

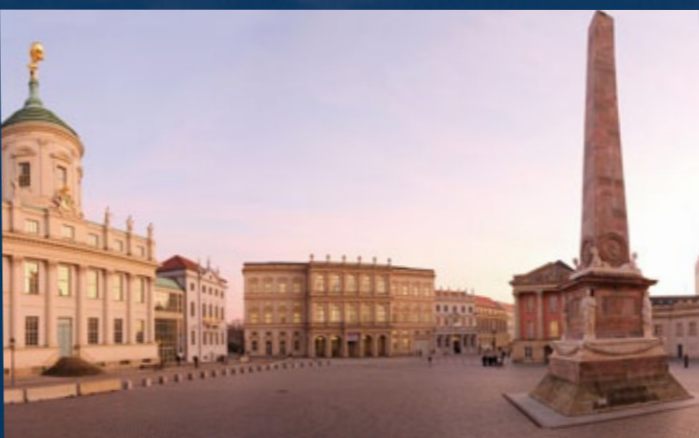



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State Capital Potsdam



Island of Great Ideas

Potsdam is a picturesque island amidst the extensive landscape of rivers and lakes in close proximity to Germany's capital Berlin.

Large parts of Potsdam's historic city centre and its world famous palaces and gardens have been declared UNESCO World Heritage sites as a magnificent work of art. Scenic views from the lakes of the river Havel towards the palaces and parks give us an idea why electors, kings and emperors once chose Potsdam as their royal residence. The city and its surroundings are a true paradise for water sports. Potsdam is the ideal base to explore the State of Brandenburg in all its diversity. For visitors from all over the world, Potsdam is the ideal starting point for their trips to the wonderful and often unspoiled Brandenburg landscapes.

With its more than 175,000 inhabitants, the state capital Potsdam is the cultural, economic and political hub of Brandenburg.

Science Creates Future



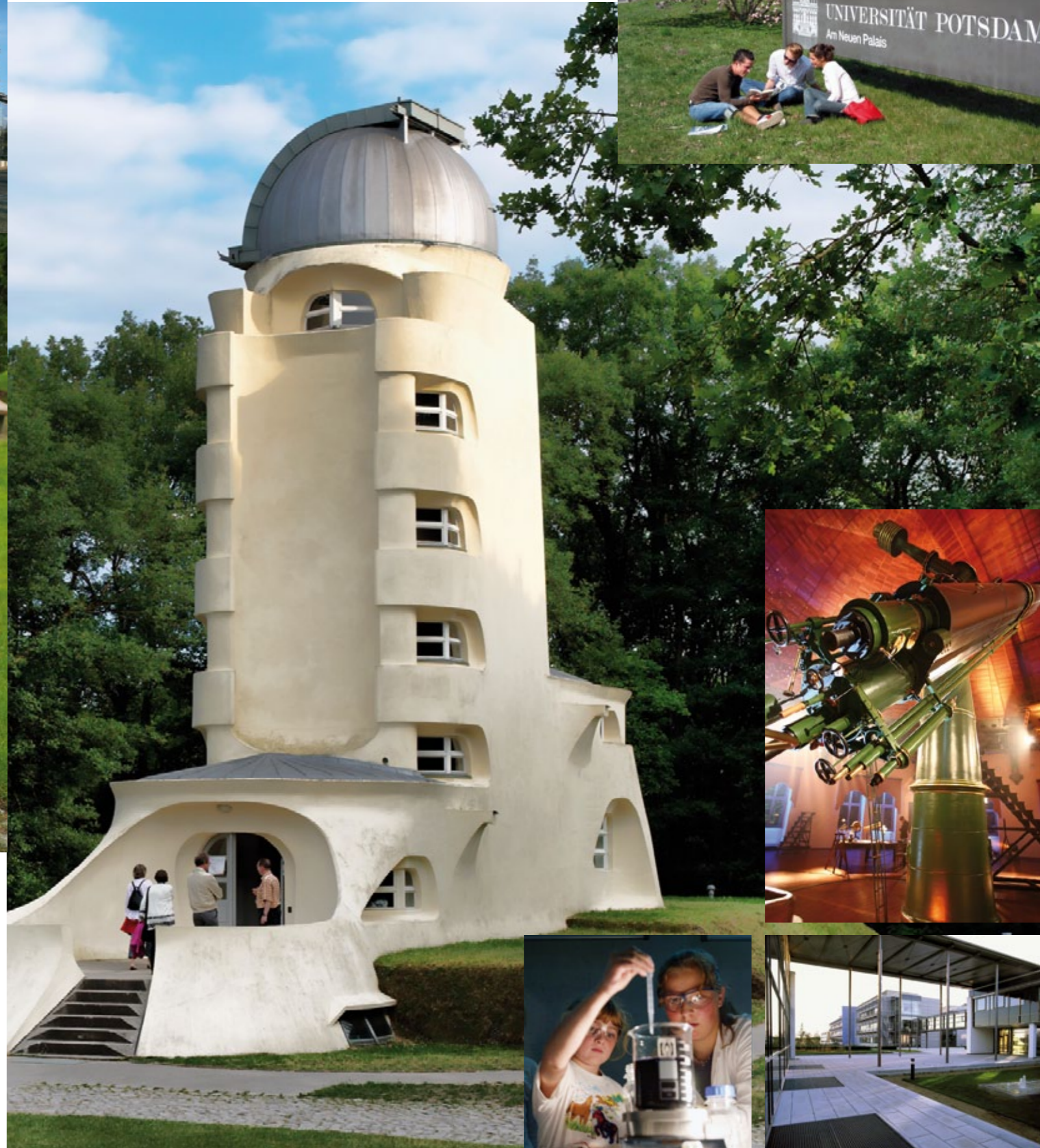
Einstein Tower on Telegrafenberg (5)



