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Welcome to the Isle of Hiddensee,
also affectionately called Sötes Länneken - sweet little country - by the locals.
Shaped like a seahorse the island is situated in the west of The Isle of Rügen. It’s only 16.8 km long and not more than 3 km wide. The island has got a variety of beautiful landscapes: from gentle rolling hills in the north, the salt marshes and moors to the wide sandy beaches in the south.

“This serenity! This silent and powerful stream of light. And the freedom of walking through the pathless grass”, wrote the famous poet Gerhart Hauptmann, who lived on the island during many summers. In the 20th century many artists visited the island, like Gerhart Hauptmann, and found their special inspiration. Being one of the few northern German artist colonies, Hiddensee still remains committed to this heritage.

In September 2013 the isle was honored as the first family-friendly island in Germany. Apart from numerous family offers, there is a colorful variety of cultural offers:

Accessibility
On passenger ships of Reederei Hiddensee and in public institutions, persons with reduced mobility access are considered. The public sanitary facilities on the island are handicapped accessible. A special constructed, barrier-free access to the beach is located at the main beach in Vitte nearby the DLRG main sentry.

Accommodation
The annually published accommodation directory provides a wide range of accommodation options on the isle. It’s available on the whole island or can be ordered online at www.seebad-hiddensee.de or by phone: +49 38300-608685.

In the case of requests for accommodation, please contact the tourist information offices, renters or the accommodation service provider. Make sure that you clearly specify your wishes like duration of stay, single, double or shared rooms, number of children, etc. The more detailed you express your wishes, the easier it will be to find your preferred type of accommodation.

Amber
Amber is also known as the “gold of the Baltic Sea”. It pays off to go for a lovely stroll along the beach just to find that one piece. You also get to see the “amber fishermen” in the effervescent Baltic Sea searching for this popular stone. If you want to know more about this mineral, feel free to visit the museum of local history in Kloster or the amber workshops in Vitte and Kloster. The museum has an amber room, where a selection of magnificent pieces of amber and information about the history of amber can be found. In the workshops you can admire and purchase artistically processed pieces of amber.

Asta Nielsen House
The Asta Nielsen House is home of an exhibition about one of the most popular actresses in silent movies, Asta Nielsen, and about Max Taut, a German architect. You can find current opening hours on posters or in events calendar.

Banks
There is a bank branch of the Sparkasse Vorpommern in Vitte, Süder-
end 59. Here is the only ATM on the island. Customers of Postbank can withdraw money at the post office at the EDEKA food market in Vitte.

**BBQ areas**

There are free public fire pits on the beaches of Neuendorf, Vitte and Kloster. Please leave these as you would wish to find them: clean and free of garbage! Open fire is prohibited on any other beach areas.

**Beach**

Hiddensee has a natural beach along the entire west coast that is open to the public, free of charge. There are also designated guarded beaches in Vitte, Kloster and Neuendorf. From mid-May to mid-September, lifeguards from the DLRG constantly keep watch while the sea resort technical staff strive to maintain the various parts of the beach clean. Harsh wind conditions might blow over some of the sea grass. Please understand that the technical possibilities on the island don't enable us to immediately take care of this. Every guest has different desires and wishes for their individual beach vacation experience. On The Isle of Hiddensee we try to fulfil all these wishes. A part of the beach is maintained as a natural beach and cleared of debris but left with the seasonal gifts of nature nevertheless: algae, shells, seaweed and many other interesting pieces of nature that shape the life between the sea and land. Most guests love taking a walk along the beach, where one can set off in search of amber, witch stones and thunderbolts in the bracing climate.

**Beach chairs**

Renting of beach chairs is possible in Neuendorf, Vitte, and Kloster directly on the beaches. These can be rented for one or more days. Prices can be obtained directly from the renters.

**Bicycle rentals**

Bicycle rental can be found in all parts of the island. Bicycles can be rented for one or more days.

**Boat excursions**

Numerous excursion rides are offered around Hiddensee, e.g. the Bodden sails and crane tours with Reederei Hiddensee ([www.reederei-hiddensee.de](http://www.reederei-hiddensee.de), phone: +49 38300-210) or Norddeutschen Binnenreederei (phone: +49 38391-12306). Further information on the available offers, see current posters.

**Bodden**

Bays that are more or less marked-off by islands or half-islands off the open Baltic Sea are known as Bodden. With a maximum water depth of 5 meters, these waters are quite shallow. As a result of freshwater inflows from the country side and small salt water supplies from the open Baltic Sea, we find brackish water here. The waters between The Isle of Rügen and The Isle of Hiddensee are also part of these lagoons.

**Containers for waste glass**

Containers for used glass are located at the harbours of Kloster (Ost-mole), Vitte (at the eastside of the harbour, behind the first-aid station), Neuendorf (harbour, behind the sanitary building) and also in Grieben (village square). Please dispose empty bottles and broken glass here or directly to the renter! Wrong disposal of glass bottles and glass fragments, especially on the beaches, is a significant safety hazard.

**Blue Flag & Red Banner**

The beach in Vitte has been repeatedly awarded the “Blue Flag” for exemplary environmental and safety management. The beaches in Neuendorf and Kloster have been awarded the so-called “Red Banner” of the International Rescue Society and “Lifeguarded Beach” for exemplary safety management.

