Kassel Quick Guide

Everything you need to know to have a good start of your REMENA studies in Kassel
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Know Germany

- Area of 357,168 qm²
- Capital: Berlin
- Overall population: 82,000,000
- Headed by Chancellor Angela Merkel
- Subdivided into 16 states
- nine neighboring countries
- Northeast: Baltic Sea
- Northwest: North Sea
- Kassel: located close to geographic center of Germany
Know Kassel

• Population: around 200,000
• Cultural diversity
• Famous (historical) sites and sights, such as
  • Orangerie
  • Karlsaue
  • Bergpark Wilhelmshöhe, a UNESCO world heritage site

• *documenta*, the world’s most important contemporary art event (takes place in Kassel every 5 years)
The Orangerie, an 18th-century representative building
Aerial view of the Friedrichsplatz in the inner city of Kassel
Bergpark Wilhelmshöhe
Know Kassel

• German is the main language, with English being widely understood
• National currency: Euro (€)
• Exchange rates
  • EUR 1,00 = USD 1,12
  • EUR 1,00 = EGP 19,62
  • EUR 1,00 = TND 3,42
  • EUR 1,00 = INR 78,61
  (https://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/ March 11, 2019)
Coins
Bills
Houses of Prayer

The main religions have houses of prayer in Kassel. Here are some examples:

- Mosques
  - Al Huda Mosque, Josephstraße 5, 34125 Kassel
  - Merkez Camii Mosque, Westring 47, 34127 Kassel

- Churches (Catholic/Protestant)
  - Sankt Elisabeth, Friedrichsplatz 13, 34117 Kassel
  - Martinskirche, Martinsplatz 5 A, 34117 Kassel

- Synagogue
  - Jüdische Gemeinde Kassel, Bremer Straße 3, 34117 Kassel
Getting Around in Kassel

In the city of Kassel, you can choose between different means of transport:

- Tram
- Busses
- Nextbike (rental bicycles)
- Taxis

Outside Kassel, you can use:

- Trains
- Intercity busses
Trams and Regio Trams (RT)

• Kassel has a network of different tram lines (1,3,4,5,6,7,8 and RT 1, RT 4, RT 5) which cover most of the inner city and some of the suburbs.

• You can use all trams and regio trams free of charge. Please provide your University of Kassel semester ticket upon request.

• More information and timetables: http://www.kvg.de/start/
Busses

- In addition to the (regio)trams, Kassel has a network of bus lines which you can also use free of charge with your semester ticket.
Standard map showing all bus, tram and regio tram lines in Kassel
Taxis

• There are two kinds of taxis in Kassel: the classic yellow taxi and the so-called *Minicar*.

• The *Minicar* is usually cheaper than the yellow taxi.

• To call a yellow taxi, dial +49 (0)561 88111.

• To call a minicar, dial +49(0)561 811081 or +49(0)800 7911179.
yellow taxi

Minicar
Nextbike

• *Nextbike* is a bicycle rental system
• As a student at the University of Kassel, you can use *Nextbike* for free during the first hour every time you rent a bike
• Find more information and sign up here: [https://www.nextbike.de/en/kassel/](https://www.nextbike.de/en/kassel/)
Getting Around outside Kassel

• Trains
  • If you wish to go to another city, trains are a recommendable way to do so
  • Use regional trains to Göttingen, Fulda, Eisenach and Paderborn for free with your semester ticket
  • Timetables and tickets are available here: https://www.deutschebahn.com/en

• Intercity Busses
  • Often a cheaper alternative, but usually more time-consuming
  • Most important provider: Flixbus https://www.flixbus.com/
Getting Supplies

• There is a variety of German supermarket chains in and around Kassel
• Most supermarkets are open from Monday to Saturday until 8 p.m., sometimes until 10 p.m. or midnight

• On Sundays, you can get basic supplies at petrol stations or bakeries

• Discounters (Aldi and Lidl) generally have cheaper prices

• Halal/Asian food markets can also be found in Kassel, for example:
  • Selam Market, Jägerstraße 12, 34117 Kassel
  • Asia Markt Wing Hap Li, Mittelring 64-66, 34125 Kassel
Getting Connected

• The main mobile phone operators in Germany are
  
  • O₂  https://www.o2online.de/
  • Vodafone  https://www.vodafone.de/
  • Telekom  https://www.telekom.de/start

• To find suitable offers, either visit the websites above or (recommended) visit one of the shops in the inner city of Kassel.
Useful Information

- **Tap water** is generally safe to drink in Germany

- **Food standards** are high

- In case of emergencies, dial the following numbers:
  
  - Police 110
  - Ambulance 112
  - Fire brigade 112