



## **MAN eTGE on the road in the Wadden Sea UNESCO World Heritage Site**

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**Switching to alternative drives: The long-established island haulage company "Johann Fischer" recently expanded its fleet on the German island Norderney with three MAN eTGEs. The fully electric transporters are ideal for transporting goods in a place where holidaymakers want to enjoy peace and fresh air.**

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- **Particularly quiet operation for driving through the narrow island lanes**
- **With a range of up to 130 km, the MAN eTGE is ideally suited for the distances on an island**
- **Exemplary function and signal effect for environmentally conscious holidaymakers**

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Norderney lies in the middle of Lower Saxony's Wadden Sea, which has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2009. The East Frisian island is a climatic health resort and spa. That's why the freight forwarder Georg Fischer has recently started using electric mobility. Born on Norderney, he is the fourth generation of his family to run the island haulage firm "Johann Fischer". His fleet includes 35 MAN vehicles - among them several tractor units and, since about a quarter of a year, three MAN eTGEs. He wants to set an example with the electrically powered transporters. Holidaymakers are very nature-conscious and Norderney is known throughout Germany and beyond. "If we set a good example here, it radiates," he says. He is one of the first companies on the North Sea island to switch to electric mobility.

### **Vehicle fleet for transporting goods on the islands**

Georg Fischer is a "reception forwarder" for Norderney and the other East Frisian islands. The core business is distribution services along the North Sea coast. He operates a large warehouse in the town of Norden, where the

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other forwarders unload their goods, and brings them to the ferries six days a week with his own vehicles. He is also on the road for grocery and drug-store chains. He picks up the goods from their central warehouses and then transports them to the shops on the islands. He even transports building materials with his fleet of vehicles specially adapted to the island. 85 employees are on the road for him and active in the warehouses in Norden and on Norderney.

### **Delivery service to the hotel**

Since larger trucks are allowed to cross the island by ferry but are not allowed to drive across the island, the forwarding company handles the goods directly in the warehouse at Norderney harbour. From the articulated lorries they are loaded onto smaller vehicles - including the battery-electric eTGEs that take drinks, food and parcels from the warehouse through the narrow streets to the hotels, guesthouses and shops. The suitcases of the holiday guests are also delivered directly to the holiday domicile with the electric vans.

For Georg Fischer, the three eTGEs are an ideal addition to its fleet. The range of up to 130 kilometres is absolutely sufficient for the distances on the island. Often, one battery charge is enough for two full days of work. The three vehicles are charged at wallboxes directly at the warehouse. The eTGEs are quiet and hardly disturb the tourists who are looking for peace and quiet on Norderney, says Georg Fischer. He is also convinced of the driving comfort: "You quickly get used to the electric drive. A fully electric van like this has no gearstick and delivers full power to the axle." In addition, the eTGEs offer the comfort he has been used to from MAN for many years. "I am absolutely convinced of the quality of my MAN vehicles, the workmanship, the reliability - nothing squeaks or creaks," he says.



Captions:

MAN\_eTGE\_Norderney\_01a/b/c

Without emissions through sensitive nature: MAN eTGE on the island of Norderney.

MAN\_eTGE\_Norderney\_02a/b

Forwarder Georg Fischer sets a good example - his company is one of the first on Norderney to use electric mobility.

MAN\_eTGE\_Norderney\_03a/b

Whisper-quiet delivery with the MAN eTGE while the holiday guests on Norderney are still resting.

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