**Bus**

The island bus operates between the four island villages from Monday to Friday (excluding holidays). The current bus plan is available at all bus stops and [www.seebad-hiddensee.de](http://www.seebad-hiddensee.de). Dogs are obliged to wear muzzles.

**Camping**

Camping and tents are not allowed on the island. The nearest camping site is located in Schaprode.
**Chess**

In the spa gardens at the Henni Lehmann House in Vitte, next to the “Godewind” Hotel in Vitte and in Neuendorf at the playground “Fischer un sin Fru”, there are public places, where giant game of chess can be played.

**Church**

The island church, that was consecrated in 1332 in Kloster, has a captivating interior thanks to its modest blue-white walls and the unique painted ceiling with over 1,000 roses. The “Uns Tauflucht” community hall in Neuendorf that was built in 1989 is also worth visiting. Regular ecumenical church services are held in both buildings on weekends. Numerous presentations and concerts are also hosted here during high season. The schedule can be found in the events calendar, display cases, and at [www.kirche-hiddensee.de](http://www.kirche-hiddensee.de).

**Cinema**

The tent theater (Zeltkino) is located in Vitte, Achtern Diek 21. Up to two film screenings or special events are offered here daily from April to October. Current information on the cinema schedule can be found on posters and at [www.seebad-hiddensee.de](http://www.seebad-hiddensee.de).

**Cliff**

At the north tip of The Isle of Hiddensee there is a 4 km long and approx. 60 m high cliff. A large part of this coast line lies in the national park and is identified as an active cliff. Natural clefts, erosion of river banks and cave formation are hereby avoided through coastal dynamic processes and require constant awareness and observation. Please bear this in mind when taking a walk along the cliff. Don’t enter restricted areas! You will find a lot of interesting fossils, witch stones and driftwood at the foot of the cliff along the gravel beach. The northwestern area of the cliff is protected by a 440 m long stone wall in front of the coastal protection developments that one can walk on. The cliff is accessible from the beach through two flight stairs, one on the outskirts of Kloster and the other in Dornbuschwald next to the guesthouse “Zum Klausner”. A walk along the cliff offers wonderful views of the Baltic Sea.

**Carriage rides**

There’s no regular schedule for carriage rides. In agreement with one of many haulage firms you can create an individual tour. You can find an overview of the haulage firms in the current flyer, which is available in the tourist information offices or at [www.seebad-hiddensee.de](http://www.seebad-hiddensee.de).

**Coastal protection**

Storm-induced high tides that can cause floods or landslides occur mostly in autumn and winter, depending on the weather conditions. All towns are secured with extensive coastal protection systems such as breakwaters, dikes and dams. The systems are regularly inspected and renewed to guarantee proper functionality and safe protection in case of need. There are partial biking and hiking trails along the dyke and dam crests. Please do not enter the dune area!

**Doctor**

A medical practice is located in Vitte, Süderende 57, phone: +49 38300-287. Current office hours can be found in the events calendar and on the notice boards of the municipality. You can reach the emergency service under following phone number: +49-116117

**Dentist**

There is no dentist on the island. Please use the following dental emergency services: phone: +49 1805-924668

**Dogs**

Dogs must always be kept on a leash in all villages as well as forest areas. In the national park (protection zone 2), conservation area and natural reserves – all landscape areas outside developed areas – dogs don’t have to be kept on a leash. However, the dogs should not run free. Other animals should not be disturbed or bothered. When necessary, please put your dog on a leash!

Hiddensee doesn’t have any “dog-beaches”, but dogs are allowed in the designated beach areas in Kloster, Vitte, and Neuendorf. Please take care of other bathers. Dogs that fall under the corresponding provision of the MV Dog Owners Regulation must always be kept on a leash. Service stations for dogs (green boxes) with the appropriate bags are found in all villages on the island. A brochure with information for dog owners is available at the tourist information offices and at [www.seebad-hiddensee.de](http://www.seebad-hiddensee.de).
Drug store
The Isle of Hiddensee doesn’t have a drug store. Cosmetics and skin care products can be purchased at the grocery stores.

Dunes
Coastal dunes are a natural part of the west coast of Hiddensee. They distinctly characterize the dune heath area of the island and protect Hiddensee against floods. For coast protection reasons, please do not enter the dune areas or leave your bicycle there. Only use the designated beach access areas and bicycle parking spots!

Events
A diverse range of events are offered on the island. These include cinema screenings, performances at the Puppet Theater, presentations and guided tours on nature and history or the special island weather - not to forget organ concerts, piano evenings, theme weeks, workshops, “captain’s evenings” or harbour festivals. The Gerhart Hauptmann House, island church, lake stage (Seebühne), Henni Lehmamn House, National Park House and much more contributes to the wide variety of events available to our guests on such a small island like Hiddensee.

