Local Overview

Paderborn Station

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Paderborn & Sennelager HIVEs publish a blog providing local and military community information for the local area. You can access the blog at: www.bfghive.blogspot.com http://bfgnet.de/paderborn/

Local Area

Paderborn is a city in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. The name of the city derives from the river Pader and 'born', an old German term for the source of a river. The river Pader; Germany's shortest river, originates in more than 200 springs near Paderborn Dom (Cathedral). These springs “produce” 5,000 litres every second. The town has a 1,200 year history with the first reference to the town in 777 under the ruler Charlemagne. It became a site of pilgrimage for those wishing to visit the relics of St Liborius which were moved here in 836. Since 805 Paderborn has been the seat of a bishopric, and it joined the Hanseatic League in the 13th century. It was ruled by prince-bishops from about 1100 until 1802, when it passed to Prussia under an agreement with France.

Over the years, Paderborn has grown in importance as a city and St Liborius continues as the Patron Saint of the city and is celebrated annually. During World War II, Paderborn was comprehensively bombed by allied aircraft in 1944 and 1945. After the city was reconstructed in the 1940s and 1950s, Paderborn became a major industrial seat in Westphalia. The centre of the town is picturesque and has a vibrant shopping, eating and cultural scene. The British Army has retained a significant presence in the area and uses the nearby Sennelager Training Area.

Paderborn is alive with history and culture and has a full events calendar with most weekends busy with festivals or events in Paderborn or surrounding towns and villages. There are traditional festivals and markets such as Luna Park, Frühlingsfest (Spring Festival), Schützenfest and Christmas Market. The largest festival in Paderborn is Libori, which is a week-long festival at the end of July, including processions, cultural events, food and drink stalls and a fun fair.

Paderborn Tourist Information website is at: www.paderborn.de

Sennelager is a village in Germany that forms part of the city of Paderborn. It is now the location of the British Army barracks, where the 20th Armoured Brigade are currently based.

The area contains several British ‘patches’ and businesses have opened up there largely to cater for this market, including a “traditional” British corner shop, several tax-free car dealerships and restaurants. The Paderborn Community Hub is also in Sennelager at Otto Hahn Straße 20 33104 Paderborn.

Sennelager also hosts Athlone Barracks (Queen’s Royal Hussars) and Dempsey Barracks (1 Armoured Medical Regiment).

Sennelager has several varied sized lakes nearby, some with man-made beaches and water sports.
Schloß Neuhaus is located on the outskirts of Paderborn. The small town has historic buildings and parks, interesting museums and exhibitions, a small high street, sports and leisure activities, including an indoor swimming pool. There are regular festivals and outdoor events held at the castle after which it is named. Near to Schloß Neuhaus are several lakes with water sports including sailing and water-skiing, as well as the 42 acre Auenpark. Auenpark contains nature reserves, play parks and hosts a weekly flea and hobby market nearby.

Elsen is located 5km to the west of Paderborn city centre and is a lively village with many different organizations offering leisure activities. There are several restaurants and bars in the area.

Landgasthof Alt-Enginger Mill often holds local events such as Oktoberfest.

Bad Lippspringe is a small town near Paderborn. Bad Lippspringe currently has 16,000 inhabitants, is located in the district of Paderborn and is one of the nationwide well-known spa resorts. Bad Lippspringe has two natural springs; the Arminius spring and the Liborius spring. At the centre of Bad Lippspringe is the Rathaus (city hall) which was built in 1949, at Friedrich-Wilhelm-Weber-Platz. The Arminius Park in the town hosts the ruins of a castle and conference centre. It has a popular Spa pool and hotel complex. The town is on the southern edge of the Teutoburg Forest and located at the foothills of Eggegebirge, and is adjacent to the heath-land of the Senne. There are 25 km of gradient-free hiking trails going through the dense mixed forest.

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Paderborn and Sennelager form part of Paderborn Station.

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<td>Sennelager Youth &amp; Community Centre</td>
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Information Sheets

The HIVE has specific information sheets available for Accommodation, Education, Employment, Healthcare and Local Community Information. There is also a New Arrivals Guide and a number of other guides with more detail including; Pets, Shopping, Things to do and Clubs and Activities.

Finance

UK Credit & Debit Cards
All main UK credit/ debit cards may be accepted in large retail outlets, petrol stations, hotels and restaurants. Although, please be aware some businesses may not accept credit/ debit card payments and you are advised to check prior to purchase.

It is also possible to withdraw cash, with a UK credit/ debit card, from a large network of cash point machines.

