

Germany Berlin - Usedom



Inclusive services

- 7 overnight stays with breakfast (Saturday to Saturday)
- 5 multiple course, selected dinners
- 1 multiple course lunch
- Water at dinner
- All visitor's tax and tourism levies
- All intermediate transfers according to programme
- All admission fees according to programme
- Rotalis touring bike (Pedelec with an extra charge depending on availability)
- Rotalis support vehicle
- Rotalis luggage service
- Additional (city-)tour by bike in Berlin
- Welcome appetizer in Berlin
- Rotalis drinking bottle
- 2 Rotalis travel guides



Number
of participants: min. 8, max. 15 participants



Tagesablauf

1. DAY: SATURDAY

In the heart of Berlin, you are awaited by the Hotel Bristol****, offering all comfort and equipped with a swimming pool. Our first meeting takes place in the hotel lobby at 6pm for an appetiser. You have the rest of the evening to your own disposal. Restaurants for everyone's taste can be found in close proximity to the hotel.

2. DAY: SUNDAY Berlin – Neuruppin (45 km / 28 miles)

After the handing-over and adjustments of your bikes, we will begin our journey by bike with a city tour of Berlin, an incomparable experience. Travelling on cycle paths mostly away from traffic, and partly on the Mauer cycle path, a path of cultural and historical interest, we will reach the historic centre of Berlin. We will see the Reichstag, Gendarmenmarkt, Potsdamer Platz and much more during our tour. After our lunch break, we will travel by train and will soon reach the Mark Brandenburg. We will cycle through small villages and alleys into the Fontane city of Neuruppin. During a round trip, we will see the most important example of Prussian provincial urban development, before we are welcomed by the first-class Resort Mark Brandenburg****, situated directly at the lake with its own thermal spa and a large wellness area.

3. DAY: MONDAY Neuruppin – Neustrelitz (44 km / 27 miles)

Almost twenty smaller and larger lakes line our route into Ruppiner Switzerland and the Rheinsberger lake area, where it is also possible to have a swim. Our cycling stage briefly comes to an end as we board a ship, in order to explore the waters for about one hour. Extended deciduous and pine forests also offer us their shade today. During his youth, "Alte Fritz" spent the best years of his life in the former residence city Rheinsberg and created an impressive castle and park ensemble. Baroque feeling for art and English garden architecture are combined in the Neustrelitzer castle park, one of the loveliest gardens in Mecklenburg. Not far from here, we are awaited by the Hotel Schlossgarten***, with its lovely Biedermeier interior, and whose guests are taken care of with a heartfelt hospitality.

4. DAY: TUESDAY Neustrelitz – Groß Plasten (46 km / 28 miles)

After travelling around the Zierker Lake, we will cycle into the Müritz national park. Once a protected DDR-state hunting ground, it is a paradise for hikers and cyclists today, who enjoy the untouched nature and the relaxing tranquillity. The route leads through the home of over 200 species of birds and hundreds of ferns and flowering plants. If we are lucky, we might see cranes as well as osprey and sea eagles. During our route, we will pass small lakes and ponds as well as the largest inland lake in Germany, the Müritz. At the end of today's stage, we are awaited by the magnificent Schlosshotel Groß Plasten****, a hotel with lots of ambience, a wellness area and excellent cuisine.

5. DAY: WEDNESDAY Groß Plasten – Stolpe (41 km / 26 miles)

We will travel by bus and will soon arrive in Altentreptow, and will get to see a colourfully painted carved altar in a stately hall church. The cycling route then leads into the expanses of Vorpommern, which is used agriculturally. The impressive ruins of the Veste Landskron, which Ulrich von Schwerin, one of the most influential men of his time, had built in the 16th century, are remotely situated here in a river valley, far from



any settlement. At our daily destination, we will be heartily welcomed in the Gutshaus Stolpe****, a nobly constructed building, which was formerly a country estate and is situated in a large park complex at the Peene (Relais & Château). We will meet up in the Fährkrug (over 350 years old) for a typical regional dinner. Fritz Reuter was a regular guest here for many years.

6. DAY: THURSDAY Stolpe – Ahlbeck (35 km / 22 miles)

If the weather is fine, we will swap our bikes for canoes in the morning and will paddle with a local guide down the gently flowing Peene River. Far from civilisation, we will see former peat-ditches, old river branches, floodplain forests and large reed areas. They form the landscape and nature reserve area of the Lower Peene valley before the old Hanseatic city of Anklam. If we are lucky, we might be able to see sea eagles, kingfishers, beavers and otters. Experience with paddling is not necessary for this pleasant boat ride. After our canoe tour, we will travel a short journey by bus onto the Usedom Island. While mostly following the shoreline of the Stettiner Haff, we will cycle through the charming southern part of the island over the border into the Polish health resort Swinemünde. This was opened for bathing for the first time in 1824. After cycling a short section on the newly constructed Europa cycle path, we will arrive in Ahlbeck, where we will be welcomed by the Romantik Seehotel Ahlbecker Hof****, the best hotel in the seaside resort Ahlbeck. A successful symbiosis of nostalgic cosiness and luxurious comfort is hidden behind the classic facade of spa architecture, including a large wellness area (two overnight stays). As lunch on Sunday is included in the travel price, you will have the evening to your own disposal.

7. DAY: FRIDAY Round trip Usedom (40 km / 25 miles)

The Usedom Island is not only the sunniest island in Germany, but is also a paradise for cyclists. We will travel on well-developed cycle paths along the former imperial baths Bansin and Heringsdorf up to Karlshagen. The numerous well preserved and delicately restored villas, which were developed in the second half of the 19th century up to World War 1, still radiate a special flair. Whether in the architectural style of the French Renaissance, in the classical style or according to Italian archetype – the summer residences exceed one another in their design and brilliance. After lunch, we will board the Usedomer Bäderbahn and will travel back to Bansin. One of the loveliest and most diverse moraine landscapes of the island await us, which is lovingly called “Usedomer Switzerland”. We will then enjoy our closing dinner in the excellent hotel restaurant.

8. DAY: SATURDAY Ahlbeck

As there is nothing on today's programme, you will be able to arrange your departure individually. It is only a few minutes' walk from the hotel to the train station in the health resort Ahlbeck, from where all German metropolises can be reached by train (changing trains once).

ADDITIONAL NIGHTS

We gladly book additional nights for you in our partner hotels (depending on availability). Berlin (Hotel Bristol****): The capital city with its cultural offer is excellently suitable for additional nights before and after the journey. Our partner hotel is centrally located and is ideal for exploring Berlin on one's own. Seebad Ahlbeck (Romantik Seehotel Ahlbecker Hof****): Our partner hotel is ideally suitable for one to relax at the Baltic Sea for a few more days after the journey.



Dates and prices

22.06.24 / ab 0 € **29.06.24** / ab 0 € **06.07.24** / ab 0 €