Events calendar
The events calendar is compiled and published every month by the “Hiddensee Hafen- und Kurbetrieb”. It is available in almost all villages on the island. An overview of the events is also listed on posters and at www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

Exhibitions
In addition to the following exhibition locations, Hiddensee has many other seasonal galleries and exhibitions. Current exhibition dates can be found on posters, the events calendar and www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

Exhibitions in Kloster
Galerie am Torbogen, Am Klosterstor 2
Galerie und Café Hedins Oe, Mühlberg 43
Galerie Dwarslöper, Kirchweg 26
Gerhart-Hauptmann-Haus, Kirchweg 13
Museum of local history (Heimatmuseum), Kirchweg 1

Exhibitions in Vitte
Galerie am Seglerhafen, R. Muschik, Zum Seglerhafen 19
Henni-Lehmann-Haus, Wiesenweg 2
Nationalparkhaus, Norderende 2
Exhibitions in Neuendorf
Fischereimuseum, Pluderbarg 7
Groot Partie, Königsbarg 8

Fishing
Fishing is generally permitted in Hiddensee’s coastal waters. However, the following special provisions must be taken into consideration. Fishing permits (for a day, a week or annual permits) can be obtained from the tourist information office at the harbour in Vitte if you already have a valid fishing license. Temporary fishing licenses (tourist fishing licenses) are also available. Deep sea fishing tours around Hiddensee are offered from Schaprode. For more information, visit www.hafen-schaprode.de, phone: +49 38309-1209.

Football
There is a public grass field and a mini football field in Vitte.

Getting there
For directions on how to get to the island, see pages 26-27.

Gold treasure of Hiddensee
The legendary of the treasure dates back to the Viking Age and was salvaged after the great storm surge between 1872 and 1874 on the beach in Neuendorf. The original is preserved in the cultural history museum in Stralsund, and a replica is showcased in the museum of local history (Heimatmuseum) in Kloster.

Grieben (town map on the last page)
Grieben is the northernmost, smallest and also oldest villages on the island. It extends east along the highlands in the green meadows directly on the shore of the bay. The village was first documented in 1297, shortly after the Cistercian monks came to the island. The name of the villages was derived from the Slavic term “grib”, which means something similar to “mushroom”.

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Hairdressers
There is a hairdressing salon at the harbour in Vitte. Appointments can be made in advance (phone: +49 172-3984722).

Harbours
The harbours of arrival of passenger ships for Hiddensee Island are located in Vitte, Kloster, and Neuendorf. Departure harbours during regular service are in Stralsund and Schaprode (Rügen). For information on the departure times, please contact the Reederei Hiddensee, phone: +49 38300-210, or www.reederei-hiddensee.de. Excursion transport is also offered from Zingst, Breege, Dranske, Wiek, and Ralswiek to Hiddensee during high season (Norddeutsche Binnenreederei, phone: +49 38391-12306).

Heath
The dune heath on Hiddensee is one of the largest dune heaths of the German Baltic coast. It extends between Vitte and Neuendorf and has a total area of approx. 120 hectares. Many small sandy trails lead through the unique heathland. The blooming period of heather is usually in August. Being a traditional agricultural region, the heath is endangered by the lack of extensive management measures and can only be maintained through elaborate conservation measures. The heath is one of the exceptional landscapes that are worth protecting as it is home to many rare plants and animals.

The Isle of Hiddensee
Hiddensee extends to the west of The Isle of Rügen with a length of about 18 km north to south. It has a total area of approx. 18 km² with the narrowest part being less than 300 m. Hiddensee is a nationally recognized seaside resort and it’s not allowed for private vehicles. Two different landscapes characterize the island: the northern, up to 72.5 m high glacial island core with cliffs, pine and mixed forests, broom, meadows, a sea buckthorn thicket, and the southern, elongated, flat, alluvial plain with salt meadows, heaths, dune and long sandy beaches. Parts of the north (New Bessin) and the southern tip (Gellen) are the main zones of the national park (entry prohibited) and host thousands of migratory birds in spring and autumn. Four villages are located on the island, from north to south: Grieben, Kloster, Vitte and Neuendorf.

Hiddensee was first mentioned as “Insula Hythini” in 1159 in Danish sources as an island of the Lemonier King Hedin. In the 12th century it was under the Rügen rulers and was given to the Order of Cistercians in 1296 by Witzlaw II from Rügen. They ended up building a monastery here. This monastery was dissolved after the reformation in 1536 and gradually demolished completely.

“Hiddensee-Run”
The “Hiddensee-Run” is traditionally held on the last Saturday of April. The energetic participants take part in the half marathon (21.1 km), fun run (12.6 km), and people's hiking (12.6 km). The children take part in the kids run (800 m). A brochure with further information is available at the tourist information offices and at www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

House brands
The rune-like symbols designating the house or fishing brands can still be found on many building walls right next to the front door. Each house brand symbolized the membership of the residential house and its possessions, e.g. fishing gear, kitchen utensils, tools, etc., to a specific family. If ownership of the house and its possessions changed either through sale or lease, the brand remained at the house and, in turn, had a new owner.

Internet
Public internet access (for a fee) is available in the Kloster Harbour Center (see tourist information offices for opening times), at the tourist information office Vitte and in the Henni Lehmann House in Vitte. In addition, numerous restaurants also offer internet access to their customers.

Inquiries
General information on the island and a visitor accommodation service are offered by the extensive service of the tourist information Hiddensee, Vitte, Achtern Diek 18a. phone: +49 38300-608685, Fax: +49 38300-608689, Email: info@seebad-hiddensee.de and at www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

Island tours
Guided tours are offered on various topics all year-round. The spectrum ranges from natural and cultural history, architecture, infrastructure to
literary walks in the footsteps of the artists. Take a guided exploration of the island either on foot or by bike. The exact dates can be found on the latest posters, events calendar or at www.seebad-hiddensee.de. Special offers are available for group tours. For more information, contact the Hiddensee tourist information, phone: +49 38300-6086-84/-85, Email: info@seebad-hiddensee.de and www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

Kites
Flying of stunt kites is, within the validity scope of the Beach Ordinance, not permitted between May 15th and September 15th. However, meadows and other parts of the beach offer a lot of space and wind. Also bear in mind that resting birds and grazing animals could be scared off by kites. Please be careful!

