



Palaces and Gardens



Potsdam

Between World Heritage and Innovation



New Palace in Sanssouci Park (24)



New Garden and the Marble Palace at "Heiliger See" (27)



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Brandenburger Straße (42)



Picture Gallery in Sanssouci Park (25)



Church of Peace and Sanssouci Palace (26)

The famous palaces and gardens of Potsdam are treasures of a cultural landscape, which has developed over three centuries. The annual music festival "Musikfestspiele Potsdam Sanssouci" that has been held since 1954 is a highlight in the cultural calendar.

Sanssouci Park

Frederick II commissioned his architect Knobelsdorff to build Sanssouci Palace as his summer residence, which then was built from 1745-1747. The park area grew over a period of more than a hundred years with ever-changing views of prestigious ensembles such as the New Palace or fanciful buildings such as the Chinese House. Garden architect Lenné shaped parts of the park into an English landscape garden that also features Italian elements such as the Roman Baths and Charlottenhof Palace, designed by Schinkel. The Belvedere on Klausberg, the Orangery Palace, the New Chambers, and the antique scenery of the historic ensemble on Ruinenberg are partly accessible to visitors after extensive reconstruction. www.spsg.de



Cecilienhof Palace in the New Garden (28)



Babelsberg Palace at "Tiefer See" (29)

New Garden

At the end of the 18th century, the neoclassical Marble Palace was constructed in the idyllic New Garden on the lake "Heiliger See" under King Frederick William II. Emperor William II later commissioned the last Hohenzollern residence, Cecilienhof Palace, for the crown prince. In 1945, the heads of the Allied states met here and set the course for German and European post-war development with the famous Potsdam Agreement.

Babelsberg Park

Outstanding landscape designers and architects such as Lenné, Pückler-Muskau, Schinkel, and Persius created a comprehensive work of art of exceptional beauty. The view axes laid out by Lenné in the romantic park on the Havel river have been restored. The neo-gothic Babelsberg Palace, former summer residence of Emperor Wilhelm I, offers attractive views of the Flatow Tower and Glienicke Bridge. Before the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, this bridge between Potsdam and Berlin symbolized the division of Europe.



Concert at Nikolai Concert Hall (31)



Potsdamer Winteroper (32)



Classical concert in Babelsberg (33)

The historic city ensembles, the palaces and gardens of Potsdam are well worth a visit. Cultural highlights of the season are the Potsdamer Tanztage International Festival for Contemporary Dance and many open air concerts in historical settings. The wide range of cultural offers includes venues like Nikolai Concert Hall, cabarets, museums, and galleries. The Schiffbauergasse quarter with the Hans Otto Theatre and a multifaceted, independent scene round off Potsdam's cultural diversity.

Potsdam is also the ideal venue for meetings and conferences with many modern hotels in attractive locations. From palace nights to film nights, from salsa, dance and music to festivals of lights – there are many possibilities that provide the perfect setting for a conference in Potsdam. Discover Potsdam with apps ("Potsdam City" and "Potsdam with Frederick II") or enjoy the MUSEUM combination ticket. They provide fascinating insights into Potsdam's history – also during a short visit.

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Olympiasiegerin Katrin Wagner-Augustin (35)



Football "1. FFC Turbine Potsdam" (36)



Running event "Schlösserlauf" (37)

Potsdam on the move

A great enthusiasm for sports and mobility defines the city. More than 160 sports clubs offer the full range – from sports for senior citizens to competitive sports. Olympic champions, German, European, and even world champions represent the city. Rowing, canoeing, athletics, swimming, triathlon, women's football, and even bobsleigh teams are very successful, nationally and internationally. Running events such as the annual "Schlösserlauf" and the "Preußische Meile" or the canoe event "Kanalsprint" attract many guests. With a new multi-purpose hall for 2,000 spectators, the 20 hectare sports park Luftschiffhafen is now even more suitable for leisure and competitive sport activities. The sports park's Walk of Fame honours the athletes who won Olympic medals for Potsdam. Long-distance cycle routes in and around Potsdam are perfect for interesting bicycle tours.

