



StudIT Handbook

Because Experience Matters

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“If you keep thinking about what you want to do or what you hope will happen, you don’t do it, and it won’t happen.”¹

Desiderius Erasmus

¹ https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/desiderius_erasmus_119330

What to Expect in Tübingen

Some of you may already know Stuttgart and some may even have of an old city, with beautiful and colourful timbered buildings down by a river, which are known to be very picturesque.

It is definitely worth venturing through the old town a bit on any day at any season. There is so much more to this city than most people anticipate and the old town is easily one of the most beautiful you'll see in Germany. Tübingen feels like stepping into a German fairy tale book, with its many-hued medieval timbered houses. Some might even say it looks like a gingerbread town.

Because Tübingen is a university town, and despite how ancient it is, it manages to be very young and vibrant. There is really something for everyone. The Stiftskirche offers a very interesting insight into how it was built and you might even find out what the big misunderstanding was all about!

Every week there is a market and whenever you go there you'll see it's always in full swing.

Once you've discovered what's in the old town, you might want to set your sights higher and walk up to the Hohentubingen Castle. It is an 11th-century castle and has undoubtedly the best view in the city! Before more exploring and window shopping on its quaint street try out some of the foods!

Tübingen is a lot more than colourful buildings by the river. It's alive and while you stay here, we want you to get to know and fall in love with this city as much as possible!

What is StudIT?

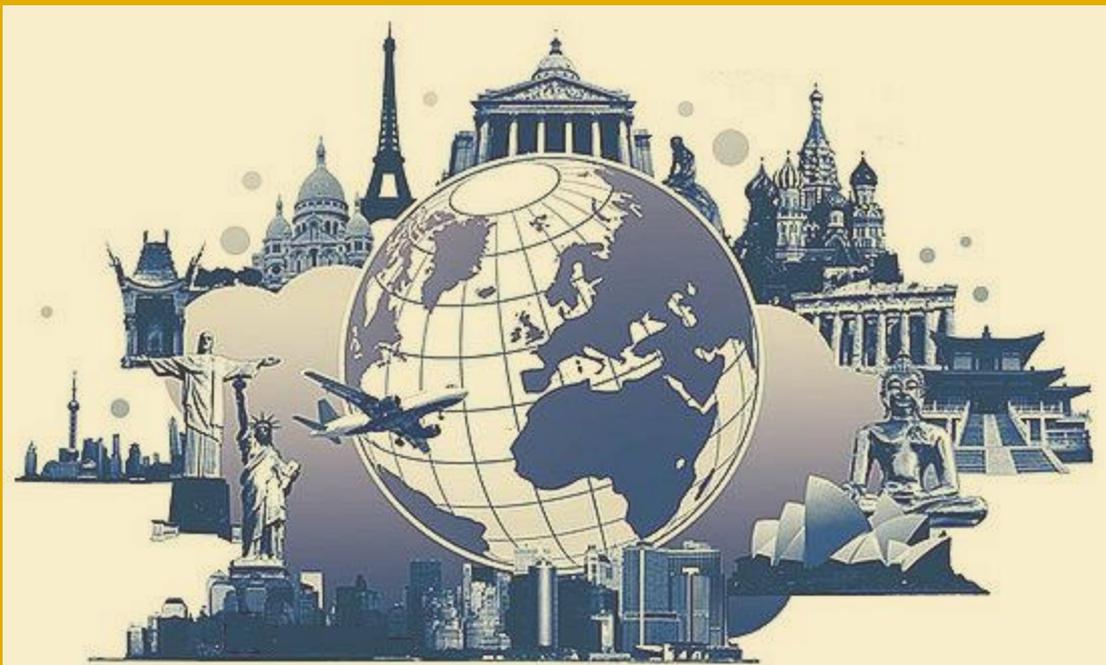
We support international students with organizational matters, foster contacts between international and German students and offer leisure time activities in and around Tübingen. We want to help you to have a great experience in Tübingen!

StudIT is part of the International Office of the University of Tübingen.

During our office hours once a week we can assist you with any problems you may have.

Even if we can't answer one of your questions directly, we will definitely be able to find the right contact person for you.

If you don't have time to pass by in person (e.g. in case you're still in your home country) feel free to contact us at studit@uni-tuebingen.de.



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How to Get a Room

Studierendenwerk

If you are interested in our halls of residence, then you should check out the “Studierendenwerk Tübingen – Hohenheim”!

<https://en.my-stuwe.de/housing/halls-of-residence-tuebingen/>

Our halls of residence are all over the city and they offer plenty of rooms! You can apply for any district only. Here is a list of our districts:

- Waldhäuser East
- French Quarter
- Old Town/University
- Southern Part of Town
- Lustnau and
- Wanne district

WG-Gesucht

If you would rather find your own dorm and choose your flatmates then that's fine too!

