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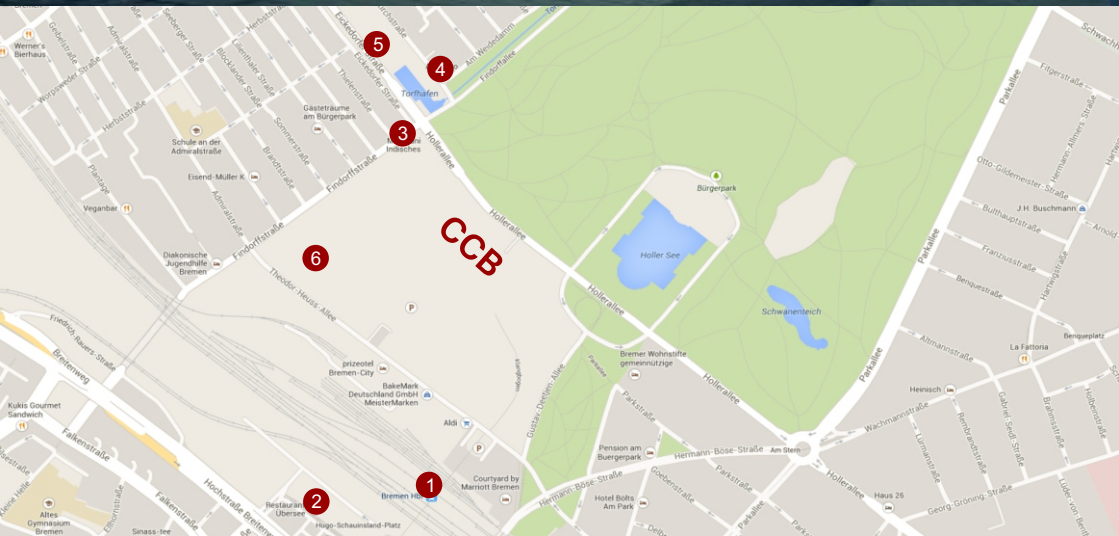
This guide will help you find locations to have a beer, a good dinner, or a cheap one, and to meet participants and locals alike. It's no city guide but rather personal recommendations of the organizers.

Bremen has many faces - it's an old trading city, a worker city, a state on its own. It's historical and modern at the same time. As a part of the Hanseatic league, Bremen used to be one of the most influential cities in medieval Europe. Currently, it's the 10th largest city in Germany by population. You will find posh restaurants and grungy pubs, stylish food and Bremen specialties, fine arts and subcultures.

We welcome you to our city and wish you a great time!



Congress Center



Lunch around the venue

You may have your lunch at the CCB or at the Maritim hotel, which is directly connected to the CCB and hosts the restaurants L'Echalote and Brasserie. But there are a couple of other restaurants or take-aways close by.



- 1 **Main station:** If you are looking for fast food, a slice of pizza, a kebab, a „Wurst“, or a sandwich you can find all of these inside and close to the main train station.



- 2 **Übersee:** The Übersee-Museum hosts a very good restaurant with international kitchen and a good cocktail bar. Open from 9 - open end. Just cross the main station and head to the right.



- 3 **Maharani:** Indian/Pakistani cuisine. Special lunch menu with always a vegetarian and a non-vegetarian meal, pretty cheap. Open 12-14.30 and 18-23. Tuesday closed. Findorfstr. 114.



- 4 **Amoroso:** Situated at the tiny, old Torfhafen (turf harbour). Italian cuisine, nice ambiente with indoor section and a patio. Neukirchstr. 1. Open from 12-14.30 and from 18-23. Monday closed.



- 5 **Port Piet:** A nice „Biergarten“, located directly at the Torfhafen. Besides drinks, they offer simple meals like tarte flambées, casseroles, soups, and salads. Nice place to be!



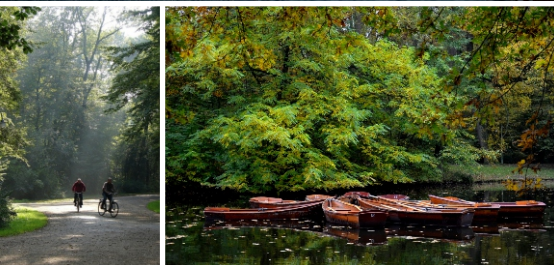
- 6 **Schlachthofkneipe:** The Schlachthof hosts a bistro and a Biergarten. During the conference they will open at 12.30. Simple and tasty meals and good salads!



