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# Cycle around the historic capital and the lakes region

The Berlin area is rich in forests and is characterised by many lakes. And so you get the opportunity to enjoy a swim or a picnic, go cycling and discover the rich history of the famous cities around the capital, all on the same trip.

#### Details about the bike tour around the Berlin Lakes

The surroundings of Berlin are entirely different from the big city: characterized by deep forests and numerous lakes. Embedded in the beautiful landscape are many important buildings.

Among them, of course, is the World Heritage in Berlin and Potsdam with the famous Sanssouci Palace. But great architecture also awaits you in smaller towns: for example, with the neo-Baroque Ribbeck Castle, the attractive old town of Werder on the island or the historic Scheunenviertel in Kreken. Convince yourself of this trip: The landscape around Berlin offers everything you need for a good life or a wonderful holiday.

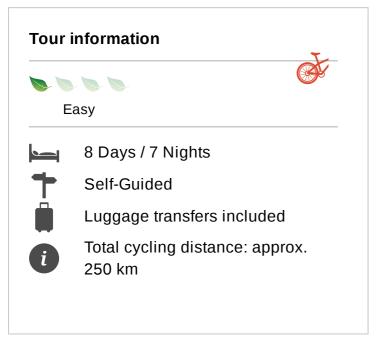
#### The highlights of the cycling holiday at a glance

- Historical sites: Potsdam, Sanssouci Palace (UNESCO World Heritage), Neues Palais, Brandenburg Gate, Dutch quarter Holländisches Viertel, Berlin Wall and the city gate Nauener Tor.
- Explore the outskirts of the city: Oranienburg, Oranienburg Castle, Memorial and Museum KZ Sachsenhausen.
- Castles: Schloss Ribbeck with the famous pear tree.

#### Things worth knowing about the Berlin Lakes bike tour

You mainly cycle on flat, well-developed cycle paths with many opportunities for a break. Relax and enjoy the surroundings of Berlin, which is rich in forests and is also characterised by many lakes. And this allows you to enjoy a swim or a picnic in addition to cycling on the same trip.

This tour has been graded as Easy. Find out more about our cycling holiday difficulty levels.





## **Itinerary**

D A Y **1** 

#### **Arrival in Potsdam**

Individual arrival in Potsdam. The information meeting will follow in the late afternoon and the rental bicycle issuance (if additionally booked).

The former East German Potsdam has a lot to offer. The Rococo-style Schloss Sanssouci summer residence is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, but there's more waiting for you. More than 500 hectares of park and about 150 World Heritage monumental buildings await you.

D A Y **2** 

## Potsdam - Brandenburg an der Havel

approx. 55

km

Still impressed by the many sights of Potsdam, you first cycle along the Havel to Werder with its beautiful old town on an island. The annual blossom festival occurs here in the spring and Oktoberfest in autumn. You cycle through the vast landscape of Havelland, fruit growing and lakes characterize the landscape today. You will cycle through the largest water sports area in Europe, along the shores of the Havel lakes, and with a bit of luck, you will spot kingfishers, bluethroat or beavers at work along the way.

A mighty church towers into the sky from afar: St. Catherine's Church shows you the way to your final destination for today, Brandenburg an der Havel. Founded by slaves in the 6th century, this town is the oldest in the region. The well-preserved historic centre is located on three islands, home to several Gothic cathedrals and churches.

ı‱ı ca. 55 km

DAY 3

#### Brandenburg an der Havel -Kremen

approx. 68 km

You drive along the Beetzsee, to the neo-baroque Schloss Ribbeck with the famous pear tree. Everything here is dominated by the pear, the museum and even the exclusive cuisine of the castle and the "Deutschen Birnengarten". You cycle further to Kreken, known for its historic Scheunenviertel. It is considered the largest preserved of its kind in Germany and today craftsmen, artists and restorers live here.

ı ca. 68 km

DAY 4

Kremen - Zehdenick approx. 45 km

Liebenberg Castle with its beautiful estate is the first goal of the tour. A detour to the brick factory in Mildenberg, now an industry and technology museum, is worth it.

ı ca. 45 km

D A Y **5** 

**Zehdendick - Oranienburg** app

approx. 60 km

Along the Havel canals, you will cycle through the beautiful countryside to your destination, Oranienburg. Oranienburg Castle is the oldest baroque castle in Brandenburg. In 1933 one of the first concentration camps was built here, camp Oranienburg. After this camp was closed after a year, camp Sachsenhausen was built in 1935. The memorial and museum KZ Sachsenhausen is a must-visit. An overnight stay in Oranienburg.

ı ca. 60 km

DAY **6** 

#### Oranienburg - Spandau approx. 65 km

Passing the Sachsenhausen Memorial and the former residential area of the GDR government, you cycle through the lake district. The surrounding landscape, an oasis of water lilies and swans, gives the lakes a peaceful and above all romantic character. You reach Berlin's Spandau district, which combines urban flair with forest and water-rich recreational areas. The centre of Berlin is not far from here.

ı ca. 65 km

D A Y **7** 

**Spandau - Potsdam** approx. 40 km

Along the Havel to Wannsee and with a ferry (optional) towards Potsdam. Cycle through the Dutch district of Holländisches Viertel, one of the most beautiful places in Potsdam. Red brick houses with typical Dutch facades, nice shops and cosy restaurants. Potsdam also has a Brandenburg Gate, this toll gate is even eighteen years older than the Berlin toll gate and the two sides of the gate are different in appearance.

DAY **8** 

#### **Return trip or extension**

After breakfast individual return journey or possibly extension.

## **Route information**

You mainly cycle on flat terrain. Well-laid out cycle paths with many opportunities for a rest stop. Enjoy the surroundings in a relaxed way and also have time for other things.



## **Prices and dates**

Price calculation and check availability: Berlin Lakes

Enquire about 2024 arrival dates and prices for this tour

Place of arrival: Potsdam

	<b>Season 1</b> 01.04.2023 - 24.04.2023 30.09.2023 - 07.10.2023 Monday, Saturday	<b>Season 2</b> 25.04.2023 - 09.06.2023 Monday, Saturday	<b>Season 3</b> 10.06.2023 - 29.09.2023 Monday, Saturday	
Berlin Lakes, DE-BERBB-08X				
Base price	729.00	759.00	789.00	
Single room surcharge	199.00	199.00	199.00	

• You will stay in 3\*\*\* and 4\*\*\*\* hotels and guesthouses

## **Our rental bikes**

	Price
21-Speed Unisex Bike	99.00
Unisex E-Bike	239.00
7-Speed Unisex Bike	99.00
21-Speed Men's Bike	99.00

Prices per person in GBP

## Services / Information

#### Services

#### **Included**

- 7 nights as described, including breakfast
- Personal welcome meeting (German, English)
- Luggage transfer(s) max. 1 piece of luggage 20 kg per person
- Own signage on the route
- Travel folder 1 x per room (German, English with route and overview maps, detailed route description, places of interest, important telephone numbers, luggage labels
- GPS data available on request
- Service Hotline

#### **Not included**

Tourist tax, if applicable, to be paid locally

#### Arrival information

- Train: Good train connection to Berlin
- Flight: Berlin Airport
- Parking: Paid parking at the start hotel, costs known after reservation, subject to availability, no reservation possible