

Insiders tips for Californian's in Osnabrück:

In addition to the other information provided, here are a few insiders tips from me (Natalie Noiman) an exchange student currently in San Diego from Osnabrück:

The greatest thing about Osnabrück is that everything in the city is just a bike ride away! You can get anywhere you want with a bike within 20 minutes which makes you independent, active and you get to explore as you bike!

With that there are many places where you can buy or rent a bicycle when you visit! At the central train station (5 minutes from the university) there is a bike rental at affordable prices that is open seven days a week. If you are looking to buy a bike, there are large flea market sales of bicycles multiple times a semester, where you can buy a bike for under 100 dollars.

Osnabrück also has multiple indoor baths and swimming pools at affordable prices. In the colder winter months the local students will often spend a Saturday or Sunday lounging around in the baths that include both saunas and hot tubs.

Link: <https://www.stadtwerke-osnabrueck.de/privatkunden/baeder/unsere-baeder.html>

Osnabrück also has a great bouldering gym a five minute bike ride away from the university that offers yoga classes as well as a small coffee shop and nice lounge area to enjoy after a climbing workout

Link: <http://www.zenit-klettern.de/>

Right next to the bouldering gym is the prestigious Zabere von Os (Translated into Wizard of Os(nabrück))that offers burgers and drinks at affordable places (including Vegan and Vegetarian Options!) They also offer a Vegan brunch every first weekend of the month!

Link:<http://zauber-os.de/>

Another cute place for those weekends where you don't really feel like studying and want to be social and outside with friends is Herr Von Buttekeks that offers delicious brunch options with a very comfortable and small town feel.

Link: <https://m.facebook.com/HerrvonButterkeks/>

Osnabrück is a beautiful small town offering a little bit of something for everyone, in addition its location makes it ideal for those looking to travel around Europe over the weekends. Its only a couple hours away from the borders of Holland and Belgium, and has a train daily going to Amsterdam directly in three hours. Being myself an international student, I would very much recommend it for someone looking for a authentic German cultural experience as well as academic excellence and travel and exploration time on the weekends:)

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