

# *le boat*

Who's on board?

## GERMANY

Mecklenburg & Brandenburg

Region guide



	Approx time		No. of locks	
Lübz	3 hr 30 min	6 hr 30 min	4	4
Plau am See	1 hr 30 min		0	
Malchow	1 hr 30 min		0	
<b>Jabel</b>	2 hr	11 hr	0	4
Waren	45 min		0	
Klink	1 hr 30 min		0	
Röbel	2 hr 30 min		0	
Rechlin	1 hr 30 min		1	
Mirow	3 hr		3	
<b>Marina Wolfsbruch</b>	1 hr 45 min	10 hr	2	10
Priepert	1 hr 45 min		2	
<b>Fürstenberg</b>	1 hr		0	
Himmelpfort	5 hr 30 min	15 hr 15 min	6	7
Templin	4 hr		2	
Zehdenick	2 hr 15 min		2	
Liebenwalde	2 hr 45 min		2	
Oranienburg	3 hr 30 min		1	
Spandau	2 hr 45 min		0	
Potsdam	1 hr		3 hr	
Caputh	45 min	0		
Werder	1 hr 15 min	0		
Göttin	3 hr 30 min	1		
Brandenburg an der Havel	1 hr 45 min	0		

<b>Marina Wolfsbruch</b>	1 hr 15 min	1 hr 15 min	0	0
Rheinsberg				

Priepert	1 hr 30 min	3 hr 15 min	1	2
Wesenberg	1 hr 45 min		1	
Neustrelitz				

Himmelpfort	1 hr 15 min	1 hr 15 min	1	1
Lychen				

Spandau	2 hr	2 hr	1	1
Berlin Mitte	5 hr 30 min	12 hr 15 min	2	5
Zernsdorf	1 hr 45 min		0	
Prieros	2 hr 30 min		2	
Strokow	2 hr 30 min		2	
Bad Saarow	2 hr 30 min		1	

Göttin	2 hr 30 min	8 hr 30 min	0	3
Potsdam	6 hr		3	
Berlin Mitte				

Times are an approximation only and are calculated on the basis of an average speed of 7.5km/h and an average time of 12 minutes to pass through a lock. Your speed, the flow of the water and the time it takes to go through locks will all affect your progress.







Plau am See

## PLAU AM SEE

The health resort of Plau am See is an idyllic town right on the shores of Plauer See, the third largest lake in Mecklenburg. On approach, you will be greeted by the spectacular lighthouse at the entrance to the Müritz-Elde waterway, and you'll find the city marina ideally situated for exploring the picturesque old town with its many half-timbered houses. A visit to the St. Mary's church from the 13th century is an absolute must. And, if you can climb the 120 steps of the church tower you'll be rewarded with a simply breath-taking panoramic view over the stunning lake landscape.

**Recommended restaurant:** Fischerhaus an der Metow - enjoy the fresh fish caught daily.  
**Amenities:** Supermarket, bakery, butcher, pharmacy, bank, newsagent, fishing shop.  
**Market:** Tue and Thu.



Waren

## WAREN

Waren, with its 19th century town hall is the tourist centre of the Müritz. You'll be impressed with Waren's Mediterranean flair and lively promenade. The numerous restaurants, bars and cafés nearby welcome visitors, and provide an idyllic spot from which you can enjoy the lake. Nearby, the pedestrian zone has an abundance of shops and is only a few minutes' walk away from the promenade. Stroll through the old cobblestone streets and discover the many picturesque buildings in the city centre, such as the old wooden houses. Also visit the old water tower and St. Mary's church. You can also visit the Müritzeum, a mix of Natural History Museum and Aquarium, to learn more about the interesting past of this fascinating region. End the day with a cold beer in one of the harbour bistros, to the sound of a nostalgic accordion.

**Recommended restaurant:** Alt-Waren - in the old town.  
**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.  
**Market:** Tue, Thu, Fri and Sat.

## KLINK

The municipality of Klink lies on the shores of the largest lake in Germany, the beautiful Müritz. The harbour is at the Schlosshotel, and about 100m from the berths you'll find a small sandy beach where you can swim and unwind.

**Recommended restaurant:** Schlosshotel Klink.  
**Amenities:** Supermarket, bakery, butcher, bank.  
**Market:** Kells Müritzer Bauernmarkt (open daily).



