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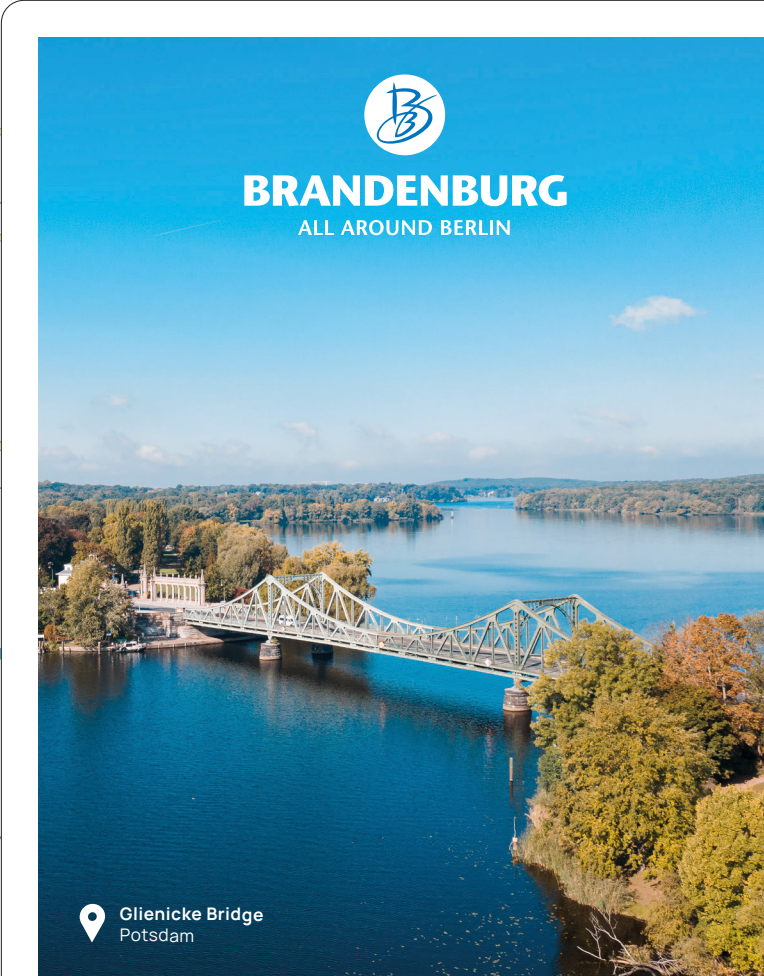
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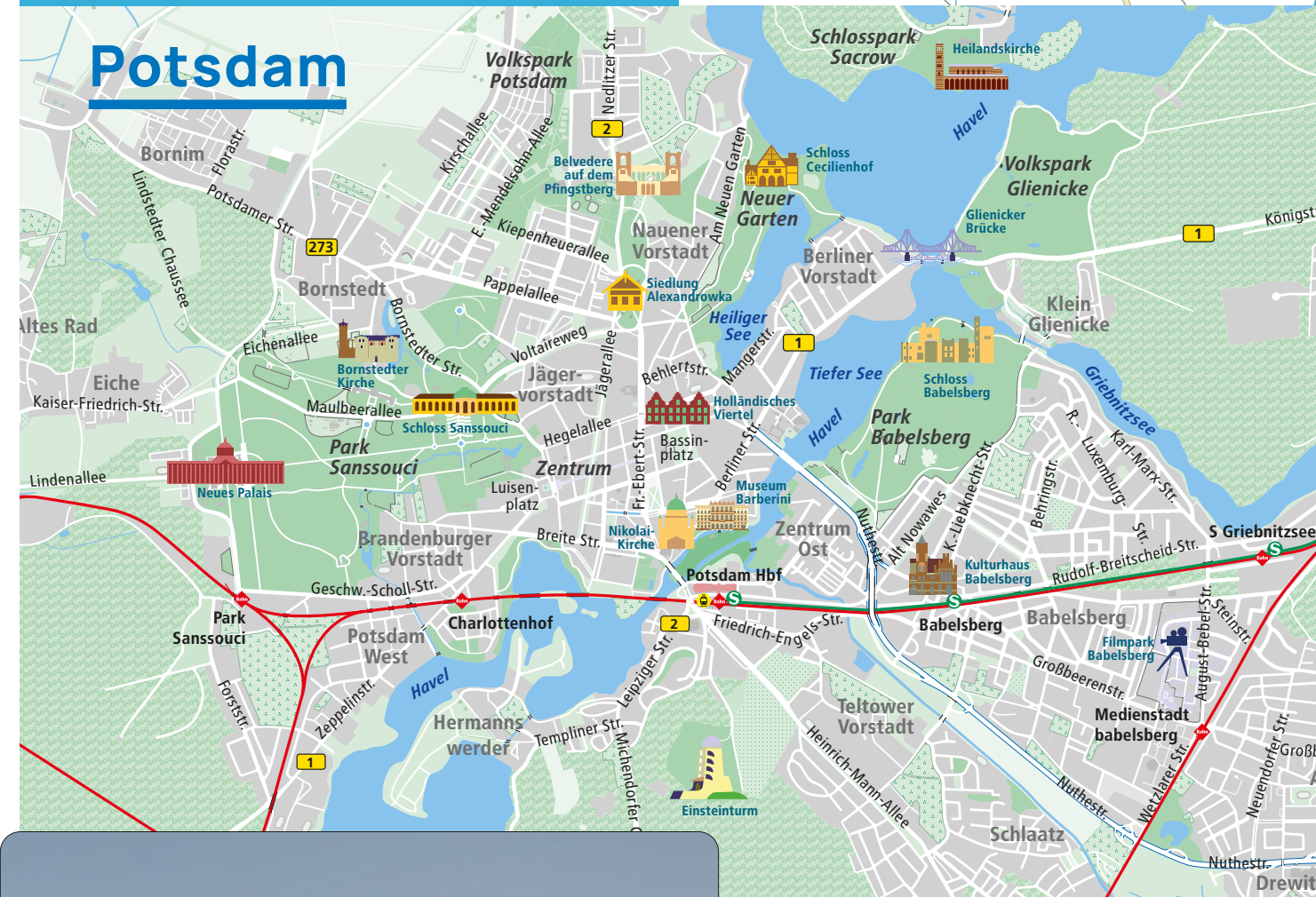