Forces Post Office
Forces Post Office (FPO) also provides a chip & pin facility for entitled personnel only, which allows you to withdraw money from a UK bank account without any additional charges. With this option you are given a card to ration the amount of money withdrawal per day and per month.

The BFPO Chip and Pin Cash Withdrawal Card is only available for entitled personnel and dependants. You are entitled to withdraw £250 a day with a maximum of £1000 per month. For this you must provide ID with the name matching the bank card. Please ask the counter for the exchange rate before any withdrawal. For further information please approach your nearest Post Office.

German Bank Accounts
To set up a German bank account you need your Passport, National Insurance Card and money for the initial deposit. If you open the account with cash, your account is opened immediately. If you are transferring funds from your home bank, it can take up to a couple of weeks for the amount to be credited to your account.

Once you open the account the bank will issue you a Eurocard (EC) this can take up to 2 weeks to arrive. Please be aware that German banks usually have bank charges which are debited from your account at the end of the month.

For a list of local banks please call into the HIVE.

Forces Fixed Rate (FFR)
The FFR is the rate at which sterling is converted to the local currency.

ID Cards

Upon arrival all military personnel, entitled civilians and dependants over the age of 8 years are required to carry an ID card which can be obtained from the VLO (located on Normandy Barracks). Application forms must be obtained from your Unit Welfare Office. You will be required to show your ID on entering all military camps and in the NAAFI and PRI shops.

Kindergeld

If you are in receipt of UK Child Benefit you may be entitled to claim Kindergeld (a top up to UK Child Benefit from the German authorities). Claiming Kindergeld is an individual's responsibility and is strictly between the individual and the German authorities. Application forms can be downloaded in English from https://bfgnet.de/kindergeld.html

If you require assistance filling in your Kindergeld application form, there is a translator service which is free of charge to members of the Station. Visit the translator at Sennelager HIVE (Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri) or Barker HIVE on a Wed from 0900-1300hrs.
Pets

When you arrive in Paderborn Station you MUST register your dog at the Vehicle Licensing Office in Normandy Barracks. Tel: 05254 982 2638. All cats and dogs must have been vaccinated for rabies at least 30 days, but no more than 12 months prior to its entry. Proof of examination must be presented at the border.

To register your dog you will require the following:

- Up to date pet passport
- Pet insurance documents including proof of liability insurance
- Microchip number
- Owners ID
- Letter of permission from the Housing Office to have a pet on the property
- Evidence of knowledge test and/or temperament and handling test dependant on size and breed of the dog.

Please call into the HIVE to obtain your copy of the HIVE ‘Pet Guide’ which contains information on Vets, Catteries, Kennels, Grooming Parlours and registering and de-registering your Pet and banned breeds.

Shopping

NAAFI

There are several NAAFI stores in Paderborn Station, including the NAAFI Families Store at Sennelager and the stores in Normandy Barracks, Barker Barracks and Uhland Strasse, Paderborn. NAAFI stores stock a wide range of products including British brands.

NAAFI Ration Cards

A NAAFI ration card can be issued to all Military Personnel and dependants wishing to purchase rationed items, such as cigarettes, coffee, gin and whisky. Ration cards are available from your Unit Welfare Office.

German Shops

Please see the HIVE Shopping guide for more information. Shops are generally closed on Sundays, apart from 3 times a year when they may open on a Sunday or until Midnight on a Saturday – keep an eye out on the blog for further information www.bfghive.blogspot.com

Generally banks and some smaller shops close for lunch every day. Please be aware that if you use a UK credit/debit card you may incur bank charges on top of the purchase price. Some shops may NOT accept your UK credit/debit card.

Tax Free Shopping (Mehrwertsteuer)

Mehrwertsteuer (Germany’s VAT) can be deducted from shopping valued at 50 Euros or over for items or services obtained from participating companies.

To enable you to do this you will require an Auftrag or a One Stop Shopping form from Central Bank. Both military personnel and dependants can obtain these forms on showing a valid ID card. Speak to the Staff at Central Bank for further details to assist you take advantage of this system. There is a cost associated with the Auftrag.

- Central Bank Paderborn Tel: 05251 101 781
  Located within Building 15, Barker Barracks, Paderborn

- Central Bank Sennelager Tel: 05254 982 4193
  Located within the NAAFI Families Store, Sennelager
Telecoms & Communication

Telephone Connections/Disconnections
The country code for Germany is +49. e.g. 0049 5254 982 2771
When dialling the UK from Germany dial: 0044 then drop the first zero from your number
  e.g. 0044 (0) 208 111 2222

Many German phone and internet plans can take several weeks to set up (3 – 10 weeks) and many
are only available with a 2 year minimum contract. It is important to be aware of the terms and
conditions of your service agreement. If you sign for a contract without fully understanding it, you
are liable to pay for what you have signed for. Some contracts will allow you to terminate the
arrangement early (with three months notice) with evidence of a posting order.