Campus New Palace of the University of Potsdam (4)

Hasso Plattner Institute in Potsdam-Babelsberg (2)

Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF in Potsdam-Babelsberg (1)



Hands-on museum Extavium (7)

Historisches Linsenteleskop of the Leibniz Institute for Astrophysics Potsdam (AIP) (top) (6)

Potsdam-Golm Science Park (bottom) (8)



Scientific institutions have been established at the square 'Am Neuen Markt'. The square is also home to the richly decorated cabinet houses. (3)

Research and science are booming in Potsdam. Since the 19th century, scientific history has been written here. The science park 'Albert Einstein' is one of the oldest and most significant locations of its kind in Germany. The Einstein Tower designed by the architect Erich Mendelsohn in the expressionistic style is an architectural sight. The founding of the world's first astrophysical observatory in 1874 and the founding of University of Potsdam in 1991 are symbolic for the past and present in research and education. The Potsdam-Golm Science Park and the Hasso Plattner Institute set new standards for the close connection between teaching and research. Nowadays, Potsdam's

dynamic profile is mainly characterized by high-tech and software engineering. Science, high-technology, research, education and culture are working closely together here. The University of Potsdam, the Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF and the University of Applied Sciences Potsdam are very popular with students. The science centre 'Wissenschaftsetage' in the educational institution 'Bildungsforum' offers various opportunities to experience Potsdam's scientific landscape through exhibitions and events. The tropical botanical garden Potsdam Biosphere, the planetarium and the hands-on museum Extavium also convey impressions of the world of science.

Film Location Potsdam – Legendary Babelsberg

Award Ceremony for Potsdam director Andreas Dresen in Karlovy Vary (10)

Bambi Award Ceremony for actor Christoph Waltz for his character in „Inglourious Basterds“ in the Metropolis Hall in Potsdam-Babelsberg (9)



Studio Babelsberg is a film location for German and international film productions (12)

Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF and actors / producers of Babelsberg productions: Christoph Waltz, Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Andreas Dresen, Orlando Bloom, Nadja Uhl, Günter Reisch, Jutta Hoffmann, Volker Schlöndorff, Bibiana Beglau (from left) (13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18)



Marlene Dietrich began her international career at the Babelsberg studios (19)



Film location in Potsdam's Dutch Quarter of the children's movie "Hexe Lilly" (20)



Stunt show in the "Volcano" of Filmpark Babelsberg (21)



Film Museum Potsdam in the 'Marstall' building, the former Royal Stables of the City Palace (11)

The longstanding film studios in Potsdam Babelsberg have evolved into a modern media and high-tech centre. Where once film stars like Marlene Dietrich were acting, many international feature films are produced today – and they win awards in Berlin, Cannes and Hollywood. Famous stars and renowned directors work in front of and behind the cameras. The imposing building of the Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF located in Medienstadt ("the media quarter") points the way to Potsdam's future.

The German film orchestra Babelsberg is the only professional orchestra for film music in Germany. Filmpark Babelsberg is a visitors' magnet with its many new and exciting attractions. The Film Museum Potsdam located in the historic 'Marstall' building in the city centre offers a varied film program as well as interesting exhibitions about the German film history. Potsdam itself often becomes a filming location – Potsdam is made for the movies.



