



Live Like a Local

Winter Semester 2026/2027



OVGU says
WELCOME!

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An aerial photograph of Magdeburg, Germany, featuring a large maroon circle in the center. The circle contains the text 'Presentation Structure' and a list of topics. The background shows a mix of urban buildings, green trees, and a clear sky with some clouds. A tall building on the right is labeled 'CAMPUS TOWER'.

Presentation Structure

Tips on...

1. Everyday Life
2. Shopping & Public Holidays
3. Discovering Magdeburg
4. Making Friends & Social Life
5. German Culture
6. Daring to be a Local



1. Tips For Everyday Life

Waste Separation | „Pfand“ | Mobile Data & Making Phone Calls

On Waste Seperation

Choosing The Correct Bin
**plastic, metal &
composite
materials**

YELLOW



On Waste Seperation

Choosing The Correct Bin
**paper &
cardboard**

BLUE



On Waste Seperation

Choosing The Correct Bin
organic waste

NOTE
Use bio-degradable
bags only!

BROWN

On Waste Seperation

Choosing The
Correct Bin
**Unsorted,
unrecyclable
waste**

BLACK

On Waste Separation

**Non-returnable
glass is to be
separated
by color
white, green, brown**

**There are
separate
donation
containers for
old clothes**

**Beware!
bulky waste,
electronics, batteries
& hazardous waste are
treated specially**

On Waste Separation

Beware!
bulky waste is treated
specially

Click
for
more
INFO

**Electronics,
Batteries &
Light bulbs**

Can be disposed of at
electronic shops like
MediaMarkt

Supermarkets

Often also take old
batteries



1. Tips For Everyday Life

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On The German „Pfand“ System

**Cans, Plastic
& Glass Bottles**
Operate on a deposit
system – get your
money back!



On The German „Pfand“ System

0,25€
per disposable plastic
bottle or can

PFANDPREISLISTE

	Inhalt Ltr.	Euro	
Bier	30 x 0,33	3,90	(Kiste 1,50 Euro - Fl.0,08 Euro)
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Bier (11er Kiste)	11 x 0,5	2,38	(Kiste 1,50 Euro - Fl.0,08 Euro)
Bier (10er Kiste)	10 x 0,5	1,55	(Kiste 0,75 Euro - Fl.0,08 Euro)
Perfect Draft Fass	6L Fass	6,50	(Kiste 1,50 Euro / Fass 5,00 Euro)
Selter / Brause	12 x 0,7	3,30	(Kiste 1,50 Euro - Fl.0,15 Euro)
Limonade, Selter (PET)	12 x 1,0	3,30	(Kiste 1,50 Euro - Fl.0,15 Euro)
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Milch / Joghurt	6er	2,40	(Kiste 1,50 Euro - Fl.0,15 Euro)
Einweg			
DPG Pfand	0,5 Fl.	0,25	
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On The German „Pfand“ System

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per reusable glass
bottle

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On The German „Pfand“ System

**Return at
every grocery
or beverage
store near you**



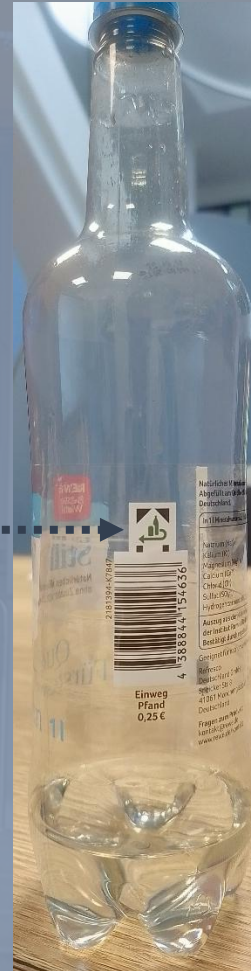
On The German „Pfand“ System

Use the refund
in the grocery
of return



On The German „Pfand“ System

Keep an eye
out for this
symbol

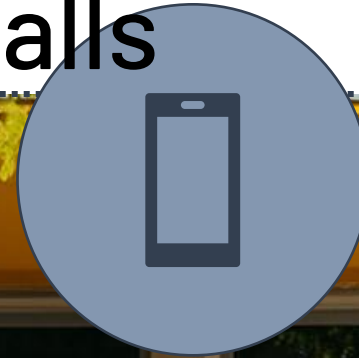




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On Mobile Data & Making Phone Calls



Recommendation

Pre-paid SIM-card

Buy in supermarket

e.g. Aldi, Lidl, Edeka, NP,
Rewe,...

On Mobile Data & Making Phone Calls

Identification
via video-chat might
be necessary!

**Common
providers**

**Aldi Talk, Lidl Connect,
02, Vodafone, Telekom**





2. Tips on Shopping & Public Holidays

Shopping & Paying | Sundays & Public Holidays

On Shopping & Paying



On Shopping & Paying



FLORAPARK
Immer wieder gern.