The CCB is located close to the Bürgerpark, which is one of the most beautiful city parks in Germany. At the entrance of the park you will find the Park Hotel where the Welcome Reception takes place. Take a walk through the park, go there to clear your mind during lunchtime, or grab a coffee at the Waldbühne, or a beer at the Haus am Walde.



1 Parkhotel



2 Kaffeehaus am Emmasee



3 Meierei



4 Waldbühne



5 Haus am Walde



Bürgerpark

The Old Town



Schlachte at night
(source: www.flickr.com/photos/jxftiz/2686358632/)



In the old town, you will find quite a few nice and cozy locations. One of the most popular places is the Schlachte (1 on map - next page), located along the river, with many beer gardens and restaurants. Even though it is quite touristic, this is a cozy place to be and provides a great view over the river particularly during late evenings.

The Market Square

The market square (②), the old town hall, and the cathedral are UNESCO World Heritage sites and are certainly one of the absolute must-see locations in Bremen. As an old trading town, Bremen ships German wines to countries all over the world and has the largest wine cellar of Germany, situated below the market square and a large area to the left of the town hall.

Guided tours are offered regularly and are highly recommended.

Old town hall, Cathedral, and Roland
(source: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/schneidmiller/15490146295/>)



How to get there: Take tram 4, 5, 6, 8 from main station to Domsheide (blue cross). Or just do a 10 min walk from the Convention Center.



Ratskeller ③

Offers local cuisine, large choice of german wines. Never ask for a beer!

④ Grashoff's Bistro

Local and French cuisine

Contrescarpe 80



Presse Bar Cuisine ⑤

International dishes, open kitchen.

Langenstr. 31



⑥ Spaghettihaus

Italian and international cuisine

Langenstr. 2-4



Mühle am Wall

(source: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/javilon1/4259420231/>)

Old Town



The old mill at the rampart (KaffeeMühle am Wall **7**) hosts a nice bistro/restaurant with a patio. The rampart is the oldest public park in Germany, surrounding the Old Town. Once there were six mills in the rampart, but only the coffee mill survived.





The Böttcherstraße (8) is one of Bremen's most famous places and belongs to the cultural relics of the city, even though it is relatively young and was built only 100 years ago. It hosts the Paula Modersohn-Becker Museum. You will also find a Sushi-Restaurant and the „Ständige Vertretung“, a very nice restaurant with good „Flammkuchen“ and „Kölsch“, a special beer from Cologne.



The „Schnoor“ quarter (9) was the economic center of Bremen in ancient times and today it is an absolute must-see. But you have to look carefully: it's all quite small and full of details that are often a bit hidden. Also good for dining!