Encounter with Europe

Gate Nauener Tor near the Dutch Quarter (23)

Festivals in the Dutch Quarter (22)



The steam-powered pumping station in the style of a mosque at the Havel river (26)



Church 'Französische Kirche' at the square 'Bassinplatz' (27)



Church 'Friedrichskirche' at square 'Weberplatz' in Potsdam-Babelsberg (24)

With the 'Edict of Potsdam' proclaimed in 1685, the Great Elector welcomed immigrants from Europe to the Margraviate of Brandenburg. Since then, city quarters, buildings and parks have been characterized by international influences from many countries. Today, a walk through Potsdam is like an excursion into history. King Frederick William I had the Dutch Quarter built by Dutch craftsmen. It is the biggest remaining settlement of that architectural style outside the Netherlands. The Tulip Festival, the Potters Market and the Dutch Sinterklaas Christmas Market have become traditional events. At the beginning of the 19th century, the Russian colony 'Alexandrovka' became the new home of singers from Russia.

Around 1750, Frederick II initiated the construction of the quarter 'Weberviertel' with the church 'Friedrichskirche' at the square 'Weberplatz' in Babelsberg for refugees from Bohemia. The cityscape is dominated by buildings like the church 'Französische Kirche', the steam-powered pumping station built in the style of a mosque and many Italian-style architectural ensembles like church 'St. Peter and Paul Kirche', the artificial ruins on the hill Ruinenberg and the Pfingstberg Belvedere. The Swiss colonists' village Nattwerder has also preserved its special character.

The Dutch Quarter (25)



The running event 'ProPotsdam Schlösserlauf' leads through the Russian colony 'Alexandrovka' (29)



The Russian colony is part of the UNESCO World Heritage (28)



New City Centre with Historic Flair

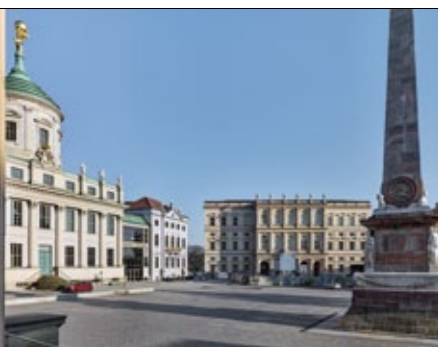
Potsdam Museum – Forum for Art and History, since 2012 in the old town hall 'Altes Rathaus' at 'Alter Markt' (31)

Potsdam's 'Bildungsforum' at the square 'Platz der Einheit' with a view of church 'St. Nikolaikirche' (31)



Landtag building under construction (2013) in front of the dome of St Nicholas Church (34)

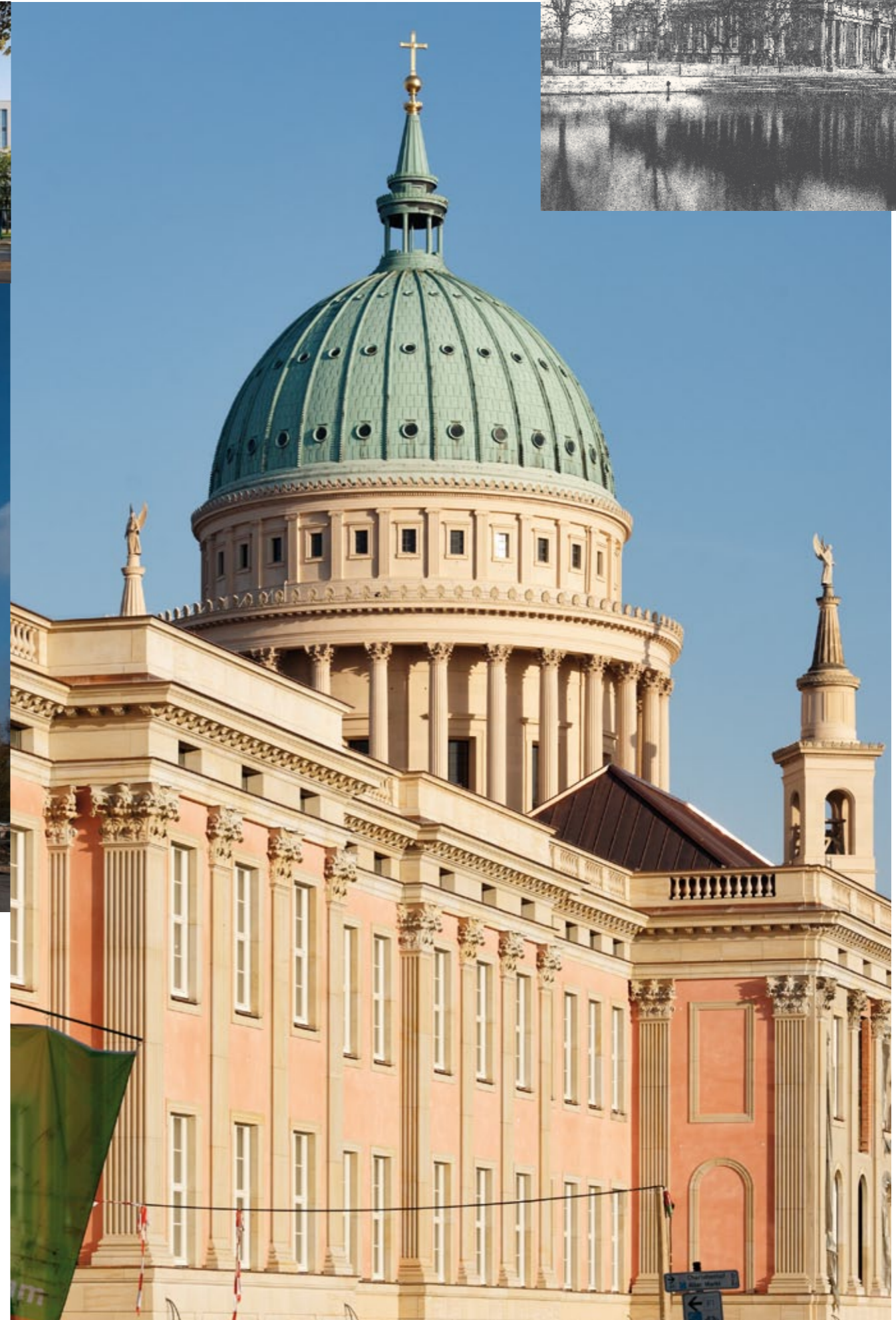
The historic City Palace (33)



