

Travemünder Woche 2026

A Visitor's Day-by-Day Guide

137th edition · 17–26 July 2026

For guests staying at Grünstrand, Travemünde



Besuche die 137. Travemünder Woche vom 17.–26. Juli 2026

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<https://www.travemuender-woche.com/en/>

First, get your bearings (from Grünstrand)

Grünstrand is the quiet southern end of Travemünde's 1.7 km beachfront Strandpromenade. The festival action runs along the promenade and the riverside (Travepromenade / Vorderreihe), so almost everything is a flat, pleasant walk north along the water. The figures below are approximate walking distances and times — easy going for anyone comfortable on their feet.

Where	Distance / walking time from Grünstrand
Strandpromenade (Budenmeile / stalls)	You're on it — strolls north from your doorstep
Brüggmannngarten (festival stage & gardens)	~700–900 m · about 10 min
Nordermole (north pier, fireworks point)	~1.7 km · about 20–25 min
Travepromenade / Vorderreihe (riverside, regatta moorings)	~2 km · about 25–30 min

Note: *Distances are estimates measured along the promenade. Travemünde is compact and walkable; you will rarely need transport within the resort.*

Daily rhythm — what happens (almost) every day

Travemünder Woche is one of the world's largest sailing events combined with a 10-day waterfront festival. Across the week you can expect:

- **Sailing regattas:** around 800 boats across roughly 16 classes race offshore each day, including world and international championships (such as the RS Feva and Vaurien classes). Best watched from the Nordermole or the beach.
- **Trave Races / dinghy starts:** smaller boats moor and launch close to the beach — Grünstrand's stretch is a calm spot to watch crews rig up.
- **Live music:** multiple stages run daily — the main sponsor stage, the Brüggmannngarten festival stage, a Bavarian-style beer garden and a Wine Village, plus the “Classical Beat” programme (a French theme this year).
- **Passat illumination & laser show:** the historic four-masted barque Passat is lit each evening from about 20:00, with a laser show on most evenings (typically Mon–Sat).
- **Food & drink stalls:** the promenade fills with stalls — a classic Fischbrötchen (fish roll) runs roughly €5–7.

What it costs: Attending the festival is free — there is no entry ticket. You only pay for food and drink, fairground rides, and optional extras like regatta spectator-boat trips.

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Friday, 17 July — Opening Day

Grand opening of the 137th Travemünder Woche

Location: Promenade & Brügmanngarten; opening ceremony on the waterfront

Approx. start: Late afternoon / evening; Passat illumination from ~20:00

From Grünstrand: On your doorstep — stroll north along the promenade

Cost: Free to attend (food, drink & rides extra)

Local tip: *Arrive early evening to claim a good promenade spot, then watch the Passat light up after dark — one of the calmer, prettier ways to start the week.*

Saturday, 18 July — First full festival day

Full sailing programme, stages and stalls in swing

Location: Offshore regatta courses; music in Brügmanngarten and along the promenade

Approx. start: Racing through the day; live music afternoon into the evening

From Grünstrand: Promenade walk; Brügmanngarten ~10 min

Cost: Free to attend

Local tip: *The first Saturday is lively. For racing views head to the Nordermole; for a quieter drink, the southern promenade near Grünstrand is less crowded than the centre.*

Sunday, 19 July — Championships & beach sport

Beach-Handball-Cup begins (runs 19–21 July); class championships on the water

Location: Beach by the promenade for handball; offshore courses for racing

Approx. start: Daytime sport; evening music continues

From Grünstrand: Beach handball is on the sand a short walk north

Cost: Free to watch

Local tip: *Note: the Seven Towers SUP Race associated with the week takes place in Lübeck city (~20 km inland) — not walkable from Travemünde. (Sources list it as 18 or 19 July; confirm the date if you plan to attend.)*

