



Haderslev - a peaceful life close to the German border

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Haderslev Municipality has a unique location in the Triangle Region, as it lies only 60 km from the border between Germany and Denmark.

Therefore, historically many German citizens reside in this region. Institutions and opportunities for German speaking citizens are available on a wide scale: libraries, schools and social activities are provided for those who want to keep their bilingual and bi-national identity alive.

“Due to our location people often live here and work in Germany, or the other way around. It happens for instance, quite often too, that German citizens or couples from other countries come to our municipality to marry, as it means much less bureaucracy and much less hassle for them. Actually, besides being a newcomer guide, this is also part of my job – to celebrate marriages in the townhall.” – says Anita Tjørnelund, the newcomer guide in Haderslev Municipality.

This historical and social background of the region gives a special international aspect to the local life. The majority of expats are from

Germany, Poland and Romania. Some of these people live in the small villages and suburbs of Haderslev Kommune, where



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they find a family-friendly environment close to nature. Beaches and forests in this region are very popular tourist attractions as well.

As in most of the small communities, one will experience a cooperative spirit here: people work closely together in order to improve their lives and living environment. It's one of the reasons why the local people love to live here, even if they enjoy travelling the world otherwise.

“I was born in Haderslev, but travelled the World. I spent a year in the U.S.A., which I enjoyed greatly, but I loved to come back to my home area. It gave me confidence and happiness to belong to this community.” - explains Anita.



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Message from Anita

“Learn Danish. No matter how hard it is. This way you can get to know more Danes. It’s very good to have a local buddy who can help you with even tiny problems or challenges, and who can explain the things we do differently in Denmark. And don’t give up, if you experience a little resistance – you will find the right local people who are open-minded and curious and who want to get to know you. Probably, these are those people, who have already spent some time abroad. Just keep trying – it will pay off in the end!”

More and more opportunities for newcomers in Haderslev

Haderslev Municipality has the advantage to be part of the Triangle Region, so people who would like to live in a peaceful place or near the border, have the opportunity to create a nice family life here, and they can still find lots of job opportunities in the neighbouring municipalities, as well.

“We don’t have many internationals, but we do appreciate those who come to live here and try to settle in our community. There are doctors from abroad, for instance, who’ve made a lot of effort to learn Danish and to get familiar with the local culture and they are all warmly welcome here.” - says Anita.

For the international families who come to Haderslev, she offers personal meetings, where they can discuss the problems at hand.

She often helps people with housing, taxation, CPR or other official processes. When it comes to job search, Anita has a good cooperation with job advisers at the local Jobcenter.

“SKAT (The Treasury) decided to move a part of their activities to our municipality, so we expect that there will be a number of new positions, which will probably be very attractive for newcomers as well. In the future we expect more work opportunities for partners, more accommodation and more internationals as well, in this region.” - tells Anita.

There are already several activities for newcomers in Haderslev: monthly meetings for internationals, Network Café events and there’s a strong cooperation with the local language school (Sprogcenter), so one can find opportunities to start networking with both Danes and internationals.

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If you wish to learn more about Haderslev Municipality, you are welcome to visit www.visithaderslev.dk and join the Facebook group Tilflytter i Haderslev Kommune.



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