Röbel

## RÖBEL

The pretty resort of Röbel is located in the foothills of the Müritz and displays a distinctive maritime character. You'll find cafés and restaurants on the promenade and the old town centre, with its alleys and colorful half-timbered houses, is well worth a wander around. If you're feeling the need to dip into the regions rich history, you can also explore the towns two picturesque churches of St. Marien and St. Nikolai, or take a trip to the Engelscher Hof, a half-timbered former synagogue that recalls the area's Jewish history.

**Recommended restaurant:** Seestern, on the shore of the Müritz.  
**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.  
**Market:** Tue, Thu and Sat.

## RECHLIN

Rechlin is the largest municipality in the Müritz-Röbel region and lies at the southernmost entrance to the Müritz National Park. The National Park is abundant with water and bird life to discover - red deer, cranes, white-tailed eagles and ospreys just waiting to be spotted by the eagle-eyed amateur naturalist. To get the most out of your visit (and to avoid spooking the rich variety of wildlife!) you'll find the national park is best explored by canoe or bicycle, with plenty of lakes and more than 350 km of signposted cycle paths.

**Recommended restaurant:** Spinnaker, on the harbour.  
**Amenities:** Baker, butcher, bank.



## MIROW

Mirow is located in the middle of the Mecklenburg Lake District on the Müritz-Havel waterway. Mirow is the birthplace of Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Queen Consort of George III of the United Kingdom. This aristocratic heritage is reflected in Mirow's most memorable landmark, the spectacular Castle Island. Taking a stroll around the charming island, you'll be able to discover the magnificent Baroque Mirow Castle with its elegant castle grounds and its adjoining chapel. Other features worth noting are the small boat houses which line the shore and are characteristic of this region. You'll get the best view of these by hiring a canoe, from the Kanustation (+49 3983 322 098), and taking an idyllic paddle around the lake. The town harbour is located between the castle island and the village.

**Recommended restaurant:** An der Seepromenade.  
**Amenities:** Bakery, butcher, bank.



Castle Island and Love Island, Mirow

## MALCHOW

The island town of Malchow is a scenic stop between Plauer See and Fleesensee, it is one of the top destinations in the Mecklenburg Lake District and well worth the stop if you find the time. Discover its historic old town centre, a huge mill and a 12th century church that hosts an organ - the musical variety! The principle landmark of the town is a 15m long revolving bridge, linking the island to the shore. And, if you have children with you, a visit to the monkey forest and the summer funicular is sure to keep the little ones entertained.

**Recommended restaurant:** Klosterklause - with a unique BBQ smoker.  
**Amenities:** Supermarket, bakery, butcher, bank, pharmacy.  
**Market:** Wed and Sat.



Malchow Mill

## JABEL

Jabel is located about 10km from Waren on Jabelscher See, which is connected to the large lakes Kölpinsee and Fleesensee. You'll find the Le Boat base located at the Maribell Marina. Between Jabel and Kölpinsee you'll find the Damerower Werder peninsula, a specially protected area which is home to Bison.

**Recommended restaurant:** Toplicht - above the marina.



## MARINA WOLFSBRUCH

Home to Le Boat's largest German base, Marina Wolfsbruch is also the setting of the Precise Resort hotel complex and is surrounded by idyllic nature. This is a great opportunity to go hiking or biking and explore the stunning surrounding countryside. Or, treat yourself and take advantage of the luxury 1000 sqm spa and bathing facility. The hotel complex also houses several restaurants, that offer a selection of Italian or buffet meals, as well as two bars.

**Recommended restaurant:** Brigg.

**Amenities:** Bakery and shop in the hotel complex.



Marina Wolfsbruch

## NEUSTRELITZ

Neustrelitz is home to a magnificent late-baroque town centre and market square, unique in Europe, and just a five minute walk from the harbour. Take a wander around Neustrelitz's beautiful palace gardens - while the original palace has gone, the gardens are still home to a marvellous hotchpotch of sculptures, fountains and buildings in a variety of architectural styles, from Neo-Classical to Neo-Gothic.

Our top tip, if you feel the urge for some big city hustle-bustle, is to take a day trip to Berlin. By train from Neustrelitz you can be in the capital in an hour.

**Recommended restaurant:** Live - on the harbour.

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.