GALERIA



CITY

CARRÉ



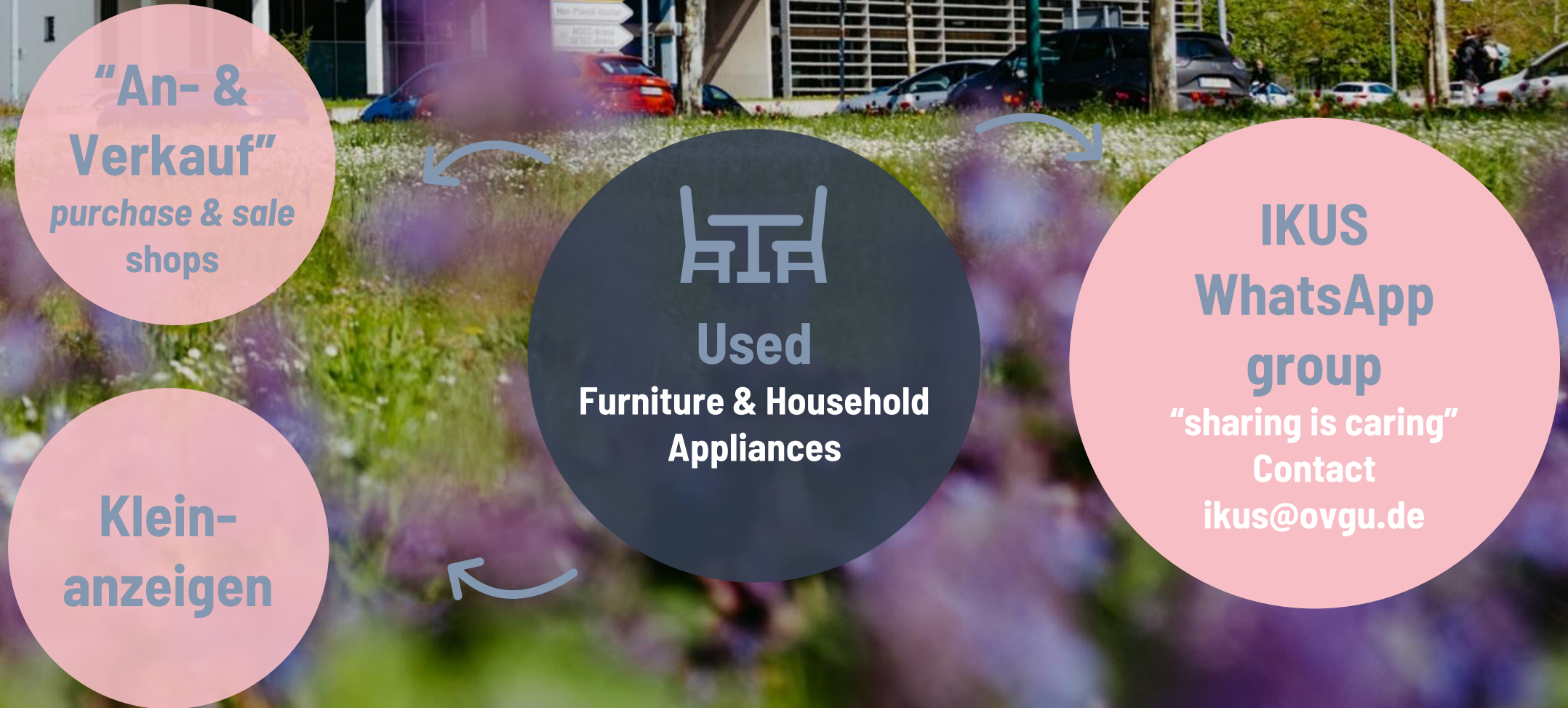
On Shopping & Paying



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On Shopping & Paying

€

„Bar oder mit
Karte?“

„Bar, bitte!“



On Shopping & Paying



Debit Card
by Visa or Mastercard

Credit Card
e.g. Visa, Mastercard,
American Express

**German Debit
Card**
„Girokarte“ e.g.
Sparkasse

**Payment
Options**



On Shopping & Paying



Debit Card
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Credit Card
e.g. Visa, Mastercard,
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**German Debit
Card**
„Girokarte“ e.g.
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**Smaller
Shops**
still often only
accept cash



On Shopping & Paying

€

„17,60 €,
bitte.“

„20,00 €,
stimmt so!“

On Shopping & Paying



„Aufrunden“

Rounding up is common, even at the grocery store – there usually from e.g. 5,95 € to 6,00 €

Tipping “Trinkgeld”

5 to 10 %

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On Shopping & Paying



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2. Tips on Shopping & Public Holidays

Shopping & Paying | Sundays & Public Holidays

On Sundays & Public Holidays

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Shops are usually closed in Germany

In Saxony-Anhalt

Oct 3, 2026

Anniversary of German
unification

Oct 31, 2026

Reformation Day

Dec 25, 2026

Christmas Day

Dec 26, 2026

Boxing Day

On Sundays & Public Holidays

Sunday Shopping
Happens on a couple of Sundays
throughout the year.

Look out for the
Specific dates [here](#)



On Sundays & Public Holidays

Sunday Shopping
at the main train station year long:

ALDI
Bakeries
Barber shop
Newspaper shop

Click [here](#) for all shops



3. Tips on Discovering Magdeburg

Getting Around | Places to Know | Things to do |

On Getting Around

By
Bike

Biking

Is very common in
Magdeburg & you can
bike to almost every
destination

Renting a Bike

Call a Bike by Deutsche
Bahn

Buying a Bike Second Hand

Free Exchange

Flea market organized
by the local municipal
waste management
company

On Getting Around

By
Bike

**Beware
Of thieves!**
A good lock goes a
long way



On Getting Around

ÖPNV

ÖPNV

With your
Deutschlandticket you
can use the Bus, Tram,
Train & even the fairy
here in Magdeburg

