EXPERIENCE SYLT!

by Greg Baber
Doesn’t everyone have a certain place where yearning subsides?

Porsche on Sylt.

We have found a very special place: Sylt. An island to which we feel deeply connected. Whose values and passion we share. And on which we have found a new home. Enjoy Porsche on Sylt together with us and with all your senses: visit us at www.porsche-auf-sylt.de or in person on Sylt. We look forward to your visit.
Hello, Ahoy, and Moin!

The very first time I landed on Sylt was in the early seventies. I was studying Marine Biology and working at the Biological Institute Helgoland. It was winter when my colleagues and I went on a boat trip for a few days. We docked at the harbor on the east of the island in the village of List; the second we got there I wanted to explore the west coast. I imagined the beach to be just around the corner, only a couple of minutes away. So we started walking through the streets and dunes, the shortest way possible, as it was rainy and very windy. We didn’t mind the storm and rainy conditions, despite not being the best weather for a long stroll. When we finally arrived, all we saw was the seemingly endless beach; we felt the power of the ocean, which appeared as a vast desert of water. There was nobody in sight – it was only us and a limitless feeling of freedom.

I fell in love with this island then and there; I knew that I had to return as soon as possible because what I experienced was simply overwhelming. And so only a couple of months later, I did. Having spent such a long time on Sylt with my family, I can say that it is not just the beautiful and diverse nature that stuns me over and over again, but also the many possibilities to refresh the body and soul and to experience the cultural events and culinary delights. It’s that warm-hearted and open-minded mentality of the people living here that I find so inspiring. Sylt has not just become my favorite place but also my home, which you simply have to experience yourself.

Wishing you an unforgettable time on this magical island,

yours Greg Baber
DISCOVER: BEACH LIFE DELUXE!

ON SYLT YOU CAN EXPERIENCE WONDERFUL NATURE AND MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE.

Soft sand, cliffs, wide horizons, dunes, waves, and wind – nothing new to me. But what absolutely surprised me the first time I came to Sylt were the dimensions of the amazing beach that runs along the west coast. From the South up to the North, it measures 40 kilometers in total and offers numerous beautiful paths through the dunes. On the beach itself, you can find various »Strandkörbe,« wicker chairs that are not just incredibly comfortable but also protect you from the sun and wind.

A little fee assures excellent and clean conditions at all the beaches on Sylt. A key aspect of the infrastructure within every village is the easygoing and delicious beach restaurants and saunas. Specific signs easily identify the dog and nude beaches. As the protection of nature is very important to us, there are no private cars allowed on the beach whatsoever. If you would like to learn more about the landscape of Sylt, visit the family friendly multimedia »Erlebniszentrum Naturgewalten« in List. You can also experience a fun and engaging guided tour through the Wadden Sea.

Talking numbers: 99 km², 12 villages, 20.000 inhabitants, 38 kilometers length, narrowest point: 380 meters, widest point: 12,6 km, highest dune: 52,5 m, 200 bars, restaurants and cafés, 900.000 guests per year.
My recommendation:

The northernmost six Kilometers of Sylt can only be accessed on a private road. This part of the island is called »Ellenbogen« (elbow) due to its shape. It feels as if you would enter just another remarkable island on the island. On the way there one can find a beach sauna with a beautiful view, perfect for body and soul. This image shows the beach of Kampen and the red cliff.
Since my very first job on Sylt, I have been living in the village of Kampen. Lucky me, because almost every house that you find in this gorgeous and typically Frisian village has a traditional thatched roof. It adds a very special charm to the aesthetics, which you can find all over the island. Kampen’s history of hosting celebrities, actors, and models during the 60s in the summer months gives Sylt its glamorous image. Here you can find fashionable boutiques, delicious and exquisite restaurants and a unique nightlife.

You can choose between a 5 star resort (Hotel A-Rosa in List and Hotel Budersand in Hörnum), a luxurious hotel such as the Hotel Rungholt, a neat apartment (Appartements & Meer) or a romantic tent close to the beach. As a matter of fact, every village on Sylt offers accommodations that can perfectly suit your needs. If you prefer cosmopolitan vibes coupled with a perfect holiday feeling then Westerland, the main village, is the perfect place for you.

