

Timmendorfer Strand Is Where The Natives Go To The Beach

Timmendorfer Strand is well-known within Germany, but few outside tourists are familiar with its seaside charms. Of the more than 1 million (!) people who visit annually, more than half are coming from within [northern Germany](#).

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Only 1 – 2% are foreign guests!

Locals may be upset that the word is getting out here — they really have this place to themselves now!

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With 6 kilometers of beach and a 260 meter pier, ocean lovers have all they want in Timmendorfer Strand. There's polo played on the sand, water sports galore and boat races. Regular sunbathing, shell hunting and long walks along the water's edge are also major activities.

For many years, people would build second homes and weekend cabins in this area. If you want to stay in a smaller boutique hotel or in a bed and breakfast set-up there are many to choose from and the quality is quite good.

There are also some newly opened large resort style hotels with theme rooms and family packages. The area is very welcoming — the tourist department reports that the average guest stays for nearly 5 days!

If you are not interested in the ocean, you should still enjoy the spa and outdoor activities. The spa

services are well-known within Germany, and were once the primary attraction of the town over the beach. They have received a specialized seaside spa designation for the town and have more than 150 years of licensed treatment delivery among the various sites.

There is also a very large wildlife park, with more than 1300 exotic birds. Although there are other animals, this is the largest bird centric park in Germany. The park makes for a solid afternoon outing. :-)

Look especially for the owls at the park, as the population in Timmendorfer Strand is considered to be the more varied and complete in all the world. As birds are raised in the park from hatchlings, it is possible to see quite a life cycle. There are also childrens' activities and family events hosted in the park in addition to walks and themed events for individuals.