

Hiddensee Island, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Germany

Germany's car-free island retreat in the Baltic — where bicycles rule, sea buckthorn grows wild on the dunes, and 17 km of white-sand beaches stretch along an impossibly peaceful coast.

⚓ Pier (small vessels & riverboats only) ⌚ Typical call: 6–8 hrs 💱 Currency: Euro (cash preferred) 🗣️ Language: German

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🌅 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Kloster or Vitte (riverboats & small coastal ships only; large ocean ships use Sassnitz on Rügen, then ferry from Schaprode)

Walk to Centre: Steps from the pier into Kloster or Vitte village

Best For: Cycling, beaches, Baltic nature walks, German island culture

Don't Miss: Dornbusch Lighthouse views and a Sanddorn (sea buckthorn) treat

🚗 Getting around: 🚕 **Taxi** ✅ €18.60/adult (day tariff) · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Dornbusch Lighthouse & Highland Walk** — Hike or cycle to the 1888 Dornbusch Lighthouse on the island's dramatic northern cliffs.
- **Bike the Full Island** — Cycle from Kloster south through Vitte to quiet Neuendorf, passing heath, dunes, and sheep.
- **Gerhart Hauptmann House Museum** — Visit the preserved 1930s summer home of German Nobel Prize-winning novelist Gerhart Hauptmann in Kloster.
- **Baltic Beach Day at Vitte** — Hiddensee's western coast is one long white-sand beach.
- **Hiddensee Viking Gold & Local History Museum** — The island's small Heimatmuseum in Kloster houses a replica of the famous Hiddensee Viking gold jewellery (10th...

BEST WALKS

- **Kloster to Dornbusch Lighthouse** 2.5 km each way | ~40 min | Moderate uphill — From Kloster harbour, walk north through beech forest up to the Dornbusch cliff top and lighthouse.
- **Vitte to Neuendorf Heath Walk** 6.5 km | ~1 hr 30 min | Easy (flat) — Walk or cycle south from Vitte through the Dünenheide coastal heath — one of Central Europe's last large coastal heathlands.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring cash. Many island vendors — bike hire, fish stalls, carriage rides — don't accept cards. ATMs are limited and often busy in peak season.
- Rent a bike immediately. Hire shops at Kloster and Vitte harbour fill up fast on busy days. E-bikes are available if you want an easier ride against the Baltic headwind.
- Dress for wind. The Baltic is breezy year-round. Even in summer, a windproof layer is essential — especially on the Dornbusch cliffs.