Kloster (town map on the last pages)
With its museum of local history, island church and Gerhart Hauptmann memorial, Kloster is the cultural center of Hiddensee. It combines on the partly unpaved paths seaside resort, artist colony, farming village and holiday home. The name Kloster (German for monastery) was derived from the former Cistercian monastery (1296-1536), that was located near the present day harbour and demolished in the wake of the reformation. A model of the monastery is showcased in the museum of local history.

Library
The library is located in the Henni Lehmann House, Vitte, Wiesenweg 2. A valid tourist pass is required if you wish to borrow material from the library. You also have to pay a small borrowing fee that is refunded upon return. Information on the opening hours can be found on the latest posters, events calendar, and at www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

Lighthouses
The lighthouse Dornbusch started its service in 1888. It is the landmark of the island. Its light shines out from a height of about 100 m and its range of light is approx. 45 km into the open sea. It provides vital orientation to the coastal navigation. For visitors the lighthouse is open every day of the summer season. You receive the opening times on posters, in the events calendar and at www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

Please note that, due to safety reasons, entry is not allowed for children under the age of six. No one is allowed on the outer platform when the wind speed is equal to or greater than six, beaufort.

At the southern end of the island, on the Gellen is there “cross light Gellen lighthouse”. Its light serves the coastal navigation as a control signal for the Gellenstrom navigation channel from the Baltic Sea towards Stralsund.

Luggage
The shipment of luggage can be organized with Hermes-Versand phone: +49 180-6311211.

Luggage Storage
The Reederei Hiddensee offers in the harbours a fee required luggage storage.

Marinas
Pleasure craft crews can moor their boats in the communal marinas of Kloster, Vitte and Neuendorf. Please note that the Hiddensee resort fee regulation also applies at the harbours. Boat filling stations are found in Vitte (diesel) and Schaprode/Rügen (diesel/gas). In addition, there is a private yacht harbour in Vitte.

Massage
See wellness

Museums
Museum of local history
The museum of local history is in Kloster, Kirchweg 1, phone: +49 38300 363. It is located in the former sea rescue station right on the beach in Kloster. Experience and discover the history of the island in a newly designed permanent exhibition. Interesting to see are inter alia the model of the cistercian monastery, “Stralsunder Fayencen” of clay from Hiddensee, the flower-table (Blumentisch) and an exhibition about amber. There is a lot worth knowing and seeing on contemporary and past issues, e.g. holiday organization during the communist era, school development, beach airlines or about the famous guests of the “fashionable bathing island.” The most valuable piece of the exhibition is a replica of
the gold treasure of Hiddensee. The original of this Viking gold treasure is in the Stralsundmuseum in a permanent exhibition. Special topics or people in the history of Hiddensee are featured in the annually changing special exhibitions. In addition, there are guided tours throughout the year and special tours for children during school holidays. For current information and events go to www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

Gerhart Hauptmann Memorial
A unique testimony of the artists’ island Hiddensee is the originally preserved summer house of Gerhart Hauptmann, the poet and Nobel Prize winner. It is located in Kloster, Kirchweg 13, phone: +49 38300-397. The work and living spaces, that are richly furnished with artwork, take the guest back in the 1920s and 1930s. The newly opened exhibition shows the life and work of the great playwright and his no less famous literary colleagues, who were on Hiddensee during the summer. Selected books and Hauptmann’s preferred Baden wine can be obtained in the literature pavilion in the Hauptmann House. Readings and chamber concerts carry forward the artistic tradition.

Fishery museum
You can discover the fishing history inside one of the former fish shed (Lütt Partie-Schuppen) in Neuendorf, Pluderbarg 7. Independently developed, designed, decorated, and maintained by fishermen from Neuendorf, the museum is a very special part of the island – and not just for these men. Hear firsthand how the life of a fisherman on Hiddensee was and how the fishing profession has changed over time as well as the problems and joys associated with it and how close the fishermen used to be in their societies. The museum is open from May to October, in addition to this guided tours through the museum take place.

Groot Partie
The former fish shed “Groot Partie” in Neuendorf, Königsbarg 10, host an exhibition about modern fishery. Also you get a changing program having coffee, cake and other delicacies – from readings to concerts and evenings of theatre up to “Rummy”-evenings – there is something for everybody.

