

Stade District -- Historic, Harbor, Horticulture

The Stade District comprises the old country to the south and east, the Kehdingen region in the north, and the so-called Stader Geest to the southwest. Each has its own distinct character.

Stade District Map

Towns & Villages in the Stade District

- Agathenburg
- [Ahlerstedt](#)
- Apensen
- Balje
- Bargstedt
- Beckdorf
- Bliedersdorf
- Brest
- Burweg
- [Buxtehude](#)
- Deinste
- Dollern
- [Drochtersen](#)
- Düdenbüttel

- Engelschoff

- Estorf
- [Fredenbeck](#)
- Freiburg (Elbe)
- Großenwörden
- Grünendeich
- Guderhandviertel
- Hammah
- [Harsefeld](#)
- Heinbockel
- [Himmelpforten](#)
- Hollern-Twielenfleth
- [Horneburg](#)
- [Jork](#)

- Kranenburg (Nieder.)
- Krummendeich
- Kutenholz
- Mittelnkirchen
- Neuenkirchen
- Nottensdorf
- Oederquart
- Oldendorf
- Sauensiek
- [Stade](#)
- Steinkirchen
- Wischhafen
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The capital, [Stade](#), on the left bank of the [Elbe](#), due west of [Hamburg](#), is representative of the old country, where river commerce and industry have been the focus for more than a thousand years. Canal boat excursions, wagon trips and bicycle tours are a few of the ways you can experience the town best. Be sure to include the historic artillery fort of Grauerort and the museum ship Greundiek on your itinerary.

[Buxtehude](#) on the Este River also represents the old country, As the district's second largest town, it also counts a millennium of history and is said to be the location for a famous story, "The Hare and the Hedgehog" by the Brothers Grimm. Visit reclaimed land near here, the [Altes Land \(Old Land\)](#), to see the largest continuous fruit orchard in Central Europe growing apples and cherries.

[Drochtersen](#) resides to the north in the quiet countryside known as Kehdingen. Its old harbor and bird sanctuary are worth a visit, as are its sandy beaches on the Elbe.

Marshes, agricultural farms and grazing land characterize the Stader Geest. In [Harsefeld](#), you can see the unique Garden of Stones and the centrally located Park Monastery with its 900-year-old ruins and seasonal open-air markets.