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Sylt has long been a playground for Germany's rich and famous, and is called the "German Hamptons" for good reason. Pronounced "Zoolt," Sylt is a surreally beautiful, 25-mile long island on Germany's North Sea coast, that has one of the longest unbroken stretches of immaculate sandy beach in all of Europe. Sylt is famous for its invigorating sea air and sense of space. This summer enjoy magnificent vistas of the sparkling sea, huge sand dunes and endless fields of bright-yellow flowering rape!



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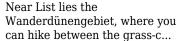




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## THE CITY



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People began visiting Sylt in the middle of the 19th century to take advantage of the iodine-rich air. In the 1960's, Sylt became famous for "the rich and the naked," when the entire island became one big party. The island has grown up quite a bit since then, and it's a tamer affair these days. With its Michelin starred restaurants and some very cool bars, Sylt is one of the chicest destinations in Europe.

Sylt is a very popular destination simply because of its beautiful beaches, dunes, idyllic Frisian hours, lively towns and the lovely fresh sea air. For an island that is only 25 miles long and 700m wide at is narrowest point, Sylt is a big, little place. The largest town is Westerland, which sits bang in the middle of the island. Hörnum lies to the south, while at the northern end is List – the most northerly town in Germany.

Understandably, it gets very busy in several places. However, such is the magic of this island that it's easy enough to leave the crowds behind and find your own bit of beach.

### DO & SEE



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Sylt is heaven for anyone who loves the outdoors - you can do all manner of activities from surfing to cycling or just relax, take it easy and marvel at the big skies and endless beaches.

#### Westerland Beach



Sylt is one of the islands on the Surf World Cup Tour and there a plenty of opportunities to hit the waves along Westerland Beach. Surf Schule

Westerland is a good place to start, offering lessons and renting out equipment.

Photo: Marcus (image cropped) Address: Brandenburger Strasse 15, Westerland Phone: +49 465 127 172 Internet: www.sunsetbeach.de Email: info@sunsetbeach.de

### Hiking by List



Near List lies the Wanderdünengebiet, where you can hike between the grass-covered dunes. Why not rent a strandkorb for

the afternoon? A hooded wicker seat big enough for two that keeps the wind out, and pampers you with pull-out foot rests and tables.

Photo: Linda Alexandersson (image cropped) Address: List beach, Sylt Phone: +49 465 187 7174

### Amrum Island



When the tide recedes, mud flats are exposed allowing you to walk between islands. Trekking across the Wadden Sea is so

evocative that it has even got its own verb, Wattwanderungen. However, in order to avoid the quick-sands and the tides, you must go with a guide.

Photo: Dirk Schmidt (image cropped) Address: Amrum Island, Sylt

### Föhr Island



A good Wattwanderung is to get a boat to Föhr, which takes about two hours. The island is something out of a fairy-tale, and you can

explore some of its incredibly pretty villages. There is storytelling in recognition of the fact that Hans Christian Andersen used to holiday here in the 1840's.

Photo: elbfoto (image cropped) Address: Fohr Island, Germany Phone: +49 465 198 700 Internet: www.adler-schiffe.de

### Sylter Heimatmuseum



This old sea captain's home offers a fascinating and slightly eccentric glimpse into the past. Entry into the building is through a gate made of two gigantic whale ribs.

Photo: Rüdiger Stehn/Flickr.com (image cropped) Address: Am Kliff 19, Sylt Phone: +49 4651 31 669 Internet: www.sylter-verein.de

### Sylt Aquarium



Discover over 150 species of fish from both the tropics and the North Atlantic. Come face to face with all manner of marine life, from exotic

fish to three metres long sharks.

Photo: Jake Mohan (image cropped) Address: Gaadt 33, Westerland Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm Phone: +49 4651 83 625 22 Internet: www.syltaquarium.de Email: info@syltaquarium.de

## Cycling



By far the best way to explore Sylt is on a bicycle. There are superb, properly surfaced cycle lanes running throughout the island. Bikes are

available to hire in almost every village at Fahradverleih, bike hire outlets.

