



Rotary District 1850

– right in the middle of Europe



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WELCOME!

The northwest of Germany is not only an attractive area to enjoy your holiday.

You will find a surprising mix of agricultural and industrial activities with a competitive edge.

People are most friendly and offer generous hospitality.

They appreciate their cultural heritage and respect traditional values.

Our international visitors often make friends for life joining a Group Study Exchange or the Rotary Friendship Exchange.

We look forward to see you!



**Welcome to the
Weser-Ems region
of District 1850**

Summary



- **District 1850 in the northwest of Germany is home to world famous companies, where visitors may look behind the curtains.**

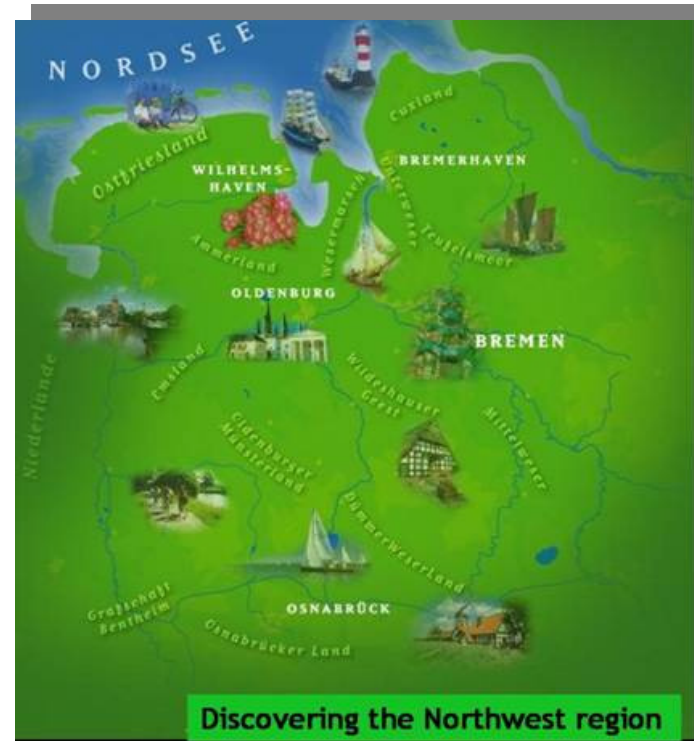


- **The countryside reaches from 7 holiday islands in the North Sea to the mountains of the Teutoburger forest - here the Varus battle against the Roman empire was fought.**
- **Near by: Bremen, Cologne, Hannover, Hamburg, Oldenburg and Osnabruck offer cultural and historical highlights.**
- **It is a Region of growth and prosperity thanks to the people who not only enjoy work but also family life and friends from all over the world.**



The Region

- **District 1850 covers the region between the rivers Weser and Ems and is situated in the north-western part of Lower-Saxony with approx. 2.5 million inhabitants. Due to the settling of commercial-industrial enterprises in the cities of Bremen, Bremerhaven, Osnabrück, Oldenburg, Delmenhorst, Emden and Wilhelmshaven, important centers have emerged.**



Industries



- In the northern and coastal areas the maritime industry predominates, whereas in the South of the Weser-Ems region the logistic services prevail. Moreover, tourism, livestock-, food- and milk- industry, vehicle construction, space & aviation industry, plastics processing, photo-finishing, textile and electrical industry, machine and metal industry are driving the welfare of the region.

Structural Change



- **Of course, the region is subject to powerful structural change. Agriculture, fishing and partly traditional industrial firms have been replaced by service companies. Especially the trade and transport sectors as well as the telecommunication industry have become milestones of the dynamic economic development. Furthermore, the region offers a network of education and training institutions.**



Close Cooperation



- **Close cooperation between economy, science and administration has always been a major objective. This cooperation led to innovative technologies and processes for renewable energies. Successful manufacturers of solar, wind and bio energy equipment have contributed largely to the region.**



Country, Culture and History



Island of Norderney



Mask of the Varus Battle

- **A healthy and moderate climate, a beautiful countryside between the North Sea with 7 inviting holiday islands and the rolling mountains of the Teutoburger forests represent a vast variety of changing landscapes. They attract millions of tourists every year, who also visit the large selection of theaters, museums and many local attractions.**

Oldenburg



- **900 years ago, castle and settlement of Oldenburg were founded at the Hunte River. Soon a harbor and an important market place developed. Since the 15th century, it was the residence of the Counts of Oldenburg. The castle is still situated in the heart of today's city and houses the museum of art and cultural history. The people of Oldenburg have two favorite "animals": horses and bikes (affectionately referred to as a "metal donkeys"). While a typical Oldenburg street scene may be a far cry from Beijing, it's impossible to imagine the city without bicycles.**



