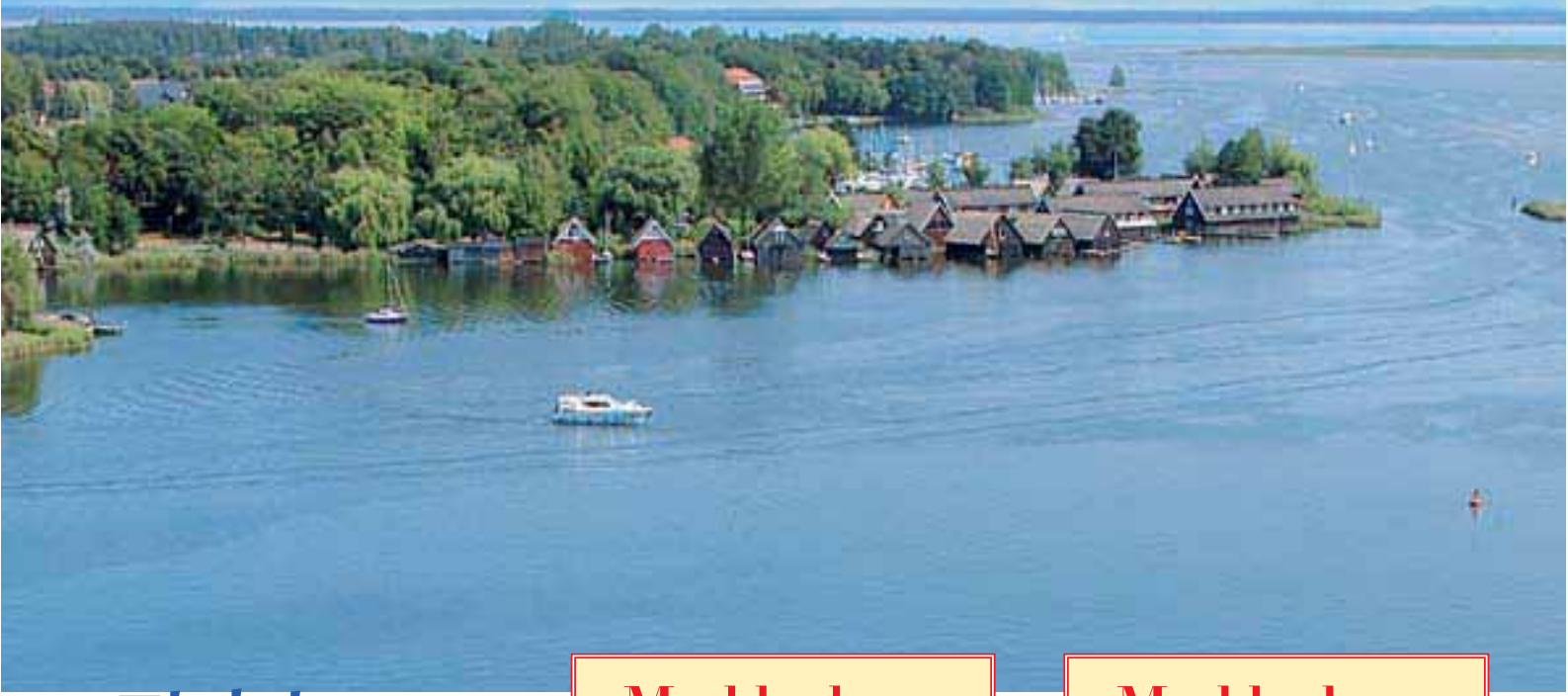




Germany



Fishing

Specially for anglers

The region of the Mecklenburg lakes is famous as one of the outstanding fishing grounds of Europe encompassing the river Havel, known for eel, zander and perch, as well as some 20 lakes all covered by the one fishing permit. All can hope for a good catch here, and can expect to enjoy pike, carp or burbot on the menu. Instruction is given at the base (in English or German) to help you select the right bait, tackle and locations.



FISHING PACKAGE

This package costs 70 € (price periods A and B) or 120 € (price periods C, D, E) per week and per boat. It must be requested in advance, and paid for on collection. It includes: a dinghy, a cold box for your catch, a fish-smoker (a local speciality), a bag of sawdust, instruction by our expert, and a daylight fishing licence for one crew member. Additional fishing licences can be requested in advance.