For in depth
information on
mobility
within Magdeburg
& beyond

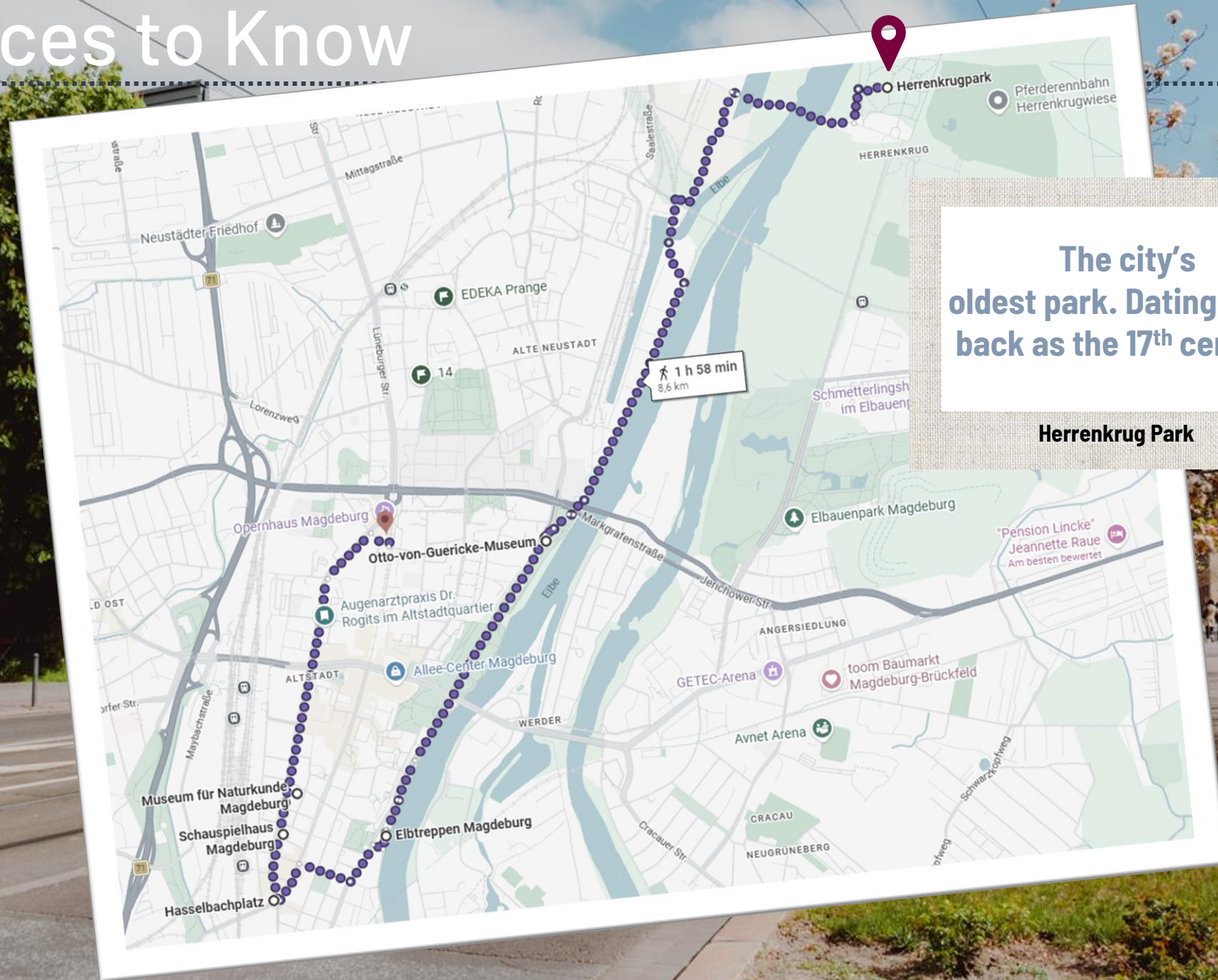
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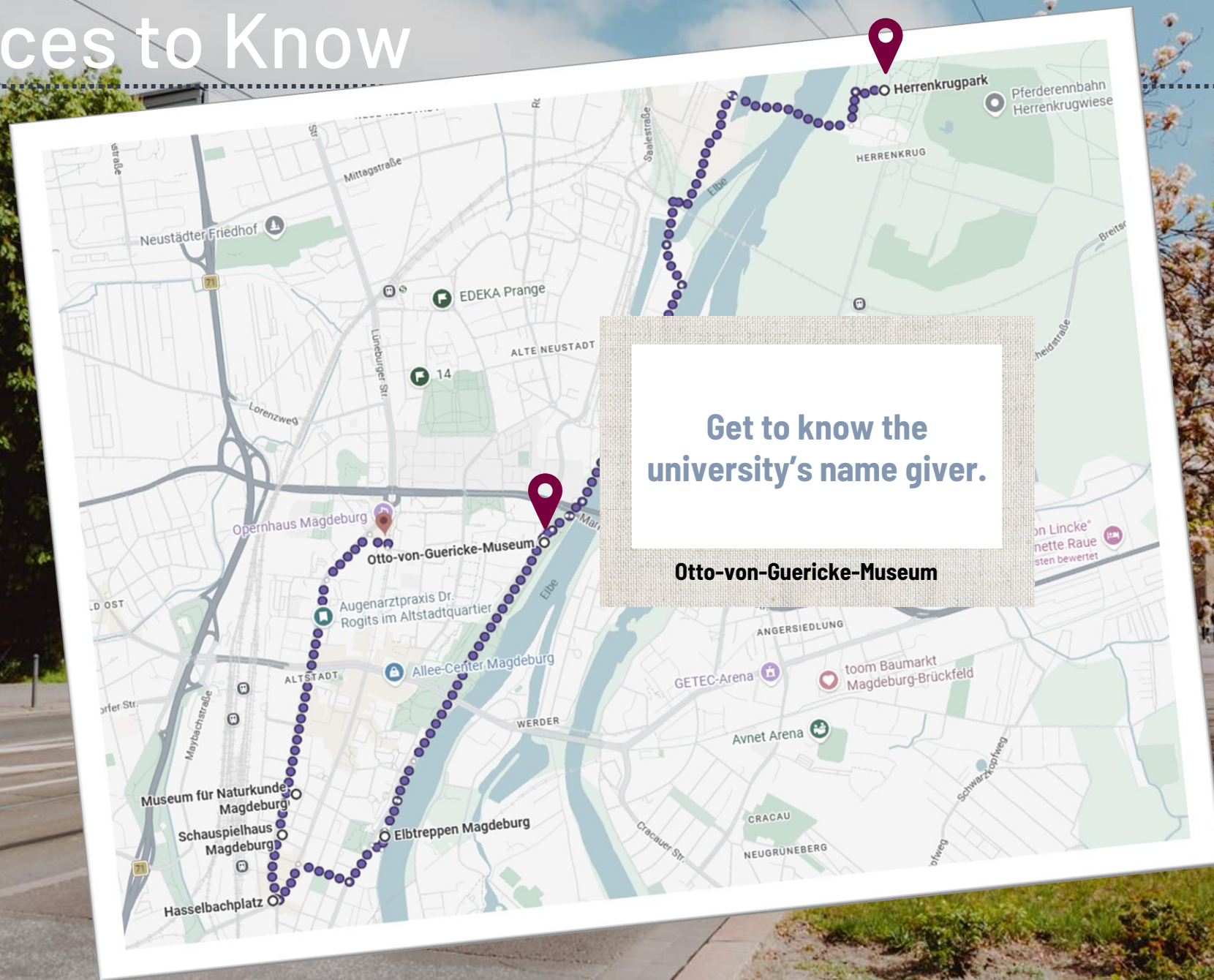
