IF YOU HAVE HAD NO LUCK FINDING ACCOMMODATION IN THE CENTRE, IT MIGHT BE WORTH LOOKING A BIT FURTHER OUT!

Are you studying or working on your PhD in Göttingen and would like to live as affordably and as close to nature as possible? There are a few beautiful smaller towns and districts in the general vicinity of Göttingen that can be comfortably reached for free with your semester ticket.
EASILY ACCESSIBLE TOWNS BY TRAIN AND BUS

Living in the surroundings is especially recommendable for nature lovers and families. In just **10-20 minutes on the train**, you can be in Witzenhausen, Friedland or Northeim. Trains run from 4am to about 11pm.

Besides the city center there are also several other interesting districts and surrounding villages that can be reached by **bus**: Bovenden, Rosdorf, Herberhausen, Rohringen and Nikolausberg

All of the above locations offer necessary infrastructure, like supermarkets, pharmacies, doctors, post office, kindergartens and schools.
All the following locations can be reached for free with the semester ticket:

**Witzenhausen**
Small city located about 30km south of Göttingen and close to Kassel. Known as the “romantic cherry city” due to the numerous cherry trees. It’s a student city with about 1000 local and international students (ecological agriculture) and is popular for its focus on sustainable living. The river Werra flows through the city and it is surrounded by beautiful forests.
→ 23-minute train-ride from Göttingen train station

**Friedland**
Small municipality located about 16km south of Göttingen. The train station is centrally located; it has a museum of migration, which was a transit camp in former times. It is surrounded by beautiful nature and connected to Göttingen by the river Leine, as well as a hiking and biking trail.
→ 9-minute train-ride from Göttingen train station

**Northeim**
City located about 20km north of Göttingen, full of beautiful timbered houses and of a similar size (132 000 inhabitants). It has a famous puppet theater, a museum, a movie theater and is surrounded by lakes. The Northeimer Seenplatte is a popular recreation area with 12 lakes, where you can enjoy nature and activities such as fishing and all kinds of water sports.
→ 12-15-minute train-ride from Göttingen train station

**Bovenden**
Municipality located about 8km north of the city center and close to an old castle (Burg Plesse). It has a high quality of life and is embedded in beautiful nature.
→ 15-minute bus-ride from Göttingen train station

**Rosdorf**
Municipality located about 4km south of the city center, contains a nice lake where many people like to relax during the summer (Baggersee).
→ 15-minute bus-ride from Göttingen train station
Herberhausen
Village located about 4km north-east of the city center and close to the University north campus and University hospital. It’s an active community and you are lucky to have the forest (Stadtwald) right in front of you.
→ 20-minute bus-ride from Göttingen city-center

Rothingen
Village located about 6km north-east of the city center and close to the forest (Stadtwald) and the University north campus.
→ 30-minute bus-ride from Göttingen city-center

Nikolausberg
North-eastern district of Göttingen and located close to the University north campus and University hospital. It’s not far from a nature conservation district (Bratental).
→ 20-minute bus-ride from Göttingen train station

There are a few other villages that are also close to Göttingen, but not included in the semester ticket: Billinghausen, Elliehausen, Diemarden etc.

GOOD TO KNOW:
When looking for housing online, it’s good to consider that you will need to actively search for Witzenhausen, Friedland and Northeim. Depending on the website, the other locations can often be found when searching for offers in Göttingen.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us!

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