Potsdam's 'Alter Markt' with the Museum Barberini (32)

Potsdam's urban development once began at old market square 'Alter Markt'. Central to this development was the City Palace, which was destroyed in World War II. Thanks to the dedication and commitment of many citizens and sponsors of the state capital, the new parliament building, the Landtag of Brandenburg, has been built here, using the architect Knobelsdorff's historic plans of the former city palace for its façade. The ensembles of church 'St. Nikolai Kirche' and the new Palais Barberini as well as the Potsdam Museum in the old town hall 'Altes Rathaus' characterize the city's skyline. The Film Museum awaits its visitors in the 'Marshall' building - the former Royal Stables of the City Palace. Excursion boats start their

tours into the picturesque surroundings at the harbour 'Lange Brücke'. One of the most beautiful places in Potsdam is the reconstructed market square 'Neuer Markt' with the House of Brandenburg-Prussian History. Scientific institutions like the 'Moses Mendelssohn Centre' and the 'Einstein Forum' have established themselves in the neighbourhood. For the planned reconstruction of the church 'Garrisonkirche', the foundation stone has already been laid. At the square 'Platz der Einheit', the new centre for education and science 'Bildungsforum' has been built uniting and networking the City and State Library, the adult education centre 'Volkshochschule' and the science institution 'Wissenschaftsetage' under one roof in Potsdam's city centre.



Palaces and Gardens



Chinese House (35)

Charlottenhof Palace (36)



Sanssouci Palace with vineyard terraces, New Chambers and Picture Gallery (37)

Sanssouci Park

The charming Sanssouci Palace was built on a vineyard. Frederick II drew the construction sketches by his own hand for his master builder Knobelsdorff. The construction of the masterpiece was completed in only two years (1745-1747). In over a hundred years, a park was created that offers ever changing views and impressions. The New Chambers, the Picture Gallery and the New Palace - the last big palace complex of Prussian Baroque - welcome Potsdam's visitors. Sanssouci Park, one of the most important and largest park areas in Europe, offers a mix of fascinating garden design unique architecture.

This is illustrated by the Orangery Palace, the Dragon House, the Historic Windmill and the charming Chinese House. Charlottenhof Palace by Schinkel and the Roman Baths by Persius blend in harmoniously with the English landscape garden created by Lenné. Following extensive restoration works, the Belvedere on Klausberg and the artificial antique ruins of 'Ruinenberg' are now once again open to the public.