Please call into your local HIVE to get detailed information on telephone providers.

Mobile Phones
Be careful when you are buying a mobile phone, calls here are generally more expensive than in
the UK and there are a lot of different contracts available, starting at 2 years plus. Have a look
around before you decide what you are going to buy. A period of 3 months notice needs to be given
for cancellation of contract. Pay as you go top up cards can be bought from Supermarkets, Petrol
Stations, to Mobile phone Shops.

Public Telephones
To use a public telephone you will need a phone card, available in various denominations at post
offices, filling stations, supermarkets and most newsagents.

Free Internet
You can use the Internet free of charge within the Station Libraries during opening hours, Unit
Welfare Offices, the AEC (Army Education Centre), JB’s restaurants and Coffee Forums and
Paderborn Community Hub in Sennelager.

Television
BPBS provide Forces television either through Cable and Satellite to your accommodation. Please
ask your Estate Manager at march-in whether you will require a BFBS box. BFBS Digi boxes are
free of charge and allow you to watch some British TV channels. Boxes are signed out to you and
must be returned to the BFBS Sennelager office before leaving Paderborn Station.

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Rail
Paderborn Hauptbahnhof: Bahnhofstr.29, 33102 Paderborn
Sennelager Bahnhof: Sennebahnstr 7, 33104 Paderborn
Website (English): www.bahn.de/p_en/view/index.shtml

Buses
Paderborn bus information, timetables and the latest prices can be found at:
www.padersprinter.de
www.nph.de/de/index.php
www.vph.de
Bicycles
Paderborn is a great area for cycling and the city and surrounding areas are well served by cycling routes. Riding your bike in Germany requires you to have a road worthy bike with lights, reflectors, brakes and a bell. More information is available in the Hive and detailed maps are for sale in the bookstores in town and the Tourist Office.

Unemployment Benefit/ Job Seekers Allowance
Before leaving the UK, speak to your local Hive or Job Centre about how to claim German unemployment benefit whilst you are seeking new employment. You will need to be registered as seeking employment within the UK before you can apply for the benefit in Germany.

In order for your claim to be considered you must register at the Local German Unemployment Office (Arbeitsamt) within 7 days of leaving the UK or you may lose the entitlement. The office is located at Bahnhofstrasse 26, 33102 Paderborn. Call 0800 4555500 for further information.

Vehicles

BFG Registration & De-Registration
VLO (Vehicle Licensing Office): 05254 982 2638 MIl: 79 2638
Normandy Barracks, Bielefelder Straße. 54, 33104, Sennelager
https://bfgnet.de/vlo/city-registration.html
You have 45 days from when the vehicle is brought into Germany to register it with the LVLO. For further information refer to: https://bfgnet.de/vlo/city-registration.html or contact the VLO on 05254 982 2638.

All drivers are required to complete a European Highway Code Matrix Test for Driving in Germany within 30 days of arrival. This can be found at: http://bfgnet.de/matrix-test.html

Please refer to the VLO for Driving/Road Regulations, headlight, child seat and emission laws.

BFG Fuel Card
Once you arrive in BFG and have registered your vehicle with the VLO you can then apply for an Aral Fuel Card which will entitle you to purchase tax-free fuel. In the meantime you will need to purchase tax-paid fuel should it be required.

This can be applied for at http://bfgnet.de/fuelcard/aral-fuel-card-bfg.html

The fuel card is widely accepted at ARAL fuel stations in Germany but it is wise to check using the ARAL station finder online at http://www.aral-fuelcard.com/stationsfinder
For more information please see http://bfgnet.de/advice/bfg-fuelcard.html

Winter Tyres
When there is snow, slush or ice on the roads private cars and goods vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes must be equipped for winter driving. The tyres that are to be used are all season tyres or winter tyres. Winter tyres are a legal requirement when driving in winter conditions. If you are caught by the police driving without them, you may be issued a large fine. If you are involved in a road accident in winter conditions and do not have winter/ all season tyres fitted, you may be liable irrelevant of who is at fault.

All season tyres can be identified by the markings “Matsch und Schnee” (German for mud/slush and snow) commonly abbreviated to M&S or M, S. Winter tyres can either have the words ‘winter tyres’ marked on them or bear the symbol of a snowflake both of which can be seen on the outer wall of the tyre.