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I. ABOUT OLDENBURG

Oldenburg is home to 160,000 people and the economic hub of the Bremen - Oldenburg metropolitan region. It is a university city, and it was the German City of Science in 2009. A former princely residence, it looks back over a history spanning 1,200 years. Oldenburg celebrated its 900th anniversary in 2008. For more than 800 years through to the 20th century it was home to counts, dukes and grand dukes. Numerous buildings such as the Palace, the Prince's Palace and the Elisabeth Anne Palace remind us of this splendid age. Oldenburg became a city when tens of thousands of refugees flocked to the area after World War II.

Oldenburg horses are leaders in upper level, international sport. By combining very different breeds with Oldenburg mare lines, Oldenburg breeders were able to breed horses that are now among the best modern sport horses in the world. Names recognized everywhere in the horse world are testimony, for example the Oldenburg breeding stallion *Donnerhall*, a two-time team World Champion. The success of these horses with the "O and crown" brand lies in the combination of willingness and ability to perform, rideability, modern types that please the eye, plus a liberal breeding policy. The origin of this successful breed lies in the passion for horses that the state ruler, Count Anton Günther of Oldenburg (1603-1667), had during his reign. He was a renowned horseman and very active in breeding.



II. KALE CAPITAL

Oldenburg is known as Germany's *kale capital*. The honorable title was received in 2010, but the tradition of proclaiming the *kale king* and his *kale queen*, going on *kale tours*, and eating tons of this winter green is much older. Recent years saw an incredible increase in kale PR, leading to the establishment of the "Kale Academy Oldenburg", a not-so-serious-but-well-respected institution whose sole purpose is to inform, educate, and entertain; anything kale-related.

<http://www.kohltourhauptstadt.de/>.

Traditionally, German kale (Grünkohl) is prepared as a hearty stew with Pinkel – a spiced pork sausage mainly consisting of bacon, groats of oats or barley, beef suet, and lard. Especially after becoming official kale capital this winter cabbage is now offered in a multitude of new variants – from kale stir-fry to kale smoothies.



III. HOW TO GET TO OLDENBURG

A. From Bremen Airport to Oldenburg (Oldb)

Take the **no. 6 tram** (direction Universität) to Bremen Central Station (Bremen Hauptbahnhof). The tram station is located opposite Terminal 1. Note that although it is possible to buy a ticket from a machine on the tram, it might be better to buy one from one of the ticket machines before boarding. You can buy a ticket directly to Oldenburg HBF. Then take a train from Bremen Central Station to Oldenburg (Oldb) Central Station¹ (about 10 € single ticket). Note that if you're traveling with NordWestBahn and not with Deutsche Bahn you cannot book your ticket online in advance and have to use a ticket machine. Alternatively, you can take the [Luftibus](#) airport shuttle (52 € single/ 94€ round trip).

B. From Hamburg Airport to Oldenburg (Oldb)

Take the **S1 train** to **Hamburg Central Station** (Hamburg Hauptbahnhof). You have to buy a ticket before boarding. Then take a train from Hamburg Central Station to Oldenburg (Oldb) Central Station¹. You'll have to **transfer** at **Bremen** Central Station.

C. From Hannover Airport to Oldenburg (Oldb)

Take the **S5 train** (direction Paderborn or Hameln) to Hannover Central Station (Hbf). The train station is located in Terminal C. Then take a train from Hannover Central Station to Oldenburg (Oldb) Central Station¹. Depending on your train connection, you **might** have to **transfer** at **Bremen** Central Station.

You can check the following link to Deutsche Bahn for schedules and fares (it might be good to book your train ticket online in advance): <http://www.bahn.com/i/view/overseas/en/>.

IV. LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

From Oldenburg central station, the hotels can be reached by taxi or by bus:

- Taxi: Located outside both sides of the train station. Contact numbers of a few companies:
 - Oldenburger Taxizentrale: +49 (0)441 24024
 - Taxi 66 Die Sechser: +49 (0)441 666666
 - Taxiruf 2255 Oldenburg: +49 (0)441 2255
- Bus: bus stops are located to the right when exiting the station. Tickets cost €2.40 and can be bought on the bus (exact change preferred).
- Bikes: Being so close to the Dutch border, bikes are very popular in Oldenburg, and can get you anywhere very easily and very quickly. Renting a bike may be cheaper than using the bus. You can rent bikes at very low prices just outside the train station.