Photo: Sandy Maya Matzen/Shutterstock.com Address: Platform 1, Hauptbahnhof, Westerland Phone: +49 40 244 24 90 Internet: www.sylt-fahrrad.de Email: fahrradverleih@sylt-travel.de

#### Cliffs



The cliffs are among the most beautiful forms of scenery on Sylt. These relics of the Ice Age, rising up to 20 metres, can be found in Morsum

(Colourful Cliffs), Kampen (Red Cliffs), Wenningstedt (White Cliffs) and Keitum (Green Cliffs).

Photo: Axel Schwenke (image cropped) Address: Morsum

### Rantumbecken



In 1936 and 1937, the German army built a dam five kilometres long between Tinnum and Rantum right across the Wattenmeer tidal flats

with the aim of building a marine airport. In 1962, the area was declared a conservation area and rapidly developed into a popular breeding ground for many species of birds. Guided tours explain the local flora and fauna of the Rantum basin to holidaymakers.

Photo: temporalata (image cropped) Address: Rantumbecken, Sylt Internet: www.rantum.de

### Forces of Nature - Erlebniszentrum Naturgewalten



Forces of Nature is a great, fun exhibition for the whole family! Learn about the different forces of nature in a 1500 square meters open

space. There is a 800 square meters outdoor playground area for you to continue your

#### adventure.

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#### Ellenbogen



Ellenbogen is a great place to visit for a relaxing walk out in nature on the north part of the island. It is shaped like an elbow, therefore

the name Ellenbogen which means elbow in German. If you drive here, you need to pay a small fee but it is worth the visit as the nature is so beautiful.

Photo: temporalata (image cropped) Address: Ellenbogen, List, Sylt

### **Golf Club Budersand**



Golf Club Budersand offers you an amazing golf experience, everything from the tee to the breathtaking views to the relaxing dinner and

drinks after the course. As it is an open landscape a good idea is to go when it is not too windy, or you can just enjoy the clubhouse and what they have to offer.

Photo: Krzysztof Urbanowicz (image cropped) Address: Fernsicht 1, Hörnum, Sylt Phone: +49 4651 449 27 10 Internet: www.gc-budersand.de Email: golf@gc-budersand.de

#### **Church St. Severin**



This is a beautiful and familiar church located in Keitum. Have a look inside, and maybe you will have the chance to hear the choir sing. The

cemetery around has separate tombs, you are welcome to have a look around.

Photo: Frank Jakobi (image cropped) Address: Proestwai 20, Keitum, Sylt Phone: +49 465 131 713 Internet: www.st-severin.de Email: kirchenbuero@st-severin.de

### Leuchtturm



The lighthouse and the surrounding area is simply beautiful. Take a walk and breathe in the fresh, crisp air or go for a swim in the cooling

water.

Photo: Axel Schwenke (image cropped) Address: Hörnum, Sylt

## **Kutter Gret Palucca**



With Kutter Gret Palucca you can book a trip to go out on an excursion. It is especially fun for the kids as they can see crabs, starfish and other sea

creatures up front. The cruise takes around 1.5 h hour.

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#### DINING



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Sylt might only be 38.5 km long, but it has three Michelin starred restaurants, among around 200 places to eat – from bistros to world-class restaurants. The cuisine itself comes from all over Germany. Seafood, of course, is the real local specialty. The sand flats around the island are a superb breeding ground for shellfish, and Sylt's oysters are considered among Europe's finest.

### Gogärtchen



A favourite among celebrities, thatch-roofed Gogärtchen is the place to see and be seen on Sylt. Enjoy the glorious modern German cuisine

created by award-winning chef, Thomas Fischer.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com Address: Strönwai 12, Kampen, Sylt Phone: +49 465 141 242 Internet: www.gogaertchen.com Email: info@gogaertchen.com

#### Jörg Müller



Boasting a Michelin star, Sylt's classiest restaurant serves local specialities as well as contemporary European cuisine. Outstanding signature

dishes include oysters with compote of red shallots and champagne sauce. Book early to make sure you get a table.

