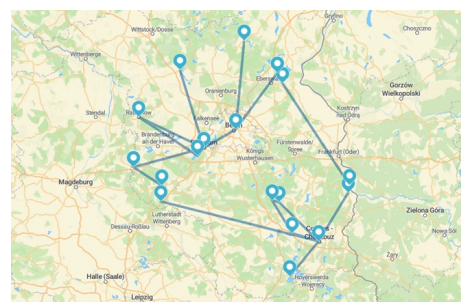




Germany, 10 Days · Tailor-made by car

Route through Potsdam and the highlights of Brandenburg

Travel to Germany and discover the legacy of Potsdam and Brandenburg at your own pace, the cradle of technology and cinematography. Take a journey through unique historical enclaves, elegant palaces, impressive monasteries, romantic gardens and abundant nature. Get on the road, discover the true Germany and enjoy thousands of activities for you and the whole family. Starting in the cosmopolitan city of Berlin, the fascinating "Route through Potsdam and the highlights of Brandenburg" brings the traveler to one of the most beautiful and cultural regions of Germany. An unforgettable car trip that will allow you to explore the quiet and photogenic Brandenburg, visit monumental cities such as Potsdam, recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, stroll through dreamlike gardens and see beautiful landscapes from magnificent forts, impregnable castles and elegant palaces that show off this region's history. The unforgettable sites of Havelland, Prignitz, Fläming and Spreewald allow you to get up close and personal with the main treasures of Brandenburg. This road trip will allow you to discover the fabulous natural region of Spreewald, a fairytale forest, take a boat ride through its incredible canals and discover its cozy towns. This Route offers unique experiences that are worth seeing at least once in your lifetime. Prepare to stroll through gardens dreamed up by traveling princes; discover the cradle of European cinema in the Filmpark of Babelsberg; enjoy abundant nature in the Biosphere Potsdam or in the Schorfheide-Chorin Biosphere Reserve. There is also plenty of culture along this route. Get ready to attend a summer concert in monasteries as evocative as those of Lehnin or Chorin; discover the important legacy of the optician Duncker and the pioneer of aviation Otto Lillenthal; and contemplate major engineering works such as the Schichtsbewer or the conveyor system at the Lichterfeld mine. And all the while, you'll be enjoying yourself. Race along the famous cycle and skating routes at "Fläming-Skate"; relax in the jungle environment of the incredible Tropical Islands Leisure Center; or in the winter wonderland at the Snowtopolis Ski Hall; or enjoy car racing at the EuroSpeedway. ... The "Route through Potsdam and the highlights of Brandenburg" is also an journey through history, which will bring you closer to the reign of the kings and princes of Prussia; to historical events essential that shaped modern Europe, such as the Second World War and the Cold War. You will get to see unique places such as Schloss Cecilienhof Palace, a heritage site where the "Potsdam Conference" was held, a date when the allies decided on the future of a new Europe following worldwide conflict. Sign up for this unforgettable trip that focuses on the major attractions of this German



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From: London

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - BERLIN - POTSDAM (OPTIONAL. BOAT TRIP TO SEE THE PALACES OF POTSDAM)

Flight departure from the city of origin to Berlin, the capital of the country. After arriving at the airport, you can pick up your rental car and start your adventure on German soil. Get ready to discover the best-kept secrets of the eastern part of the country! Depending on the arrival time of your flight, you can spend a few hours in the capital or go directly to Potsdam, located to the southwest, about 40 minutes by car. The jewel of the federal state of Brandenburg and the former Prussian royal headquarters, the city dazzles travellers with famous palaces and beautiful gardens that have earned it recognition as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. You are in one of the most monumental regions in Germany. After three centuries, this city-quarter, famous for its beautiful baroque buildings, has been shaping its urban physiognomy to become one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. It doesn't lack in beauty nor historical importance. In spite of the intense bombings that it underwent during World War II, Potsdam has preserved its magnificent palaces, parks and gardens that were miraculously spared by the bombs. There are no replicas or rebuilds here. Everything is original. Special mention goes to the Schloss Sanssouci Palace, a Rococo jewel designed by Georg Wenzeslaus von Knobelsdorff. The palace was the summer residence of the Prussian emperors and kings of the Hohenzollern dynasty for more than three centuries, who hired the most renowned architects of the time, helping to create what is now a magnificent complex of gardens and palaces declared a World Heritage Site. (Note: The number of people who can enter is limited. Entrance is ticket-only and must be booked in advance. Admission not included. There is the possibility of hiring self-guided tours). In the beautiful Sanssouci Park you can also visit enclaves as emblematic as the Neues Palais, the Chinesisches Haus and the Bildergalerie. Enjoy a nice walk! Near this point is the Charlottenhof park, which merges with the Sanssouci and is where you can see the Charlottenhof Palace. (Note: If you have time, you can sign up for a nice boat trip that will allow you to see the most famous palaces of the city from the water, such as the Babelsberg Palace). Another of our essential routes will take you through this baroque city on a walking tour. From the Sanssouci Park, you can head towards the Brandenburg Gate (Brandenburger Tor), the Brandenburger Strasse, one of the most prominent pedestrian and commercial streets, until reaching the picturesque Holländisches Viertel (Dutch Quarter). End the day tasting delicious local cuisine in one of its trendy restaurants. Overnight stay in Potsdam.