**Market:** Wed.



Schlosskirche, Neustrelitz

## RHEINSBERG

If you start from Marina Wolfsbruch, this should be your first stop. You can see from the lake the imposing castle by the water, surrounded by lush green forests. This Rococo-style castle building was once home to the Prussian King, Frederick the Great. Wandering around the magnificent grounds you'll be able to get a taste of why King Frederick described his years at Rheinsberg as the "happiest of his life". You can visit the castle and the museum and take a stroll in its beautifully designed garden. Then head to the small town centre, with pretty painted houses, a shady garden, lovely shops and numerous restaurants... and horses with dunce caps on! In the summer, you'll also be able to enjoy the numerous concerts and events that take place here. Finally, if you find your stocks running low, Rheinsberg is the perfect place to top up your supplies.



Castle Rheinsberg

**Recommended restaurant:** Seehof - with a lovely courtyard.

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.

**Market:** Wed and Sat.

## FÜRSTENBERG

The picturesque town of Fürstenberg is perched on three islands between the Röblinsee, Baalensee and Schwedtsee lakes. This feature, unique in Germany, means the town proudly calls itself the 'Wasserstadt' or water city. There are numerous trails around town - you can go for a walk or a hike in the quiet wilderness, where you might bump into deer, wild boars and even some birds of prey. Finally, enjoy the exceptional water quality of the lakes for a relaxing swim or some adrenaline-pumping water sports! The Marina Fürstenberg is located at the upper end of Lake Schwedt.

2km north of Fürstenberg, you'll discover a more sombre landmark. The Ravensbrück WWII National Memorial, which marks the horrors that occurred at the Ravensbrück concentration camp. Built in 1938 on the shores of Lake Schwedtsee, the Ravensbrück camp quickly became the largest female detention centre in the country: housing 132,000 women and 20,000 men from 40 countries. A permanent exhibition, located in the former command post, tells about the lives and suffering of the victims, but also their solidarity and their will to survive.

**Recommended restaurant:** Alte Reederei - on the Havel.

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.

**Market:** Thu.

## HIMMELPFORT

Once a fishing village, Himmelpfort is today a popular tourist destination. This small town has also been known as the "Port of Heaven", because of the town's ties to the nearby monastery. The ruins of this former Cistercian monastery are still visible in the city centre and well worth visiting, for a dip into the region's history. The town's small marina is located directly on Lake Stolp - where you put the money to moor overnight in a piggy bank!

**Recommended restaurant:**

Zum Stolpseefischer - right next to the marina by the water.

**Amenities:** Cafés and restaurants.



Ravensbrück WWII National Memorial



Lychen

## LYCHEN

The town of Lychen's two most notable 'claims to fame' are its history as the one of the centres of timber raft building and as the birthplace of the flat-headed thumb tack! While you can no longer witness the production of Lychen's signature flat-headed thumb tacks, you can visit the timber rafting museum! Here you'll be able to learn everything about the traditional craft of building rafts, and the important role it played in the region's history. Lychen is set in the midst of a magnificent natural park, Uckermärkische Seen. So, take a stroll or cycle-ride along the lakeside or go fishing or swimming in the crystal clear lakes.

**Recommended restaurant:** Seehotel Lindenhof - on the peninsula at the Wurlsee.

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.

**Market:** Wed.





Town Hall, Templin

## ZEHDENICK

Highlights of a stop at Zehdenick include the monastery complex, Elisabethmühle, the old town hall and the Havelschloss. You can also hunt out the twelve stone heads that adorn various house facades in the old town, on Zehdenick's notorious 'witty walk'. In the Convent Klosterscheune you'll also be able to find an abundance of regular cultural events.

At the Regow Lock, you can take advantage of the short wait to buy succulent goat cheese, at "Capriolenhof".

**Recommended restaurant:** Kleiner Ratskeller, in the city centre.

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.

**Market:** Tue and Thu.



Oranienburg Palace

## TEMPLIN

Templin is a fortified city that's an absolute pleasure to visit. Walk along the city's ancient flowered walls or discover the Naturtherme Waterpark and Spa, with guaranteed fun for little ones, or guaranteed relaxation for big ones! The countryside around Templin is also beautiful and best discovered on a cycling or hiking tour. The town harbour is about 600m behind the lock, with the town centre within walking distance.

**Recommended restaurant:** Gourmet Flammerie Templino - in the old town.

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.

**Market:** Tue and Fri.

## LIEBENWALDE

A small lighthouse welcomes guests from afar. Stop at the Stadthafen or the Marina Liebewalde and explore the small town by bicycle. Walk to the beautiful, red-brick, neoclassical church or visit the museum and immerse yourself in the local history. Shopping and dining facilities are also within walking distance.