Sanssouci Palace (39)

New Palace (40)



Palaces and Gardens

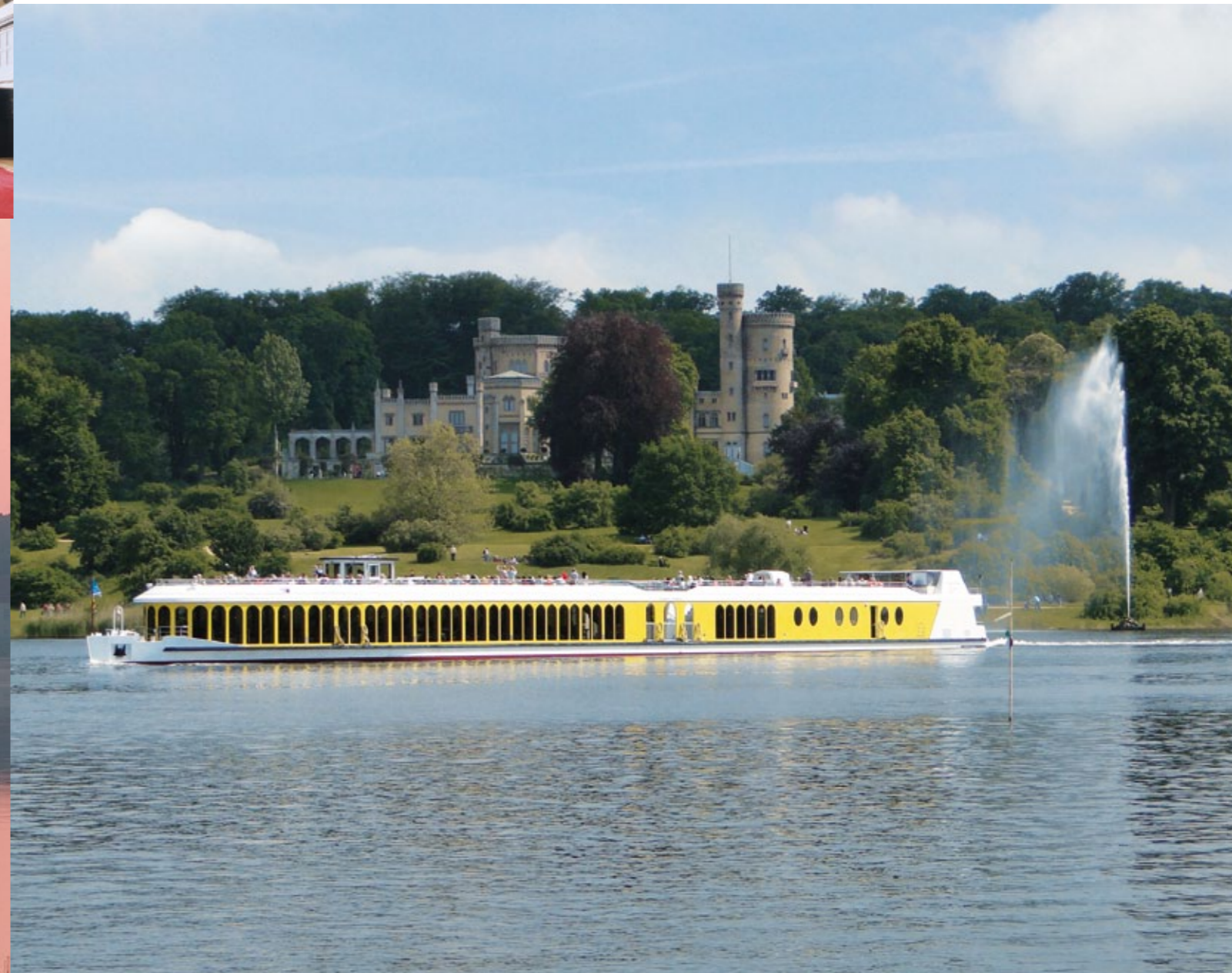


Conference room of the Potsdam Agreement in Cecilienhof Palace (42)

New Garden and Marble Palace at lake 'Heiliger See' (43)



Palace in Babelsberg Park at the lake 'Tiefer See' (45)



Cecilienhof Palace in the New Garden (44)

New Garden

This second large park in Potsdam was designed as an English landscape garden at the end of the 18th century. Frederick William II, nephew and heir apparent of Frederick II, commissioned the Marble Palace as his own residence at the lake 'Heiliger See'. Cecilienhof Palace was built at the behest of the last German emperor, William II, from 1913 to 1916, for his eldest son. In 1945, the Potsdam Agreement was signed here by Truman, Stalin and Attlee, which set the political course for the post-war development in Germany and Europe.

Babelsberg Park

Outstanding landscape designers and architects like Lenné, Prince of Pückler-Muskau, Schinkel and Persius created a synthesis of the arts of extraordinary beauty. The fantastic panorama seen from Babelsberg Palace – which was built for the future emperor William I and his wife Augusta of Saxony-Weimar – is one of the most beautiful views of the river Havel that Potsdam has to offer.



