

Fact Sheet

European Hansemuseum Lübeck

Location	Hanseatic City of Lübeck In the northern part of the UNESCO World Heritage site, in the direct vicinity of the Castle Gate and the listed historical warehouse buildings on the river Trave An der Untertrave 1 D - 23552 Lübeck
Opening Times	Open daily (except December 24) 10am – 6pm
Managing Director	Dr Felicia Sternfeld
Type of Company	Non-profit limited company
Opening	May 27, 2015, by German Chancellor Dr Angela Merkel
Concept, Architecture and Exhibition Design	Studio Andreas Heller GmbH Architects & Designers, Hamburg Andreas Heller, Architect
Scientific Research, Narrative and Advice	Prof Dr Rolf Hammel-Kiesow Large network of scientific advisors
Supporting Organization	Possehl-Stiftung
Funded by	the European Union, European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the Federal State and the state Schleswig-Holstein
Building and Complex	
Castle Friary Monument	4,614 m ²
New building	
European Hansemuseum	3,735 m ²
Confessional building	376 m ²
Open Spaces (Castle Friary churchyard, Castle Friary courtyard, former prison yard, playground outside confessional building, roof terrace) altogether	3,225 m ²
Exhibition Space	3,500 m ²
Catering	Restaurant NORD, Café Fräulein Brömse
Event Spaces	for rent

Stations of the Permanent Exhibition „The Hanse“

The concept enables visitors to discover the history of the Hanse in a chronological (12th to 17th century) and in a geographical (Lübeck and the four kontore Novgorod, Bruges, London und Bergen) way. Reconstructed scenes take up milestones of the Hanse's past, while cabinets with valuable original objects give more detailed information about the historical situations shown:

- Archaeological dig: Lübeck history around 800
- The beginnings: Neva and Novgorod 1193
- Foundation and expansion: Lübeck 1226
- Global marketplace Bruges 1361
- Black Death in Lübeck 1367
- Commercial metropolis London in the 15th and 16th century
- Diplomacy and Politics: Hansetag in Lübeck 1518
- Faith and Religion 1517
- Trading post in Bergen 1774
- HanseLab (Presentation of scientific approaches to the topic of the Hanse: Museology, numismatics, archaeology and history of reception)

Castle Friary

One of the most important convent sites in northern Germany, which has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. The former Dominican convent from the 13th century was extensively refurbished and restored by means of federal funds (1.3 mil). By using the free audio guide, visitors can learn details about the history of the Friary. In the Long Hall, the cloister, the vestry, the hospital and the winter refectory, one can see the floor decoration, the wall paintings from different periods as well as the keystones of the cross-vaults, which are highly significant for the convent. It is also visible that after the Reformation, the Castle Friary was turned into an almshouse, later into a hospital and at the end of the 19th century into a court building and remand prison. The magistrate's court and two cells still exist on the upper floor.

Special Exhibitions

„Silver's Shine and Silver Greed – the Silver Treasure from Bergen“: December 7, 2016 – February 26, 2017

“Pin it! Social Media of the Middle Ages #PIEHM“: May 19, 2017 – August 6, 2017

“Money. Power. Faith – The Reformation and economic life“: September 8, 2017 to November 26, 2017

“Consensus. Europe's culture of political decision-making“: May 10, 2018 to July 8, 2018

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Awards and Nominations

iF Design Award 2016 in gold, category: „Architecture – Public“

RIBA „International Award for Excellence“ 2016 for Andreas Heller Architects & Designers for the design of the European Hansemuseum

Museum prize 2016 of the hbs kulturfonds in the Niedersächsische Sparkassenstiftung, awarded to Prof Rolf Hammel-Kiesow and Andreas Heller

AIT Award 2016, 2nd price, category “Public Buildings/Education” for Andreas Heller Architects & Designers for the design of the European Hansemuseum

Price of the db-competition „Building in Substance“ 2016 for Andreas Heller Architects & Designers for the restoration of the Castle Friary and new museum building

DAM price for architecture in Germany 2017 for Andreas Heller Architects & Designers for the design of the European Hansemuseum

Nomination for the European Museum of the Year Award EMYA 2017