Mecklenburg



Plauer See, Müritz-Elde, Stör Wasserstrasse

The Muritz Elde Wasserstrasse which connects the River Elbe to **Germany's largest lake**, the Muritzsee, mostly follows the course of the River Elde through an essentially rural setting. This river, canalised since the end of the 16th century, has retained its original meandering course, making it unattractive for commercial traffic but ideal for pleasure boating. **Plau** dominates the lake it lends its name to. From the top of its 15th century tower there are impressive views over tiled roofs and medieval fortifications. Heading for **Waren**, you cross two large lakes which act as a foretaste of the Muritzsee. They harbour many birds: cormorants, storks and even osprey. To the west, Parchim, built between two arms of the Elde, is outstanding for its ancient centre, its fortifications and half-timbered houses. If many villages and little medieval towns such as Lubz, Grabow, Neustadt-Glewe or Plate, on the Storkanal, are exciting to explore along the way, it is **Schwerin** and its famous Rococo palace which make a worthy objective for the cruise.

ACCESS

- BERLIN TEGEL (163 KM), HAMBURG (133 KM). TAXI TRANSFER 150 €, MINIBUS 200 €.**
- PARCHIM (10 KM).**
- A24 / E26, EXIT 14 NEUTSADT GLEWE. A24 → E26, EXIT 16 SUCKOW.**

Mecklenburg



Obere Havel, die kleine Seenplatte, Müritz, Plauer See, Müritz-Elde

From Fürstenberg you may head out to **the great lakes of Mecklenburg**. Your first visit has to be the rococo schloss at **Rheinsberg**. Further west there's Mirow with its strange wooden boathouses, the charming town of Roblin and **the great Muritzsee**. Heading eastward there's Weserberg with its wooden harbour buildings, as well as Neustrelitz. On these varied waterways and open lakes a little more care is required than on canals, but what better reward than to anchor far out in a lake and take advantage of some of **the purest water in Europe for a swim in idyllic and unspoilt surroundings**. Pause too at one of the many fish smoke-houses to enjoy an unmissable local speciality.

ACCESS

- FÜRSTENBERG**
- BERLIN TEGEL AIRPORT THEN TRAIN TO FÜRSTENBERG, ALTERNATIVELY BY TAXI (TAXI 130 €, MINIBUS 150 €)**
- FROM BERLIN LICHTENBERG STATION, TRAIN TO FÜRSTENBERG (C 1HR), THEN TAXI TO THE BASE (C. 10DM).**
- HAMBURG/FÜRSTENBERG: C. 2 1/2HRS, BERLIN/FÜRSTENBERG: C. 1 1/2HRS, HANNOVER/FÜRSTENBERG: C. 4HRS.**

Lake of Müritz

Brandenburg

 FÜRSTENBERG

Obere Havel, Templiner & Ruppiner Gewässer, Finowkanal, Potsdamer Havel, Spree, Oder

The first stopping place on the voyage south is Himmelfort (Gateway to Heaven), the town of Father Christmas. There's also a fishery where you can stock up with smoked fish. Don't miss the sidetrip to Lychen. The Woblitz river **twists its way through forest** before opening out into the Grosser Lychensee: it's one of the loveliest cruises in the area. **The Havel is a quiet river** which flows through lonely countryside. You should stop off at Regow, an organic farm with a hundred or so goats which sells several different mouthwatering cheeses. **At Templin its towers** welcome the visitor from afar. Its town walls and its ancient houses give it a very romantic feel. A brand new lock completed in 2005 gives access to new lakes. Beyond Liebenwalde there's a choice of three directions. To the west, **the Neuruppin lakes** preserve an environment in which **ospreys, beavers and otters all flourish**. The town of Altruppin, the old capital, stands in lovely surroundings. Neuruppin, the "new" town dating from the 18th century, bears witness to Prussia's Age of Enlightenment which has left its mark on the whole region from Berlin to Potsdam. **Here was born Fontane**, who wrote several books describing his journeys through lakeland which can still serve as guides today. To the south lie Berlin and Potsdam, both towns which are best discovered from the water. To the east, don't miss the Finowkanal, an old canal which twists and turns through lovely countryside on its way to a **monument unique in Europe**, the Niederfinow Boat Lift on the Oder Havel canal.