Das Viertel

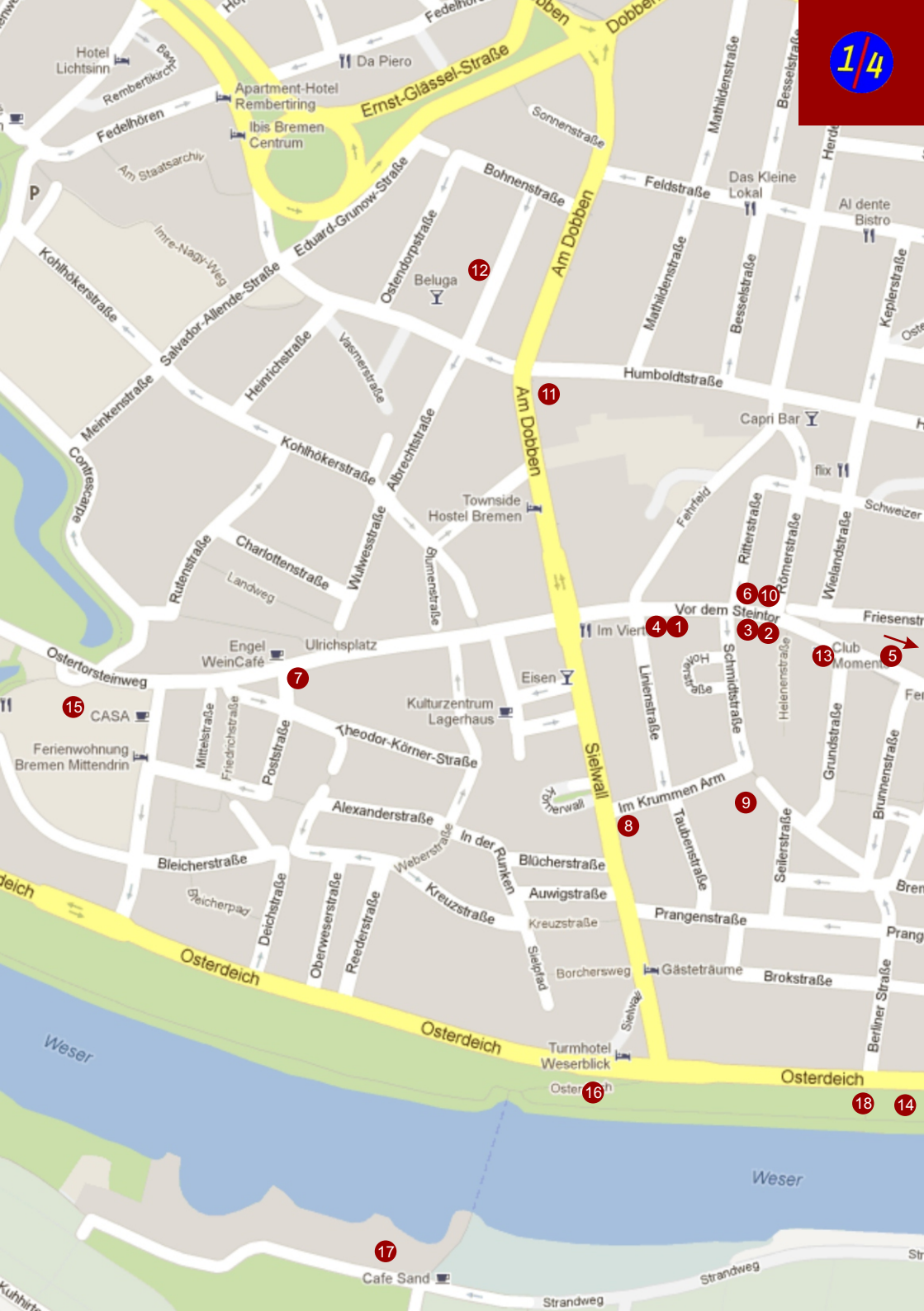
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„Viertel“ (quarter) is the local nickname given to the districts Ostertor, Steintor, and Fesenfeld. It is an alternative and international neighbourhood where many students and academics live. It's home to the Bremen theater, the art museum, several cinemas, many small boutiques, and a number of bars, pubs, restaurants, and take aways. At most locations the kitchen remains open until midnight, and often longer.



How to get there: Take tram # 10 from the main station (direction Sebaldsbrück), or trams # 2 or 3 (direction Sebaldsbrück or Weserwehr) from Domsheide. For any of these, get off at „Sielwall“.



Take away and low budget (€ 3 – 9.-)

You will find cheap Turkish, Arabic, Asian and other ethnic bistros throughout the Viertel, but particularly at „Vor dem Steintor“, close to the „Am Dobben“ and „Sielwall“ crossing.

Some pointers:

- 1 **Mekong:** Good Thai cuisine, freshly made – mainly for take away, but there is a small indoor section and a couple of benches outside. V.d. Steintor 25.
- 2 **Gül:** Turkish cuisine, standard take-away, but also a few main dishes. The second floor (take the stairs in the back) offers a large sitting area and is particularly good for groups. V. d. Steintor 49.
- 3 **Starfish:** Fish 'n' Chips for the British! V.d. Steintor 39.
- 4 **Burgerhaus:** For those looking for burgers: The Burgerhaus! Vegetarian burgers are also offered. Location: - V.d. Steintor 23.
- 5 **Tom & Karo:** Vegetarian and vegan food (e.g. burger, Falafel, hot dogs etc.). V.d. Steintor 152.
- 6 **SuppKultur:** Soups and stews made from seasonal and fresh vegetables. All dishes are vegetarian, but sausage can be added on request. V.d. Steintor 48.

Bistros & Restaurants

You will find many different restaurants in the Viertel, not only at „Vor dem Steintor“ and „Ostertorsteinweg“ but also in many of the small streets around. Take a stroll and discover the area! You will see typical Bremen architecture and old old „Bremen houses“. The restaurants listed below and on the next page are just personal recommendations - some of our favorites!

- 7 **Don Carlos:** Spanish cuisine offering tapas and a nice atmosphere. A special lunch menu is offered daily with prices around €8.- per meal.
<http://www.don-carlos-bremen.de>
 Ostertorsteinweg 74.