Oldenburg Castle

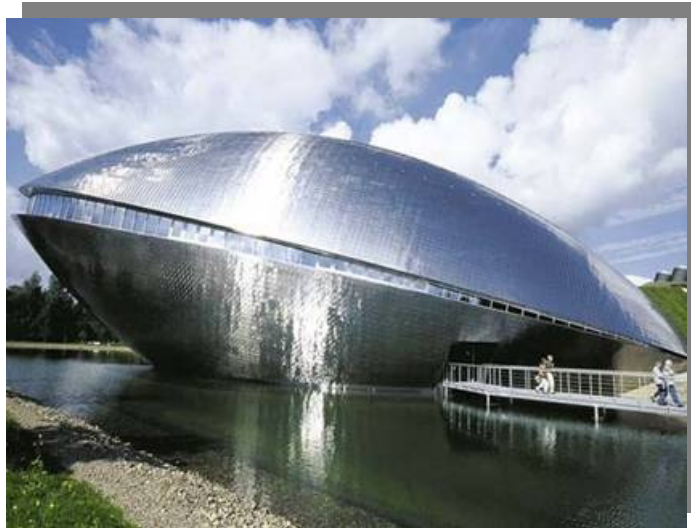
Bremen – Center of Commerce



Bremen Townhall, UNESCO world heritage

- In Bremen (50 km from Oldenburg) history goes back over 1,200 years. In the baroque and Renaissance Market Square you find the Town Hall and the statue of Roland, patricians' houses, and the historic Chamber of Commerce. Beginning a new life in Bremen - that's the reason the Bremer city musicians hit the road. The famous sculpture of the donkey, dog, cat and cock from the fairy-tale by the Grimm brothers is here. This historic square unites vital aspects from the history, the present and the future of the city.

Bremen – The City of Science



Universum Science Center, Bremen

- **Top-class German beer has its home in Bremen, and so does the finest quality coffee. Other manufacturers enhance Bremen's gastronomic reputation with superb chocolate products, exquisite spices, a wide range of breakfast cereals and tempting fish specialities. Bremen is one of the most important centres of the food, beverage and tobacco industry in Europe.**

Bremerhaven



- **74 km from Oldenburg is Germany's biggest North Sea coastal town, Europe's most important fishing port, member of the exclusive club of the world's leading container ports, shipbuilding location with an international reputation and, as a rendezvous for the world's most beautiful luxury liners and passenger ships, Germany's number one amongst the cruise ship ports of the world.**



Harbour and City of Bremerhaven

Osnabruck – The City of Peace



Osnabruck Townhall

- Osnabruck, 109 km from Oldenburg is the “City of Peace” since 1648, because the Westphalian Peace Treaty ending the 30-Years War was negotiated and signed here. The city boasts a host of historical buildings. Representative buildings from each period of Osnabrucks long history can be seen throughout the city. These range from the 17th century palace of Ernst August of Brunswick whose son became King George I of England, to the unique 13th century warehouses with integrated apartment known as “Steinwerke”.



Technical Highlight - Transrapid

- *Driving without wheels – Flying without wings*

There is no faster applicable ground transportation system than the Transrapid. The environmentally-friendly, non-contact technology of the Transrapid also makes it very economical because it is free from wear and tear and consumes a relatively small amount of energy. Therefore, operating expenses are lower than those of traditional railroad systems, while the required investment is roughly the same.



Technical Highlight – Meyer Wharf



- ***Indoors shipyards***
More than 250,000 tourists come to the shipyard to see on site state-of-the-art shipbuilding. Visitors are particularly captivated by the huge luxury cruise liners and the complex production line. A visitor's centre was built to accommodate people's demand to visit one of the world's most modern yards. This visitor's centre provides a detailed insight into the production process at the yard and the glamour of a cruise by means of exhibits, videos, a mock-up cabin, etc.

Close to **Hannover**



- **Hannover (170 km) is the capital of Lower Saxony. Almost half of the city is made of parks, forests and stretches of water. The city with the atmosphere of a small town became the capital of the Lower Saxony in 1946. Hanover is thus not only a green metropolis, but the cultural, economic and scientific heart of the northern state. Hanover is not only one of Germany's but the world's most important trade show places. The giant Hanover Trade Fair, that takes place every year in April, is the world's largest industrial fair.**