**Conclusion:** For every taste and need there is a perfect accommodation. To make the search a little bit easier, have a look on [www.sylt.de](http://www.sylt.de)
On Sylt we have a saying, »Who’s been here once will return over and over again«. I not only returned but stayed. I fell in love with the diversity of this island, with the wildlife, the marvelous nature, and the complete silence – and it’s true, on Sylt everyone finds what he or she is seeking.

You might need a while to explore the 99 square kilometers, the different villages, the beach and the UNESCO World heritage the Wadden Sea. Feel free to take your time and enjoy every moment. Even a short weekend trip is absolutely worth it. If you feel like you missed out on something, do not worry, you are always welcome to keep coming back.

What’s my favorite time of the year? I love the spring and summer months between May and September; however, I also enjoy the colder months, when the weather changes continuously from rainy to sunny and the clouds glow in different shades; no day is the same. To me, it’s like a nest of natural beauty that I adore being part of. Sylt is an island that can be enjoyed year-round – every season has something special to offer.

How can you get to know the island and its gorgeous landscape? Despite Sylt being a paradise for luxurious cars – the density is only exceeded in Europe by Marbella and Cannes – I would advise you to either rent a bike or simply walk around at your own pace. In case you feel like taking a relaxing break, there are also buses that travel in every possible direction.
Hörnum Go for a walk around the southernmost tip of Sylt and enjoy the beautiful view of the neighboring islands. Have coffee in the traditional Café Lund. www.lund-sylt.de

Rantum The tiny waist of the island: First explore the beach then head over to the Wadden Sea and harbor. You will find unique stores and cafés, the »Strandkorbmanufaktur« and international art in the »Sylt Quelle«. www.sylt-quelle.de

Keitum, Morsum & Archsum Go on a bike tour along the »Ratumbecken« heading to the eastern villages. In Keitum, the old captain’s village, museums, boutiques, artisans, cafés and ancient houses emphasize the Frisian culture.

Tinnum The green heart of the island where you can find various horse stables and seemingly endless fields. Have a picnic on the »Tinnumburg« and enjoy the view. Always worth a visit: The chocolate manufactory. www.cafe-wien-sylt.de

Westerland The main village with a cosmopolitan atmosphere. Great shopping, hotels and restaurants close to the beach.

Wenningstedt-Braderup The promenade stands out with its ocean view and a great show program at the kursaal3. In Braderup you can find the »Erdbeerparadies«, an organic farm with delicious strawberries and vegies. www.erdbeerparadies-sylt.de

Kampen My favorite village: experience a lot of hotspots, marvelous restaurants and make sure to have a look at the red cliff. My tip: breakfast at the »Kupferkanne«. www.kupferkanne-sylt.de

List The harbor in List is a nice place for a stroll and shopping tour. A great experience: The »Adler-Schiffe« boat adventures. A delicious restaurant: »Voigts Alte Backstube.«
Counting up to 200 restaurants, cafés and bars all your culinary dreams can be fulfilled on this small island. The broad range varies from small and cozy locations right by the beach to luxurious gourmet hotspots. It is quite difficult to not find a nice place that suits your taste and desires; the number of outstanding restaurants is incredibly high. The chefs on Sylt cook and work with such passion and creativity that it is difficult to pick a favorite. However, there are three establishments awarded Michelin stars for excellence: The »Bodendorf’s« in the Landhaus Stricker by Holger Bodendorf, the »Söl’ring Hof« by Johannes King – having two Michelin stars – and the »KAI3« in the Hotel Budersand with Felix Gabel.

The guide »Sylt à la Carte« provides an excellent overview of the gastronomy available on Sylt. Unfortunately, like most of the menus in the restaurants, it is only printed in German. Luckily, locals are very open and friendly and are happy to help you out with a translation and description of the dishes. The persons I’ve encountered have done quite a bit of world traveling and have acquired easily understood English, so you’ll have no problems communicating. By the way: A lot of the people living on Sylt also speak Frisian, Danish and »Platt«, which is a specific dialect, mostly known in the northern parts of Germany.