Bistros & Restaurants

- 8 Elsass:** Nice little restaurant serving mainly variations of a southern german speciality: Tarte flambée. Prices below € 10.-
<http://www.elsassinbremen.de>
Sielwall 50.
- 9 mundart im Alten Fundamt:** Open only during lunchtime (11 - 15.00), closed on tuesdays. 6 daily changing bio-menues, always 1 vegetarian and 1 vegane. Prices from €2.50 to €12.50.
<http://www.mundart-im-alten-fundamt.de>
Auf der Kuhlen 1a
- 10 Sushi Factory:** Vor dem Steintor 50.
- 11 Rotkäppchen:** International cuisine, indoor and outdoor seating available and a cosy winter-garden. Am Dobben 97.
- 12 Bandonion:** Very nice restaurant, funny staff, and good dishes. Nice rooms for larg groups are available on request. Call to make a reservation if you are more than 10 people: 0421 - 71832.
<http://www.bandonion-bremen.de>
Gertrudenstr. 37.
- 13 Le's Bistro:** Thai kitchen. Always made with fresh vegetables and authentic spices and herbs. Highly recommend.
<http://www.les-bistro.de>
Vor dem Steintor 67.
- 14 Café Ambiente:** Offers German and international cuisine. Situated at the dike with a large patio, very nice location.
<http://www.cafe-ambiente.de>
Osterdeich 69a.
- 15 Theatro:** Restaurant at the Goethe-Theatre. Many sunny places outside, very good kitchen.
<http://theatro.de>

Pubs & Bars

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The Viertel is full of pubs and bars. You will easily find a nice place where you can enjoy local beers: Beck's is known to everyone, but if it is coming to a draft, many locals prefer Haake Beck, which is a smooth, blond and tasty beer. Try it for example in the LITFASS, located at Ostertorsteinweg - you may even find us there as well :-).

Even though Bremen is said to be plagued by bad weather, most of the time it's not that bad. As long as it is not really cold or raining, people love to sit outside. In the Viertel, most pubs and restaurants will have some chairs, benches, or tables outside as long as there is at least a bit of space in front of their doors. During warm evenings, many people simply go to the dike and sit along the river enjoying a beer, a barbecue, or playing an outside game. See it on the next page. Do what you like, but don't leave trash behind.

If you prefer an indoors location you should be warned that many pubs allow indoor smoking if no food is being served, so make sure to check beforehand if you would like to be in a smoke-free bar.



Osterdeich 16

Summer time is Osterdeich time. Students and people from the Viertel go to the Osterdeich to relax, chat and enjoy themselves. You may bring some beers with you and do likewise. Or take the little fairy to the Café Sand on the other side of the river.

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Café Sand 17



Bürgerhaus Weserterrassen 18

Universum Science Center

The Universum was built in 2000 as part of the EXPO 2000 and has become Bremen's youngest landmark. It is located at the entrance of the University grounds, and close to the Bürgerpark (Haus am Walde). There are plans for a complete new exhibition, however, the current one is very interesting and fun! Particularly if you are in a group.

(<http://www.universum-bremen.de/en/home.html>)

Universum Science Center
(source: www.flickr.com/photos/49925170@N03/7817713196/in/set-7215763111786376)



How to get there: Take tram # 6 from main station (direction Universität) and get off at „Universum/Naturwissenschaften 1“, then follow the signs.

Rhododendronpark and Bontanic Garden

The Rhododendronpark has the world's 2nd largest collection of rhododendrons, hosting about 600 wild species, and more than 3000 culture species. It is also home to the BOTANICA ("The green science center"), and the botanic garden, which has become the „Garden of Human Rights“, a project headed by the French artist Francoise Schein, in 2003.

(<http://www.botanika-bremen.de/rhododendron-park.html>)

Rhododendronpark
(source: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/antler-cadavours/670392731/>, inset: 7215175945-16521236)



How to get there: Take tram 4 or 5 from main station (direction Borgfeld or Horn/Lehe), leave at „Bürgermeister-Spitta-Allee“ and take Bus 31 to Rhododendronpark.

Beck's

Bremen is home of the Brewery Beck & Co. Since we are in uncharming late-kapitalistic globalism times, the family-owned brewery has been sold to some Belgian multi of which we don't know the name. And will never know.