**Please note: to cruise south of Liebenwalde, you need a boating licence (minimum ICC licence).**

**Recommended restaurant:** Cornerhaus - in the city centre.

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.

**Market:** Wed.

## ORANIENBURG

Oranienburg, a charming town in the middle of the forest, has a rich historical past. Oranienburg Palace, a large austere white building, is on one side of the river, while, on the other bank, you'll discover large gardens, perfect for a pleasant walk. Strolling through the city center, you'll notice under your feet some small copper paving stones, recalling the names of the deportees of the Oranienburg concentration camp. More than 100,000 people perished here. You can also visit the Sachsenhausen Memorial and Museum. Finally, climb to the Schlosshafen and discover the nearby Schlosspark, a special experience for young and old.

**Recommended restaurant:** Schlossrestaurant "Lieschen und Luise".

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.

**Market:** Fri.



## SPANDAU

Between the Havel and the Spree rivers, Spandau has been able to retain its picturesque, rural character. Spandau is a district of Berlin

and during the separation of the city it was part of West Berlin. The old town has several spectacular monuments, including St. Nikolai church, dedicated to the patron saint of merchants and boatmen, and Spandau market which has retained its traditional feel. Behind St. Marie church you'll be able to stroll through the old streets of Kolk, the oldest district of Spandau.

Also, don't miss out on the citadel of Spandau. The fortifications of the citadel are considered the best preserved in Northern Europe, having remained virtually unchanged over the centuries. Take a walk on the ramparts to enjoy its idyllic atmosphere. The citadel also has museums and hosts many cultural events and outdoor concerts in its inner courtyard, including an annual music festival.

Finally, the natural parks of Spandau, as well as the numerous sports facilities on offer, make Spandau a mecca for sports. With sailing on waterways, walking, cycling or horseback riding all available. The Marina Lanke is centrally located.

**Recommended restaurant:** Brauhaus Spandau.

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.

**Market:** Wed and Sat.

## BERLIN

Discover Berlin's world-renowned sites and spectacular monuments: Brandenburg Gate, Potsdamer Platz, Siegestäule, East Side Gallery, the five world-class museums on the Museum Island, and the imposing Reichstag parliament building, redesigned by British architect Norman Foster. Recall Berlin's Cold War past at the Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie Museum. Listen to classical music at the Berliner Philharmoniker, one of the world's top orchestras, and stroll on Karl-Marx-Allee to discover the monumental communist architecture of East Berlin. Tour the Baroque splendour of Charlottenburg Palace and its extensive gardens and get 360-degree view of the city from the TV Tower on Alexanderplatz. A visit to Berlin is a truly a mesmerising experience... a city like no other!

In Berlin, there is a wide selection of moorings where you can moor for 24 hours, free of charge.

**Recommended restaurant:** Almost infinite possibilities in every district.

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.





## BAD SAAROW

Since the beginning of the 20th century, this village, with a source of supposedly healing water, has developed into a small spa town. Enjoy a salt water and mud bath at the spa resort on Scharmützel Lake. You can also enjoy a swim in the lake itself, which has a large number of bathing areas and incredible water quality. Golf lovers should certainly play a round on the Bad Saarow golf course. Horse riding, tennis, hiking and water sports all are available in Bad Saarow.

**Recommended restaurant:** Park-Cafe Theater am See.

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.

**Market:** Wed and Sat.



Werder

## WERDER

The Werder peninsula is also called 'Blütenstadt', literally the 'flower town'. After fishing, viticulture is the second largest trade in the city. And, from April to October numerous festivals take place in the village, which are popular amongst visitors and residents alike. For a different way to discover the town try a Segway! We recommend the Yachting Scheunhornweg for mooring overnight.

**Recommended restaurant:** Arielle, on the island.

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.

**Market:** Fri.



Orangery in Sanssouci Palace, Potsdam

## POTSDAM

Potsdam, the capital of the Brandenburg Region, is perched idyllically on a meander of the Havel River. Reminiscent of the splendor and glory of the Prussian state, it offers culture and history in a breathtaking quantities. Immerse yourself in the Baroque centre and visit the Sanssouci Palace, the former summer residence of the Prussian emperors and German Kaisers. The Rococo splendor of the palace, with its beautiful orangery and charming park, was Frederick the Great's answer to Versailles. After taking in Sanssouci Palace, stroll through the city's historic centre. Discover the impressive St-Nicolas church, the old town hall and the old market - the former stables now house the History Museum of Brandenburg and Prussia. If you have time, take a wander around the Dutch Quarter with its 150 brick cottages and rather particular flair. The Le Boat base is located in Yachthafen Potsdam Marina.

