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TOUR MON 1 Garden Tour

On this tour, we catch a glimpse of the different design options for German gardens.

We start with a visit at the Hermes family, a full-time agricultural business specializing in chicken fattening. Their 4,000 m² garden is divided into a farm garden with old oak trees and a private garden with a small pond. We also take a look at the approx. 10-meter-long greenhouse, where Hildegard Hermes regularly offers garden floristry courses. Various seating areas and the love for decorative elements invite you to linger.

Next, we move on to the [Werner vacation farm](#). On an area covering more than 45,000 m², there are various sections of forest with 500 different species of rhododendrons and azaleas, as well as a wide variety of old and exotic tree species and rambler roses to marvel at. In the vacation garden you will find 2 Tiny Houses and facilities for saunas and games for guests. The vacation farm offers a total of around 25 accommodations.

To finish, we visit Anne and Richard Sontag. The garden is picturesquely situated between woodland, meadows and farmland and is surrounded by mature oak trees and a clipped hedge. There are various garden areas within the grounds and several boxwood hedges frame colourful flowerbeds. The planting is very varied with carefully pruned topiary shrubs, flowering perennials, roses, hydrangeas and a variety of funkias. In both the sunny and semi-shady areas of the country garden, green resting places invite you to linger.



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TOUR MON 2 Agricultural Tour

The local region has always been heavily influenced by agriculture. As agriculture is still an important economic factor today, we would like to give you a few insights into it.

The north of the region has a lot of grassland, which is why dairy farming is particularly prevalent here. The first stop on the tour is therefore at a global manufacturer of calf rearing equipment - [Urban GmbH & Co. KG](#)

The second stop, Frank Emken's dairy farm, is just around the corner. Here we can see Urban's products live in the calf rearing area and take a tour of the spacious dairy barn.

The third item on the program is no longer in the northern dairy cattle region, but in the middle of the district of Cloppenburg. Here, the agricultural focus is primarily on pig farming. On Hubertus Berges' farm, we will see a typical farm with half-timbered buildings, pig farming and arable farming.



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TOUR MON 3 East Frisia

Take a look at the old North German culture!

The first destination of the trip is the terp village of [Rysum](#). Rysum is a picturesque circular terp village built on a man-made hill. The history of this 400-meter diameter terp dates back to 1355. In the center of the village lies the church, which houses the oldest still playable organ in Northern Europe. We too will have the pleasure of listening to the sound of the organ on this special jewel, which was supposedly paid for with cows in 1457.

We then drive directly to the North Sea estuary to the Knock sluice and pumping station. Here we can dip our feet in the water and learn how the sluice and pumping station drains an area of around 35,000 hectares into the Ems via the Knockster Tief. Without this pumping station, no one could live in this region as it would be regularly flooded. Culinary delights on this tour include the traditional fish sandwiches of this region and an East Frisian tea ceremony where we learn why East Frisians drink at least three cups of tea a day and what a "tea cloud" is.



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TOUR WEN 1 Emsland

Come with us to beautiful Emsland!

The first stop on this tour is the [Meyer Werft](#) shipyard in Papenburg, one of the largest and most modern shipyards in the world. Cruise ships for international shipping companies have been built in the huge production and building dock for decades. The Meyer shipyard is the largest workplace in the district of Emsland and therefore an important economic factor, also for many downstream businesses. On the tour you will see the construction of the current ship and experience an exhibition on the history of the shipping company.

From the point of view of nature conservationists and many local residents, Meyer Werft is also a very controversial company. The regular damming of the Ems to transfer the ships to the North Sea results in considerable losses of clutches of eggs in the bird and nature conservation area and pollution in the Ems and on the banks. During the lunch break, you can discuss this topic with the local rural women's association at the [Emsauen farm](#) in the Rheder Emsmarsch.

Strengthened, the tour then continues to Haselünne. Here you will have the opportunity to learn about the production of schnapps at the [Berentzen](#) company and, of course, to taste it.



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TOUR WEN 2 Bremen

Bremen is known for a number of things: Beer, coffee, soccer and a beautiful city center that is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In Bremen, the historical sights are close together and they are absolutely worth seeing. Within two hours, we have the opportunity to be shown around by a guide.

As we only get to see a small part of Bremen in this short time, the rest of the time is free and can be used for various activities: drinking coffee in the sun on the market square, eating cake, eating fish sandwiches, exploring other sights or going on a short shopping tour - the possibilities are endless.



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TOUR WEN 3 Bremerhaven

On the tour to Bremerhaven, you have the opportunity to see a lot of northern Lower Saxony. You will travel through the districts of Vechta, Oldenburg, Wesermarsch and Cuxhaven to the city of Bremerhaven - which, as the name suggests, is the port of Bremen. Bremerhaven is located at the mouth of the Weser with direct access to the North Sea.

If you opt for the Bremerhaven tour, you have two excursion destinations to choose from.

Destination 1: [German Emigration Center](#)

At the Emigration Center, you will experience first-hand what it felt like to leave Europe and set off on a passenger ship to the "new world" of America. You travel in 1st, 2nd or 3rd class and then have to apply for an entry permit in New York.

Destination 2: [‘Klimahaus’](#) (climate house)

The ‘Klimahaus’ is a globally unique world of knowledge and experience on the topics of climate, climate change and weather and is a global pioneer as a climate experience world. You go on a world tour along the 8th longitude and experience the Earth's climate zones up close in an exciting and impressive way. You will cross five continents and nine locations. You will sweat, freeze, marvel and laugh - and above all meet people from all over the world who will tell you about their everyday lives and how the prevailing climate influences their lives.

After the tour through the Emigration Center or the Climate House you have the opportunity to go for a walk along the Weser estuary, stroll through the city or perhaps make a detour to the "Zoo by the Sea".