Photo: Jules Morgan (image cropped) Address: Süderstrasse 8, Westerland, Sylt Phone: +49 4651 27 788 Internet: www.hotel-joerg-mueller.de Email: info@jmsylt.de

### Käpt'n Selmer Stube



Käpt'n Selmer Stube has Italian and Asian influences on the menu, and you eat in beautifully tiled rooms alternatively on the terrace watching

the sun set over the Wattenmeer. Not long ago this was rewarded 16 out of 20 points by "Gault Millau," and received one star from Michelin guide.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com Address: Heefwai 1, Sylt, Munkmarsch Phone: +49 465 193 970 Internet: www.faehrhaus-sylt.de Email: info@faehrhaus-sylt.de

#### **GOSCH Lister Fischhaus**



Thirty years ago, Jürgen Gosch wandered Sylt's beaches selling eels. Today, Sylt's "Fish king" has the tastiest eateries on the island. Photo: White78/Shutterstock.com Address: Hafenstraße 16, List, Sylt Phone: +49 465 187 13 11 Internet: www.gosch-sylt.de

#### Wonnemeyer



The legendary Wonnemeyer restaurant is a very popular meeting place with its relaxed and easy-going atmosphere. Wonnemeyer also has two

unique features: a beach sauna where you can sweat it out all-year-round, as well as an adventure ship for children "stranded" just in front of the door. While parents enjoy a glass of wine watching the sun go down, youngsters can crawl excitedly through cabins, over rigging and up the mast of a twelve metre long wooden ship.

Photo: gori910/Shutterstock.com Address: Strandstraße 1, Wenningstedt, Sylt Phone: +49 465 145 299 Internet: www.wonnemeyer.de Email: info@wonnemeyer.de

### Samoa Seepferdchen



Samoa Seepferdchen is located on the beach of Samoa with a cosy heated outdoor area for you to enjoy late summer nights. The food is regional but

Mediterranean inspired and there is an extensive wine list to go with the menu.

Photo: wrangler/Shutterstock.com Address: Hörnumer Straße 70, Sylt Phone: +49 4651 5579 Internet: www.samoa-seepferdchen.de

#### Sansibar



There is a reason why Sansibar is The Place to be. The venue is chic, the food is outstanding, service impeccable and they have a truly

extensive wine list as well as a spacious seating area on the beach. Come as you are or throw on your high heels, you just cannot go wrong with Sansibar.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Hörnumer Straße 80, Sylt Phone: +49 4651 964 646 Internet: www.sansibar.de

#### **Restaurant Strönholt**



Restaurant Strönholt is a part of the Budersand Hotel and a golf club restaurant. This five star venue is very popular in the summer and

therefore it is recommended to book in advance. The view of the sea from here is beautiful and it is a perfect place to go to for brunch as well as dinner.

Photo: HLPhoto/Shutterstock.com Address: Fernsicht 1, Hörnum, Sylt Phone: +49 4651 449 2727 Internet: www.stroenholt.de

#### Riva



Riva invites you to an Italian lunch or dinner. Despite the many food options Sylt has to offer, it is just sometimes hard to beat a good, old pizza.

They also serve other Italian options.

Photo: andersbknudsen (image cropped) Address: Paulstraße 10, Westerland, Sylt Phone: +49 4651 299 713 Internet: www.riva-sylt.de

#### CAFES



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The charming cafés which are spread across the island invites you to stop by for a coffee or tea. If you have a sweet-tooth why not try the German apple strudel?

#### **Die Kupferkanne**



Die Kupferkanne on Stapelhooger Wai is a labyrinthine of a World War II bunker that has been transformed into a tearoom serving exotic

teas and delicious cake.

Photo: Coffee Lover/Shutterstock.com Address: Stapelhooger Wai, Kampen Phone: +49 465 141 010 Internet: www.kupferkanne-sylt.de

#### **Fisch Blum**



Fisch Blum is a fish outlet that makes a mean salad buffet and lunch. Great, decent meals which is well worth the cheap price. Photo: Brian Bilek (image cropped) Address: Neue Str. 2, Westerland Internet: www.blumaufsylt.de

### **Cafe Vienna Pastry**



Cafe Vienna Pastry has a never ending array of sweets, chocolate, biscuits and cakes. The family driven enterprise is much appreciated by

the locals, and visitors soon discover this pleasant coffee shop.

Photo: Michael Stern (image cropped) Address: Strandstr. 13, Westerland Phone: +49 4651 5335 Internet: www.cafe-wien-sylt.de

## **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



André Hofmeister (image cropped)

There are bars of every variety to be found throughout the island. Generally speaking, Kampen is the place to head to for the best bars, along and around Strönwai. In Westerland, head to Friedrichstrasse. Smaller towns like Keitum have quaint Frisian taverns where you can relax with a beer. Sylt offers an exciting and diverse nightlife that concentrates mainly around Westerland and Kampen. During the summer, the party heads to the beach.