Homunculus figure collection
In Homunculus in Vitte, Norderende 181, phone: +49 38300-60593, dolls from the lake stage (Seebühne) repertoire, historical marionettes and various treasures are presented. The exhibition room can also be used as a meeting room. Event dates and opening hours of the museums can be found on the latest posters, events calendar and at www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

National Park House
On the northern edge of Vitte, on the street to Kloster there is the National Park House, Vitte, Norderende 2, phone: +49 383 00-68041, where the flora and fauna on the island are permanently exhibited in its rooms. Here the visitor can look at an exhibition that meets both the requirements of a national park and distinctively presents Hiddensee with its rich natural endowment at the same time. The exhibition is placed under the motto “Panta Rhei - everything flows”. The theme “nature” is presented to you in an entertaining fashion through many interactive elements. The exhibition is accompanied by a discovery trail right next to the house. Nature hikes around the island are offered by the staff all year-round. Evening presentations are regularly held in the National Park House from May to October. For exact event dates and opening hours, see the latest posters, events calendar, or www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

National Park Island
Since 1990, Hiddensee has been a part of the national park “Vorpommersche Boddenlandschaft”. The new landscapes at Gellen and Neu Bessin, which are core zones of the national park, are one of the few areas in Germany that are still in their natural state. Entry into these areas is prohibited in order to not interfere with the breeding and resting of endangered bird species. Please simply observe the animals from a distance! For the animals, every startle means wasted energy and interferes with their feeding, which could in turn result in interrupted breeding in many species. Dogs are not allowed to run freely! Please ride bikes only on the designated trails! A walk on our little island is then much more relaxing and refreshing. Bonfires in the forest, on the heath and on the beach with the exception of the designated fire places, are not allowed.
Neuendorf (town map on the last pages)
Neuendorf is located in the south of the island. With its white-washed houses on extensive meadows, it continues to preserve the original character of a fishing village. It does not have a center, no fences, just trails, wide sandy beaches and plenty of room to breathe freely. Due to its special attributes, Neuendorf is under preservation order.

North German artist colonies & euroArt
Besides Ahrenshoop, Schwaan, and Ferch, The Isle of Hiddensee is also one of the North German artist colonies. Here is where different artists lived and worked in the 19th and 20th centuries. In order to preserve and promote this European cultural heritage, the European Association of Artists' Colonies was founded in 1994 with about 80 artist’s colonies in over 20 European countries.

Nursing services
The nursing services “Döde” are based at the town hall (Rathaus), Norderende 162, Vitte, phone: +49 38300-608853 and +49 17-2619556 (Katrin Döde). Holiday and respite care, home care, help in the places of residence when on holiday, renting of wheelchairs and much more is available.

Office for lost property
The office for lost property is located in the town hall (Rathaus) in Vitte, Norderende 162, phone: +49 38300-64211. Information on the opening hours can be found on the latest posters.

Palucca Week
The Palucca Week takes place every summer. During this time, dance performances by students of the Palucca Dance Academy (“Hochschule für Tanz”) from Dresden are held at selected locations on the island. The dance week was first introduced on the island in 1997 and is reminiscent of the connection between Gret Palucca and the island. Exact event dates of the Palucca Dance Week can be found on the latest posters, events calendar and at www.palucca.eu or www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

Pharmacy
There is no pharmacy on the island. However, medical supplies can be ordered from the Adler-Apotheke in Gingst (Rügen), phone: +49 38305-370. Ordered medical supplies will be delivered the next day and can be collected at the prescription collection office in Vitte (Hiddensee), Süderende 154, phone: +49 38300-50565. See the events calendar for current opening hours.

Physiotherapy
Physiotherapy practices are located in Vitte and Kloster.
Constanze Beger, Vitte, Süderende 25, phone: +49 160-96400027,
Cindy Freitag, Vitte, Norderende 162, phone: +49 38300-606180
Ulrike Wachsmut, Kloster, Zum Hochland 1 phone: +49 151-51401263
Appointments can be made by telephone.

Playgrounds
Children’s playgrounds are available in all the villages on the island. In addition, some hotels also have their own playgrounds for children.
Grieben: Playground at the village square (Dorfplatz)
Kloster: Playground “Jona und der Wal” near the island church
Vitte: Playground “Vom Wind” at Edeka grocery store
Educational trail “De Lüüt Küst” at the national park house
Neuendorf: Playground “Fischer un sin Fru” at the village entrance

Police
There is a police station in the town hall (Rathaus) in Vitte, Norderende 162, phone: +49 38300-50131. In the case of an emergency, you can dial 110 or contact the Bergen police station, phone: +49 3838-8100.

Post office
Post offices can be found in Vitte, Wallweg 1 (Edeka) and Kloster, Kirchweg 33 (Bach island market). Luggage transport can be done through the Deutsche Post.

Rescue station
There is a St. John’s ambulance rescue station based in Vitte and is equipped with a modern ambulance. In the case of an emergency, patients can be flown from the island to a hospital by a helicopter.

Registration
All guests are required to complete the registration form at their ac-
commodations and to directly pay the cure fee to the renter. Guests of marinas and waterway resting areas are required to complete a special registration form at their accommodations and to pay directly the resort fee to the manager/supervisor. (See resort fee).

**Resort fee**
The Isle of Hiddensee is a sea resort. A seaside resort basically means that the natural factors of the sea meet the requirements of the resort. For instance, the quality of the water should comply with EU regulations, the beach and countryside paths should be well established and maintained, etc. Hiddensee was newly recognized as the first state sea resort in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in 1995 after a three-year application process. Operation of a sea resort also entails fulfilling the day to day wishes of the guests. Therefore, the resort fee is charged in order to make it possible to offer the following services:

- free use of the beach
- monthly inspection of the quality of the beach water
- compliance with the environmental standards of the “Blue Flag”
- water rescue service in the guarded swimming areas in Vitte, Kloster, and Neuendorf, annually between May 15th and September 15th
- compliance with the safety standards of the German Lifeguard Association (Red Flag)
- cleaning of garbage on the guarded beaches
- free use of the public toilets
- emptying of the recycle bins and waste disposal
- free services at the tourist information offices
- free monthly events calendar
- free use of the library
- free or cheap events, e.g. presentations, readings, tours, cultural events, etc.
- free games for children and youth
- maintenance of the public playgrounds
- maintenance of facilities and buildings on Hiddensee
- maintenance of the public footpaths, stairs, benches, etc.