Most hotels are within walking distance from the train station (5-15 min. walk).

A. Public transport to/from the University

Find convenient public transport connections for your travel to/from the university using the [Online Timetable!](#)

Buses that connect the university campuses with Oldenburg Central Station ("ZOB") and the City Center ("Lappan"): **Campus Haarentor** (Ammerländer Heerstraße/Uhlhornsweg, [see map](#)) is serviced by bus numbers **306** (direction "Universität", exit "Universität"), **310** (direction "Wehnen/Famila-Center") and **324** (direction "Infanterieweg"; get off stop "Universität").

¹ NOTE: Go to *Oldenburg (Oldb)* and **NOT** *Oldenburg (Holst)* which would be the wrong destination!

V. ACCOMMODATION

A. Hotels

AcarA Penthouse Hotel****

Am Stadtmuseum 12, 26121 OL

+49 (0)441 20550

Email: post@acara-hotel.de

<http://www.acara-hotel.de> 

<http://www.acara-hotel.de/site/buchen.html>) 

NOTE: Easy access to campus, train station, downtown

Altera ****

Herbartgang 23, 26122 OL

+49 (0)441 21908

Email: oldenburg@altera-hotels.de

<http://www.altera-hotels.de> 

NOTE: Easy access to campus, train station, downtown

Antares ***

Staugraben 8, 26122 OL

+49 (0)441 92250

<http://www.antes-hotel.info/oldenburg/> 

[https://www.caesar-data.com/cgi-](https://www.caesar-data.com/cgi-bin/booking.cgi?hotel_id=antesoldenburg&spr=e&w)

[bin/booking.cgi?hotel_id=antesoldenburg&spr=e&w](https://www.caesar-data.com/cgi-bin/booking.cgi?hotel_id=antesoldenburg&spr=e&w)
[here=8606AO58ODC](https://www.caesar-data.com/cgi-bin/booking.cgi?hotel_id=antesoldenburg&spr=e&w))     

NOTE: Easy access to campus, train station, downtown

Hermes Hotel ***

Ankerstraße 19, 26122 OL

+49 (0)441 77939100

<http://www.hermes-hotel-oldenburg.de/en/> 

Note: 260 m to main train station; easy access

Rosenbohm Designhotel *

Am Pferdemarks 7, 26121 OL

+49 (0)441 80063444

Email: info@hotel-rosenbohm.de

<http://hotel-rosenbohm.de/> 

CCH City Club Hotel ****

Europaplatz 4-6, 26123 OL

+49 (0)441 8080

<http://www.cch-hotel.de/en/> 

B&B Hotel **

Alexanderstraße 1-5, 26121 OL

+49 (0)441 925110

<http://www.hotelbb.de/en/oldenburg/details> 

NOTE: smoker and non-smoker rooms available

Hotel Sprenz ***

Heiligengeiststraße 15, 26121 OL

+49 (0)441 8008880

Email: info@hotel-sprenz.de

<http://www.hotel-sprenz.de/index.php> 

Hotel Alexander ***

Alexanderstraße 107, 26121 Oldenburg

+49 (0)441 98020

E-Mail: info@alexander-hotel.info

<http://www.alexander-hotel.info/oldenburg/> 

[https://www.caesar-data.com/cgi-](https://www.caesar-data.com/cgi-bin/booking.cgi?hotel_id=alexanderoldenburg&spr=e&where=8606AO58ODC)

[bin/booking.cgi?hotel_id=alexanderoldenburg&spr=e&](https://www.caesar-data.com/cgi-bin/booking.cgi?hotel_id=alexanderoldenburg&spr=e&where=8606AO58ODC)
[where=8606AO58ODC](https://www.caesar-data.com/cgi-bin/booking.cgi?hotel_id=alexanderoldenburg&spr=e&where=8606AO58ODC)) 

