

Unique: Felix Nussbaum Museum

The city is the site of the museum of the internationally renowned painter Felix Nussbaum, who was born in Osnabrück in 1904. Nussbaum, who died in 1944



in Auschwitz concentration camp, is regarded as one of the major painters of the 20th century. This unique museum, created by the renowned architect Daniel Libeskind, captivates the visitor with its highly individual structure and unusual interior design.

Peace and literature

Every two years, the city awards the Erich-Maria Remarque Peace Prize. The famous writer of "All Quiet on the Western Front", after whom the prize is named, was also born in Osnabrück. His personal and literary legacy forms one of the pillars on which the peace culture of the city of Osnabrück is based.

Getting close to history: Kalkriese Museum and Park

The Battle of Varus in the year 9 AD, which took place in Kalkriese near Osnabrück, was the scene of the slaughter of 10,000 Roman soldiers at the hands of Germanic tribes. The museum commemorates the battle with artefacts such as weapons, coins and pieces of armour. The park includes the remains of the defensive ramparts built by the Germanic tribesmen, which helped them overcome the highly-trained and disciplined Roman legions. The Kalkriese Museum and Park were awarded the European Culture Prize in 2005 for their innovative depictions of the Battle of Varus.

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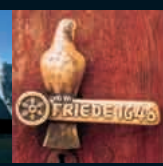
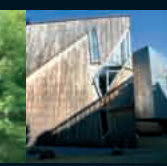


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Welcome to Osnabrück



From mission base to European city of peace culture

The history of Osnabrück began in 780, when the Emperor Charlemagne founded a mission on the banks of the River Hase. In 1002, the Bishop of Osnabrück was granted a charter to hold a market, mint coins and collect customs dues. Osnabrück developed, as a member of the Hanseatic League from 1412 to 1669, into a cultural and commercial centre open to the world. The city now enjoys both formal and informal links with many parts of the world, including Angers (F), Çanakkale (TR), Derby (UK), Evansville (USA), Gmünd (A), Greifswald (D), Haarlem (NL), Kwangmyong (ROK), Twer (RUS) and Vila Real (P).



A city steeped in history

The long, rich history of Osnabrück is apparent on every corner, with the remains of the old city wall and its watchtowers, the castle dating from the 17th century and the town hall where the Peace of Westphalia was declared in 1648, bringing an end to the Thirty Years' War. They all make Osnabrück's history come to life. The historical old quarter of the city is particularly well preserved, with narrow winding alleys and old half-timbered houses that continue to lend it medieval charm right up to the present day.



Surrounded by countryside

Osnabrück is surrounded by green areas. The city lies in the middle of a large nature park: the Nature Reserve of the Northern Teutoburg Forest, Wiehengebirge Hills and Osnabrück Region – Terra.vita for short. It covers an area of 1,200 square kilometres, making it Germany's biggest nature reserve. In 2004, the Terra.vita nature reserve was awarded UNESCO Geopark status on account of its extraordinary role as a geological heritage site. The varied landscape around Osnabrück is ideal for exploring on foot, by bicycle or on horseback.

Nature on your doorstep

There are also green spaces to relax in within the city. The castle gardens are right in the middle of Osnabrück. The Bürgerpark on the edge of the medieval old town is one of northern Germany's oldest public parks, and you can also visit the Botanical Gardens of the University of Osnabrück. If you prefer a sunny stroll by the side of the water, come down to the banks of the River Hase, or the Rubbenbruchsee Lake in the woods on the edge of town.

Osnabrück live

In addition to the wide and varied range of museums, theatres, cinemas, bars and restaurants, the city is the site of several open-air events designed to keep visitors from the surrounding area and further afield entertained all year round, night after night. The biannual "Jahrmarkt" fair in spring is followed by May Week, one of northern Germany's biggest music events, which includes live bands playing on more than ten open-air stages. There are also concerts and cinematic and cultural events to attract you to the old quarter of the city or castle gardens all summer long.



A date for the diaries of gourmets from near and far is the culinary event "Eat Well in Osnabrück", with the holiday atmosphere provided by the participation of the restaurants and pavement cafés of Osnabrück city centre. Summer is rounded off nicely by the "Jahrmarkt" fair in autumn, which is in turn followed, from the end of November, by the whiff of freshly-roasted almonds and chestnuts and spicy "Glühwein" (mulled wine) from the historical Christmas Market. The Osnabrück Christmas Market, which attracts over a million visitors every year, was voted best Christmas market in northern Germany in 2004.