“WG-Gesucht” helps you find the perfect accommodation. You will have to apply and probably go to an interview. You can filter how much rent you want to pay, where you want to live and how many flatmates you want to live with.

<https://www.wg-gesucht.de/en/>

General Tips About Living in Tübingen

Eating Out

Mensa

Mensa Morgenstelle: An der Morgenstell 26

We recommend to eat there when you study a medicine or sciences, because it would take too much of your lunch time to get down into the city centre

Mensa Prinz Karl: Hafengasse 6

This is a very popular place to eat, because this canteen is right in the centre of the Altstadt. Although the food there is slightly more expensive, the location is unbeatable!

Mensa Studierendenwerk: Wilhelmstraße 50

You'll find this canteen opposite the library. This is the hotspot during lunch time and you'll find that most students eat here. It's very convenient as the library is directly opposite, but you need to be quick to get a seat during prime time!

Clubhaus

Address: Wilhelmstraße 30

Maybe you already know it, but apart from being a very popular club on Thursdays, the Clubhaus also has a little café.

<https://www.my-stuwe.de/cafeteria/cafeteria-clubhaus-tuebingen/>

Esszimmer

Address: Am Lustnauer Tor 4

The Esszimmer is the perfect place if you want to create your own lunch! You can mix pasta, rice or potatoes with any vegetable, any sauce, any meat/tofu and any toppings! We recommend to order take away and sit on the Neckarmauer, for a chill and delicious lunch experience or walk up the Pfelghostraße and turn left into Schulberg. There is a beautiful spot where you can overlook the city.

<https://www.facebook.com/esszimmer.tuebingen/photos/speisekarte/1891054961159779/>

Neue Dönastie

Address: Keplerstraße 8

If you like kebab then Neue Dönastie is your new haven! Forget the standard Döner you know and have a healthy and super delicious Döner with organic vegetables and meat. They also have salads and lamachun and the most amazing sauce you could imagine (pomegranate sauce is all you'll ever need after you ate there). Not in the mood for kebab or meat? They've got you covered. Various salads and vegetarian choices make any customer's lunch perfect.

The best part? You can create our own kebab online and pick it up! You know what's even better? If the owners like your creation, they will add it to their menu!

<https://www.neue-doenastie.de/>

Schmälzle

Address: Kirchgasse 10

Want to eat good swabian food? Then "Schmälzle" is the perfect place for you! They offer various swabian dishes typical for the south of Germany.

The food is already packed and sealed and you can choose if you want it heated up and as take away or take it home. Schämzlze is fairly small inside, which makes it difficult to eat. Most students buy their food and eat it on the steps in front of the Stiftskirche. During summer, this is the best place to eat.

<https://www.schmaelzle.de/>

Asia Haus

Address: Schmiedtorstraße 7 and 11

Our secret spot for all Asian food lovers. It's all fresh and delicious. The menu offers various choices (usually 3 main courses each day). They will even let you take your plate outside where you can cross the street and sit near the Bürgeramt under a tree.

Next to the Asia Haus is the Asian market. You can buy your own ingredients, from stockings, Edamame, Pack Choi and rice or just a fortune cookie.

<http://asien-haus.net/>

Café Katesch

Address: Lange Gasse 9

Katesch, short for “Kaffee, Tee, Schokolade” (coffee, tea, chocolate) is a small and cosy little cafe downtown. You can choose to sit by the window and watch people go by, but you can also sit in the back on a big sofa where you’ll not be disturbed. They have huge coffee and tea assortments and AMAZING cinnamon rolls.

<https://katesch.com/>

Café Hanseatica

Address: Hafengasse 2

For anyone who wants to enjoy an espresso while standing at a table in an Italian like ambiente, Hanseatica is the place to be! They have special offers for students: Monday-Friday 14:00-17:45 coffee and Espresso 1 Euro, Cappuccino, Tea, Doppio 1,50 Euro, Latte macchiato, Chai Latte, Milchkafee 2 Euro.

It is definitely a place worth visiting! Our little secret? Make sure you order a croissant or another sweet dish, they are heavenly. :)

<http://www.hanse-tuebingen.de/>

Nightlife

Kuckuck

Address: Fichtenweg 5

Located near the WHO dorms on the top of the mountain of Waldhäuser Ost, the Kuckuck is a student bar with a dance floor, beer pong tables and numerous theme parties throughout the semester like Halloween parties, neon parties, latin music nights and many many more. Only students with a University ID are allowed into the club and the prices of drinks are set accordingly!