Golden Terrace of Babelsberg Palace with view of Glienicke Bridge (46)

Flatow Tower at Babelsberg Park (right) (47)

Shopping and Stopping Off

Street 'Brandenburger Straße' (48)



Hustle and bustle at gate Nauener Tor (50, 51)



Gate Nauener Tor (49)

After visiting Potsdam's World Heritage sites, it is worthwhile to make a shopping tour in the baroque city centre. Discover the district around street 'Brandenburger Straße' with many shops and modern shopping malls in the old inner courtyards. From here, you can conveniently visit the Dutch Quarter with its galleries, chic boutiques, restaurants and trendy pubs. In the evenings, you could also try your luck at Potsdam Casino near 'Lustgarten'. The markets at the square 'Bassinplatz' and gate 'Nauener Tor' offer seasonal specialties, for example strawberries

and cherries from Werder, fresh pikeperch from the river Havel, turnips from Teltow, asparagus from Beelitz or a colourful variety of plants and flowers. It takes only a few steps to get from Babelsberg Park to the historic town centre of Babelsberg. Well-run specialised shops and restaurants in reconstructed weaver houses invite you to an inspiring shopping experience. Saturdays is a market day on the square 'Weberplatz'. There are convenient traffic connections by S-Bahn (city train), tram and bus to Filmpark Babelsberg, Potsdam's city centre, Berlin or the surrounding regions.



Weaver's house at street 'Karl-Liebknecht-Straße' in Potsdam-Babelsberg (52)



Thalia Arthouse Cinema in Potsdam-Babelsberg (53)

Cultural Diversity at Schiffbauergasse

Summer event 'Stadt für eine Nacht' ('City for one night') at Schiffbauergasse (54)



Exhibition at 'Kunstraum Potsdam' (55)



Performance at Schiffbauergasse (56)

Potsdam's cultural heart is beating at the lake 'Tiefer See' vis-à-vis Babelsberg Park. Where once steamships were built, coffee substitutes were produced, hussars were drilled and fish was farmed, you find a surprising mix of innovative businesses and cultural diversity: a lively art and culture scene next to high-tech companies; exciting history next to trend-setting future. Apart from the Hans Otto Theatre, this location is especially influenced by an independent cultural and theatre scene. Listed building like the Waschhaus, the machine hall or the Hussar stables were restored and became the new residences of art.

But also global players are present here like the Volkswagen Design Center with its sophisticated architecture and the software group Oracle in the restored coke gas separator of the old gasworks. The paths along the banks of the lake 'Tiefer See' with landing stages, marina and bike trails between the New Garden, Schiffbauergasse and Babelsberg Park make this area a unique experience. The restaurant ship in the old chicory mill at the new theatre invite you to stay and relax. The annual summer event 'Stadt für eine Nacht' connects visitors and actors beyond the Schiffbauergasse.

Modern dance theatre at 'fabrik' (57)



Hans Otto Theatre (58)



International theatre festival 'Unidram' at T-Werk (59)

Cultural Highlights in Potsdam

Opening concert of the Music Festival 'Musikfestspiele Potsdam Sanssouci' at the New Palace
(© Musikfestspiele Potsdam Sanssouci/Stefan Gloede) (60)



Potsdam Winter Opera 'Orfeo ed Euridice' at the Palace
Theatre of the New Palace in Sanssouci Park (63)



'Potsdamer Schlössernacht'
in Sanssouci Park (62)



'The Tower' by Uwe Tellkamp
at Hans Otto Theatre Potsdam (61)

The beautiful landscape, good transport connections, the proximity to Berlin and the unique ensembles of palaces and parks make the state capital Potsdam especially attractive. Apart from the cultural district 'Schiffbauergasse', Potsdam offers a lot of cultural highlights. The 'Music Festival Potsdam Sanssouci' with its international guest performances and in-house productions, baroque operas, concerts in palaces, churches and parks is a musical treasure with a unique flair. The Nikolai Concert Hall in the historic city centre presents an attractive programme, ranging from classical concerts to rock, jazz and dance.

It is also the home of the Kammerakademie Potsdam. This renowned orchestra hosts various concert series and gives guest performances in Germany and abroad. Among the highlights of its repertoire are the performances of the 'Potsdam Winter Opera'. Events like 'Potsdamer Schlössernacht' with its concert in Sanssouci Park, the 'Potsdam Fireworks Symphony' in the public leisure park Volkspark and the open air concert 'Klassik am Weberplatz' in Babelsberg are well received by the public. Humorous pieces are staged at the Potsdam cabaret 'Obelisk'. At the Havel riverfront, the Theatre Boat awaits its visitors.