Many hands hereby contribute to the maintenance of the public facilities and development of the offered services and available facilities. Defective facilities also need to be repaired or renovated. Taxes, fees and insurance should also not be forgotten.

A resort fee is charged starting from the first day of your stay and as stipulated in the statute of the island seaside resort community. The tax fee will be charged separately. The tax fee is charged independent of the extent to which the facilities and services are used.

An annual pass can be purchased for the current calendar year (stay of 28 calendar days).

Children and youth below the age of 18 and severely disabled people (more than 80% degree of disability) don’t have to pay a resort fee. Every guest, including day visitors, pay the daily resort fee for the first day of stay together with the ticket price for the ferry. This applies both for day visitors and visitors who wish to extend their stay for more than one day.

The resort fee for the other days is to be paid generally to the hotel/renter. Arrival and departure days are calculated as one day and, thus, are covered by the already paid resort fee. Discounts or exemptions from the resort fee are only upon application in accordance with the resort fee statute. For details of the statute for the resort fee, please contact your renter, resort administration, tourist information offices or at [www.seebad-hiddensee.de](http://www.seebad-hiddensee.de).

For dogs an annual allowance per day is to be paid throughout the year irrespective of the travel period.

**Restaurants**
Restaurants offering the local cuisine are available in different parts of the island. You receive the opening times at the tourist information’s in Vitte and Kloster and are also listed at [www.seebad-hiddensee.de](http://www.seebad-hiddensee.de).

**Resting periods**
The following regulations on the resting periods must be observed on the island (similar to other places):

In general, daily, all year-round from 10 pm to 7 am (night’s rest) and from 12 pm to 2 pm (siesta).

Additional work activities that might cause noise disturbance:

- Year-round, Mon to Sat from 8 pm to 8 am and 12 pm to 2 pm.
Riding
Riding on the island is generally possible but only on the designated routes. Guided trail rides for both beginners and advanced riders are offered in Kloster, phone: +49 171-7153809.

Seabuckthorn
The seabuckthorn is the most famous plant from Hiddensee. The shrubs that sometimes form dense thickets are found all over the island. In autumn, the orange sea buckthorn berries brightly shine on the branches. The fruits, rich in vitamin C and also known as the “Lemon of the North” are used to produce jelly, juice, liquor, wine, etc. and are also important ingredients in different cosmetic products. Please do not cut down any buckthorn shrubs in the national park area!

Sauna
See wellness

Shops
Groceries, books, jewelry, souvenirs etc. can be purchased in different shops on the island. The opening times can be found in the events calendar and at www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

Snakes
There are three snake species on the island: grass snake, smooth snake and European adder. For humans, only a bite by the adder can be dangerous. They mostly appear in the heath and dunes. However, bite accidents mostly occur due to carelessness and recklessness. When on the heath and narrow paths, please walk slowly and carefully and always wear sturdy shoes and long pants! Do not touch or irritate the animals! In the case of the unlikely event of a bite, please keep calm and call an ambulance immediately, phone: 112.

Sea rescue service
The German Maritime Search and Rescue Service has a rescue center at the harbour in Vitte. 16 volunteer lifeguards work on the Bodden waters and on the Baltic Sea with the modern lifeboat, “Nausikaa”. The sea rescue service is solely funded by donations. Events such as “The Day of the Lifeguards and “Open Ship” are very popular among both the locals and visitors. The current dates can be found on posters, the latest events calendar, and at www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

Sailing & surfing
The waters around Hiddensee are ideal for sailors and surfers. Here, the navigation regulations of the national park must be observed. There are moorings for sports and sailing boats in Kloster, Vitte and Neuendorf. (See marinas). The water sports school in Vitte offers both sailing and surfing lessons and also rents out the appropriate equipment (phone: +49 38300-60525).

“Stolpersteine”
Hiddensee is part of the European art project by Gunter Demnig that, by means of small memorial stones, commemorates the victims of Nazism. A total of six such stones - gifts from citizens to the community - are now kept on the island.
In 2008, Hiddensee received the first of these stones for Henni Lehman (in front of the Henni Lehmann House, Vitte, Wiesenweg 2). In collaboration with fellow painters, she founded the “Hiddenseer Künstlerinnenbund” and acquired the “Blaue Scheune” as a working and exhibition venue. Other stones for the four painters Clara Arnheim, (at the entrance of the “Alte Bäckerei”, Vitte, Norderende 174), Julie Wolfthorn (Vitte, Süderende 73), Käthe Loewenthal, and Susanne Ritscher (Vitte, Süderende 130) are also featured. All the aforementioned painters were of Jewish origin and subjected to persecution and oppression by the Nazis. Henni Lehmann committed suicide in 1937. Clara Arnheim and Julie Wolfthorn died at an old age in the concentration camp in Theresienstadt. Käthe Loewenthal was taken to the Izbica transit camp, where the traces of her were unfortunately lost. Only Susanne Ritscher survived in hiding. Another stone is dedicated to the reform educator, Adolf Reichwein (Vitte, Süderende 105). He was a member of the Kreisau circle who actively campaigned against the Nazi regime and lost his life because of it.

