

# Germany

## FORESTS, MOORS AND LAKESIDE CASTLES

Enjoy the varied and beautiful waterways of Germany as you cruise in the historic Prussia regions of Meckenburg and Brandenburg.

A boating licence is required if you would like to navigate on the waters around Berlin and Potsdam. A pilot can be ordered for € 200 per day who will guide you until Liebenwalde, from where you can navigate on your own to Marina Wolfsbruch. You can also use this pilot service to reach the waterways around the Spreewald.



The waterways of Brandenburg and Meckenburg form a network of lakes and canals that provide an idyllic cruising area. Forests, moors and green pastures alternate along these varied waterways and the banks are lined with lakeside houses and baroque castles.

Whilst in this part of eastern Germany take time to visit historic Berlin with its fantastic buildings and 100 kilometres of canals. Cruise north of the city towards the Baltic Sea and you will discover the region's many historic palaces and ancient towns. South west of Berlin you will find Potsdam and Brandenburg's rivers and lakes, characterised by

sleepy little villages, timber framed churches and quiet meadows.

The town of Potsdam itself is divided into different quarters, all of which have their own specific charm and history, and are dominated by festivals and concerts during the cruising season. Be sure to visit the town's beautiful castle Sanssouci in the old part of the city.

The lakes also offer a wide range of water sports, especially along the magnificent Murtitz lake, and the fishing is excellent for those who prefer to just relax on the banks and take in the scenery.

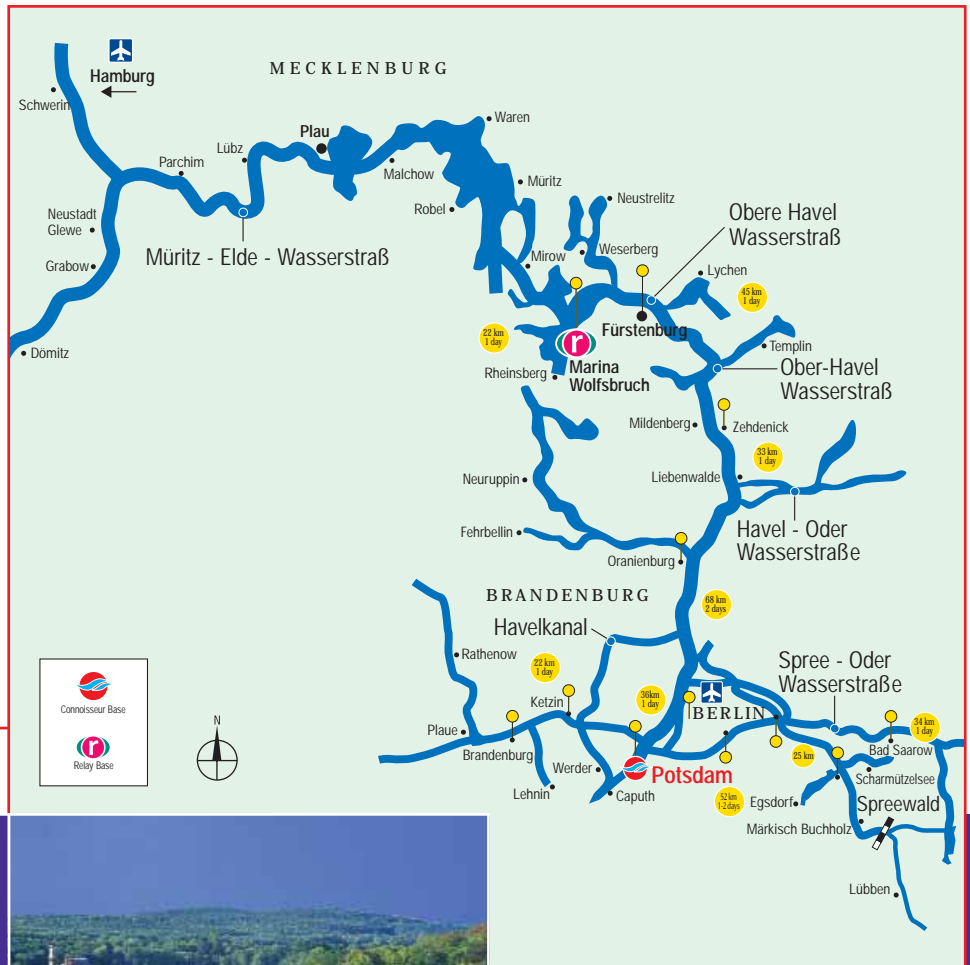
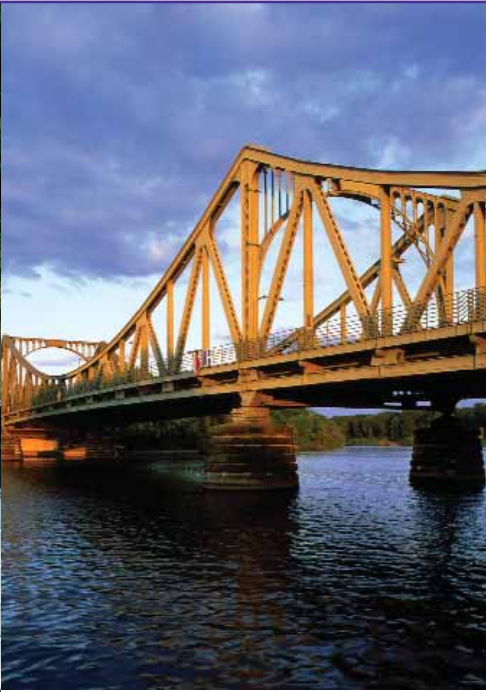
### Flavours of the region

The area around Potsdam is famous for its mild climate, above average sun hours and sandy, light soils which are perfect for growing fruit and vegetables. Fish and shellfish are also found on every menu - bass being one of the most popular fish for local dishes. Another popular fish dish is "Pflueckhecht". After cooking, the pike is picked in finger-long pieces off the fishbone.

For special occasions in former times people served "Klopfschinken", smoked ham baked in bread dough.

Beer production is part of the German way of life, and has become an art form, served with the greatest care and in specially designed glasses that grace the most sophisticated of dining tables. There is one for every taste so enjoy a glass on the banks of the river.

# SUGGESTED CRUISES



## One week cruises

### Brandenburg's castles cruise

Return trip – Potsdam to Plau  
130 km/2 locks

### Spreewald cruise

Return trip – Potsdam to Bad Sarrow  
230 km/10 locks

## One way cruise

### Brandenburg cruise

One way trip – Potsdam to Marina Wolfsbruch  
175 km /16 locks

## Not to be missed...

Cruising this region takes you on a trip through the heart of the countryside. Take a detour to **Himmelfort** and the moorlands, which stretch as far as Lychen. On the upper reaches of the Havel, admire the impressive nature reserve, and at **Fürstenberg** the imposing Baroque palace.

See **Berlin** from a totally new perspective - on the waterways that flow right through the heart of this city. Head for the futuristic new architecture on Potsdamer Platz.

Enjoy the rococo Sanssouci Palace and **Potsdam's** Dutch Quarter with its quirky shops and restaurants. And visit the town of **Brandenburg**, which is located on three beautiful islands and has some remarkable historical architecture.

From Potsdam, cruise to **Caputh**, an idyllic picturesque village by the channel. Visit the castle at **Petzow**, and as you cruise west stop at the 'Island city' of **Werder** or take a trip to the monastery at **Lehnin**.