#### Buhne 16



Buhne 16 is a legendary bistro on the beach. Here you can take a sunbath, chill-out on the beach and drink in a cool atmosphere. Their

summer party's have a cult following.

Photo: g-stockstudio/Shutterstock.com Address: Listlandstr. 128c, Sylt Phone: +49 4651 4996 Internet: www.buhne16.de

#### **Club Rotes Kliff**



Achingly hip, Club Rotes Kliff in Kampen is where you will find the fanciest cocktails, the coolest music and some very beautiful people. Trendy

without being snooty.

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## SHOPPING



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Thanks to its status as a playground of the rich and famous, there is no shortage of designer shops on Sylt. However, it is not all about labels on the island – smaller, cuter shops and

boutiques can also be found here. Kampen is home to elegant jewellers and designer boutiques with their luxury wares, while a wider, more down-to-earth variety of goods can be found in Westerland.

The shops on Sylt are a must for lovers of tea, honey and jam. Also worth a look are the art and craft shops and studios, traditional in the village of Rantum. Similar delights are also found hidden in the side-streets of Keitum.

### Westerland



The island's capital is a great attraction for shopping enthusiasts. The pedestrian areas are where the action is, mainly on

Friedrichstrasse, Paulstrasse, Strandstrasse, and their connecting streets, which are packed full of all kinds of shops, boutiques, brand-name stores and smaller, individual souvenir and leisure wear shops, as well as art galleries, craft workshops, cafés and restaurants.

Photo: Edler von Rabenstein/Shutterstock.com Address: Strandstrasse, Westerland

#### Keitum



Artisans have traditionally settled in the tranquil village of Keitum and its surrounding villages in Sylt-Ost. Their artistically acclaimed

work is sold in the local galleries or in workshops.

Photo: Jan Persiel (image cropped) Address: Keitum, Sylt

#### Kampen



Kampen, Sylt's most exclusive village, might be home to only 600 people, but there are nevertheless branches of designers like Bulgari,

Cartier, Louis Vuitton, Swarovski and Tod's, each in its own thatched cottage.

Stroll through the shops on Strönwai, Kampen's most well-known shopping street, and those in the Kurhausstrasse, Hauptstrasse and "Zur Uwe Düne," and you really will get a feel for how cosmopolitan and sophisticated Kampen is.

Photo: Frank Behrens (image cropped) Address: Strönwai, Sylt

## **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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#### Good to Know



All visitors to Sylt are charged a resort tax called a Kurtaze that is spent on keeping the island beautiful and clean. In return, you

receive a Kurkarte, or resort card, which gives you access to the beaches and discounts at museums. If you're staying at a hotel, the Kurtaze is normally added to the room rate. If you are a day-tripper to the island, you will need to buy a day pass, Tageskarte, from one of the kiosks that can be found along near the beaches.

Naturism is quite popular in this part of the world, so those wanting to go au naturel or those of a modest nature should remember that beaches labelled FKK are designated for naturists.

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#### Westerland Sylt Airport



Westerland Sylt Airport is located 2 km west of Westerland. There isn´t a bus service to/from the airport, though many hotels offer shuttle

service.

As it is extremely close to the city-center, one option could be to take a walk.

Alternatively, you could rent a car or take a taxi.

Photo: Juan Garces Address: Westerland Sylt Airport, Sylt Phone: +49 4651 9206 12 Internet: www.flughafen-sylt.de

#### **Public Transport**



There is a network of reliable bus services throughout the island. During the day, the main north-south route runs at 20 minute intervals. Sylt

has seven different travel zones with different price ranges.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair Internet: www.svg-sylt.de

### Cycling



As visitors will quickly discover, cycling is big in Sylt and is perhaps the most fun way of getting around. Flat and uncongested, Sylt is

perfect for cycling. The island has also miles of cycling paths weaving through pine forests. Bikes can be hired throughout the island. The most convenient place to hire a bike is at Westerland station.