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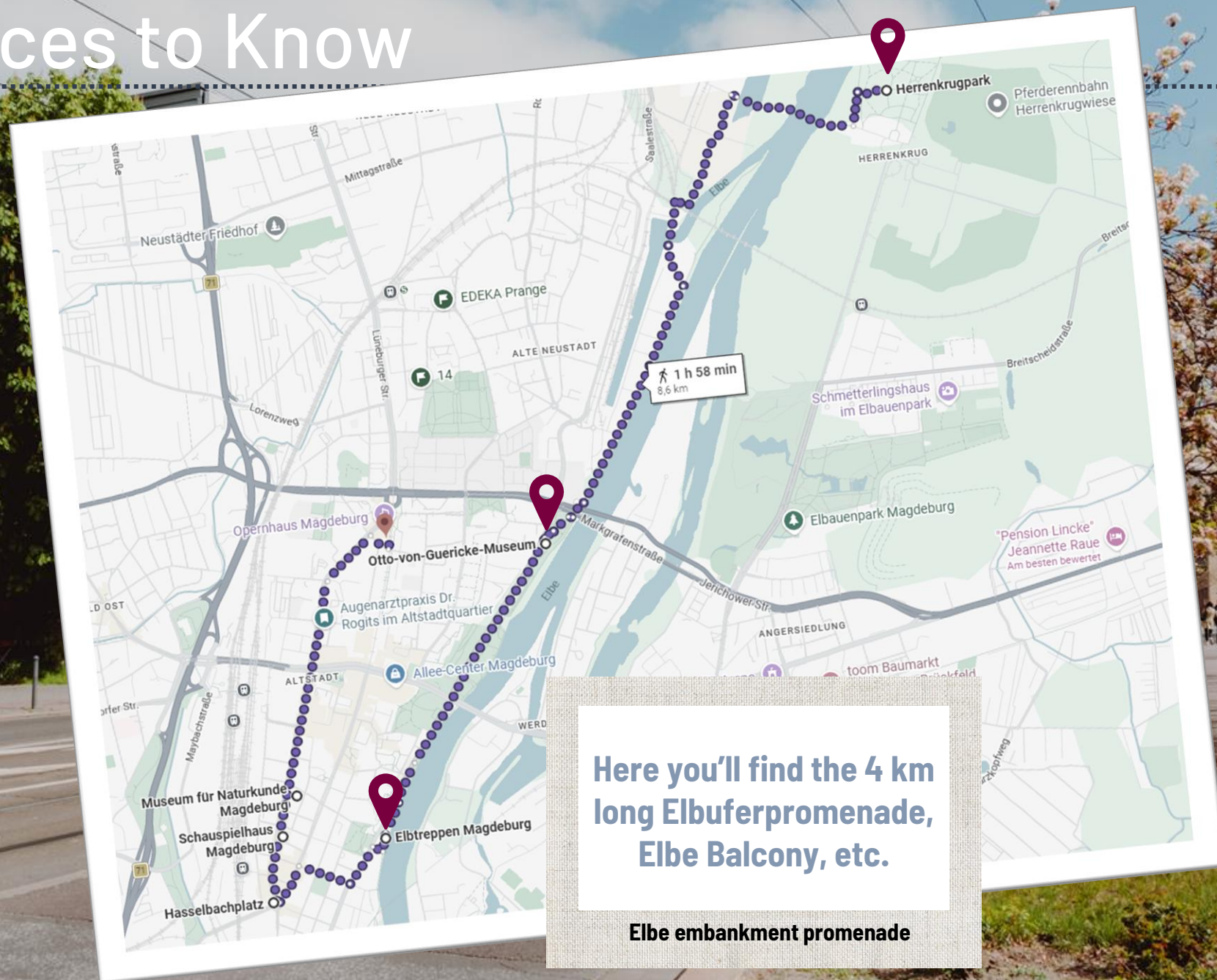
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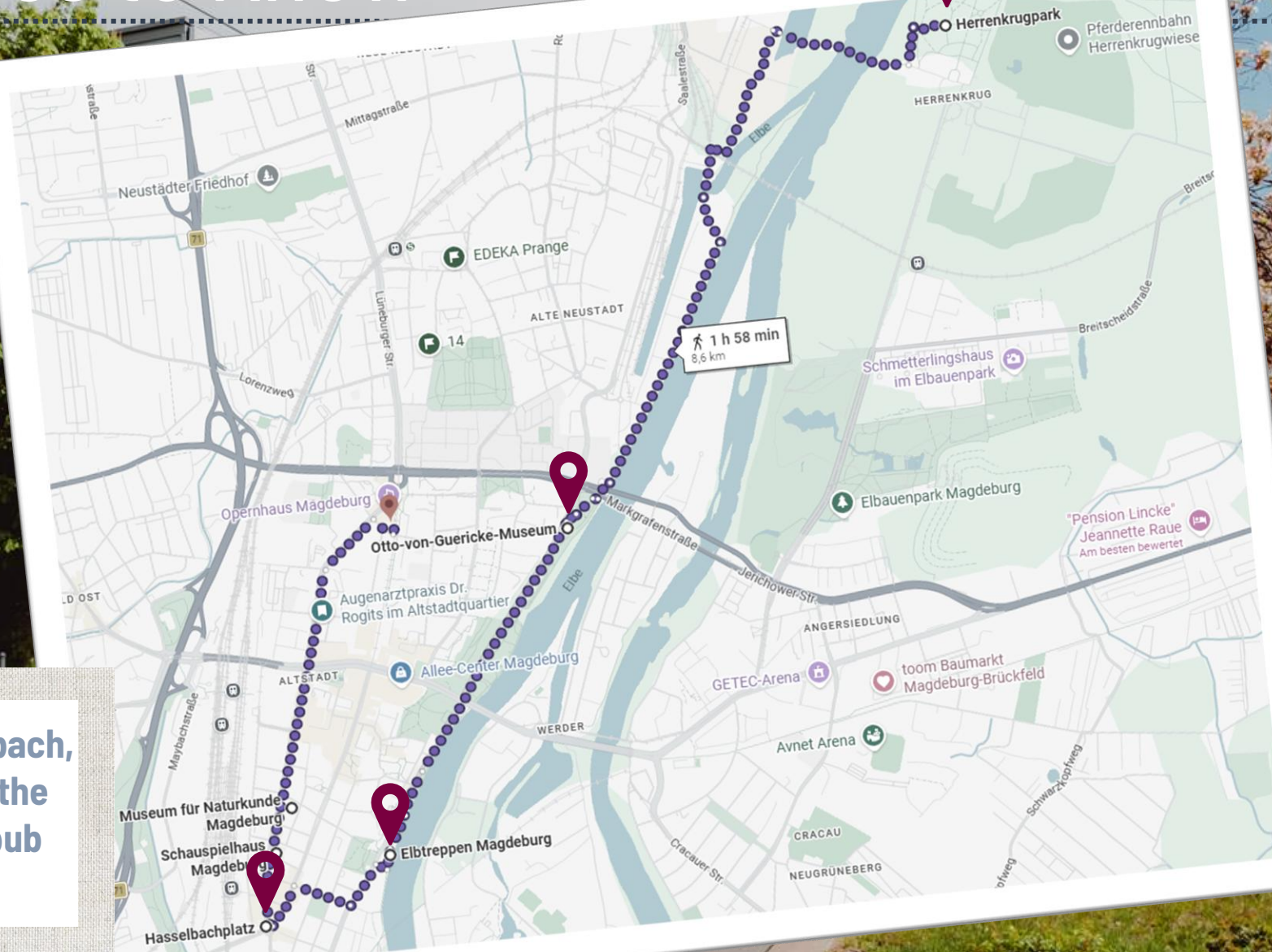
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On Places to Know