Hannover Townhall

Close to Hamburg



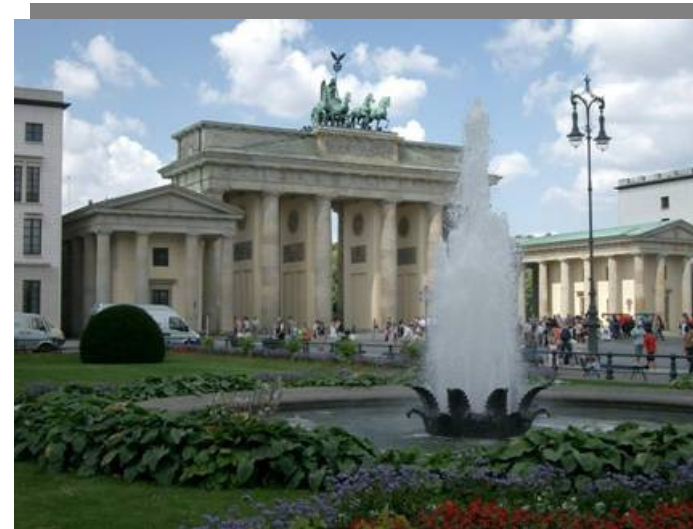
Hamburg with Church St. Michael

- **Hamburg (170 km) was always a gateway to the world. The city grew famous for its trade as a port city in the middle ages. Hamburg is home to some 1.7 million people, making it Germany's second biggest city after Berlin and ahead of Munich. Ships' captains and transport tycoons are what made Hamburg the rich and famous city it is. Proud boulevards lined with elegant department stores can be found all over the city. Impressive white mansions also boast of the city's wealth - it's one of the wealthiest in Europe.**



Close to **Berlin**

- **Berlin (440 km), capital of the Federal Republic of Germany with about 3,400,000 inhabitants. Berlin does not only offer many great sights and attractions, it is also place where people research, publicise, make movies, brew beer, produce electricity or recycle water. Numerous institutions invite you to look behind the curtains. The palaces and gardens in the area bear witness to the artistic, cultural and architectural history of the region. Visiting the cultural landscape between Berlin and Potsdam you will get to know the meaning of the expression "Prussian Arcadia".**



Close to **Cologne**

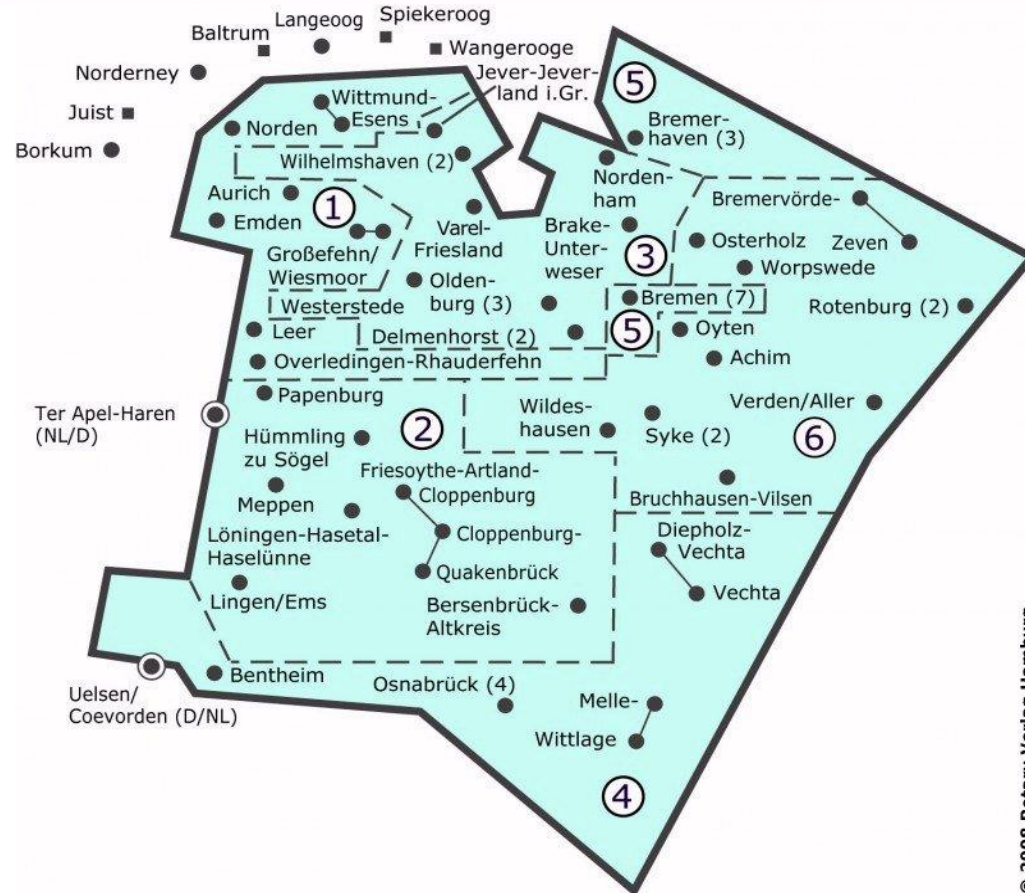


- **With approximately one million inhabitants Cologne (305 km) is Germany's fourth largest and oldest city. The Roman Empire stretched to the Rhine River 2000 years ago, and it was here that the Romans established a trading post they named Colonia. Their influence can still be seen today. The city is regarded as a metropolis of contemporary art and boasts numerous art galleries. It has a lively art scene - the Ludwig Museum as well as the renowned art fair "Art Cologne" draw crowds.**

Rotary Clubs



- **62 Clubs**
- approx. **2.800 Rotariens**
- **Rotary Tables:**
- **Baltrum, Juist, Spiekeroog, Wangerooge, MS Europa**
- **Fore more information:**
- <http://rotary1850.org>



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