● DAY 2 · POTSDAM - FILMPARK / BABELSBERG - BARBERINI PALACE - POTSDAM

Today you have another exciting day to continue exploring Potsdam and its surroundings. To the north of the old city, is the photogenic Neuer Garten, designed along the river Heiliger See based on English designs. In the area you can visit the Marmorpalais built in neoclassical style, and the Schloss Cecilienhof Palace where, after the end of World War II, the allies (Stalin, Truman and Churchill) met to discuss the future of Europe at the historic Conference of Potsdam held in August 1945. A place that undoubtedly shaped the history of Europe. Another of the essential sites the day will take you to the Filmpark, located in the Babelsberg district. Discover the cinematic history of Germany! And that is why Potsdam is also famous for being the cradle of European cinema. With a fantastic mix of entertainment, action and authentic television and film sets, this park is fun for adults and children alike. Thanks to a complete audioguide you can learn the history and curious secrets surrounding the so-called Seventh Art. It is a resort visited by families with children and has so many attractions that you can spend a whole day there discovering what the park has to offer: sets, props, costumes, old and modern technical equipment... In the workshop of the creators of dreams, film artisans, painters and make-up artists teach visitors how to create perfect illusions. The Studio Babelsberg has produced and co-produced such blockbuster films as "The Grand Budapest Hotel" and "The Hunger Games". You will be impressed by shows performed by specialists featuring car crashes, motorcycle jumps and stunts with fire. One of the most popular sites is considered the first interactive XD thematic cinema in the world, as well as 4D action cinema. (Note: The dinner shows are full of fantasy, and the events that take place throughout the year in the restaurant "Prinz Eisenherz" are a real experience). This film adventure culminates with a visit to the Potsdam Film Museum (Filmmuseum), one of the oldest cinematographic museums in the country. An alternative plan? You could finish the day off with a visit to the renovated Barberini palace. Overnight stay in Potsdam.

● DAY 3 · POTSDAM - HAVELLAND REGION (OPTIONAL VISITS TO CHOOSE FROM: CAPUTH, LEHNIN, BRANDENBURG AN DER HAVEL, RIBBECK, RATHENOW, STÖLLN) - POTSDAM

After eating a delicious breakfast, you will continue to enjoy the attractions of a city that, even today, demonstrates the mark left behind by the splendor of Prussia, and by their world-renowned great masters and scientists. Throughout the day you will contemplate the beautiful views of a city surrounded by gardens and dotted with castles and lakes. Lovers of photography and unique views can head to the towers of Belvedere Palace, located on Mount Pfingstberg. (Note: Booking in advance is recommended. Visit not included). If you are traveling as a family or you are a lover of "eco" spaces, we recommend you visit the fabulous Potsdam Biosphäre, an authentic tropical paradise. On your visit, more than 20,000 magnificent tropical plants, many animals and tropical temperatures await you, generating a genuine "jungle atmosphere". They even recreate storms every hour! Take advantage of this visit to discover an incredible aquatic world, its historic submarine and the colourful house of butterflies. The interactive stations, several films and a multitude of information panels offer an interesting view of the diversity of the jungle. A visit to Potsdam could also be combined with an excursion to the attractive Havelland. We have prepared a list of places to visit, so you can select the ones that most closely match your tastes and the time you have available. Off we go! Lovers of historical sites will find authentic heritage highlights in the Caputh Palace, the Brandenburg an der Havel Cathedral and the castle of Ribbeck. Another interesting stop could be the Open Air Optic Park in Rathenow. In the nearby town of Stöln, the Otto Lienthal monument is reminiscent of this pioneer of aviation who managed to reach heights to 250 meters in his flying machines. A huge achievement at the time! The inventor died in 1896, after attempting a flight from Gollenberg. You can read up on the details of their research and achievements in an interesting exhibition located inside a passenger plane. Discover the history surrounding the "Lady Agnes" plane from Interflug. For lovers of culture and music, the summer concerts of the Lehnin monastery could also take your fancy. (Note: The visits starting from the city of Potsdam are all alternatives. Take into account the distance in kilometres from Potsdam and create an itinerary to suit you. Potsdam to Caputh, about half an hour; Potsdam to Brandenburg an der Havel, approximately 1 hour; Potsdam to Ribbeck, about 1 hour; Potsdam to Rathenow, approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes; Potsdam to Stöln, approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes; Potsdam - Lehnin, approximately 40 minutes). Return and overnight stay in Potsdam.