**Named after Hasselbach,
a former mayor of the
city, home to the pub
district.**

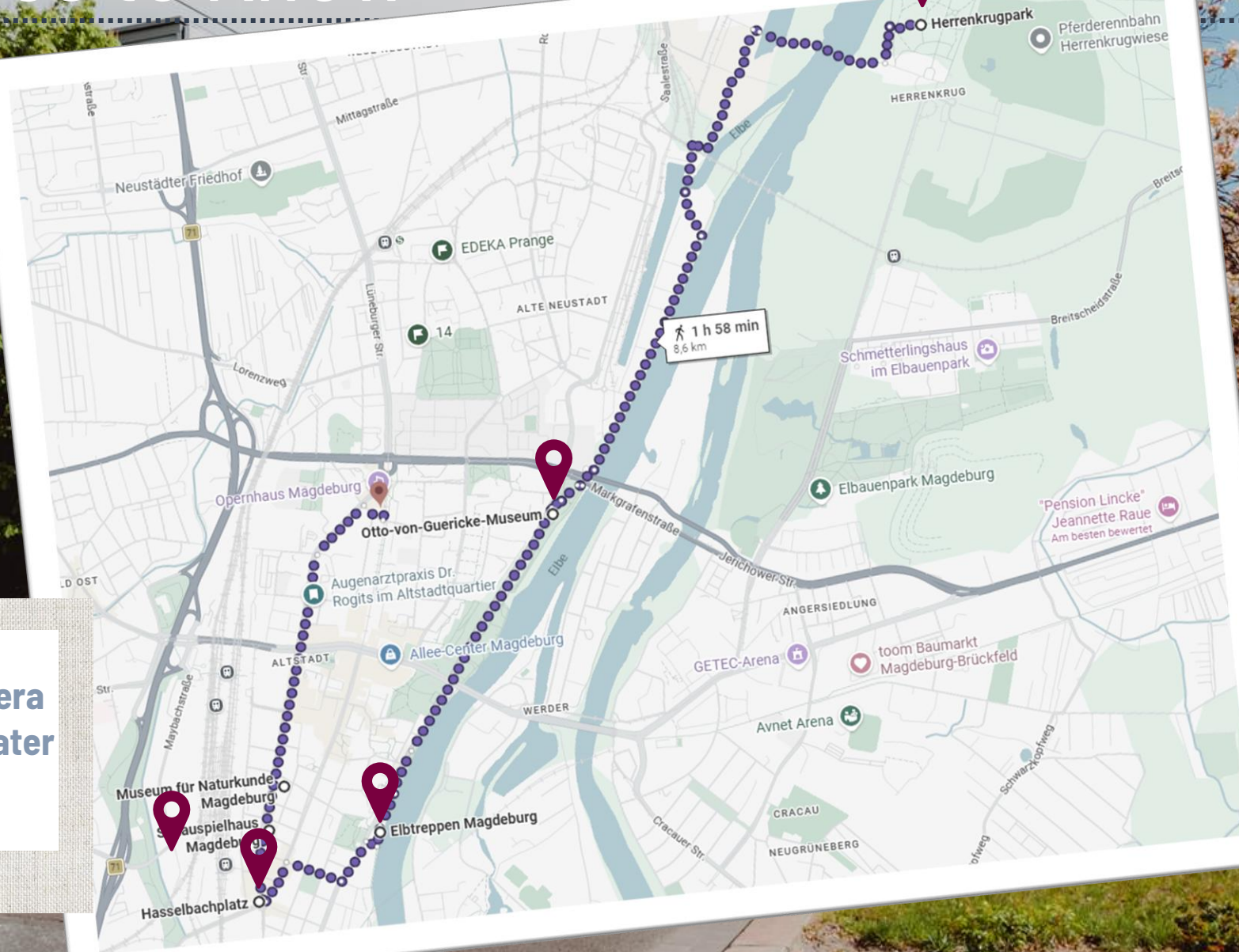
Hasselbachplatz



On Places to Know

Together with the Opera
House part of the Theater
in Magdeburg

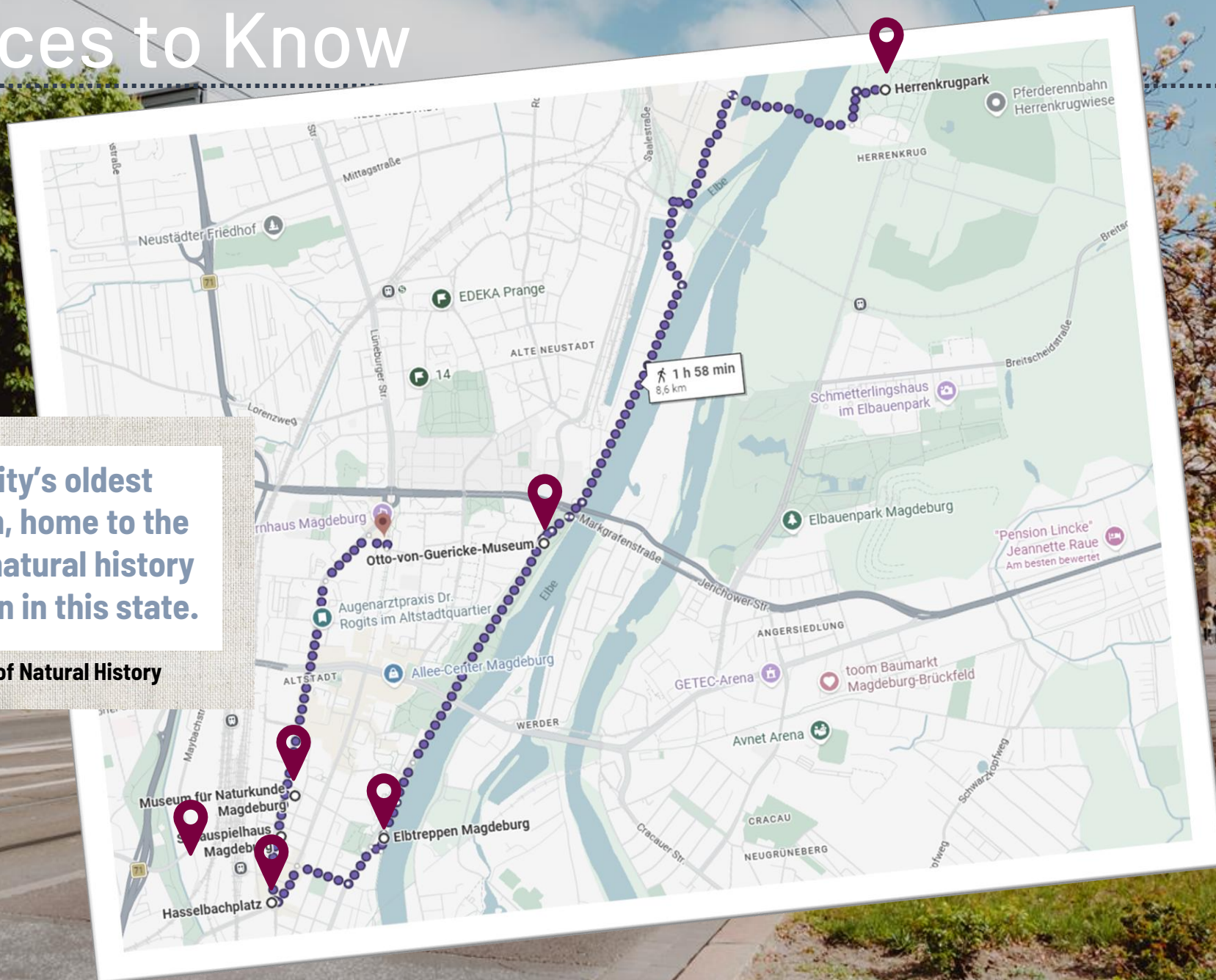
Playhouse



