



Market Nordhalben

Nature, Tradition and Renewal



Live and work
amongst perfect
nature



Nordhalben: Life with vision

The Frankenwald nature reserve is a green oasis of over 100,000 hectares. And it's here, amongst all this natural beauty, that you'll find our traditional and unspoiled village of Nordhalben.

Nearly 1,700 people currently live here, enjoying a quality of life admired and envied by visiting holidaymakers. Situated on the border with Thuringia, this characterful village in Upper Franconia offers much more than the area's famous forest landscapes.

Nordhalben is one of Germany's most popular destinations for nature and hiking. Its lively and carefully preserved traditions are a major attraction, yet we've carefully blended our long and eventful history with the comforts and conveniences of the modern age. If that recipe sounds tempting, we promise you'll find living in Nordhalben an especially appetizing proposition!





Nature

For nature lovers, it's the center of the universe

The area around Nordhalben is a real highlight for hikers. With the 'Green Belt' on your doorstep, you can stroll amongst perfect scenery for hours on end. Or you can step out onto the Rennsteig, Germany's oldest hiking trail, as it passes close by.

Barely more than a stone's throw away is the mighty Bleilochtalsperre, Germany's largest lake, and just on our doorstep is the Ködertalsperre reservoir, which holds the region's drinking water.

Yet you don't have to focus on the mighty and impressive to appreciate Nordhalben. We're surrounded by nature's own superlatives: an extraordinary wealth of precious flower meadows and habitats, rare medicinal plants and untamed countryside.





Culture

Lace, music and enthusiastic citizens

For a relatively small community, Nordhalben has an especially active social scene, with no less than 50 clubs and associations, as varied as nature itself!

Nordhalbeners love music; we have many musical and choral societies, from a marching band to a youth wind ensemble, encouraging our young people to grow up sharing our musical passion. There's something else for which Nordhalben is famous worldwide: lace art. Our talented residents have created and exhibited more than 400 examples of their delicate craftsmanship at top international exhibitions, while our Lace Museum has been honored with a European Museum Prize.

And there are many more activities and societies, cultural and sporting events to enjoy and take part in, here in Nordhalben. It's why the Nordhalben Northern Forest Hall is busy all year round.





Tradition

With firm roots for the future

Nordhalbener citizens are always eager to replay the region's rich history. For example our presentation of 'The Peace of Nordhalben' celebrates the key event of 1635 during the Thirty Years War. It's a great excuse to wear the colorful, traditional costumes, and parade as „Ambassadors of Peace“.

We also bring other aspects of our history back to life, such as the intricate bobbin work which makes our exquisite lace. The former factory is now the Lace School, a recreational facility where children and adults enjoy learning the satisfying art of lacemaking. Our lace makers' fame has spread, and they're now well known not only in our region, but also around the world.





On the move

In the air and on land

For the best view of our beautiful setting, you should take to the air by joining one of the many glider pilots from the Nordhalben Air Sport Club. Nordhalbeners have been soaring into the skies from our airfield for over sixty years, and today our club has four aircraft of its own and a respected flight instructor.

It's not just railway enthusiasts who take pleasure in our historic 1960s Uerdingen rail bus. Visitors and residents love to travel along the heritage railway, on this faithfully restored nostalgic train runs through the mountain range. You can do even more than admire the scenery; the Nordhalben train is frequently hired to celebrate weddings or birthdays!

Back in the modern age, the scenic Sornitztalbahn from neighboring Wurzbach station will take you directly to the ICE hub at Saalfeld. And there are other useful rail connections available nearby at Bad Steben and the city of Kronach. Nordhalben is handily placed for driving to cities too. We're close to the A9 main road running North-South through Berlin, Leipzig and Nuremberg to Munich, and to the E44 running West-East over Kassel, Erfurt and Weimar to Dresden.





Leisure

Spoilt for choice

There's so much of the great outdoors to enjoy around Nordhalben, it's hard to decide. Whether you're into hiking, cycling or horse riding, you could spend days, weeks or a lifetime exploring the Frankenwald Nature Park.

For winter sports enthusiasts, there are ski lifts and snow-covered trails virtually outside your door. When snow conditions are favorable you can test your skills on approximately 23 km of managed trails and pistes of varying difficulty around Nordhalben. Just remember: allow extra time for frequent stops to admire the magnificent views.

If you love water sports, you'll also feel right at home. There's sailing and canoeing on the Bleilochtalsperre and in summer, water skiing too.