● DAY 4 · POTSDAM - PRIGNITZ (NEURUPPIN - RÜHSTÄDT) - POTSDAM (OPTIONAL VISITS TO CHOOSE FROM: AMTSTURM MUSEUM, MEYENBURG, LENZEN CASTLE, MÜHLBERG, DOBERLUIG CASTLE)

Today we recommend combining the visit to Potsdam with an attractive excursion that will allow you to get to know some of the most outstanding sites in Prignitz. Potsdam offers the traveler culture and history in abundance. Today you will discover the link between this city and the Cold War, with such places as the Glienicke bridge, which rose to fame on the big screen as the "Bridge of Spies", and the Leistikowstrasse Memorial, a former Soviet KGB prison. As on the previous day, today we offer you a range of trips from Potsdam, so you can choose the type of excursion you prefer. This photogenic German region stimulates travelers as they walk through Rühstädt, considered the "European town of storks"; and discover Neuruppin, where you can continue to deepen your understanding of German culture by approaching the figure of two of its most famous residents: Theodor Fontane and Karl Friedrich Schinkel. Among our recommended visits are the Baroque Old Grammar School, the interesting local Museum and the Kunsterspring Zoo. (Note: To get from Neuruppin to Rühstädt you will have to drive 1 hour and 20 minutes, approximately). And if you want to gain an understanding of local history we propose two different museums. While in the Amtsturm Museum you will be able to learn about the "Thirty Years War"; in the town of Meyenburg you can immerse yourself in the glamorous world of fashion, thanks to the museum inside the town's castle. Josefine Edle von Krepl chose this magnificent fortress to exhibit the most interesting elements of her collection made up of more than 3,000 items. In search of the perfect photograph? You can enjoy the wonderful views - you can see up to four different German states - from the imposing tower at Lenzen Castle. As an alternative, we suggest you head south, and discover Mühlberg and the Doberluig castle, which houses works by the master Dali. (Note: The visits starting from the city of Potsdam are all alternatives. Take into account the distance in kilometres from Potsdam and create an itinerary to suit you. From Potsdam to Mühlberg, it takes approximately 2 hours). Return and overnight stay in Potsdam.

DAY 5 · POTSDAM - FLÄMING REGION - COTTBUS-BRANITZ (SPREEWALD) (OPTIONAL VISITS TO CHOOSE FROM: "FLÄMING - SKATE" ROUTE, "CASTLES ROUTE", THE RUINS OF THE SANATORIUM AND THE TREETOPS IN BEELITZ-HEILSTÄTTEN)

Today we will say goodbye to Potsdam and move south. You can take advantage of your last hours in this heritage city to visit the Parliament and the Nikolaikirche. After these exciting trips, you will continue on your journey. After a short drive, you reach the Fläming region, where you can appreciate its photogenic landscape dotted with gentle hills, tranquil streams, dense pine forests, striking green meadows, colored rapeseed fields in vibrant yellow, solemn castles... In the 12th and 13th centuries, the flamingos settled among the Elbe, Havel and Spree rivers, giving their name to these lands. Before arriving at the Spreewald area, you can choose to perform any of the activities described. We recommend that you plan the day according to your final destination. Optional visits. For cyclists and skaters we recommend "the Fläming-Skate", a perfectly paved and signposted road away from road traffic. In total, it has 230 kilometers that are distributed into 8 circular routes, between 11 and 92 kilometers each. Another alternative option is to walk part of the "Way of the Castles", a trip that will allow you to explore such attractive places as the castles of Ziesar and Eisenhardt (Bad Belzig). (Note: In August, a magnificent medieval spectacle with knights, ballad singers and dances from that period is celebrated within the castle). In Rabenstein, you will find another outstanding castle in the area. From the top, you have magnificent panoramic views of the upper area of Fläming. Annually, the castle houses historical festivals and traditional Christmas markets. Another interesting stop in the area could be the Wiesenburg Palace. Photographers and those interested in history can also go to Beelitz-Heilstätten, where you can take an alternative excursion to the ruins of an old sanatorium - hear stories of people who lived in it in the past - and walk the catwalks and treetops. It is recommended that you use guided tours and make sure you wear comfortable footwear. Our recommendations for eating out? Taste Fläming's trout and Beelitz's asparagus. Simply delicious! And if you travel in the summer months and you like classical music, you can enjoy the summer concerts that are held in the Zinna monastery. Overnight stay in Lübbenau, Cottbus-Branitz and other locations in Spreewald.