On Places to Know

The city's oldest
museum, home to the
largest natural history
collection in this state.

Museum of Natural History

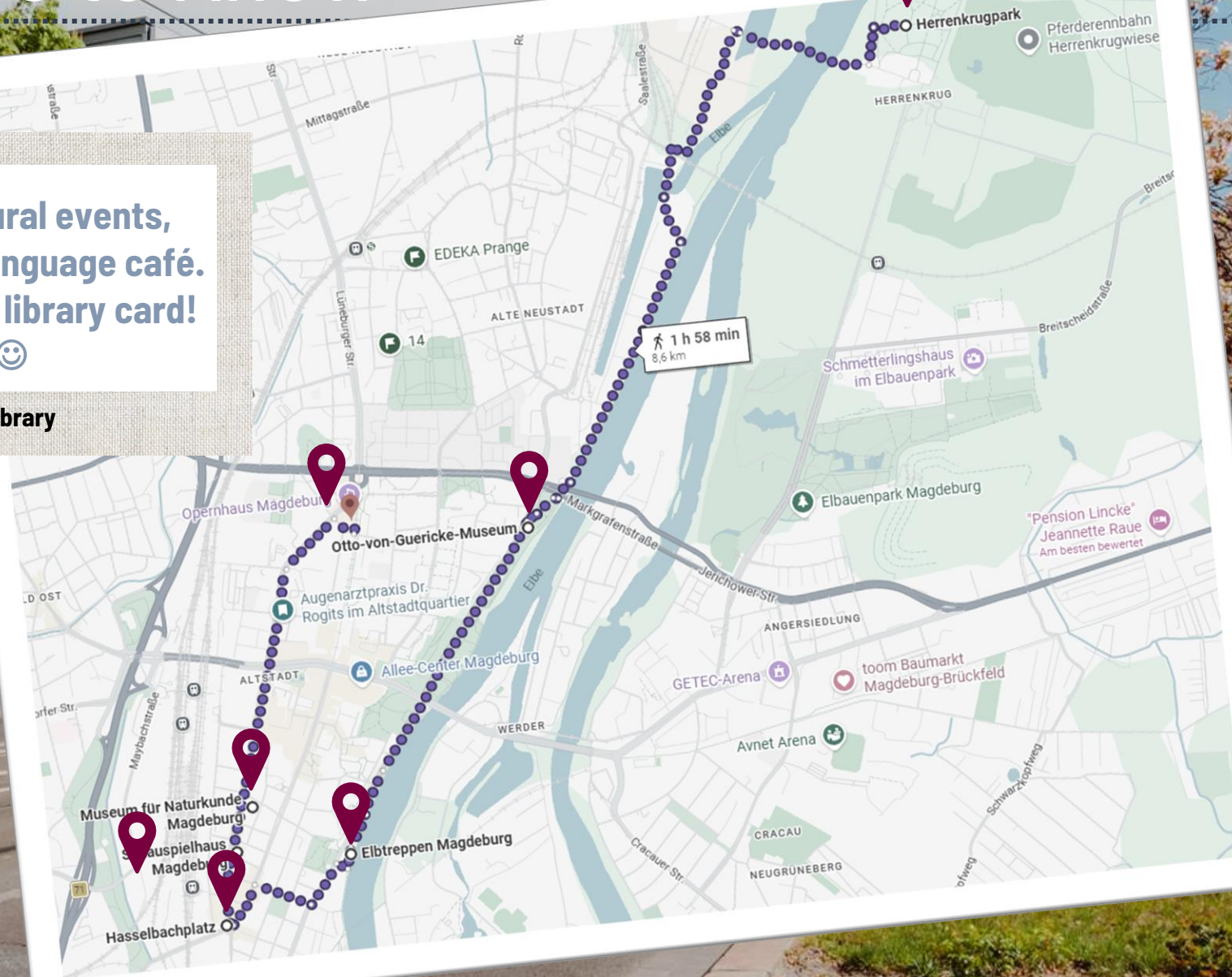


On Places to Know

Intercultural events,
readings, language café.
Apply for a library card!