Future

A healthy outlook for better living

Maybe it's the Nordhalbeners' traditional empathy with their surroundings that helps us develop successful sustainable strategies for the future. For example, our wood chip heating plant uses the latest technology to supply nearly 50 local households and public buildings with environmentally friendly heating.

We take health and happiness seriously. As well as being surrounded by nature and fresh air, Nordhalben gives you easy access to various brine and spas, saunas and revitalizing mud baths in the nearby spa towns of Bad Lobenstein and Bad Steben. Keeping fit has never been so much fun!

And talking of fun, in Upper Franconia we've been perfecting the art of enjoying life for many centuries. You'll certainly eat well, with healthy, hearty and satisfying cuisine served in our welcoming traditional village inns or tourist cafés.





Life in Nordhalben

Everything you need is here

Tired of ever-increasing rents that are rapidly becoming unaffordable? They don't exist in Nordhalben. Instead, we have lots of affordable natural land and many renovation projects you can design to your own unique living requirements. To make it even easier, builders also benefit from a wide range of funding opportunities.

Your young ones will be well looked after. From year one they can go to our newly opened nursery, then on to kindergarten and the primary school, which also offers care hours in the afternoon to help working parents. There are more schools just 15 minutes away in Bad Lobenstein and in the main district town of Kronach.

For keeping in touch or working from home, we have good broadband internet available through a national network. There are various doctors and therapists ready to take good care of you, along with a pharmacy. And you don't have to go far to find a great shopping experience: Nordhalben has Bavaria's largest village shop, where our local citizens are the shareholders of the future.

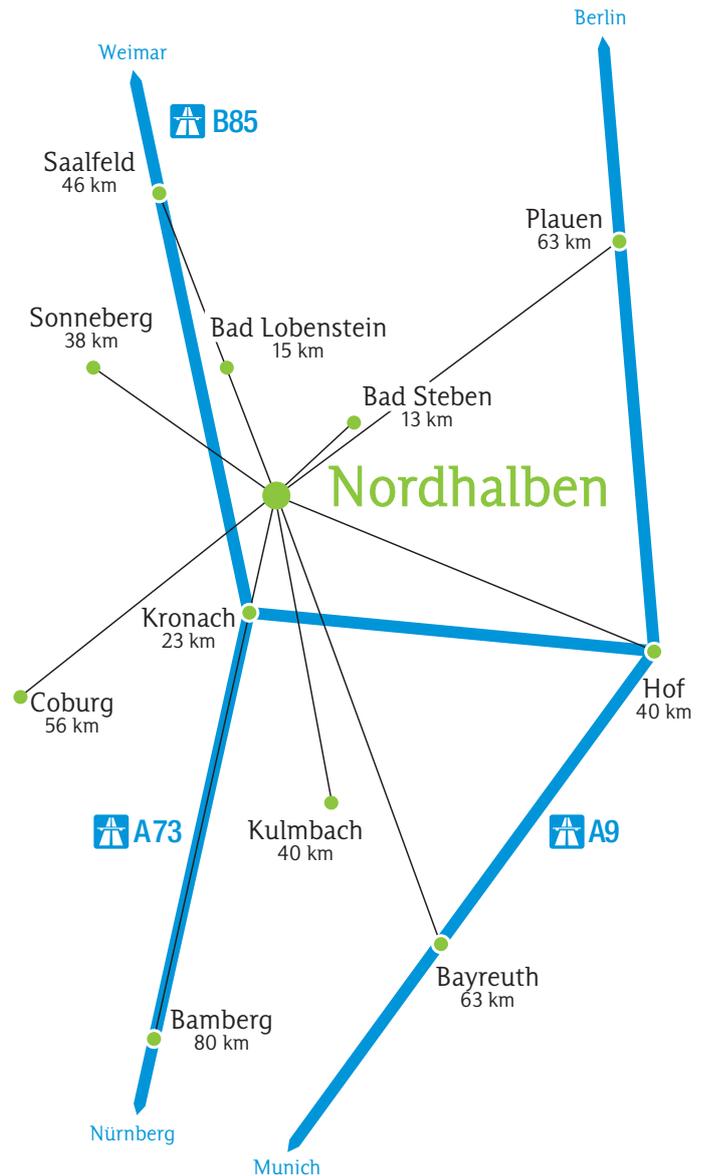


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Distances

Kronach	23 km
Coburg	56 km
Plauen	63 km
Bayreuth	63 km
Bamberg	80 km
Lazne	95 km
Nürnberg	140 km
Dresden	208 km
Prague	269 km
Frankfurt	307 km
Munich	315 km
Berlin	318 km



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