Brandenburg

 KETZIN

Untere Havel, Potsdamer Havel, Wannsee, Jungfernsee, Rüdersdorfer Gewässer, Spree-Oder

Before heading for **Berlin** and its famous **Museum Island** do make the side trip to astonishing **Potsdam**. Its an absolute must, is close by and with easy access. **Berlin** will retain you, there are so many things to do. Whether to explore on foot one of its many lakes edged with century old forests and opulent or luxurious villas, or visit the heart of the town, which has been so profoundly transfigured. More to the south and to the east, canals lakes and rivers intermingle to offer visits between **Spree** and **Oder** and some of the best tables in Germany, such as at Bad Saarow. Lovers of pure nature and tranquility will choose the **Havel** as far as **Havelberg**. The countryside is magnificent with few visitors. It is an itinerary that connoisseurs recommend to each other. Don't forget to make a halt at red-brick **Brandenburg** with its famous statue of the giant Roland who protects the townhall. The oldest town of the **region of Mark**, it preserves many relics of the past.

→ ACCESS

KETZIN



BERLIN TEGEL (45KM).



**NAUEN (17KM) THEN BUS 658 → KETZIN
POTSDAM (25KM) THEN BUS 614 → KETZIN**



**A10, EXIT POTSDAM NORTH THEN ABOUT 10 KM
FROM BERLIN: B5 DIRECTION NAUEN
FROM POTSDAM: B273 DIRECTION NAUEN**

BERLIN Capital city

The town which two or three years ago was Europe's largest building site has now shed its scaffolding to appear transfigured.

Since the summer of 1999, the official capital of Germany, Berlin combines the ultramodern with old established landmarks, such as the Reichstag with its new glass dome, the Brandenburg Gate and the Museums Island. Do explore also beyond these famous areas in order to discover the genuine spirit of Berlin, particularly visiting by canal the busy Kreuzberg and Oranienor districts.



Berlin



Germany



Mecklenburg

Brandenburg

Fürstenberg-Schwerin
length: 189 km

Fürstenberg-Waren
length: 76 km

Fürstenberg-Neustrelitz
length: 31 km

Fürstenberg-Plau
length: 102 km

Fürstenberg-Buchholz
length: 63 km

Fürstenberg-Templin
length: 54 km

Fürstenberg-Rheinsberg
length: 34 km

Fürstenberg-Neuruppin
length: 123 km

Fürstenberg-Potsdam
length: 120 km

Hiring without a licence

You don't need a licence for cruising if you start from Matzlow and Furstenberg and go as far as Liebenwalde to the north of Berlin.

Starting from Ketzin, you will be asked for a licence that is valid in your country of residence. If no licence is necessary in your country of residence then one will not be asked for at Ketzin.

Water quality

Furstenberg/Gransee has been ranked first town in Germany for its air and water quality. Six other towns in the area also figure among the top ten most ecologically minded places in Germany, which explains why Mecklenburg is such an outstanding area for nature, and why it has such a rich fauna and flora.

Average water temperature, measured daily between 1991 and 1998: May 14.9, June 20.5, July 21.1, August 21.5, September 19.



LOCABOAT'S SEE AT A GLANCE GUIDE

Our symbols will allow you to select the cruising area that suits you best:



Locks are open every day



Suggestions of Cruises

OUT AND BACK

FROM / BACK TO

Mecklenburg

FÜRSTENBERG

MATZLOW

➤ One week

• **FÜRSTENBERG***, STRASEN, NEUSTRELITZ, MIROW, BUCHHOLZ, RHEINSBERG.
191 km, 18 locks, 4 h / day.

• **MATZLOW***, PARCHIM, LÜBZ, PLAU, MALCHOW, WAREN.
190 km, 16 locks, 4 h 15 / day.

➤ Ten/eleven days

• **FÜRSTENBERG***, STRASEN, NEUSTRELITZ, BUCHHOLZ, RHEINSBERG, TEMPLIN.
282 km, 24 locks, 4 h 30 / day.