City Library



A background image of a city street with a tram and trees, overlaid with a map of Magdeburg and two text boxes. The map shows a route through the city, highlighting two specific areas: Stadtfeld Ost and Buckau. The text boxes provide descriptions for these areas.

On Places to Know

The most popular district.
Lots of parks, cafés
surrounded by beautiful
"Gründerzeit" houses.

Stadtfeld Ost

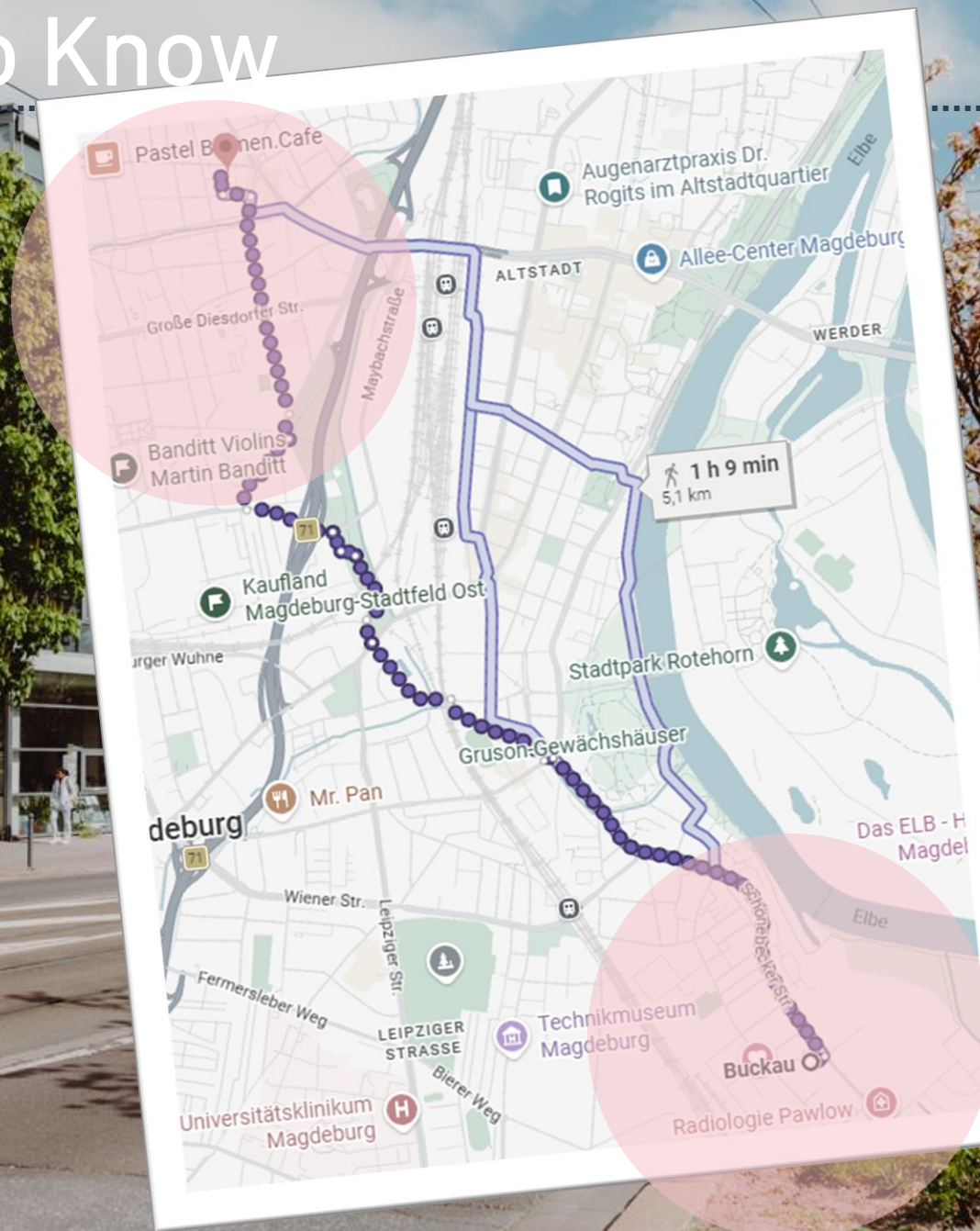
A map of Magdeburg showing a route through the city, highlighting two specific areas: Stadtfeld Ost and Buckau. The map includes labels for various locations such as Pastel Bienen.Cafe, Augenarztpraxis Dr. Rogits im Altstadtquartier, Allee-Center Magdeburg, Altstadt, Werder, Elbe, Stadtspark Rotehorn, Gruson-Gewächshäuser, Technikmuseum Magdeburg, Buckau, Radiologie Pawlow, Universität Magdeburg, and Kaufland Magdeburg-Stadtfeld Ost. A route is marked with a purple line, and a distance of 5.1 km and a time of 1 h 9 min are indicated.

Young residents, rich
cultural life. Home to the
Technology Museum &
the Gruson Greenhouses.

Buckau

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3. Tips on Discovering Magdeburg

Getting Around | Places to Know | Things to do

On Things to do



Biking in Magdeburg is quite enjoyable



Taking long walks: along the Elbe, through your new neighborhoods



There's always a park you haven't visited yet or that you want to keep going to ☺



There's also always a flea market to go to



You can go watch a movie or a play



You can take a break at one of the many Cafés the City has to offer



You can visit one of the many cultural events



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A person wearing an orange and black vertically striped shirt is holding a cricket bat with a blue and red design. They are also holding two white cricket balls in their left hand. The person is wearing a black watch on their left wrist and a blue and white wristband on their right wrist. The background is blurred, showing other people and a blue field.