DAY 6 · COTTBUS - BRANITZ (SPREEWALD) (OPTIONAL VISITS TO CHOOSE FROM: SPREEWALD FOREST AND LEHDE - TROPICAL ISLANDS LEISURE CENTRE - SCHLEPZIG - RADDUSCH FORTRESS)

After breakfast, you will continue to discover the many charms of this beautiful German region. Today you can explore the Spreewald, a beautiful humid forest that was formed during ice ages and is renowned for its ecological wealth as a Biosphere Reserve. This natural site shelters a labyrinthine natural branch of the river Spree. If you have time, we recommend travelling through the channels by boat to enjoy this wonderful natural ecosystem. There are more than 300 of these channels, that still form one of the most important transport routes in Germany. Before the construction of the first road in 1936, places within the Spreewald were only accessible by boats (Kahn) steered by boatmen. (Note: It does not matter if you are in Burg, Lübbenau or Schlepzig, in almost all these places there are small boats with boatmen dressed in typical costumes that ferry visitors through the untouched landscapes and romantic corners of this forest). The boat trips can be as long as you want. One of the best boat trips will take you to the Sip village of Lehde, where the Freilandmuseum will show you how people in these lands lived a century ago. Another museum that can be visited is the Gurkenmuseum. It is the Gherkin Museum and will bring you closer to the world of this vegetable. Recognized with its own Denomination of Origin, the gherkins of the area are famous all over the world for their low acidity and crispy texture. Do not leave without trying them! Thanks to your rental car, you can move on quickly, which is why we recommend you plan both the day ahead and tomorrow carefully, in order to explore this area thoroughly. Among our recommendations is visiting the brewery "Spreewald-Braurei", in Schlepzig, and discover the incredible Tropical Islands Leisure Center, located in Krausnick next to the Spreewald forest. An incredible theme park ideal for all the family which has constant temperatures of 26°C twelve months of the year. Immerse yourself in the world's largest covered rainforest and dive into Germany's largest slides tower. Do not miss the colorful tropical village designed with typical houses from Thailand, Borneo, Bali, Samoa, Kenya and the Amazon region. In this complex you can enjoy saunas, Turkish baths, jacuzzis and wellness treatments in an environment like no other. In addition, you can relax in front of a particular "South Sea" that has more than 3,000 m² of artificial beaches of white sand, palm trees and hundreds of sun loungers. The area has a lively commercial avenue and a number of eating establishments. At night, musicians and dancers perform on the stage of the tropical village, making the nights feel magical. There are also legendary castles, such as the ancient Slavic fortification of Raddusch, another interesting location in the area. Another recommended destination is Cottbus, whose graceful old town invites visitors to take a walk between the banks of the Spree and the city walls. Overnight stay in Lübbenau, Cottbus-Branitz and other locations in Spreewald.

● DAY 7 · COTTBUS - BRANITZ (SPREEWALD) (OPTIONAL VISITS TO CHOOSE: LICHTERFELD, EUROSPEEDWAY, SNOWTROPOLIS SKI HALL)

The historical center of Cottbus looks magnificent lay out before the traveler. Today you can visit the magnificent park - the most prominent of the parks in Cottbus - and the Branitz Palace, the retreat place of Prince Hermann von Pückler Muskau. An aristocrat, traveler, landscape painter and writer, he spent more than two decades molding the family farm, giving life to an English park dotted with hills, lakes and canals. In the park you can discover two unique pyramids made of earth, one of them is his tomb. In the palace, designed by a talented Gottfried Semper, and in the outer buildings you can visit exhibitions that provide information about the life and work of the prince. We continue exploring the area. One of the stops of the day could be Lichterfeld, where you can see the largest mobile ferry bridge in the world at the mine (Abraumförderbrücke F60). Lovers of racing cars can head to the EuroSpeedway, a modern sports complex located in an old mine. If yesterday we recommend a beach plan and jungle environment, today we propose you enjoy the snow at the Snowtropolis Ski Hall, located on the outskirts of Senftenberg. The 130-meter ski slope is covered with snow all year round and has routes for people of all skills and experience levels. Experienced snowboarders and freestyle skiers can enjoy themselves at the Funpark. In summer, the adjacent ice rink becomes a playground to enjoy activities such as volleyball and tennis. In addition, twelve bowling alleys, a sauna complex and restaurants overlooking the track provide for sports enthusiasts. Overnight stay in Lübbenau, Cottbus-Branitz and other locations in Spreewald.