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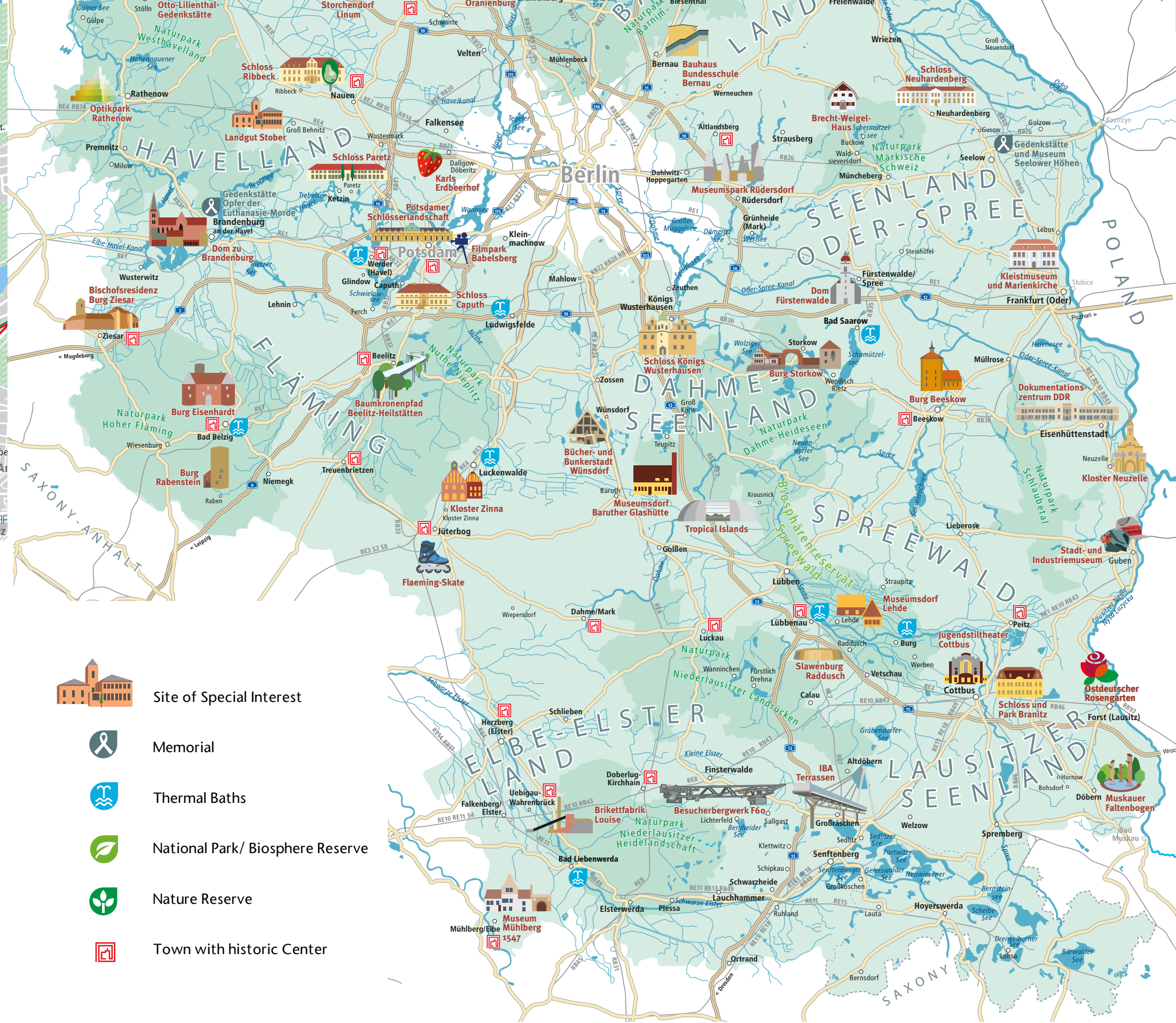
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Rheinsberg House - The Court of Muses at Grienericksee