**My tip:** Make sure to call the restaurant and reserve a table to ensure you will get a spot. During the high season the places are usually very crowded.
Favorite places:

1. Après-beach-feeling in the »Sansibar« in the dunes in Rantum. This popular restaurant has been a hotspot for decades. Guests from all over the world fall in love with its energetic and casual atmosphere. The staff is very relaxed and yet attentive; the menu is full of delicious food, meat, and fish from all over the world. The wine menu and cellar are very impressive; they’re definitely worth a visit.  

2. The »Vogelkoje«, which is nicely located between Kampen and List right by the Wadden Sea, is also quite a magical place. One of their specialties is the duck served with red cabbage. 

3. After a shopping tour in Westerland: Cocktails at the exquisite bar of the ancient and family owned Hotel Miramar. 

4. Dance the night away at the Club Rotes Kliff or PONY in Kampen; both of them are well known for great events and legendary parties. 

5. The traditional »Biikebrennen« on the 21st of February: »Grünkohl mit alles« is one of my favorite local dishes, especially in the restaurant »Kaamp Meren«.
For more than a hundred years Sylt has been known as a popular destination for famous artists, creatives, and authors. On this beautiful island, surrounded by the ocean, filled with pure and raw nature, they find their inspiration. The cultural, art, and literature calendar is filled with great events throughout the entire year. The island’s many activities and events are just as diverse as the artists themselves.

**My Highlights:**

- The World Ballett Gala in July [www.benen-diken-hof.de](http://www.benen-diken-hof.de) // The concerts in the ancient church in Keitum every Wednesday. The ambience, the program and the music are simply terrific. [www.st-severin.de](http://www.st-severin.de) // The »Meerkabarett« right by the Sylt-Quelle in Rantum: experience the best Comedians of Germany (ideally if you know the language) and various concerts. [www.meerkabarett.de](http://www.meerkabarett.de) // Make sure you don’t miss out on the Jazz-Festival in Kampen in July! It’s free and open air. [www.kampen.de](http://www.kampen.de) // You can find many galleries all over the island but especially in Kampen and Keitum. // During summer for kids and the entire family: The InselCircus in Wenningstedt. [www.inselcircus.de](http://www.inselcircus.de)
SHOPPING ON SYLT
A PARADISE FOR FASHION AND LUXURY LOVERS.

How about going on a little shopping adventure after spending the day at the beach? From Hermès to Ralph Lauren to Bulgari you can find extraordinary boutiques. For high-end fashion brands and haute couture explore Keitum and Kampen. In Keitum, you can also find elegant brands such as Loro Piana next to a broad range of artisan and crafts. Feel free to stroll along the streets and have a look at the colorful window displays.

The center village Westerland has two main shopping streets with stores for every taste and wallet. You can find several tea, surf, fashion and food shops, pretty souvenirs and two shopping malls with fashion and sports apparel. For those interested in interior design, there are many boutiques and stores with furniture and decorative accessories. In List, the northernmost village, there are also great locations to spend some well-earned money or to simply enjoy the maritime atmosphere. If you’re interested in purchasing one of the traditional wicker beach chairs take a look at the »Strandkorb-manufaktur«, the manufacturer in Rantum. They are handmade and can be shipped all over the world.

Sylt is the perfect place to shop for Christmas gifts! Most of the stores are open even on the 24th of December; it is not too crowded and the charming little Christmas markets are definitely worth a visit. Have a look on www.sylt.de
1. **WICKER BEACH CHAIR**
   During the summer, you can rent wicker chairs on a daily basis. They’re also a beautiful accessory for your garden at home. Have a look at the manufactory in Rantum or online: [www.meinstrandkorb.de](http://www.meinstrandkorb.de)

2. **ARTISAN CRAFTS**
   Keitum and Braderup are the hotspots for leather goods, clay and glass. Make sure to have a look at the atelier of Antje Otto in Keitum: [www.glaskunst-antjeotto.de](http://www.glaskunst-antjeotto.de)