Swimming
Swimming along the natural western beach is permitted. Guarded beaches are located in the built-up areas (see beaches). Beach chairs can be rented at the respective beaches (see beach chairs). The quality of the water is subject to regular inspections by the health department.
There is no swimwear regulations. Hiddensee has always been popular both with nudists and non-nudist swimmers.

Traffic
Private cars are not allowed. However, Hiddensee is not entirely vehicle-free. Doctors, paramedics, police, the island bus, fire department, tractors, a few rescue and recovery vehicles, as well as electric tow tractors are used on the island.

The mayor
The mayor of Hiddensee Island is Mr. Thomas Gens. The mayor’s office is supervised by Mrs. Ulrike Landwehr. If you wish to contact the mayor, please feel free to contact Mrs. Landwehr landwehr@seebad-hiddensee.de or visit the office hours every Tuesday between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm at the town hall (Rathaus) in Vitte.

Theater
The puppet theater Seebühne regularly has performances for both adults and children. In addition, artists from different genres are also hosted here. More information about the “Seebühne” can be found at www.hiddenseebuehne.de.

Tickets for ship transport
Ship tickets can be purchased right before starting the journey on the ticket counters at the departure ports. This ticket is also as a resort day ticket. For overnight guests, the resort day ticket will be settled with the resort fee.

Tourist information offices
There are a tourist information offices at the harbour in Vitte, Achtern Diek 18a, phone: +49 38300-608685 and at the Harbour Center in Kloster, phone: +49 38300-60654. They are open throughout the year. Opening times can be found on posters, the events calendar, and at www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

Veterinarian
There is no veterinary practitioner on the island. The nearest veterinary clinic is located in Streu (close to Schaprode) on the Isle of Rügen and is run by Dr. Gerke and Dr. Wiebke Puvogel, phone: +49 38309-22836.

Vitte (town map on the last pages)
Blaue Scheune, Asta Nielsen House, Henri Lehmann House, Homunculus, National Park House, school, Sparkasse bank, grocery store - Vitte is the “capital” of the island. Its southern end extends out towards Neuen­dorf with thatched houses and green front yards, whereas its northern end extends towards Kloster with its typical fishermen’s houses. The village was one of the many coastal fish trading centers, the so-called “Vitten” in German, and was first documented in 1513 with 24 cottages.

Waste separation
Environmental friendly waste separation is very important, especially on an island like Hiddensee. Here are some tips on how you can contribute during your stay:

Please do not throw paper in the trash or in the green waste bin. Whether it is a magazine, bread bag or freezer bag: kindly put paper in your renter’s blue bin. On the island this is emptied every four weeks.

Glass is one of the most valuable resources in the secondary circulation. Glass, including glass fragments, don’t belong in the green recycle bins and under no circumstances on the beach. Glass containers are at the harbours on the island as well as in Grieben at the bus stop and in the dune heaths on the west side of the holiday village.

Packages marked with a green dot should be thrown in the yellow bag for the collection of recyclable packaging material. Foil, drink containers, and plastic packaging should also be thrown in the yellow bag. If you do not find waste separation bins at your place of accommodation, please simply ask your renter for a yellow bag. Disposal is usually done after every 14 days. Old batteries should be returned to the place of purchase. Stores on the island have disposal facilities for old batteries.

On Hiddensee, bio-waste should be thrown in the compost container of the respective accommodation or in the organic waste collection bin that every renter should make available at the place of residence. Disposal is done every 14 days. Only a small part of the daily holiday needs now remains. The so-called residual waste such as hygiene products,
etc. These should be thrown in the household waste bins. Disposal is done every 14 days. The more than 140 public waste baskets on the island are meant for small trash collected on the beach or when hiking. They should neither be used to dump household trash nor as for glass. In restaurants and retail establishments, the respective manager is responsible for the waste disposal.

There is a used-clothes container on the grounds of the Hiddensee Logistik GmbH, Vitte, Achtern Diek 35.

Please contact your renter if you have any questions about waste disposal. More information is also available in the tourist information office, +49 38300-608685 or +49 38300-60654. The waste collection calendar is also available there.

Weather studio
Since 1998 the ARD weather station north has existed and sent TV and radio weather reports on a daily basis from the island for all parts of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and is an integral part of the island. More information can be found at www.wetterstudio-hiddensee.de.

Wedding on The Isle of Hiddensee

Registry Office
Since 2005 Hiddensee has belonged to Amt Rügen West. Therefore the registry office of Samtens is responsible for marriages or civil partnership on The Isle of Hiddensee. Who wishes to get married in a registry office can enjoy a romantic ceremony in the small Asta-Nielsen-House in Vitte. Since 2017 Mrs. Ulrike Landwehr has been responsible as registrar. If you wish an unforgettable wedding-day on the beautiful island, you may contact her (landwehr@seebad-hiddensee.de or phone: +49 38300-64212).

Church
A church wedding on the island is also possible. Please contact the rectory of the protestant church congregation (phone: +49 38300-328, www.kirche-hiddensee.de).