Concert at Nikolai Concert Hall Potsdam
(© Nikolaisaal Potsdam/Christine Voigt) (64)



Classical concert series 'Klassik am Weberplatz' in Potsdam-Babelsberg (65)

Potsdam on the Move

The running event 'ProPotsdam Schlösserlauf' passes the New Palace and Glienicke Bridge (66, 67)



1. FFC Turbine Potsdam (68)



Christian Diener from OSC Potsdam, Sports Photo 2017, Eberhard Thonfeld/camera4 (69)

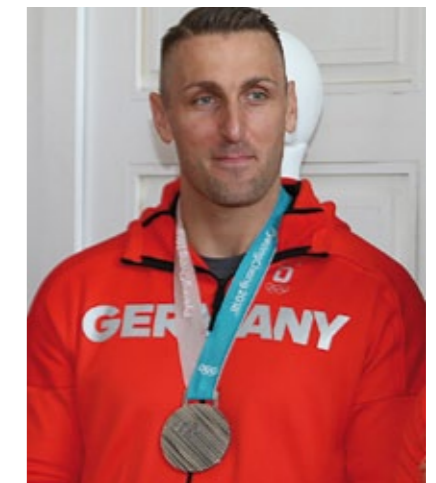


Olympic champion Katrin Wagner-Augustin in the national team London 2012 (70)



Since 1925, the legendary Luftschiffhafen has been the home of sports in Potsdam. The Sports and Leisure Park at the lake 'Templiner See' is the centre for popular and competitive sports and has now – with the new MBS Arena – become even more interesting for bigger competitions. Potsdam proudly hosts the canoe race "Potsdamer Wasserspiele" and the running events 'ProPotsdam Schlösserlauf', 'Preußische Meile' and 'rbb Potsdamer Drittmarathon'.

Potsdam's top athletes in rowing, canoeing, swimming and track and field athletics have gained a good reputation at international competitions. When the coveted medals at the Olympics are awarded, often athletes from Potsdam stand on the podium. The variety of the more than 160 sports clubs ranges from women's football to gymnastics for seniors. The clubs are supported by more than 2,000 volunteers. The successful women footballers of '1. FFC Turbine Potsdam' are likeable ambassadors at home and abroad.



Potsdam's Olympic champion Kevin Kuske (72)

Sports and Leisure Park 'Luftschiffhafen' at the lake 'Templiner See' (71)

Beautiful Moments

View of the city centre with St Peter and Paul Church and the historic orphanage (74)

Vineyard house near Sanssouci Park (73)



Wedding at Pfingstberg Belvedere (76)



Second construction phase of the city canal at street 'Heilig-Geist-Straße' (75)

The 2001 Federal German Garden Show (BUGA) triggered a leap in the city's development. A former military training area was transformed into the public park 'Volkspark' with attractive facilities for sports, playing, and culture, and the tropical botanical garden 'Biosphere' in the neighborhood. The island 'Freundschaftsinsel' - designed by Karl Foerster as a show garden in the 1930s - and the recultivated BUGA sites at the river are ideal for long walks and bike tours. Using the historical plans of the ingenious landscaper Lenné, the fields and meadows were recreated and offer opportunities for leisure and relaxation on the outskirts of the city.

The Crown Estate Bornstedt with its cultural and culinary offers is in direct proximity to Sanssouci Park. Many couples celebrate their weddings here or at Pfingstberg Belvedere, to enjoy the fantastic landscapes on the most beautiful day of their lives. You will also discover interesting sightlines and views in the historic city centre. The city canal, which had been filled in in the 1960s, is now partly reconnected with the river Havel and reminds of the city's reputation as the 'Venice of the North'. The names of the donors and sponsors are inscribed on the bannisters at the riverfront. Committed citizens also take care that the beautiful vineyard at Sanssouci Park will be restored in its former elegance.



Playground on the island 'Freundschaftsinsel' (77)



Garden in the Russian Colony Alexandrovka (78)

Potsdam's Rural Area



Fruit plantation in the north of Potsdam (80)

Church 'Heilandskirche' in Potsdam-Sacrow (79)