3. **JEWELRY**
   It’s extremely difficult to resist the glamorous and unique jewelry made by designers such as Edda Raspé. You shouldn’t miss out on the beautiful pieces made on Sylt: [www.edda-raspe.de](http://www.edda-raspe.de)

4. **SOUVENIR**
   A quite special souvenir: Paradise in List is a nice sportswear shop right by the harbor that has stunning Sylt-wallpaper and coffee mugs by. Have a look at [www.paradisesylt.de](http://www.paradisesylt.de).
FOR BODY AND SOUL: 
FITNESS AND WELLNESS

FROM BEACH SAUNAS TO SURFING LESSONS: YOU CHOOSE.

You can enjoy yoga on the beach, horseback riding along the Wadden Sea, and surfing or sailing on the ocean. For sports and fitness, Sylt offers just as many options as in culinary aspects. You can find a great overview of personal trainers and workout facilities on www.sylt.de

For the golfers: The five courses in Morsum, Wenningstedt/Kampen, Tinnum/Westerland and Hörnum surely meet the needs of every golf fan. The GC Budersand in Hörnum and the Marine GC Sylt in Tinnum, both of them links courses, have been awarded several times for their excellence. In addition to the standard 18-hole-course, the GC Sylt between Wenningstedt and Kampen also offers a 9-hole-course for beginners. www.die-golfinsel-sylt.de

Wellness enthusiasts will find plenty of spas and relaxation oases. Right next to the ocean, you can book every possible treatment at the Syltness Center in Westerland. Just next door, you can find the »Sylter Welle«, a sauna and swimming paradise. But you don’t have to leave you home away from home for a luxurious spa or healthy workout, most of the hotels have both wellness and fitness centers.

My favorites: The beach saunas along the west coast. // And as I prefer watching sports: The Longboardfestival at »Buhne 16« in Kampen or the Windsurf World Cup in Westerland. // Also very fascinating: The polo tournaments in Keitum and Hörnum. www.polo-sylt.de
1. **OYSTERS, SHOPPING, EXHIBITIONS**
   No matter the weather, List surprises with great experiences!
   Oysters: [www.sylter-royal.de](http://www.sylter-royal.de) / Shopping: [www.easysylt.de](http://www.easysylt.de) / Nature multimedia: [www.naturgewalten-sylt.de](http://www.naturgewalten-sylt.de)

2. **FASHION & CULINARY DELIGHTS**
   In Kampen you can find exclusive brands, the finest restaurants and clubs. One of my favorite spots: Bühne 16. [www.kampen.de](http://www.kampen.de)

3. **BOARDWALK**
   Besides Westerland, Wenningstedt has a boardwalk with a fantastic ocean view. You can enjoy restaurants and entertaining events at the kursaal³. [www.kursaal3-sylt.de](http://www.kursaal3-sylt.de)

4. **THE PERFECT WAVE**
   Westerland offers everything you could possibly need. Quite impressive: The international watersports event such as the Windsurf World Cup in October. [www.worldcupsylt.de](http://www.worldcupsylt.de)

5. **THE CHOCOLATE MANUFACTORY**
   Sylt is well known for the magnificent beaches but also for the tasty chocolate. In Tinnum, you can find beautiful fields and the delicious chocolate manufactory. [www.cafe-wien-sylt.de](http://www.cafe-wien-sylt.de)

6. **ST. SEVERIN CHURCH**
   The village of Keitum has plenty of sightseeing with its traditional houses and the historical museums. Quite breathtaking: The church St. Severin. [www.st-severin.de](http://www.st-severin.de)

7. **BEACH SAUNAS**
   Perfect for an unforgettable and refreshing wellness experience: The beach saunas in List, Hörnum and Rantum. [www.strandsauna-samoa.de](http://www.strandsauna-samoa.de)

8. **SANSIBAR**
   It's difficult to pick a favorite restaurant, but a dinner at the Sansibar in Rantum is most certainly an adventure. [www.sansibar.de](http://www.sansibar.de)