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Rural Areas of Potsdam



Church of the Redeemer in Sacrow (39)



Fruit plantation in the north of Potsdam (40)



Bike tour through the Havel landscape (41)

North of the parks of Potsdam, the fields of the "Bornimsche" or "Lennésche Feldflur" mark the transition from the urban landscape to the countryside. These rural areas of the state capital Potsdam include the open fields and meadows, parks, and fruitgrowing regions of Bornim and Grube, Neu Fahrland, Fahrland, Satzkom, Marquardt, Kartzow, and Uetz-Paaren. Farmers and gardeners offer their products here. The Sielmann foundation's Döberitzer Heide was used for military purposes for more than 100 years. Today it is a biotope for rare plants and animals. Horticulture paths guide visitors through the charming area north of Potsdam. Boat and bike tours starting in Potsdam's city centre lead to the district Sacrow with the Church of the Redeemer on the castle grounds. Other destinations such as Werder/Havel, Petzow, and Ferch are also conveniently situated. Sights in the rural areas include reconstructed castle and park grounds, old churches, mansions, and monuments such as Einstein's house and Caputh Palace.



Market at Nauen Gate (43)



In the Dutch Quarter (44)



Karl-Liebknecht-Straße in Babelsberg (45)

A shopping stroll through the historical city centre of Potsdam has a unique appeal. Lively street cafés, elegant boutiques, art and antique shops, and imaginative restaurants make for an inspiring shopping experience. The market bustle at Nauen Gate attracts many citizens and visitors. Small craft shops in the Dutch Quarter offer many homemade products manufactured with loving care. Experience Potsdam at its best during the popular festival "Potsdamer Erlebnisnacht" that takes place on the last Saturday in July.

The reconstructed historical city centre of the district Babelsberg surrounds the former town hall, just a few minutes walking distance from Babelsberg Park. Here you will find well-run speciality shops, boutiques, and a wide variety of restaurants. Festivities on the city square "Weberplatz" add entertaining as well as historical attractions to the district. Visit the popular weekly market in front of Friedrich Church on Saturdays.

Potsdam by the Water



State Capital Potsdam next to Berlin (1)



Along Friendship Island (2)



Gliencke Bridge connects Potsdam and Berlin. (3)

Science for the Future



Hasso Plattner Institute in Potsdam-Babelsberg (4)



Einstein Tower on the "Telegrafenberg" (5)



Education centre "Bildungsforum" (6)

The picturesque island of Potsdam lies amidst the vast landscape of rivers and lakes, directly neighbouring the metropolis Berlin. Its historic city centre and the famous palaces and gardens have been included in the UNESCO World Heritage list as a magnificent work of art. You can best experience the charming locations during a boat tour on the lakes of the Havel river – a true paradise for water sports.

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Potsdam is a city of science. The city has been making science history since the 19th century. Universities as well as non-university institutions shape the image of Potsdam. Science, technology/high-tech, research, education, and cultural institutions work together in a spirit of cooperation and collaboration. Students highly appreciate the University of Potsdam, the Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF, the University of Applied Sciences, and the Fachhochschule für Sport und Management. The new education centre "Bildungsforum" on the square "Platz der Einheit" has become a meeting place for learning, information, and science. Here, the City and State Library, the adult education school "Volkshochschule" and the science sector "Wissenschaftsetage" have been united and networked under one roof. The "Wissenschaftsetage" is the showcase of science in the region of Potsdam. The science park "Albert Einstein" with its prominent Einstein Tower, the Biosphere Potsdam, the planetarium and the science centre for young explorers "Extavium" arouse curiosity about science.

