

## Emden -- Volkswagen Town With Snazzy Nautical Elements

Emden is a [Lower Saxony](#) town in the German region [East Frisia](#) with plenty of historic sites and exciting events to keep you busy. Located by the [Ems River](#), you get scenic river vistas, especially embellished by such sights as the Amrumbank, a retired light vessel anchored by the splendid Town Hall.

Breathe in the air of understated excitement as you stroll around the historic quarters.

As you explore Emden today, it might be hard to imagine that about 80% of the city had been bombed in [WW II](#). What you now see in the town center is the reconstructed version. The port area was left surprisingly unsullied by the bombing and is as historic as it can be.

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Sites of architectural genius abound in the town of Emden. The ruins of the Gothic *Große Kirche* with its restored tower are still an impressive sight. For a contrast in style, you have to visit the *Neue Kirche* that goes back to the 17th century and has since been restored to its present immaculate state.

The Town Hall is without doubt, a captivating sight more so due to its location by the boat pier. Make sure you ascend the tower for fantastic views from above. In addition to its administrative duties, it also houses the East Frisian Museum and the Municipal Armory with exhibits dating back to the 16th century.

There's plenty here in the center of Emden to keep you busy for a whole day (and more!).

There's no way you can miss the port area with its myriad attractions. Embark on a harbor cruise

for the best possible views and a totally enchanting experience. The shipyard called the North Sea Works set up in 1903 is where they make submarines and cargo ships besides a whole lot of other related things.

And by the way, if you drive a Volkswagen Passat, it might thrill you to learn this is where it's made in Germany.

Aaand... a couple famous people are coming from this town, such as the worldwide renowned director Wolfgang Petersen, the comedian Otto Waalkes, and the entertainer Karl Dall.