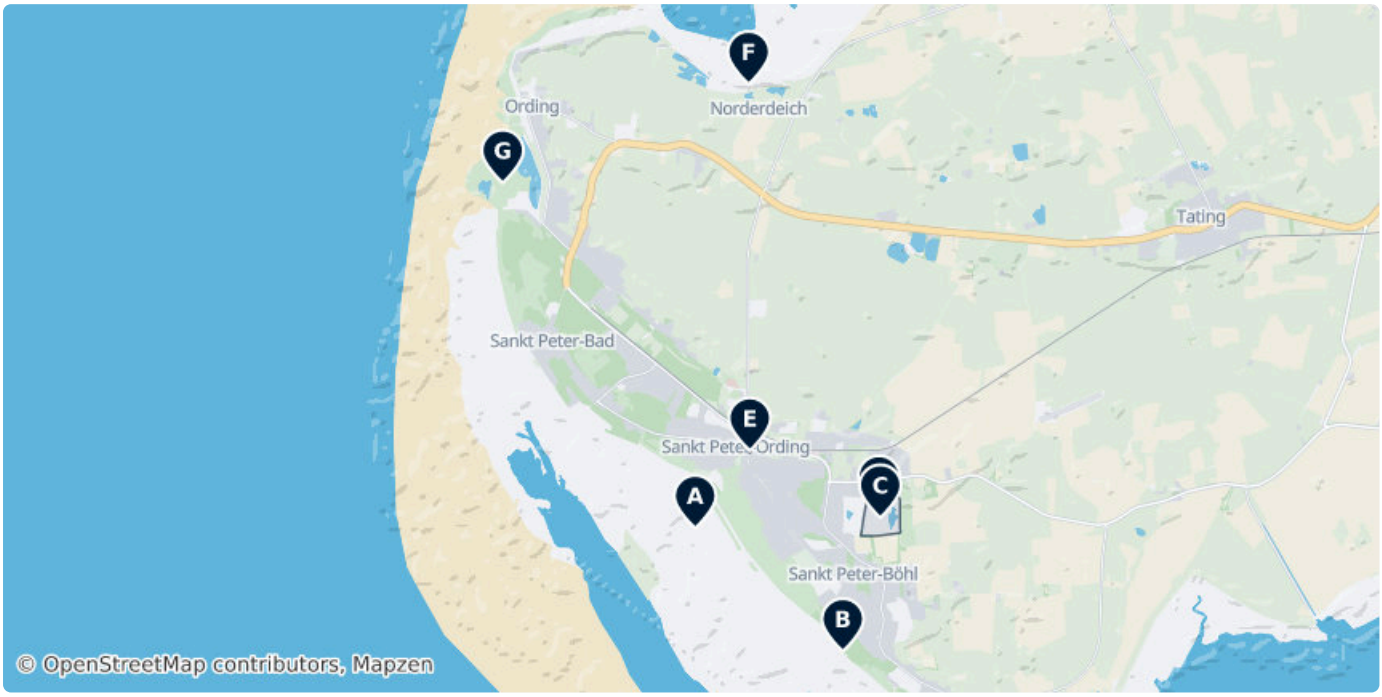
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
**Safe to drink**

# Sankt Peter-Ording Essentials

Sankt Peter-Ording is defined by its 12-kilometer-long sandy beach, iconic wooden stilt houses, and the UNESCO-listed Wadden Sea. This selection highlights the 19th-century Böhler Lighthouse and the Westküstenpark, home to Germany's largest seal pool. Cultural history is preserved at the Museum Landschaft Eiderstedt, while various observation points offer views across the salt marshes, providing opportunities to spot migratory birds and maritime relics along the North Sea coast.






## A Sankt Peter-Ording Beach

Sankt Peter-Ording () is a popular German seaside spa and a municipality in the district of Nordfriesland, in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany.

25826, Germany (54.29819, 8.62976)

## B Böhler Leuchtturm

Constructed in 1892, this 18-meter-tall red brick lighthouse serves as an active navigational aid and a prominent landmark for the Böhl district.

Strandhaferweg, 25826 Sankt Peter-Böhl, Germany (54.28731, 8.65214)



## C Westküstenpark & Robbarium St. Peter-Ording

A wildlife sanctuary focused on regional North Sea species, featuring the Robbarium, which is the largest seal pool in Germany, and various seabird aviaries.

25826, Germany (54.29913, 8.65781)

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| Mo–Su | 08:30–18:00 |

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## D Schiffswrack

The remains of a shipwreck situated along the coast, serving as a historical marker of the maritime hazards present in the North Sea.

(54.29994, 8.65762)

## E Museum Landschaft Eiderstedt

Located in a historic farmhouse, this museum explores the cultural history of the Eiderstedt peninsula, focusing on land reclamation, diking, and traditional agriculture.

Olsdorfer Straße 6, 25826 Sankt Peter-Ording, DE (54.30505, 8.63804)

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| Nov-Mar Tu–Su | 11:00–16:00 |
| Apr-Oct Tu–Su | 10:00–17:00 |

## F Vogelbeobachtungsplatz

An elevated platform designed for observing migratory birds and native wildlife within the protected salt marshes and Wadden Sea ecosystem.

(54.33742, 8.63787)

## G Alte Kaserne

A viewpoint located among the dunes that offers panoramic vistas of the coastal landscape and the surrounding North Sea environment.

(54.32870, 8.60060)

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