• **MATZLOW***, SCHWERIN, NEUSTADT, GRABOW, DÖMITZ.
206 km, 20 locks, 3 h 15 / day.

➤ Two weeks

• **FÜRSTENBERG***, MIROW, RECHLIN, BUCHHOLZ, RHEINSBERG, WESENBERG, NEUSTRELITZ, LYCHEN, TEMPLIN, DANNENWALDE.
261 km, 30 locks, 3 h 15 / day.

• **MATZLOW***, SCHWERIN, NEUSTADT, DÖMITZ, PARCHIM, LÜBZ, PLAU, WAREN.
396 km, 40 locks, 4 h 15 / day.

Brandenburg

FÜRSTENBERG

KETZIN

➤ One week

• **FÜRSTENBERG***, LYCHEN, TEMPLIN, ZEHDENICK.
204 km, 20 locks, 4 h 30 / day.

• **KETZIN**, BRANDENBURG, RATHENOW, HAVELBERG.
234 km, 8 locks, 5 h / day.

➤ Ten/eleven days

• **KETZIN**, POTSDAM, BRANDENBURG, RATHENOW, HAVELBERG.
354 km, 8 locks, 4 h 30 / day.

➤ Two weeks

• **FÜRSTENBERG***, STRASEN, NEUSTRELITZ, BUCHHOLZ, RHEINSBERG, TEMPLIN, ZEHDENICK.
360 km, 32 locks, 4 h / day.

• **KETZIN**, POTSDAM, BERLIN-MITTE, HENNIGSDORF, ORANIENBURG, ZEHDENICK, REGOW, FÜRSTENBERG.
340 km, 20 locks, 3 h 45 / day.

• **KETZIN**, SPANDAU, BERLIN-MITTE, MÄRKISCH BUCHHOLZ, ERKNER, RÜDERSDORF, TEUPITZ, BAD SAAROW, POTSDAM.
385 km, 17 locks, 4 h / day.

* Cruises not needing a licence.

Cruises

ONE WAY

➤ One week

• **MATZLOW***, PLAU, WAREN, MIROW, STRASEN, FÜRSTENBERG.
179 km, 14 locks, 4 h 15 / day.

• **MATZLOW***, PLAU, WAREN, MIROW, RHEINSBERG, FÜRSTENBERG.
201 km, 16 locks, 5 h / day.

• **KETZIN**, POTSDAM, BERLIN **NEW**, CHARLOTTENBURG, MITTE, SPANDAU, NEURUPPIN, ZEHDENICK, FÜRSTENBERG.
265 km, 20 locks, 4 h 15 / day.

These cruises can operate in either direction.

➤ Ten/eleven days

• **KETZIN**, POTSDAM, BERLIN **NEW**, CHARLOTTENBURG, KÖPENICK, NEURUPPIN, LINDOW, ZEHDENICK, TEMPLIN, LYCHEN, FÜRSTENBERG.
341 km, 26 locks, 4 h 15 / day.

➤ Two weeks

• **FÜRSTENBERG***, LYCHEN, NEUSTRELITZ, RHEINSBERG, WAREN, SCHWERIN, MATZLOW.
318 km, 16 locks, 3 h 30 / day.

* Cruises not needing a licence.

Cruises

CIRCLE

Brandenburg

➤ One week

• **KETZIN**, SPANDAU, CHARLOTTENBURG, BERLIN-MITTE, ERKNER, KÖPENICK, WANNSEE, POTSDAM.
160 km, 5 locks, 3 h 30 / day.

➤ Three weeks

• **FÜRSTENBERG**, ORANIENBURG, BERLIN, POTSDAM, BRANDENBURG, HAVELBERG, WITTENBERGE, SCHWERIN, LÜBZ, RÖBEL.
620 km, 43 locks, 5 h / day.

• **KETZIN**, CHARLOTTENBURG, BERLIN-MITTE, FÜRSTENWALDE, EISENHÜTTENSTADT, KIENITZ, FRANKFURT, SCHWEDT, NIEDERFINOW, LIEBENWALDE, ORANIENBURG, POTSDAM, WERDER.
489 km, 13 locks, 3 h 30 / day.