Where is the German village with the biggest population of storks, in which areas can monasteries be found, and how do I get to the most beautiful lakes and castles in the state? Where are the impressive Brandenburg gardens and parks that were commissioned in bygone times by Prussian kings and princes, and created by renowned landscape architects such as Peter Joseph Lenné and Hermann Fürst von Pückler-Muskau? The new Brandenburg map gives you the answers to these and many other questions at a glance.



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Uckermark

It's almost as if time has stood still here: small villages with churches and farms, streets made of field stones, and lakes that appear like blue spots in the landscape. It's the perfect place to pass the time, enjoy life at a snail's pace and take pleasure in the little things. No wonder so many city-dwellers flee the concrete jungle to seek out the peace and expanse of the Uckermark region, finding the space here for creativity and quality of life. More than 90 percent of the vast, slightly hilly Uckermark region is under landscape conservation.



Taking a break at the lake



Biodiversity and unspoiled natural scenery are ensured in Unteres Oder-tal National Park, Schorfheide-Chorin Biosphere Reserve with the Grumsin Beech Forest UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the Uckermärkische Seen Nature Park. The region has also set out to increase its sustainability and has been certified as a "Sustainable Destination" since 2018.

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Cistercian Monastery and Baroque Abbey Gardens in Neuzelle

Neuzelle Abbey

The "Baroque Marvel of Brandenburg" is among the most significant artistic treasures in the state. As one of the few completely preserved abbey complexes in Europe, the Cistercian monastery to the south of Frankfurt (Oder) offers a unique blend of architecture, culture and garden art. With its two Baroque churches, the Abbey Gardens, the late Gothic cloister, and its artistic treasures in two museums, Neuzelle presents impressive Baroque and artistic monuments. The Baroque Abbey Gardens are beautifully restored, spreading over five hectares, in historical layout of paths with water features and old trees. Concerts in Abbey Square, the

Baroque Gardens and in the two churches revive the complex every year for music fans. Experience cultural, artistic and spiritual diversity in Neuzelle Abbey.