**Recommended restaurant:** Almost infinite possibilities in every district.

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.

**Market:** Mon to Sat.

## CAPUTH

Cruise over the Templiner Lake to Caputh. In addition to the idyllic nature of this region, particularly popular with water sports enthusiasts and hikers, the area is famous for the charming Caputh Castle. Particular gems include the tiled hall, the living rooms of Elector Dorothea and the landscaped garden designed by landscape architect Peter-Joseph Lenné. The village church, which dates back to the 19th century and was erected in the style of an Italian basilica, is situated diagonally opposite the castle. Also, Albert Einstein's summerhouse is well worth seeing. Anyone who wishes to understand how Einstein was developing his world-changing theories can go searching for clues and let their thoughts wander. Moorings can be found in the Caputher center at Bothe boat rental.

**Recommended restaurant:**

Fährhaus Caputh, by the moorings.

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.

The village church in Caputh



Medieval tower, Brandenburg an der Havel

## BRANDENBURG AN DER HAVEL

The pretty town of Brandenburg an der Havel, has been shaped by its association with the water and is an 'Eldorado' for recreational captains and water sportsmen. First settled by the Slavs in the 6th century, it gave its name to the whole Brandenburg region. Brandenburg an der Havel will surprise visitors by the beauty of its medieval relics and its historic centre is peppered with stately examples of medieval Gothic, red-brick architecture. Several other key highlights include the cathedral, several large brick churches, the Old Town Hall and the Paulikloster monastery.

**Recommended restaurant:** Havel Restaurant an der Marina.

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.

**Market:** Tue to Fri.



View from the canal, Plaue

## PLAUE

Plaue is a more than 800 year old fishing town. Take a stroll along the tracks of Theodor Fontane and visit the splendid, old castle of Ehrenburg, situated in glorious natural surroundings, or the pretty church nearby. From the Old Havel Bridge you'll get a spectacular view of the region.

**Recommended restaurant:** Seeblick - by the water.

**Amenities:** A wide variety of shops and restaurants.

**Market:** Tue and Fri.

## LOCKS

Most of the locks in this region are electric and operated by a lock keeper. Only enter the lock when a green traffic light is showing. You and your crew should stay on board as you enter the lock, looping your lines over the bollards and holding firmly to steady the boat as it ascends/descends. If there is no lockkeeper, set a crew member ashore before the lock so they can walk to the controls. The crew member should always stay next to the control panel while the lock is in operation, ready to push the red stop button in case of emergencies. The locks Wolfsbruch, Vosswinkel, Fürstenberg, Himmelpfort, Regow, Zaaren, Schorfheide, Templin and Zehdenick are operated manually. Set a crew member ashore before the lock so they can operate the gates and sluices. For further information please refer to the boat and navigation manual.

## OPENING HOURS

Locks are passable seven days a week between May and October from 8am – 8pm (9am – 4pm in April).

## MOORING

Moorings are plentiful in Germany, the exact positions of which can be found in your on board waterway map. Most marinas are very well equipped and offer services. The fees are between €1.50 – €3 per boat / per night. Additionally, a small charge per person is added. If mooring outside a marina, ensure there is not a sign indicating that mooring is not allowed, you are not on a bend or are less than 50m from a structure such as a lock or a bridge. Do not moor at waiting pontoons on either side of a lock (unless you are waiting for the lock). In many lakes anchoring is permitted overnight (exceptions: Plauer See, Fleesensee, Kölpinsee, Müritz).

## WATER

You will need to fill up your water tank every two to three days. Water points are available throughout the region, the exact locations of which can be found on your boat.

## PUMPING OUT WASTE WATER

In this region, the environment is a primary concern, as many people like to bathe in the clean waters of the lakes and rivers. You need to pump out your waste tanks at least every three days, especially if your boat is filled to maximum occupancy. Consult your onboard waterways map to find out which marinas offer this service and plan ahead. A charge for pump-out services will apply and the operation takes about half an hour.



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