

Germany



Baroque castles on the water



Situated in the north east of Germany, the beautiful network of lakes and canals of Brandenburg and Mecklenburg form an idyllic cruising area. Noted for its clean air and waters, this area is as popular with boating and watersports enthusiasts as it is with nature lovers.

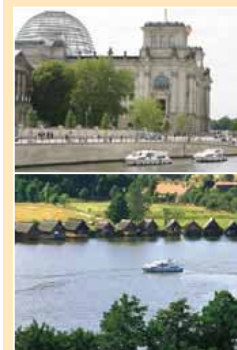
Impressive nature reserves are home to an abundance of flora and fauna, and the surrounding forests, moors and green pastures are perfect for picnics, countryside walks and bicycle rides. Splendid lakeside houses and Baroque castles punctuate the landscape and offer a glimpse into the aristocratic lifestyles of bygone eras. Try your hand at kayaking or sailing on the magnificent Lake Müritz or simply enjoy cruising at your leisure, stopping for a glass of refreshing beer at waterside medieval villages. City lovers will enjoy the rejuvenated city of Berlin, with its eclectic mix of designer shops and historic monuments.

Cruising Notes
Both our bases at Potsdam and Marina Wolfsbruch are within licence-free cruising areas. From Potsdam you can do a short trip to Göttin without a licence. To continue your cruise to Brandenburg, or to cruise from Potsdam to Spreewald or to do the one way up to Marina Wolfsbruch, you would need to either hire a skipper for a day (EUR 200) or obtain a licence. All cruising areas around our base at Marina Wolfsbruch are licence-free and/or do not require a pilot until you reach Liebenwalde. Please see map for more details.

“We chose Germany as we wanted to go somewhere and do something completely different. We had great fun kayaking on Lake Müritz with the children and loved visiting the quaint waterside villages.”

Hire bikes and kayaks for extra fun!

Regional highlights



- Baroque castles and lakeside Manor houses along the water's edge
- Lake Müritz - for fantastic sailing, cruising and watersports
- Sparkling nature reserves, home to fantastic flora and fauna
- Berlin - a must for city lovers

Some cruising ideas to help you choose...

The Spreewald Cruise
Potsdam - Bad Saarow - Potsdam
1 Week - Return trip
230kms • 10 locks • 32hrs (licence or skipper needed)

Cruise to the pretty Spreewald region through futuristic Berlin. Immerse yourself in unspoilt countryside and head off on an 'aquatic safari' through the tranquil waters of this immense nature reserve. If you want to spend time in Berlin, we recommend taking a train or taxi from Potsdam due to limited mooring facilities.

The Brandenburg Cruise
Potsdam - Plau - Potsdam
1 Week - Return trip
130kms • 2 locks • 17hrs (licence or skipper needed)

Visit Brandenburg's beautiful medieval castles on this peaceful cruise through idyllic countryside where you will discover peaceful lakes and sleepy villages with timber-framed houses and churches.

The Marina Wolfsbruch Cruise
Marina Wolfsbruch - Mirow - Lychen - Marina Wolfsbruch
1 Week - Return trip
200kms • 12 locks • 30hrs (licence free)

Relax or get active at Marina Wolfsbruch. Enjoy swimming and watersports, beautiful natural surroundings and lakeside Baroque castles.

The Müritz Cruise
Marina Wolfsbruch - Jabel or vice versa
3 Day Short Break - One-way trip
65kms • 4 locks • 16hrs (licence free)

A beautiful cruise on crystal clear open waters, perfect for swimming and watersports. Enjoy modern marina facilities at the quiet town of Jabel and visit its 300 year old natural landmark - a beautiful yew tree. The delightful villages of Mirow, Rechlin, Röbel, Klink and Waren can all be visited en route.

The Berlin Cruise
Potsdam - Marina Wolfsbruch or vice versa
1 Week - One-way trip
175kms • 16 locks • 24hrs (licence or skipper needed)

Take in the futuristic capital of Berlin before heading north to the amazing nature reserves and watersports facilities at Marina Wolfsbruch.

The Potsdam Cruise
Potsdam - Göttin - Potsdam
3 Day - Short Break
88kms • 0 locks
15hrs (licence free)

Spend time at Sanssouci Castle Park in Potsdam, then cruise to Caputh and visit the castle at Petzow. En route, stop at the 'Island city' of Werder.



- History & heritage
- Culture
- Gastronomy
- Cycling
- Horse-riding
- Watersports
- Fishing
- Golf
- Wildlife
- Swimming

The German Fleet

Match a boat to your choice of cruise
Crown Blue Line Fleet
CONNOISSEUR Fleet

Comfortably sleeping 8+
■ Classique, Classique S, Grand Classique
■ Magnifique

Comfortably sleeping 6+
■ Crusader, Royal Classique
■ Elegance

Comfortably sleeping 4+
■ Clipper, Consul, Countess
■ Caprice

Comfortably sleeping 2+
■ Cirrus



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