



INFORMATION

Pile dwellings, climate zones and the fascination of vastness „Fact sheet on St. Peter-Ording – North Sea spa and sulphur bath

- 1 Town in the district of North Friesland/Schleswig-Holstein on the western tip of the Eiderstedt peninsula. St. Peter-Ording is surrounded by the sea on three sides. The sandbank is part of the Schleswig-Holstein Wadden Sea National Park and has been part of the Wadden Sea landscape, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, since 2009.
- 4 districts, each with its own character (Bad, Dorf, Ording and Böhl)
- The municipal area covers 2,825 hectares – the altitude is 3.5 to 5 metres above sea level.
- 350 hectares of pine forest run through and frame the long stretch of land
- 4,000 residents plus around 4,200 second home owners
- 448,000 overnight guests per year, approx. 546,000 day visitors
- Around 2.7 million overnight stays per year
- Over 18,000 guest beds of which:
12,750 in holiday apartments and holiday homes, 850 on motorhome/camping sites
1,150 in rehabilitation facilities, 830 in group accommodation
2,500 in hotels and guesthouses
- 6 campsites / 2 motorhome sites
- 5 health clinics
- 1 sulphur spring: the only one in Schleswig-Holstein and one of the 5 strongest springs in Germany
- 3 climate zones – surf, dunes and forest
- 12 km long sandy beach up to 2 km wide in the middle of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site
- 1,095 metres long is the pier in the Bad district, anniversary: 100 years of the pier in 2026.
- 6 wooden walkways with a length of around 700 metres are available for pedestrians and cyclists
- 5 official supervised bathing areas: the northernmost bathing area is Ording Nord (nudist beach).
- 1,200 beach chairs invite you to linger on the five beaches of St. Peter-Ording.
- The small, fast three-wheeled speedsters with their towering sails reach speeds of up to 130 km/h. Between March and October, beach sailors are an integral part of beach life.
- There are 13 pile dwellings on the beaches – two to three per bathing area for lifeguards, sanitary facilities and catering.
- The piles on which the stilt houses stand are 10 to 12 metres long. They are driven up to 5 metres into the sand using manpower and machinery and protrude 5-7 metres above the beach.





- 4,000 piles have been driven into the beach
- 31 wooden platforms are used for beach chairs, boat sheds, surf school and rescue services on the beach
- 5,000 square metres of wooden decking have been laid on the platforms
- 17 playgrounds and 140 pieces of play equipment in the village and on the beach are available for young visitors to use
- 550 benches and 460 rubbish bins are positioned in the village and on the beach.
- The total length of the cycle path network in Eiderstedt (St. Peter-Ording) is 650 km.
- 12 signposted cycle routes start in St. Peter-Ording.
- 76 Km - The total length of the North Sea Fitness Park with 16 freely combinable running tracks. The shortest course measures 1,230 metres, the longest 14 km.
- Dog owners and guests with dogs use 1 million dog waste bags per year. The St. Peter-Ording Tourist Office provides these at 70 dog toilets in the town.
- The brown brick lighthouse in the district of Böhl is 18.4 metres high.
- 1 historic Island with a bakery, ice cellar and skipper's house is located in the district of Dorf.
- 1,000 square metres of water provide bathing fun in the Dünen-Therme leisure and adventure pool. The seawater is pumped directly from the North Sea and treated.
- The 3 water slides at the Dünen-Therme combine speed and thrills. The turbo slide is around 65 m long, the tyre slide 95 metres and the wild stream 120 m long.
- 1 sauna area with 5 high-quality sauna types for enjoyable sauna culture
- 1 health and wellness centre with a wide range of treatments.
- 3 natural healing resources are extracted directly on site in St. Peter-Ording: seawater, fossil silt and sulphur brine.
- 1 Erlebnis-Hus - the family meeting place on the dyke with a games house, arcade, outdoor area and restaurant at the end of the Erlebnis-Promenade
- 14.5 hectares of land and more than 800 domestic and wild animals. Also Germany's largest seal enclosure: the Westküstenpark – the animal paradise in St. Peter-Ording.
- 1 Nine-hole golf course in the middle of the dune landscape and one of the few left-courses in Germany.
- There are 3 churches in St. Peter-Ording alone. The Protestant churches of St. Peter and St. Nikolai, as well as the Catholic church of St. Ulrich. In total, there are 18 Protestant churches and 2 Catholic churches on the Eiderstedt peninsula.
- 2 train stations, 1 railway line – only 1 change to St. Peter-Ording
- 140 km from Hamburg via the A 23 motorway and then on the B 202 and B 5 federal highways





- The runway of the small airfield is 670 m long and 30 m wide - here you can land individually with an aierecognition as a spacecraft weighing up to 7.5 tonnes.

St. Peter-Ording underlines its claim as a first-class holiday destination with a wide range of improvements to its tourist facilities. The Erlebnis-Promenade and the Dünen-Hus for events, the spacious Dünen-Therme with leisure and adventure pool, health and wellness centre and sauna area have been continuously developed and modernised.

As of 2026

Most important facts at a glance:

1838: Hosting the first guest

1877: Construction and opening of the first hotel

1932: Connection to the railway

1949: Recognition as a bath destination

1957: Discovery of the sulphur spring

1958: Designated a North Sea spa and sulphur baths

1968: Opening of the seawater wave pool

1997/1998: Expansion and modernisation of the seawater wave pool into a leisure and adventure pool

Dünen-Therme and construction of the sauna area

2003: Opening of the children's playhouse in St. Peter-Dorf

2004: Opening of the North Sea Fitness Park

2005: Opening of the health and wellness centre in the Dünen-Therme

2005: Extension of the bathing bridge to around 1000 metres

2008: Redesign of the pier forecourt and the adventure promenade, as well as opening of the Dünen-Hus

2010: Expansion of the North Sea Fitness Park route network to around 76 kilometres

2011: Expansion of the cycle path network to 12 GPS-supported routes across the whole of Eiderstedt

2012 - 2014: Conversion and modernisation of the Dünen-Therme leisure and adventure pool

2016: The municipality and St. Peter-Ording Tourist Information Centre become National Park

partners 2017: 140 years as a holiday resort and North Sea spa

2018: Construction of a pile dwelling as a modern multi-purpose building on Ordinger Strand

2019: Opening of the multi-purpose stilt house on Ordinger Strand

2020: Opening of the first two sections of the new nature experience promenade

2021: Construction of the family meeting place

2022: Fairtrade Town, Global Sustainable Community

2023: Completion of the 'Erlebnis-Hus' family meeting place

2024: New construction of the Strandbar 54° Nord pile dwelling

2025: Demolition of the old Strandbar 54° Nord, opening of the new Strandbar 54° Nord

2026: The pier in St. Peter-Bad turns 100 years old