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#### Taxi



Taxi Ruf Sylt +49 55555 www.taxiruf-sylt.de Taxi-Service Henke: Kirchenweg 8, Sylt +49 4651 6699 Marc Wernher Aurel Henke Taxibetrieb:

Friesische Str. 47, Sylt +49 4651 299999

Photo: ArrivalGuides Address: Kirchenweg 8, Sylt Phone: +49 465 166 99 Internet: www.sylt-taxi-henke.de

#### Pharmacy



This holiday resort features pharmacies ("aphoteke" in German) throughout the entire island, with the majority of them located in the

central and in List. Look out for the red "aphoteke" sign.

Uwe-Jens-Lornsen-Apotheke: Am Tipkenhoog 8, Sylt +49 4651 935230 www.uwe-jens-lornsen-apotheke.de

Die Sylt-Apotheke: Friedrichstraße 27, Sylt +49 4651 98630

Photo: Gemma Garner Address: Willhelmstrasse 7, Westerland, Sylt Phone: +49 4651 935230 Internet: www.bahnhof-apotheke-sylt.de

#### Telephone

Country code: +49 Area code: 4651



Photo: Jardson Almeida

### Electricity



220 volts AC, 50Hz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population 21,000

**Currency** Euro (EUR) €1 = 100 cents

#### **Opening hours**

Most shops are open 9am-6pm Monday to Friday, and 9am-4pm on Saturday (In the Summer months on Sundays from 12am–6pm). Banks are open 8.30am-4pm.

#### Newspapers

Sylter Rundschau is Sylt's daily newspaper. There are two weekly papers listing what's going on Sylt. Sylter Spiegel and Sylt Life are published every Wednesday.

#### **Emergency numbers**

Police 110 Ambulance and fire brigade 112

#### **Tourist information**

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Bismarckstraße	B3	Hoyerweg	D1	Robbenweg
Bomhoffstraße	B2	Hugo Köcke Weg	D1 D2	Rosenweg
Borrigwai	D4	Industrieweg	C3	Rote Kreuz Straße
Boy Peter Eben Weg	D4	Inken Michels Weg	B4	Schmiedeweg
Boy Truels Straße	C1	Jahnstraße	C2 D2	Schützenstraße
Boysenstraße	B3	Johann Möller Straße	B2 C2	Siilwai
Brandenburger Straße	B2	Kampende	D4	Sijpwai
Breslauer Straße	C4	Kampstraße	C1 C2	Sjipkamp
Brunnenweg	D1	Keitumer Chaussee	C3 D3	Smeelwai
Bundiswung	B3	Keitumer Landstraße	D3	St Nikolai Straße
Bötticherstraße	B3	Kirchenweg	C3	Stadumstraße
Culemeyerstraße	D3	Kjeirstraße	C2	Steinmannstraße
Danziger Straße	C4	Kolberger Straße	C4	Stephanstraße
Deckerstraße	C2 D2	Kollundweg	C1 D1	Stettiner Straße
Diechweg	D4	Käpt'n Christiansen Straße	B3	Stranddistelweg
Dirk Brodersen Straße	C3	Königsberger Straße	C4	syAm Seedeich
Dr Ross Straße	B3	Königskamp	D3 D4	Süderstraße
Dünenstraße	B3	Lerchenweg	B4	Südhedig
Elbinger Straße	C4	Liiger Hörn	D4	Theodor Heuss Straße
Elisabethstraße	B3	Lorenz de Hahn Straße	C4	Theodor Storm Straße
Feldstraße	C2	Max Hansen Weg	D2	Tingleffweg
Fischerweg	B4	Maybachstraße	B3 C3	Tinnumer Straße
Friedhofsweg	D2 D3	Meisenweg	B4 C4	Tonderner Straße
Friedrichstraße	B3	Mittelstraße	C2	Trift
Friesische Straße	B2 C2 D2	Munkmarscher Chaussee	D2 D3	Umgehungsstraße
Gaadt	B4	Mühlenweg	D3	Uthlandstraße
Gartenstraße	C3 D3	Norderstraße	B2 C1 C2	Vogteiweg
Gorch Fock Straße	C1 C2	Nordhedig	C2	Waldstraße
Graf Spee Straße	C1	Nordmarkstraße	C2	Wenningstedter Weg
Haderslebener Straße	C1 D1	Osthedig	D2	Westhedig
Hans Böcker Straße	C3 C4	Paulstraße	B3	Zwischen den Hedigen