NOTE: indirect bus connection to campus

Best Western Heide Hotel ***

Melkbrink 49-52, 26121 Oldenburg

+49 (0)441 8040

<http://www.hotel-heide-oldenburg.de/hotel2.html>

NOTE: indirect bus connection to campus (switch busses at train station)

Hotel Wieting

Damm 29, 26135 OL

+49 (0)441 92400

<http://www.hotel-wieting.de/> 

NOTE: very close to downtown (castle); bus switch necessary to get to campus

Stadthotel

Hauptstraße 38-40, 26122 OL

+49 (0)441 50090

<http://www.stadthotel-oldenburg.de/index2.htm>  

Note: indirect bus connection to campus

B. Hostels

N8chtHAUS (low budget accommodation)

Lindenstraße 4A, 26123 OL

+49 (0) 176 8182 8133

<http://n8chthaus.de/?lang=en> 

Jugendherberge (DJH youth hostel)

+49 441 87135

<http://www.jugendherberge.de/en/youth-hostels/oldenburg%20oldb594/Portrait> 

VI. CAFES, BARS, & RESTAURANTS*

* Obviously, only a small selection...

A. Coffee shops

1. Coffee places

Woyton: German coffee shop franchise

Haarenstraße 56, Lange Straße 1, Schloßplatz 3

www.woyton.de

Käthe Kaffee: Hip & artsy; coffee & furniture

Kaiserstraße 28 (street across from the train station)

<http://kaethekaffee.de/>

Eiscafé San Marco: Italian ice-cream place

Achternstraße 33, Ofener Straße 42

<http://www.eiscafe-oldenburg.de/index.html>

Kaffeekunst: Espresso and Art

Im Nikolaigang, Bergstraße 6

Grünstreifen: Informal but chic; hidden entrance next to Deutsche Bank

Staugraben 9 <http://www.cafe-gruenstreifen.de/>

Essentially every bakery

2. Traditional German Cafés

Café Leutbecher: Schlossplatz 18

<http://www.cafe-leutbecher.de>

Café Klinge: Theaterwall 47 <http://www.cafe-klinge.de/>

Burgcafé Burgstraße 8 <http://www.burgcafe-oldenburg.de>

B. Bars & Clubs

For ad hoc decisions:

- Oldenburg's Wallstraße (aka "Wallstreet") near Lappan is lined with bars and restaurants
- There are also a good handful of bars at the market square around Lamberti church.

Patio: "relaxed cocktail bar, TexMex food" close to the train station

Bahnhofstraße 11 <http://www.patio-oldenburg.de/>

Charlys Musikkneipe: Blues, Rock and Pop bar with live music

Wallstraße 26 <http://www.charlys-musikkneipe.com>

Fiddlers Green: Irish pub with live music on Friday & Saturday

Wallstraße 19

C. Restaurants

Prices: \$ (low), \$\$ (medium), \$\$\$ (high)  veggie friendly

Bei Franz: \$\$ „Best steaks in town“; German cuisine
Donnerschweer Strasse 6 phone: +49 (0) 441 882286
Reservation recommended because mostly busy

Artischocke: \$\$ Mediterranean “bistorante”
Mottenstraße 22 <http://www.artischocke-ol.de/>
Veggie-friendly 

Seelig (KulturLounge): \$\$ Modern 
Schlossplatz 2 www.seelig-ol.de
Part of the Schlosshöfe mall; “modern central European”

Kleine Burg: \$\$\$ For foodies 
Burgstraße 2 <http://www.kleineburg-ol.de/>

Peter Pane: \$\$ Burger place with a fairy-tale atmosphere 
Waffenplatz/ Heiligengeistwall 10-13
<http://www.peterpane.de/restaurants/oldenburg-waffenplatz>

LOTS of vegan & vegetarian burger options.
Highly recommended: „menu“: burger of choice + fries or salad + cocktail (also virgin options)

Akito: \$-\$\$ Sushi & Vietnamese 
Stau 1 <http://www.akito-oldenburg.de/>
Veggie-friendly

Royals & Rice: \$\$ Modern Vietnamese 
Heiligengeistwall 12
<http://www.royalsandrice.com/royals-rice-oldenburg/>

