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Handout for initial orientation

Englisch

Mobility

When moving to a new city, orientation has priority. Some authorities are not reachable by foot that easily. Therefore it is important to know your way around in the city.

Busses, trams, as well as the ferries in Buckau and Westerhüsen are operated by the local transport company **Magdeburger Verkehrsbetriebe (MVB)**. Their network spans all over the city and operates on schedules which differ for day and night times. Departure times as well as an overview over the network can be found at each stop and online on www.mvbnet.de.

Tickets for public transport can be purchased at ticket machines in the busses and trams. There are also some MVB selling points (Ernst-Reuter-Allee/ Breiter Weg, Kastanienstraße, Hasselbachplatz, Hauptbahnhof, Zentraler Omnibusbahnhof). Also some kiosks are selling tickets. Additionally you can head to the MVB service centre:

MVB Kundenzentrum | Otto-von-Guericke-Str. 25 | 39104 Magdeburg | telephone 0391 5481245 | info@mvbnet.de

There are various kinds of tickets: one-way tickets, day passes, weekly travel passes, monthly passes, tickets for groups, etc. When using public transport regularly a subscription over a longer period can be started in order to save money. Tickets which are not bought on the vehicle have to be validated upon boarding. For this purpose, there are validation machines in all buses and trams and at S-Bahn stations that stamp the date and departure time on the tickets. Using public transport without valid ticket can lead to a fine of 60 Euros.

The MVB belong to the regional network of **Magdeburger Regionalverkehrsverbund (marego)**, which also includes public transport in the counties of Börde, Jerichower Land and Salzland. Therefore one ticket can be used to travel from Magdeburg to or through these counties, including the usage of suburban and regional railway. The marego network is divided in several zones. The price of the ticket depends on the amount of zones through which you travel. The disposal of regional tickets and service is provided in the MVB selling points as well as at the ticket office of Deutsche Bahn in the main train station. Information about the network, connections and schedules you can be found online at www.insa.de.

For long distance travelling it is advised to use the train or a coach. Travel information for trains can be found online at www.bahn.de. Train tickets can be bought either online, in the ticket office in the main train station Magdeburg or at ticket machines at every train station. Buying tickets in the train is usually more expensive and you need to contact the conductor once you are aboard the train. Long distance buses or coaches are leaving from the Zentraler Omnibusbahnhof (central bus station) right behind the main train station. The biggest coach operator is **FlixBus**. Tickets can be bought only beforehand on www.flixbus.de. Purchasing tickets on the bus is much more expensive and not always possible.

If you want to travel through Magdeburg by bike, many shops offer second-hand bikes. Bicycles that are sold for a very attractive price on the internet are usually stolen goods.

When going by car in Germany, a valid driving license is necessary. International driving licences from EU-countries are as well as driving licences from member states of the European Economic Area valid too. Driving licenses from other countries can be transferred in the Fahrerlaubnisbehörde.

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