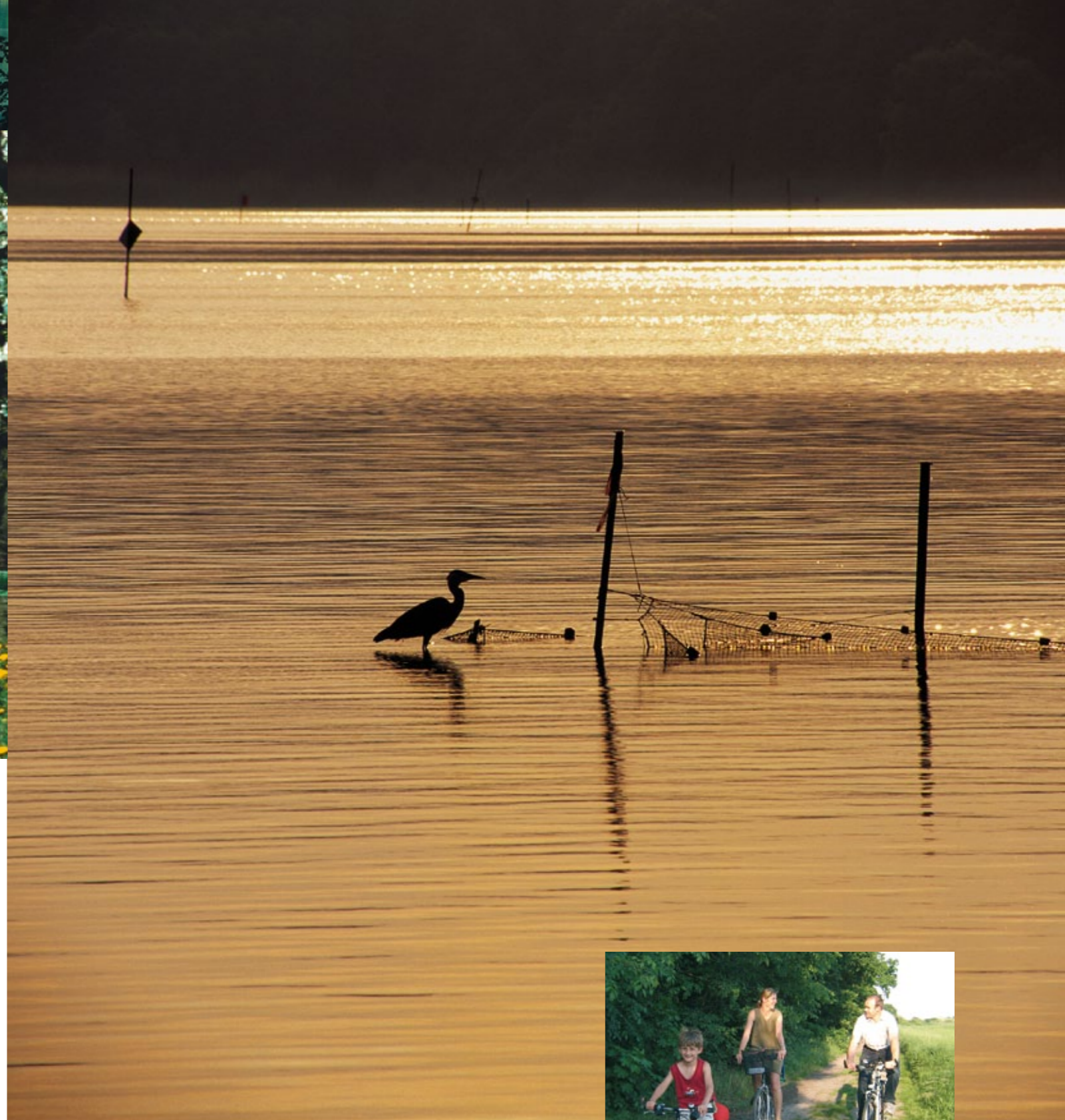
Orchard Marquardt: Buy locally. (83)



Potsdam Water Taxi and the palace on the Berlin island 'Pfaueninsel' (81)

North of the famous parks of Potsdam, the Bornim fields and meadows landscaped by Lenné form the transition from urban space into nature. These rural areas of the state capital Potsdam include the landscapes, parks and orchards of Bornim, Grube, Neu-Fahrland, Fahrland, Satzkorn, Marquardt, Kartzow and Uetz-Paaren. Farmers and gardeners regularly offer their fresh products directly where they grow it. The natural site "Döberitzer Heide" owned by the Sielmann Foundation was used by the military for over 100 years and is now the habitat of many rare plants and animals. Different horticultural trails can be explored in Potsdam's attractive north.

Boat and bike tours lead from Potsdam to the romantic suburb of Sacrow with its church 'Heilandskirche' on the manor grounds. The destinations Werder/Havel, Petzow, Ferch and the island 'Pfaueninsel' in Berlin are also conveniently close to Potsdam. Reconstructed palaces and parks, old churches, manor houses and monuments are further sights in Potsdam's periphery, e.g. Einstein's house and the Caputh Palace. Brandenburg's biodiversity is colourfully represented in the Museum of Natural Science Potsdam. The House of Brandenburg-Prussian History in Potsdam provides many insights into Brandenburg's history.



Lake 'Templiner See' (83)



Bike tour through the Havel region (84)



Church 'Friedenskirche'
at Sanssouci Park (85)



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