4. Tips for Making Friends & Social Life

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Where to Actually Meet (Local) people

On Where to Actually Meet (Local) People



On Where to Actually Meet (Local) People



On Where to Actually Meet (Local) People

Magdeburg Welcome Service

**For questions about arriving & living in
Magdeburg**

Information on work & study, housing,
language courses, family, leisure activities,
health, residence & work permits

Information events & workshops,
networking

**Individual advice by email, telephone,
digitally & on site**

On Where to Actually Meet (Local) People

Opening hours

Monday	by arrangement
Tuesday	9-12 and 13-16 o'clock
Wednesday	by arrangement
Thursday	9-12 and 13-16 o'clock
Friday	-

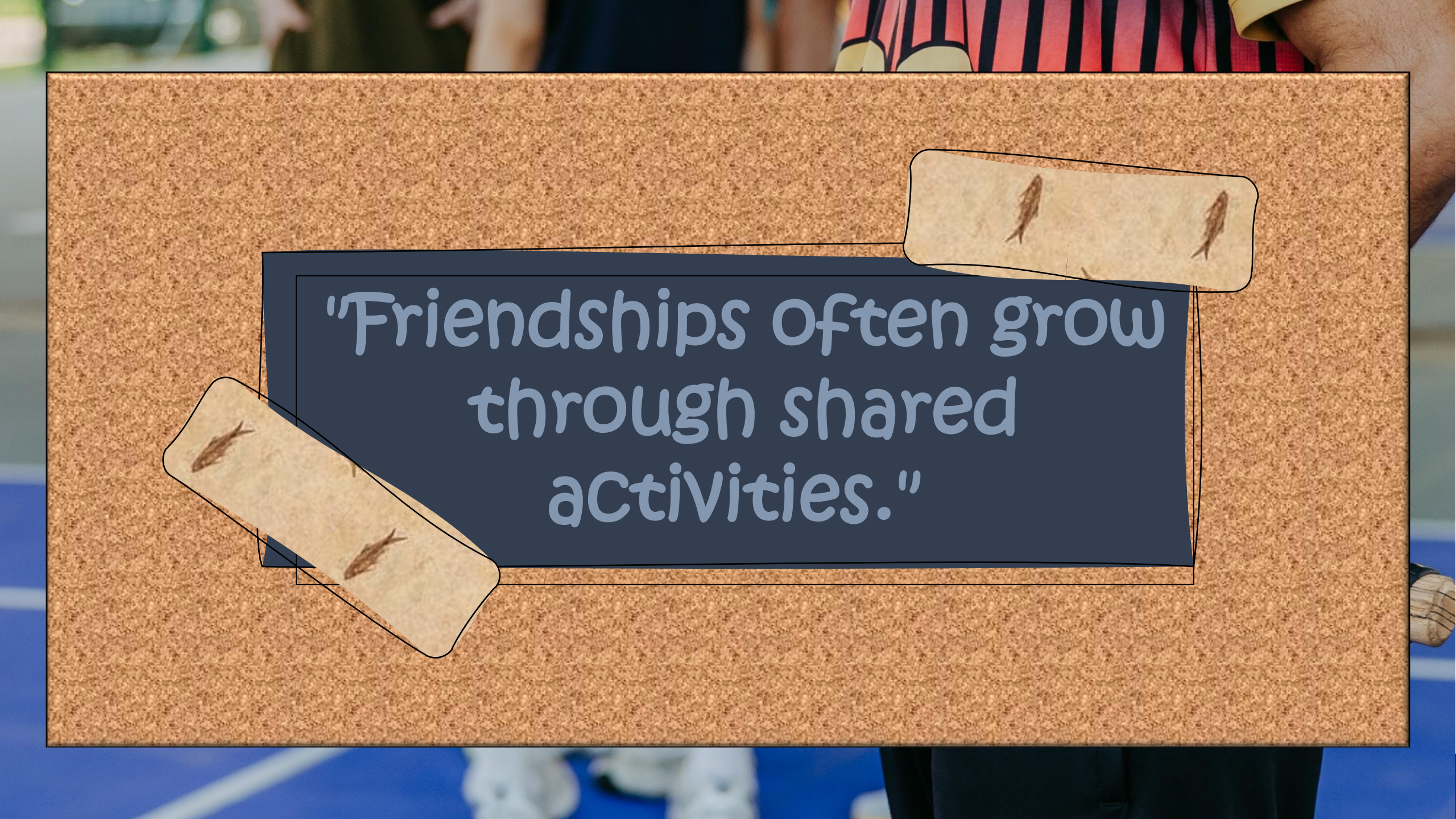
To make an appointment, please use the [Online appointment reservation](#).

Accessibility by public transport

Tramway:

Lines 1, 2, 6, 9 and 10

Stop: Am Katharinenturm

A corkboard with a dark blue rectangular sign in the center. The sign contains the text "Friendships often grow through shared activities." in a light blue, rounded font. Three small, rectangular, light brown paper scraps with rounded corners are attached to the corkboard. Two are positioned horizontally, one above and one below the sign, each featuring a small, dark brown fish-shaped cutout. The third scrap is positioned diagonally to the left of the sign, also featuring a fish-shaped cutout. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with people and a blue sky.

"Friendships often grow
through shared
activities."



5. Tips on German Culture

Things That may Feel Strange

On Things That may Feel Strange

You may notice...

A lot is closed
on Sundays

People rarely
approach
strangers out
of the blue

Cashiers work very
fast

People take
waste
separation
quite seriously

Punctuality isn't an
option &
appointments are
kept

"Keine Sorge" & "Alles
gut" can have different
meanings

Bus, Tram,
etc.: Let those
getting off out
1st

The weather is
very often topic
of discussion

Bureaucracy is
part of everyday
life

Keep right: on the
escalator, on your
bike, while walking



6. Tips on Daring to be a Local

.....
Your Magdeburg Bucket List

On Your Magdeburg Bucket List

10 Things to try during your 1st semester



1. Try an OVGU sports course



2. Go to a language Café



3. Join a student event or game night



4. Have a conversation with a German student



5. Master German recycling



6. Have a coffee & cake between 3-4 pm



7. Visit a weekly market

On Your Magdeburg Bucket List

10 Things to try during your 1st semester



8. Have a picnic or BBQ by the Elbe or at Stadtpark



9. Have a swing at the "Elbe Swing"



10. Explore a neighborhood beyond the city center



Important Emergency Numbers

very often topic
of discussion

A lot is closed
days

Fire department /
Ambulance: **112**
Police: **110**



Bureaucracy is
part of everyday
life

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strangers out
of the blue

Cash
fast

**Thank you
for your attention!**



**Do you have
any questions?**