Clubhaus

Address: Wilhelmstr. 30

Every Thursday night during the semester, a different department of the University of Tübingen hosts a party at the Clubhaus! The party is divided into one large dancefloor, a smaller dancefloor with a bar on the upper floor and a bar area on the ground floor. There is no cover charge at the door to get in but you do need to make sure to get there early enough so you aren’t stuck at the

back of a huge line. The Clubhaus is right across the street from the Neue Aula on the Wilhelmstraße

Schwarzes Schaf

Address: Pfleghofstraße 10

The “schwarzes Schaf” is a two story club in Tübingen which is on the top of the hill going down to the Neckarbrücke at the beginning of the Wilhelmstraße. Every night of the week the Schaf offers a different kind of party! Karaoke, Ladies Night, Thunderday Party, Techno Night, and every now and then a faculty celebrates there too. Get your friends together for a group cover of Bohemian Rhapsody

Shooter Star

Address: Wilhelmstraße. 16

This small bar in Tübingen is right next to the Clubhaus on the Wilhelmstraße and has over 300 different types of shots on the menu. The only trick is that it doesn't say anywhere what is actually in each of those shots. Shooterstars offers different drink deals every day, has a beer pong table and personal challenges for anyone who visits the bar (shots bachelor degree: 10 shots, shots masters degree: 20 shots. Both will get you a certificate of merit for completing the challenge).

Bären

Address: Schmiedtorstraße, 3

Apart from being a wine and cocktail bar with inside and outside seating, the Bären offers a large variety of swabian style food in tapas form. These small portions are perfect for groups sharing food who want to try a little bit of everything! The Bären is located right around the corner of the Bürgeramt Tübingen (The town's citizens office) in the Weststadt. It's not possible to make a reservation so be sure to get there early enough before it's completely full!

Irish Pub

Address: Wilhelmstraße, 44

The Saints and Scholars Irish pub is a short walking distance from the university library on the Wilhelmstraße (the main street in Tübingen). Not only does it offer a wide variety of food from hamburgers and salads to pub snacks, but also many different beers as well. There's plenty of seating inside and during the summer

they open a large terrace outside as well. The inside has a separate area for smokers with a pool table and during major sporting events (mostly football, you can watch Bundesliga games there every week) the connect big screens for everyone to enjoy the matches.

Asmara

Address: Kirchgasse, 6

The Asmara cocktail bar is a basement bar located in the heart of Tübingen, right in the street between the Stiftskirche (the main church of Tübingen) and the Marktplatz (Tübingens main square). During the week they offer different promotions, so there's no need to worry if you missed Happy Hour from 18.00-20.00pm.

Throughout the week, they offer dice night (for certain drinks on the menu you can roll a dice to determine the price of your drink), Caipi/Mojito Night, Cocktail Night and Ladie's Night.

Apart from these promotions they sometimes clear space for a dance floor and host a salsa night!

Hochschulsport

Want to stay fit and healthy? The university has got you covered! We offer about 100 different sport activities! Feel like aerobic, quidditch, fencing or anything to do with a ball? Join the Hochschulsport!

Every semester you can apply for whatever sports you are interested in and students have to pay less! Depending on winter or summer, you can either go surfing/sailing/diving or skiing for a week during the semester break.

The other courses of course take place at least once a week in a gym or on a field in Tübingen. Some also offer basic and advanced courses, so that everyone can find their team according to their personal level. It is really a lot of fun and a perfect opportunity to try something new!

Important: Once the courses go online, they are filled pretty quickly, so make sure you're not busy or distracted when applying! The courses are literally full within minutes!

<https://www.hsp.uni-tuebingen.de/>

Travelling in and Around Tübingen

How to use your Student-ID Card

Every University of Tübingen student ID card serves as a Naldo card as well, which is a card used for public transportation. If you don't plan on buying a Semesterticket, you can use your student ID card to go on any bus inside of Tübingen from Monday through Friday after 19.00pm or weekends and holidays all day for free without buying a ticket. Additionally you can take any train during the same times for free as long as it's inside the so-called "Naldo-Gebiet". Click on the following link to see a map of the Naldo-Gebiet: [Naldo Gebiet Map](#) or tap the link:

<http://www.naldo.de/fileadmin/media/download/Wabenplan/naldo-Wabenplan-2020.pdf>

Semesterticket

However if you plan on using the buses or trains often outside of the timeframe you can buy the Semesterticket at a discounted price when you show your student ID. The ticket costs 104,90 € per semester and is valid during the whole semester (Winter: 1st October- 31st March following year; Summer: 1st April- 30th September). You can buy these tickets at the DB Regio shop inside Tübingen main station. Be sure to have your Semesterticket with you at all times when you use transportation or you can be subject to a large fine.