● DAY 8 · COTTBUS - BRANITZ - ABBEY STIFT NEUZELLE - EISENHUTTENSTADT - FRANKFURT (ODER) - NIEDERFINOW - CHORIN - BERLIN

The you start the last stage of the trip, heading to the capital. An interesting stop could be the Abbey Stift Neuzelle, which celebrates its 750th Anniversary in 2018 and which is known throughout Germany as "the baroque miracle of Brandenburg". You will find it surrounded by a beautiful garden and a colourful greenhouse. It has a museum you can visit where you can see sculptures that are over 200 years old. After another 36 kilometers, you reach the Frankfurt am Oder. Before arriving you can deviate a little and make a stop in Eisenhuttenstadt, a model of a socialist city in the former German Democratic Republic (GDR). It has an interesting museum that offers a glimpse of what day-to-day life was like in the GDR. The continue on to Frankfurt am Oder! Located on the banks of the Oder River, near the border with Poland, it offers beautiful riverside landscapes, a lively university atmosphere, valuable heritage sites and essential landmarks such as the Marienkirche (church of Saint Mary), which reflects the history of the Bible in images, and the Junge Kunst Museum, which houses one of the best art collections of the former GDR. And after meeting the Seelow High Commemorative Exhibition, which recalls another bloody battle in April 1945 in the Oder Valley, you can head to Niederfinow to see the Schifftsbewer, a ship lift elevator that connects the old Oder with the Oder-Havel canal in just a few minutes. It can be seen from a tourist boat as the barges enter onto a kind of giant platform that ascends or descends about 36 meters, boat and water included. There is an information center where you can read up on the details of this project that in the future will be expanded so as to be able to lift cargo ships up to 115 meters length. Before arriving in Berlin, you can discover the Schorfheide-Chorin Biosphere Reserve and visit the ruins of the Chorin Monastery, one of Germany's most outstanding red-brick gothic structures. Surrounded by a romantic wooded environment, every summer thousands of passionate musicians flock here thanks to the famous "Choriner Musiksommer". Overnight stay in Berlin.

● DAY 9 · BERLIN - ORANIENBURG PALACE - SACHSENHAUSEN - BERLIN (OPTIONAL VISIT BAUHAUSDENKMAL BERNAU)

You'll know spend your last day on German soil, which is why we propose various different activities, so you can choose the one you prefer. You can spend the day getting up close to the enchanted people of the capital. Or if you prefer to continue exploring Germany behind the wheel, we have set out a special itinerary for today. After getting to see the magnificent baroque palace of Oranienburg, which gave its name to the town, and contemplate the magnificent works of Dutch artists and other treasures exhibited in its museum, you will now make one of the most breathtaking stops of the trip:Sachsenhausen and its museum, located about 30 kilometers north of Berlin. Built by prisoners and a prototype of the Nazi concentration camps, they are a stark reminder of the mistakes made by humanity that should never be repeated again. An horrific site that today serves as a memorial to the thousands of victims who died within its walls and to raise awareness among the new generations about the horror and pointlessness of war. Another visit we recommend is the Bauhausdenkmal Bernau. Back in Berlin, you can walk or bike along the former route of the Berlin Wall. This route was established by Congress in 2001. You end the day enjoying the nightlife of the capital, its magnificent restaurants and its almost unlimited leisure opportunities. Overnight stay in Berlin.

● DAY 10 · BERLIN - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

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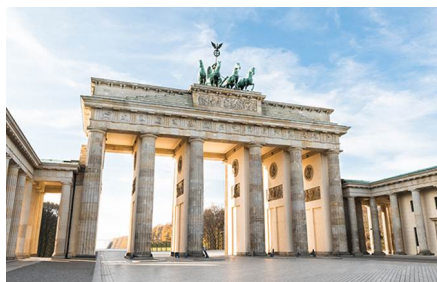
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- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Potsdam.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Potsdam.
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- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Berlin.
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- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Insolvency protection.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Accommodation taxes in Berlin direct payment in facility.
- ✗ Possible toll charges.

Destinations Visited

Berlin



Potsdam



Caputh



Rathenow



Neuruppin



Ziesar





Bad Belzig



Rabenstein



Cottbus



Schleipzig



KrausnickGroß Wasserburg



Raddusch



Senftenberg



Neuzelle



Eisenhüttenstadt



Niederfinow



Chorin



Templin



Important remarks _____

- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.
- This itinerary has been prepared in collaboration with the German National Tourism Office.