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Thank goodness for Brandenburg, the state that wraps itself right around the capital Berlin! Almost anything is possible in the state of 3,000 lakes: you can cycle through deep forests, hike across expansive grasslands or simply glide across glittering lakes on a houseboat.

Inspiration for everyone

Share your love of Brandenburg with your friends and family – tell them about your favourite outings in the region on Facebook and Instagram. The hashtags to use are **#erlebebrandenburg** and **#visitbrandenburg**. The result is a collection of the best Brandenburg stories:

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And if you can't get enough of Brandenburg, why not stay a little longer? For the most attractive accommodation options, see:

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Potsdam

"Without a care" – that is the meaning of Potsdam's most famous palace, Sanssouci. But it is also a feeling that can be experienced in many places within the city. Not just throughout the palaces and extensive gardens – all of which are part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site – but also in the vibrant city centre with its Baroque-style residences and Italianate villas. As well as on the banks of the river Havel, which embraces Potsdam with its lakes, making it an island. You can explore more recent German history at Cecilienhof Country House, the site of the Potsdam Conference, or on Glienicke Bridge. Potsdam is situated very close to the metropolis of Berlin, but has a different pace to it. It's a place that gives you time to pause and seek out inspiration. One of the reasons why numerous major international film productions have been created at Babelsberg film studios. To honour Potsdam's achievements of the last 100 years of making films, the city became Germany's first UNESCO Creative City of Film.



New Palace at Sanssouci Park



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Havelland

Herr von Ribbeck auf Ribbeck im Havelland ... these were the words written by Theodor Fontane that made the Havelland region known all over the world. Visit a walk-in pear and immerse yourself in the life and times of the famous poet. Explore the Havelland on foot or by bike along one of the many popular cycling routes. See the oldest airfield in the world, go on a discovery tour through the history of optics which will appeal to both young and old alike, or find out at first hand why Albert Einstein loved this region so much with its numerous lakes. On the River Havel and its lakes you can enjoy the colourful hustle and bustle of boats, canoes, SUPs and bathers. There are charming villages, castles, monasteries and cathedrals to be seen here, too, and again and again you will be impressed by the region's breathtaking scenic beauty. And in Germany's first ever star park, you can direct your gaze upwards to the night sky in complete darkness and marvel at the endless sparkling of the firmament. Havelland: satisfy your longing.



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Seenland Oder-Spree

The name of the region in Brandenburg with the biggest volume of water derives from two well-known rivers and more than 300 lakes: here, magnificent natural landscapes are to be found such as the Oderbruch – a former marshland – the Schlaubetal valley, and the Märkische Schweiz. Brandenburg's two largest natural lakes are likewise situated in the east of this region, namely Lake Scharmützelsee and Lake Schwielsee. Just an hour south-east of Berlin, you can bike along ADFC-certified cycle paths, hike through nature parks and idyllic villages, paddle along with the current or enjoy a refreshing dip. The lake district is rich in cultural treasures, too, with numerous museums, churches



Bike tour around Scharmützelsee

and castles. And to round off the perfect holiday, the three health resorts of Bad Freienwalde, Buckow and Bad Saarow offer a diverse range of health and wellness facilities.



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Elbe-Elster-Land

The Elbe-Elster discovery region is one of Brandenburg's insider tips. It offers an abundance of unusual and varied outdoor experiences.

Its flat landscape has a wealth of uncut forest, wide open spaces, orchards and moors that are simply waiting to be discovered. The Niederlausitzer Heidelandschaft Nature Park is a perfect scenic spot in which to slow down the pace of life. The air is wonderfully clean and fresh, making cycling on well-maintained paths a pure pleasure.

The Elbe-Elster region offers huge diversity, with numerous mills, castles, historic town centres and monuments of industrial culture – all just waiting to be explored. A picnic basket filled with fresh local produce or a fine home-style dish at an inn is the perfect way to round off a day of varied activity on a healthy and enjoyable note.