Suggestions for day Trips

Living in a small university town like Tübingen may have you think that there aren't a lot of things to do in the town but that couldn't be farther from true. If you're a fan of going on long nature hikes we recommend planning a route to the Wurmlinger Kapelle, which is a chapel on a hilltop just outside of Tübingen. Starting from the town the route takes you through the forest, the whole way clearly marked to ultimately arrive on top of the hill where a breathtaking view of the countryside awaits you. Other ways of spending the day include walking up to the small local castle Schloss Hohentübingen, watching the sunset from the grass on the Österberg (one of the two high hills in Tübingen) or renting a Stocherkahn (a long wooden boat that is driven by one person using a long wooden pole), pedal boat or paddle board and spend a few hours on the waters of the Neckar.

Having the Semesterticket or even using your student ID creatively can open up many opportunities for you to take day trips around Tübingen. In summer the best way to beat the heat is by taking the train down to the Bodensee. You'll be able to cool off in the water or by the water, take a boat tour or just walk up and down the coast. However, if you prefer shopping for brand names at discounted prices then you should use your ticket to get to the Outlet City in Metzingen. It offers a huge shopping complex with many stores that are constantly offering new discounts. Or spend a day in Reutlingen which offers many different attractions like glow in the dark minigolf, bowling, ice skating (but only in the winter) or the smallest street in the world!

Highlights Exclusive to Tübingen

Main Events of the Winter Term

Duck Race

Every year shortly before the beginning of the Winter Term in October a few thousand yellow rubber ducks are released into the Neckar, the river that flows through Tübingen, in a high stakes race to determine which rubber duck is the best swimmer. Each participant is only equipped with a number to determine the winner and sheer willingness to win against all others. It is a fun and unusual way to spend the day with friends, in the outdoors and enjoy the great weather we still have in Tübingen before the winter. So be sure to grab some food or some drinks, find a comfortable spot on the Neckarmauer or the Neckarinsel and enjoy the race!

Tübingen Christmas Market

Your decision to study abroad in Germany goes hand in hand with a German tradition that has withstood the test of time since the 15th century in December. The Christmas season in Germany means one thing and the town of Tübingen is no exception to this rule: Christmas markets are built for a limited time. These markets offer a wide variety of food, drinks, potential Christmas gifts and many Christmas decorations. A big help to warm you up from the cold and really feel the warm, Christmas feeling course through your body, we recommend the winter classic Glühwein (a warm mulled wine which is a favorite among Germans during the Christmas season).

Tübingen Chocolate Market „Chocol'art“

For one week in December Tübingen plays host to over 250.000 tourists from all over the world, who arrive in the city to enjoy the largest chocolate in all of Germany. More than 100 different chocolate specialists from all over Europe gather for this occasion to present different variations of chocolate in multiple forms: sweet and savory food, non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks and even art. In addition to numerous food and drink stands there is also a light show throughout the entire marketplace and music to liven the ambiance. There's something for everyone at this must experience for all those spending the winter in Tübingen, even those who aren't fans of chocolate.

Main Events of the Summer Term

Tübingen City Summer Festival

For a few days every summer, the town of Tübingen is transformed into an international food festival with stands of cuisine from all over the world. Additionally, there are various artists spread out all over the town performing live music with the central attraction taking place in the park where a large stage is erected. The energy of a small university town celebrating its history, its community and itself is absolutely infectious. Not to mention that the entire town is lit up by multicolored lights which makes it seem like it's

Tübinger Midsummer-Night's Cinema

If you're wondering what the ideal way to end the summer is, there is no need to look any further. For a whole month and a half during the end of summer the city of Tübingen offers an open air cinematic experience. Every genre of cinema will be shown with the setting sun in the background ranging from documentaries to international hits, short films, independent films and animated films. Which means if you are a fan of films this is definitely a way you will want to spend one or more of your nights!

Stocherkahn Race

Arguably the biggest Tübingen event of the entire summer is the Stocherkahn race. The Stocherkahn is a long wooden boat that is driven by one person using a long wooden pole. Before the race begins, there is a costume parade, where all the teams show their creativity to the audience by showing off their chosen group costume.

The race takes place on the Neckar around the Neckarinsel and the participants are members of fraternities or university departments and sports clubs. Winning the event promises not only glory and recognition but also a suckling pig and a 50L barrel of beer. The fun begins long before the race with music and lasts throughout the night

Just make sure to arrive early enough to find a good spot before they're all taken!