Vaurien: *German Hour after Practice Race at Grünstrand*

Monday, 20 July — Laser nights begin

Evening laser show season gets going alongside the Passat illumination

Location: Best viewed from the riverside / Nordermole area

Approx. start: Illumination ~20:00; laser show after dusk

From Grünstrand: Nordermole ~20–25 min, or watch the glow from the promenade

Cost: Free to attend

Local tip: *Weeknights are noticeably calmer than the weekend. A relaxed evening stroll up to the Passat is rewarding without the crowds.*

Tuesday, 21 July — Family Day

Family-focused programme — rides, activities and shows for children

Location: Promenade fairground and Brügmanngarten

Approx. start: Daytime, family-friendly hours

From Grünstrand: This is the hub closest to Grünstrand — ideal if you have children

Cost: Free to attend; rides and some activities paid

Local tip: *Go in the morning or early afternoon before it fills up. The southern end of the promenade nearest you tends to be the gentlest with little ones.*

Wednesday, 22 July — Mid-week racing & music

Continued regattas; evening stages and Classical Beat programme

Location: Offshore courses; Brügmanngarten and waterfront stages

Approx. start: Racing by day; music into the evening

From Grünstrand: Brügmanngarten ~10 min; promenade throughout

Cost: Free to attend

Local tip: *A good evening to try the Wine Village or beer garden — mid-week means shorter queues for food and a seat by the water.*

Thursday, 23 July — Trave Races & town highlights

Trave Races near the beach; possible Volksbank Rotspon Cup festivities in town

Location: Beach / riverside for boats; Vorderreihe (old town riverside) for town events

Approx. start: Daytime racing; evening entertainment

From Grünstrand: Trave Races visible from near the beach; Vorderreihe ~25–30 min

Cost: Free to watch

Local tip: *Watch crews launch close to shore, then wander the riverside Vorderreihe for its restaurants and the ferry-crossing views over to the old town side.*

Friday, 24 July — Weekend build-up

Programme intensifies ahead of the final weekend

Location: Promenade, stages and waterfront

Approx. start: Afternoon into late evening; illumination ~20:00

From Grünstrand: All within an easy promenade walk

Cost: Free to attend

Local tip: *Climb the historic Old Lighthouse (Alter Leuchtturm) by day for a sweeping view over the racecourse and resort before the weekend crowds arrive (small admission for the climb).*

Saturday, 25 July — Finals & peak night

Class finals on the water; the festival's busiest, liveliest evening

Location: Offshore finals; full promenade and all stages active

Approx. start: Racing by day; music and crowds into the night

From Grünstrand: Promenade on your doorstep; Nordermole ~20–25 min for racing

Cost: Free to attend

Local tip: *The big night. For racing finals aim for the Nordermole; for atmosphere, the central promenade — but you can always retreat south toward Grünstrand for a quieter nightcap.*

Sunday, 26 July — Closing Day & Grand Fireworks

Final races, closing programme and the traditional grand fireworks finale

Location: Fireworks launched from the Nordermole over the water

Approx. start: Closing events through the day; fireworks traditionally ~22:45

From Grünstrand: Nordermole ~20–25 min; or watch straight up the beach from Grünstrand

Cost: Free to attend

Local tip: *You don't need to fight the Nordermole crowds — the beach in front of Grünstrand gives a clear, calm line of sight up the coast to the fireworks. Confirm the exact start time closer to the date.*

Good to know

- Everything central is walkable from Grünstrand — the promenade is flat and runs right past your stay.
- Best free racing views: the Nordermole (north pier) and the open beach.
- Quietest spots: the southern promenade near Grünstrand, and weeknight evenings (Mon–Thu).
- Evenings: the Passat illumination (~20:00) and the laser show are nightly highlights you can enjoy at no cost.
- Budget: entry is free; bring cash/card for food (fish roll ~€5–7), fairground rides and optional spectator-boat trips.

A note on accuracy

The organisers had not published a granular hour-by-hour daily stage line-up at the time of writing, so specific band names and exact set times are intentionally not listed here to avoid inaccuracy — these are usually released closer to the event on the official website. Daily start times above are approximate, and the evening illumination and fireworks times follow tradition; please confirm the final schedule via the official site before setting out.

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