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Film Location Potsdam – Legendary Babelsberg



Studio Babelsberg is a film location for German and international productions. Film star Marlene Dietrich (top left), Oscar prize winner Volker Schlöndorff (top middle), Actor Christoph Waltz wins the Bambi award (top right) (7)



Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF (8)



Director Andreas Dresen from Potsdam (9)



Film Museum Potsdam in the Marstall (10)

Rich in tradition, the film studios in Potsdam-Babelsberg have developed into a modern media and high-tech centre. The film location of stars like Marlene Dietrich today produces national as well as international motion pictures – prize winners in Berlin, Cannes, and Hollywood. Famous stars and renowned directors work here in front of or behind the camera. The impressive building of the Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF within the premises of the media city sets standards for the future of Potsdam. In the "Marstall", the historic horse stables of Prussian kings in the city centre, the Film Museum Potsdam presents interesting exhibitions, particularly on German film history. Potsdam often becomes a shooting location – Potsdam and film belong together. This is demonstrated every year at the international student film festival "Sehsüchte".

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Encounters with Europe



Neuen Gate next to the Dutch Quarter (11)



French Church next to Bassinplatz (12)

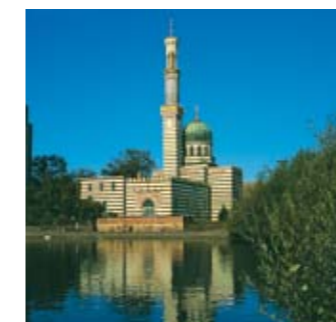


UNESCO World Heritage Russian Colony (13)



Friedrich Church near Weberplatz (14)

Experience European history in Potsdam. In 1685 the "Great Elector" opened the Margraviate of Brandenburg to Huguenots with the "Tolerance Edict of Potsdam". Later, immigrants from other parts of Europe followed. The Dutch Quarter, the Russian Colony Alexandrovka, the Bohemian Weavers' Quarter, the Swiss Village Nattwerder, and the many churches and Italian style villas give the historic city an international atmosphere.



Steam engine building - architecture of a mosque (15)

New Centre with Historic Atmosphere



Potsdam Museum – Forum for Art and History in the Old Town Hall on Alter Markt (16)



New Landtag - St Nicholas Church (17)



Museum Barberini (18)

Potsdam originally developed outwards from the old market Alter Markt, the site of the city palace, which was bombed in World War II and demolished in post-war Germany. The new Landtag of Brandenburg has been built here, using the architect Knobelsdorff's historic plans of the former city palace for its façade. In the immediate vicinity, the new Museum Barberini invites those interested in arts. Parts of the City Canal, the House of Brandenburg-Prussian History at the reconstructed square Neuer Markt, the Potsdam Museum – Forum for Art and History in the Old Town Hall on Alter Markt, the building development along the waterway "Alte Fahrt" as well as the leisure park Neuer Lustgarten at the piers of the steamship company Weisse Flotte, all rejuvenate the heart of the city, filling it with life.



House of Brandenburg-Prussian History (19)

New Impulses for Potsdam



Hans Otto Theatre (20)



Cultural district Schiffbauergasse (21)



Biosphere Potsdam (22)



Villa Schöningen at Glienicke Bridge (23)

The 2001 national garden show triggered a powerful surge in the city's development. Former military exercise grounds were transformed into the public "Volkspark" and the tropical botanic garden "Biosphere". The scenic island "Freundschaftsinsel" and other new locations by the river invite guests to enjoy long walks. The fields of the "Feldflur" were reconstructed using the historical plans of ingenious landscape designer Lenné. The Crown Estate Bornstedt was also rebuilt. The panoramic view from the observation towers of the Belvedere on Pfingstberg is a genuine highlight. The permanent contemporary art exhibition at Villa Schöningen is dedicated to the situation at the border before the fall of the Wall in 1989. The district Schiffbauergasse has developed a profile that is rich in contrast with the new Hans Otto Theatre, the restored historical buildings for the art scene, and interesting new architectural solutions of the international corporation Oracle and the design centre of Volkswagen.

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