

## Practical information 2013

### HOW TO GET TO LÜBBECKE (LUEBBECKE)

#### Lübbecke can be accessed by several airports:

**Hannover** – big international airport and probably the most convenient way to get to our place, requires short train travel to MINDEN (Westf):

The S5 Hannover Airport line runs every 30 minutes and takes you directly to Hannover Central Station. It takes about 15 minutes. You must buy your ticket and stamp it if required *before* you get on the train. One-way from Hannover Central Station currently costs EUR 3.00 per person. Escalators and elevators will take you directly from the train station to departures.

There are at least two train connections every hour from Hannover Central Station to Minden. Depending on whether you take a fast train (IC – takes 30 min.) or a local train (RE – takes 42 min), the tickets cost 12,20 EUR or 16,50 EUR. You can get the tickets from a ticket machine at the airport but you can also book them in advance at [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de). However, if you buy a ticket for an IC-train in advance and you don't get that connection, they might not allow you to take a different IC-connection. So if you miss that connection, you should rather take the slower RE train with that ticket.

**Duesseldorf** – very big international airport with even more flight connections which also requires train travel to Minden:

There is a train going directly from Düsseldorf to MINDEN (Westf) every hour (10.02, 11.02, 12.02...) which takes 2:28 hours. It is a RE train (Regionalexpress) which you could book in advance because there are so-called 'Sparangebote' (special offers 27 EUR instead of 37,50 EUR) if you book really early. If you miss the connection that you booked your train ticket for, you can still use it for a later train (so I was told).

However, after 9 o'clock you can also use the so-called 'Laenderticket' (NRW-Ticket), especially if you travel in small groups (21 EUR + 4 EUR for every other passenger).

More information: <http://www.bahn.com/i/view/GBR/en/prices/germany/laender-ticket.shtml>

**Bremen** – a small airport with flight connections to tourist destinations, but also to big cities like Vilnius, Paris, Oslo, Danzig, Thessaloniki, Stockholm, Manchester etc..

There is a tram (Straßenbahn Linie 6) going from the airport to the Central Station every ten minutes.. Then there is a train going from Bremen to BOHMTE every hour (14:06, 15:06 ...) which takes 58 minutes. If you travel in a group of two and more, it might be also cheapest to buy the 'Niedersachsenticket' if you travel after 9 o'clock because you can only use the slow trains anyway. More information about it can be found here:

<http://www.bahn.com/i/view/GBR/en/prices/germany/laender-ticket.shtml>

**Muenster/Osnabrueck**– mainly flight connections to holiday destinations in the Mediteranian - might be an option for those people coming via Frankfurt. Transfer to Lübbecke would have to be organised by us.

**Paderborn** – same as above.

### For those coming by train:

If you travel to our conference by train, you should (also) try to find a connection to **Minden (Westf)**. People coming from the West might, however, get a better connection if they search for a connection to **Buende (Westf)**. We will pick you up at any of these stations.

### Accomodation

[www.wiehen-therme.com](http://www.wiehen-therme.com)

### Weather and Clothing

You can check the weather forecast on webpages like [www.wetter.com](http://www.wetter.com) or [www.wetter.de](http://www.wetter.de).

The hotel is not located in the city of Lübbecke! It is a hotel directly next to the forest (only 4km from our school but still quite remote). We might go for a few hikes from there, so please bring your hiking boots, a rain coat as well as your swimming gear if you want to use the hotel pool. There is also a really big sauna at the hotel.

### GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT LUEBBECKE

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lübbecke> (general facts in English)

<http://www.luebbecke.de> (information in German only)

<http://www.hallo-luebbecke.de> (again only in German)

<http://www.minden-luebbecke.de/Region/Freizeit-und-Tourismus> (information about our county – again only in German)

<http://www.tus-n-luebbecke.de> (our first league handball club)