Bike tour in Elbe-Elster region



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Fläming

The Fläming travel region is located directly beyond the south-western city limits of Berlin in the triangle of Berlin – Magdeburg – Lutherstadt Wittenberg. Gentle hilly landscapes, wooded hiking valleys formed in the ice age and a magnificent expanse of scenic beauty provide moments of relaxation for visitors at every turn of the trail. Fläming takes its name from the Flemings who settled in this landscape centuries ago. To this day, their descendants' ingenuity and pioneering spirit make this a region rich in creative inspiration. Here you can try your skills on Europe's longest skating track, for example, go for a hike to admire not just the scenic



Schloss Wiesenburg castle

beauty but also magnificent cultural treasures, take a stroll among the treetops or take a leisurely stopover to enjoy regional produce.



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Prignitz

Situated between the cities of Hamburg and Berlin, the region of Prignitz offers an idyllic tranquility that is ideal if you want to get a true sense of the simple joys of country life. Nature sets the tone here, dominated by the fascinating floodplain landscape of the great River Elbe and its smaller tributaries.

Nowhere else in Europe does the stork feel as at home as it does here. Nestling in this impressive landscape there are countless idyllic villages with fascinating religious buildings, and medieval towns whose town centres are steeped in history.

The best way to explore this unique natural and cultural landscape is by bike. Prignitz is a true paradise for cyclists: the landscape is flat, the cycle paths are well maintained and the intersection cycling system makes it easy to plan individual tours.



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Dahme-Seenland

Dahme lake district is often referred to as "Berlin's front garden". The landscape immediately south of the capital is certainly what you might call typical of Brandenburg: wide and gently rolling heathlands criss-crossed by the River Dahme, with numerous lakes and natural bathing areas set among pristine pine forests. It is a paradise for guests who like to travel by houseboat or canoe, as well as for those who wish to pursue water sports such as surfing or water skiing. With its numerous destinations for outings and small villages, the Dahme-Heidesen Nature Park is ideal for a day trip by bike or a guided hike. As an airport region, the Dahme lake district is Berlin-Brandenburg's gateway to the world, too.



Grandpa and grandson on a paddling tour



Boat trip at Wolziger See

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Ruppiner Seenland

Do you adore lakes? In the north of Brandenburg, between Berlin and Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, lies one of the most beautiful and largest contiguous expanses of water in the whole of Germany: with around 2,000 kilometres of interconnected waterways and more than 300 lakes, some of them crystal clear, the Ruppiner Seenland offers its guests a diverse range of holiday fun – whether on, in or around the water. Dense forests, fields and heaths in summer blossom, fragrant fruit trees by the wayside and resting migratory birds are all a source of fascination, whether to outdoor adventure enthusiasts or those in search of recreation. With its cultural monuments such as Rheinsberg House, Meseberg Castle and Oranienburg Palace, along with the historic town centres of Neuruppin, Gransee, Kremmen and Rheinsberg, this region enables visitors to relive the history of Brandenburg and Prussia and get a first-hand taste of Theodor Fontane's literary legacy: an enchanting backdrop for a truly diverse range of cultural activities.



Bike tour with lake view in Himmelfort



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Spreewald

A branching labyrinth of idyllic waterways, a colourful sea of Spree-wald barges, canoes and stand-up paddlers, delicious regional products such as gherkins, linseed oil and horseradish – the Spreewald is all this and much more besides. The network of waterways formed in the ice age created a unique landscape that has been declared a UNESCO biosphere reserve. Nature lovers, active holidaymakers and those in search of relaxation all feel equally at home in this region, whatever their age: here, visitors can explore riverways stretching out over a total distance of more than 200 kilometres.



Canoeing on Spreewald waterways



Everywhere, punt ferrymen welcome their guests and take them through primeval alder forests and to romantic destinations, both in summer and winter. The Gherkin Cycle Path invites visitors to cycle past gherkin fields and historic log cabins. The Spreewald is also the backdrop to a mysterious world of legend, gripping Spreewald crime stories and Sorbian/Wendish traditions.

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