9. **GOLFING ON SYLT**
   If you are enthusiastic about golfing Sylt is the perfect island for you. There are great courses in Morsum, Tinnum, Wenningstedt and Hörnum. [www.budersand.de](http://www.budersand.de)

10. **THE »HÖRNUM ODDE«**
    The Hörnum Odde is in the southernmost part of Sylt. From there you have a stunning view of the neighboring islands such as Amrum and Föhr. [www.hoernum.de](http://www.hoernum.de)
10 HIGHLIGHTS

1. LIST
2. KAMPEN
3. WENNINGSTEDT
4. WESTERLAND
5. TINNUM
6. KEITUM
7. RANTUM
8. HÖRNUM
9. MORSUM
10. ARCHSUM

NORTH SEA
WADDEN SEA
GETTING TO SYLT

THERE ARE MANY PATHS THAT LEAD TO SYLT. IN WESTERLAND YOU CAN FIND A SMALL AIRPORT, WHICH CAN BE REACHED FROM VARIOUS GERMAN AND SWISS CITIES. BY CAR, YOU EITHER HAVE TO TAKE THE FERRY FROM RØMØ OR THE TRAIN IN NIEBÜLL.

BY FERRY

Since 2005, the SyltExpress ferry has run from Rømø to Sylt up to seven times a day. It connects the harbor in List with the Danish harbor in Havneby. As soon as the car is parked on the inside, you are welcome to enter the deck of the ferry, relax and even do a bit of shopping. It only takes forty minutes, enough time for a nice lunch or a cup of coffee in the restaurant onboard. Through the huge ferry windows you’ll have a great view of the island of Sylt. www.syltfaehe.de

BY CAR

You might be surprised to find there’s a train you can drive your car onto and ride directly to the island. Of course it’s through the Wadden Sea on the so-called »Hindenburgdamm«. With the DB AutoZug SyltShuttle you arrive comfortably on Sylt within only 35 minutes. At the train station, there’s a little store that sells snacks, beverages, souvenirs and »Currywurst.« There are two different trains available. www.syltshuttle.de // www.autozug-sylt.de
BY TRAIN

When traveling from the south you’ll eventually reach Hamburg-Altona, once there you’ll find a train that departs for Sylt every hour. The train ride takes approximately three hours. It stops in Morsum, Keitum and as the final destination Westerland. [www.regionalbahn-sh.de](http://www.regionalbahn-sh.de)

// Between the Danish Tønder and Niebüll there is also a train connection running on a regular basis.

BY PLANE

The fastest and most comfortable way to get to Sylt is by airplane. Numerous national cities but also Zurich, Bern and Basel offer direct flights to the northernmost island in Germany. Arriving from outside the country airlines such as Eurowings, Lufthansa and SWISS will take you straight to Sylt with short stopovers in either Dusseldorf, Cologne, Munich, Frankfurt or Zurich. Why waste time traveling when you can spend it at the beach?
SERVICE

Every village on Sylt provides its own touristic office, which is always available to help and assist with necessary information. The Sylt Marketing GmbH is the official destination marketing organization for the entire island. On www.sylt.de you can find important information concerning your stay on Sylt (such as restaurants, hotels, apartments, sports, wellness and shopping addresses).

THE BEACH

Your required guest card is payable at the check-in at the hotel, upon reservation or at the various tourist service centers. The guest card allows you access to all public beaches on Sylt; please make sure to carry it with you. The beach wicker chairs can be rented directly at the beach or reserved in advance. If you dare to go bare, easily identifiable signs indicate where the nude beaches are located.

FOR DOG OWNERS

There are many roads and paths to take your dog for a walk. In all five of the beach villages, there are specific areas where leashed dogs are allowed. As the beach has many visitors during the summer, the rules for the dogs are quite strict. However, during the off-season they are allowed to run and play around on the entire beach. Dog poop bag dispensers can be found in every village. The bags are for free so please make sure to clean up after your loyal friend. Further information in regards to your holiday with a dog on Sylt can be found on www.sylt.de

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