AOB
In order to make your wedding celebration a beautiful setting, many hotels can arrange your wedding day based on your individual wishes. Wedding carriages are also offered by various companies on the island, so that nothing stands in the way of your dream wedding. To capture your most intimate moments in pictures, professional photographers are available on the island, too.

Wellness
Different wellness services are offered in Neuendorf, Vitte, and Kloster. These include massage, sauna, relaxation, foot and nail care, shiatsu, yoga, etc. Upcoming dates and current offers can be found on the latest posters, events calendar and at www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

Wheelchairs
Electric walking aids and wheelchairs are permitted on the island without any exceptions. Other transportation options for persons with walking disabilities are made available through the coaches and island bus (also see nursing services). The local nursing service Katrin Döde (phone: +49 170-5893683) rents walking aids any type.

Youth hostels
There are no (youth) hostels on The Isle of Hiddensee.
The way to Hiddensee

The Isle of Hiddensee is located west of The Isle of Rügen and north of Stralsund and is accessible by ship from Stralsund and Schaprode. During high season, additional ship connections for excursions are available from Dranske, Breege, Wiek and Ralswiek on The Isle of Rügen as well as from Zingst.

Arrival by car
If you are using a car navigation system, simply enter Schaprode (Rügen) as the destination.
For travelers without a navigation system, you will find a detailed description below.

➤ Coming from Berlin: Take the A11 towards Prenzlau ➤ at the Uckermark interchange, take the A20 towards Prenzlau/Stralsund up to the exit towards Stralsund/Insel Rügen to B96n ➤ continue over the new Rügenbrücke (Rügen bridge) to B96 towards Sassnitz ➤ in Samtens, turn left towards Gingst ➤ 2.5 km from Gingst, turn left towards Trent ➤ drive further past Trent towards Schaprode
alternatively, take the motorway A19 towards Rostock up to the Rostock interchange ➤ turn right here onto A20, take the exit towards Stralsund/Insel Rügen, then to B96n ➤ continue through the new Rügenbrücke (Rügen bridge) to B96 towards Sassnitz ➤ turn left in Samtens towards Gingst ➤ 2.5 km from Gingst, turn left towards Trent - drive further past Trent towards Schaprode

➤ Coming from Hamburg: Take the A1 towards Lübeck up to the Lübeck interchange and then take the exit towards Rostock ➤ through the Rostock interchange up to the exit towards Stralsund/Insel Rügen to B96n – through the new Rügenbrücke (Rügen bridge) to B96 towards Sassnitz ➤ turn left in Samtens towards Gingst ➤ 2.5 km from Gingst, turn left towards Trent ➤ drive further past Trent towards Schaprode

The Rügen dam can also be used as another option to get to Rügen.

Parking
Overnight guests can park their vehicles at the large parking lot at the entrance to Schaprode.
Guests who wish to park their vehicles for long-term parking can also rent garages. For more information, contact: Rügener Hafen- und Touristik GmbH, +49 38309-1209, www.hafen-schaprode.de.

Arrival by train
A link to the German train company, the Deutsche Bahn, can be found at www.seebad-hiddensee.de under "Service". Here you can find a train connection. During the period between April and October, as well as during the Christmas holidays and New Year, it is recommended to travel via Stralsund when traveling by train. At Stralsund, there is a ferry that operates several times a day to and from Hiddensee. In addition, there is also the option to travel to Schaprode via Bergen/Rügen (bus station) by bus (bus no. 35). Current bus schedules can be found at www.vvr.de or at the information center, phone: +49 3838-202955, Email: infothek@rpnv.de.

In winter, extreme weather conditions might lead to restrictions in ferry transport. In such cases, it is recommended to consult on the respective possible travel options with Reederei Hiddensee, phone: +49 180-3212150, www.reederei-hiddensee.de or at the information center on Hiddensee Island, phone: +49 38300-608685, www.seebad-hiddensee.de.

Arrival by plane
Flight connections to Rostock-Laage are available from Erfurt, Friedrichshafen, Stuttgart, Cologne-Bonn and Munich. At the Rostock-Laage airport, one can then rent a car from one of the many car rental companies.

Luggage transport
The DB courier service offers luggage transportation options to Hiddensee Island, phone: +49 180-5236723. This is also possible through the private baggage services, Hermes, phone: +49 180 6311211 as well as the Deutsche Post/DHL, phone: +49 180 5345225. For luggage transportation on the island, the renter usually provides a cart with which you can personally pick your luggage.
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Gerhart Hauptmann House in Kloster
The summer house in its original state with an exhibition of the artists’ island, Hiddensee.

Local museum in Kloster
The island’s history, a plant exhibition, an amber collection – so much variety in such a small place.

Lighthouse in Kloster
The most beautiful views of Hiddensee with a presentation of the history of the lighthouse.

Puppet museum in Homunculus in Vitte
Exhibition of the extensive figure collection at the lake stage on Hiddensee.

National Park House in Vitte
Find out more information about the Vorpommern “Bodden” landscape, its natural environment, and the national park.

Asta Nielsen House in Vitte
The summer house of the silent movie star with an exhibition of the island’s special architecture.

Henni Lehmann House in Vitte
Library and exhibition room for contemporary paintings.

Fishery museum in Neuendorf
Relive the history of the fishermen in the old fishing local, “Lütt Partie”.

„GROOT PARTIE“
The former fish shed “Groot Partie” in Neuendorf, Königsbarg 10, host an exhibition about modern fishery and a museum café.