Ratskeller: \$\$ German cuisine
Markt 1 <http://www.ratskeller-oldenburg.de/>

Mamma Mia: \$-\$\$ Oldest Italian restaurant in town
Markt 19 <http://www.mamma-mia.de/>

Caldero: \$\$ The Tapas and Wine Connection
Markt 23 <http://www.caldero.de/>

Bestial: \$\$ Modern Mediterranean 
Theaterwall 20
<http://www.bestial-oldenburg.de/index.php?id=1-Mediterranean;veggie-friendly>

Havana: \$\$ Cuban Restaurant and Cocktail Bar
Donnerschweerstr. 8
<http://www.havana-oldenburg.de/>

Rodizio: \$\$-\$\$\$ Brazilian Steakhouse
Pferdemarkt 16 <http://www.rodizio-oldenburg.de/>

VEGAN/VEGETARIAN FAVORITES:

Peter Pane: \$\$ (see above) Waffenplatz 

Artischocke: \$\$ (see above) Mottenstraße 

Akito: \$-\$\$ (see above) Stau 1 

Kismet: \$ Vegetarian and vegan kebab and falafel — super delicious! 
Lappan/Lange Straße 2 <http://www.kismet-am-lappan.de/>

VII. TO DO & SEE

Road Bowling (Boßeln)

Two teams measure the distance they throw a 800g pock wood, rubber, or plastic bowl, which is known in local dialect as a "Boßel", or ball. This is typically done along a rural road. There are various ways to play the game, but on a kale tour, it has to be road bowling. Typically involving alcohol consumption.



Auditory Garden at House of Hearing

Marie-Curie Straße 2 (bus stop Pophankenweg)

www.hoergarten.de

The Auditory Garden (Hörgarten) is located around the House of Hearing (Haus des Hörens) in Oldenburg- Wechloy and displays several hands-on exhibits on hearing and acoustics. The garden features a number of fascinating exhibits such as the whispering gallery, the wind harp, the binaural pond, and the representative hearing throne in front of the house of hearing. The garden is open to the public.



Lappan

Lange Straße 3

The Lappan from 1467/68 is considered Oldenburg's main landmark. Formerly the bell tower of the Heilig-Geist Chapel, it is a popular meeting point in the city center today.



Horst-Janssen-Museum



Am Stadtmuseum 4-8 (bus stop Lappan) www.horst-janssen-museum.de

This art museum shows the biography of Horst Hanssen and his work in well assembled groups: drawings and water colors, cycles of etchings, wood carvings, lithographies, posters, and illustrations. Landscape, erotic, portraits, still life and ever again the self-portrait characterize his extensive work.

**Schloss, Augustineum & Prinzenpalais:
State Museum(s) for Art and Cultural History**

Schlossplatz 1/ Elisabethstraße 1/ Damm 1

www.stadtmuseum-oldenburg.de

The State Museum for Art and Cultural History in Oldenburg was established after the abdication of the last grand duke of Oldenburg in 1919. The early collection was made up of the former grand duke's picture gallery, the collection of antiquities, the inventories of the Museum of Decorative Arts and the former National Picture Gallery. Today the collection is placed in three locations. In the Oldenburg Palace there are the historic rooms, the show of decorative arts, regional history and a few Old Master paintings. The permanent exhibition in the Augustineum presents the larger part of the Old Masters collection, while the Prinzenpalais is home for the New Master paintings of the 19th and 20th centuries. The highlights of the whole collection are the Old Master Picture Gallery, particularly the Italian and Dutch paintings of the 15th to the 18th century, the collection of Johann Heinrich Wilhelm Tischbein, who had the main-part of the palace's classical interior, the collection of decorative arts with exceptional exhibits of the middle-ages and the renaissance era as well as an excellent selection of the Classic Modernism. The focal points of that collection are the Worpsweder Künstlerkolonie (Fritz Mackensen, Heinrich Vogeler, Fritz Overbeck, Otto Modersohn, Paula Modersohn-Becker), paintings by the German Impressionists Corinth, Liebermann and Slevogt as well as the important collection of the Brücke-Expressionism.



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