But they still offer brewery tours! Check timetable here:

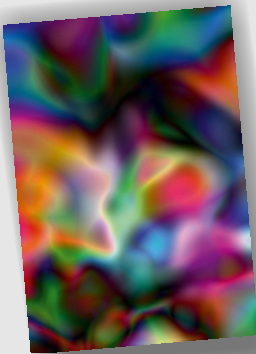
<https://www.becks.de/besucherzentrum/?p=Home&lang=english>

Kunst





Kunsthalle



The Kunsthalle Bremen is a highly recognized art museum, founded in 1849. It houses a large collection of European paintings from the 14th century to present day, including those of artists such as Dürer, Klee, Monet, van Gogh, Cézanne, Pissarro, Picasso, Munch, Kokoschka, Richter, and many more. The museum also hosts a very interesting New Media collection with pieces of e.g. John Cage.

It is located in the Ostertor Viertel (Am Wall 207). Take tram #2 or 3 and get off at „Theater am Goetheplatz“. The museum is right next to the theater.

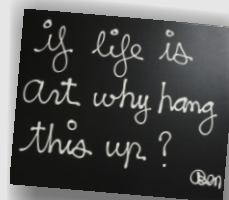
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Thomas Ruff, Substrat 18L, 2003
 [Current exhibition: Contemporary photography and Video Art with pieces from the museum's collection]

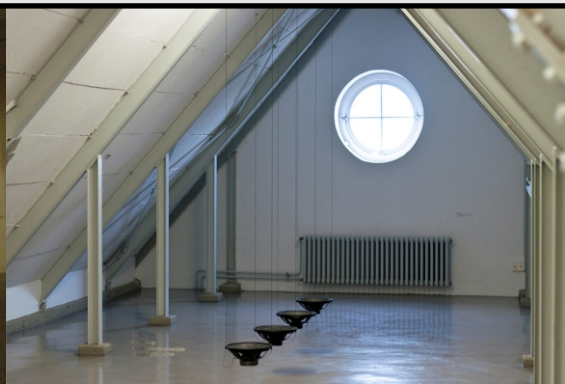
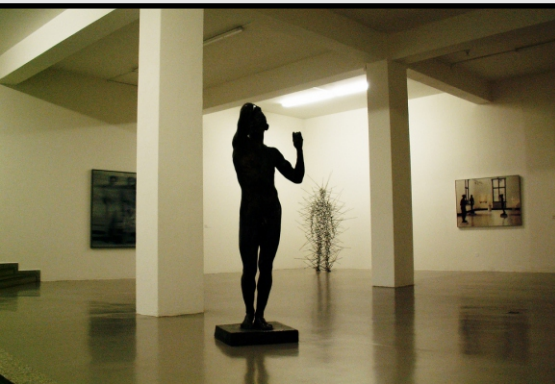
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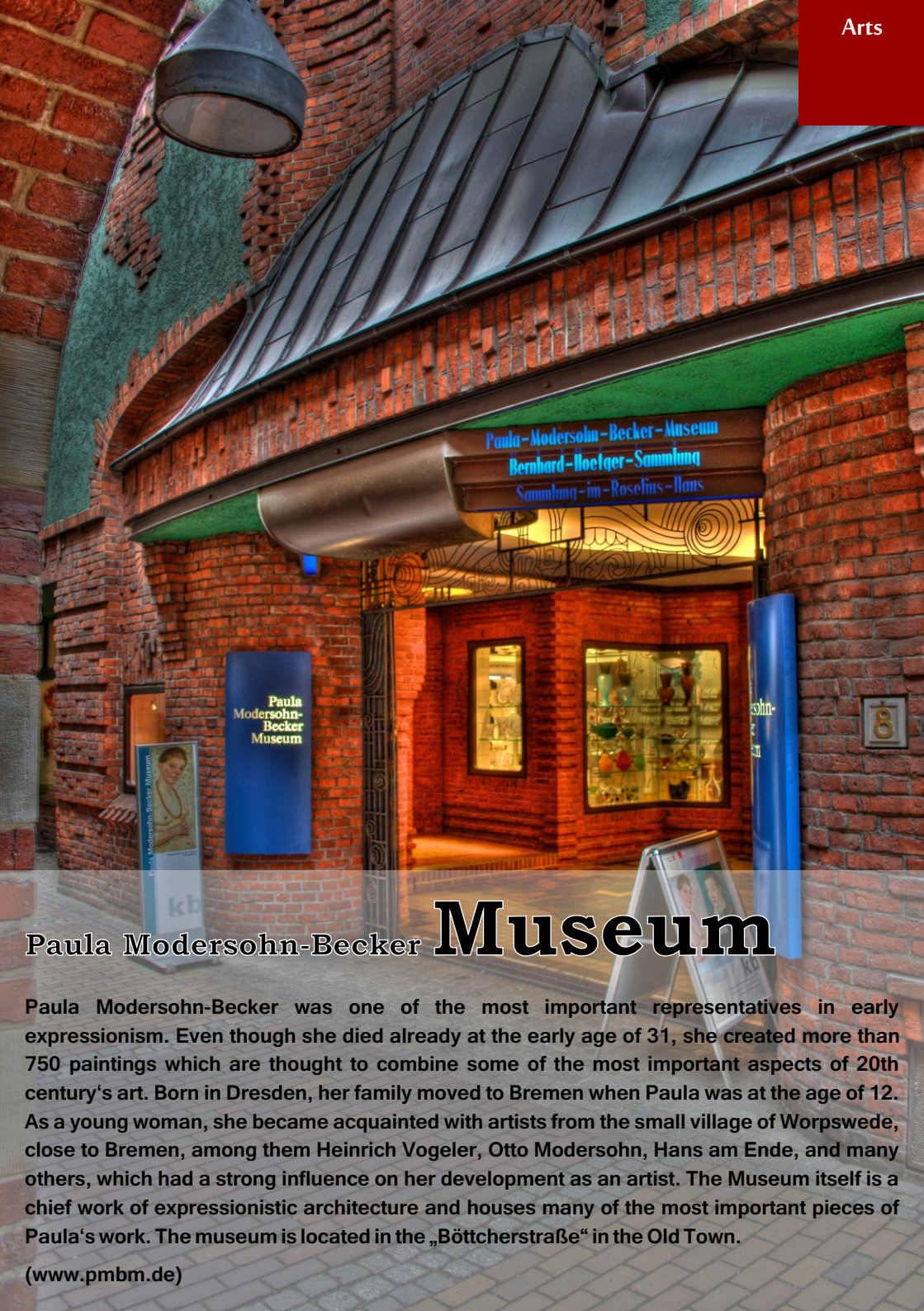
Museum für moderne Kunst

The Weserburg Museum of Modern Art is a collectors museum hosting several private collections and presenting numerous exhibitions annually. The museum's concept is to preserve the preferences of the collector (be it following an individual artist over many years, or putting together various pieces that fit into a dialog between artists) and combine it with the scholarly eye of the museum and its unique atmosphere of the old warehouses in which the museum is located. The Weserburg was founded in 1991 and has become an internationally highly renowned international modern arts museum since. If you like modern (and often controversial) art pieces you should go there.



(<http://www.weserburg.de/index.php?id=77&L=1>)





Paula Modersohn-Becker Museum

Paula Modersohn-Becker was one of the most important representatives in early expressionism. Even though she died already at the early age of 31, she created more than 750 paintings which are thought to combine some of the most important aspects of 20th century's art. Born in Dresden, her family moved to Bremen when Paula was at the age of 12. As a young woman, she became acquainted with artists from the small village of Worpswede, close to Bremen, among them Heinrich Vogeler, Otto Modersohn, Hans am Ende, and many others, which had a strong influence on her development as an artist. The Museum itself is a chief work of expressionistic architecture and houses many of the most important pieces of Paula's work. The museum is located in the „Böttcherstraße“ in the Old Town.

(www.pmbm.de)

Worpswede

Worpswede is a small village in Lower Saxonia, located about 20 km northeast from Bremen in the Teufelsmoor (Devil's marsh). It has become famous as an artist colony, founded in the late 19th century by Fritz Mackensen after he became acquainted with the local administrator's daughter. Besides Mackensen, Otto Modersohn and Hans am Ende also moved to Worpswede, followed by Fritz Overbeck, Heinrich Vogeler, Carl Vinnen and Paula Becker some years later. It was particularly the distinctiveness of the landscape, the influence of light and gloom, and a romantic longing for the simplicity of the farming way of life that made Worpswede to one of the most important places for early impressionism and expressionism. The first artist colony was followed by a second generation. Among them, Bernhard Hoetger was probably the most important one. Hoetger was a painter, sculpturist, and craftsman, who created many buildings in Worpswede. However, his masterpiece is the Böttcherstraße in Bremen, which was commissioned by the influential trader Ludwig Roselius from Bremen.

Today, Worpswede is still home of many artists, small ateliers and galleries, and a frequent destination for a weekend and afternoon trips.



How to get there: Bus 670 from main station, 1 per hour. Leave W.-Insel. Takes about 1hr.

