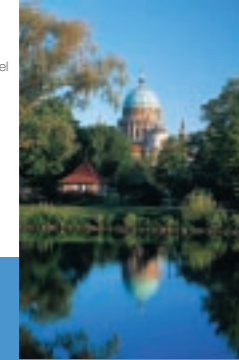


Potsdam on the water

A view of the Freundschaftsinsel



Glienicke Bridge

The picturesque island of Potsdam lies in the middle of Havelland's expansive landscape just across from the urban centre of Berlin. Potsdam, a comprehensive work of art with its historical city centre, palaces and gardens, has been included to a great extent in UNESCO's list of world cultural heritage sites. You can best experience the attractive location of the city with a boat ride on the lakes of the Havel. A paradise for water sports.

Hotel and Persusspeicher on the banks of the Havel

Everyone in their own way



The Nauen Gate in the city centre

In Potsdam history comes alive. With the "Edict of Potsdam" the Great Elector opened up the Mark Brandenburg to settlers from all over Europe. The Dutch Quarter, the Russian settlement "Alexandrowka", the Bohemian Weavers' District, the Nattweder Swiss colony and the churches and villas in Italianate style lend the historic city an international flair.



The steam engine house as a "mosque" on an inlet of the Havel



The Tulip Festival in the Dutch Quarter



The Nikolaikirche and the Altes Rathaus at the Alter Markt



The Babelsberg Friedrichskirche in the Weavers' District

In the heart of the city



Former Stadtschloss

Potsdam originally developed from the Alter Markt outward, the site of the Stadtschloss Palace, which was bombed in World War II and then demolished after the war. Here the Fortuna Portal of the palace has been rebuilt according to original plans. The historic city layout is being carefully restored. The cleared Stadtkanal, the "House of Brandenburg-Prussian History" at the reconstructed Neuer Markt and the Neuer Lustgarten on the cove the Weisse Flotte is harboured rejuvenating the old heart of the city and filling it with life.



The newly built Fortuna Portal



Old Stadtkanal



The rebuilt Stadtkanal



House of Brandenburg-Prussian History

Palaces and gardens



Belvedere on the Klausberg

Frederick the Great

Marmorpalais



Charlottenhof Palace



Sanssouci Palace



Neues Palais



The Neuer Garten

The Marmorpalais was built in early classical style on the idyllic Heiliger See at the end of the 18th century under Frederick William II. Emperor William II later had the last Hohenzollern residence constructed for the crown prince — Cecilienhof Palace. Here, with the Potsdam Agreement the allied heads of state set the course for German and European post-war development in 1945.

Babelsberg Park

Outstanding landscape designers and architects, such as Lenné, Fürst von Pückler-Muskau, Schinkel and Persius, created a comprehensive work of art of unusual beauty. The view axes laid out by Lenné in the romantic park on the Havel are being restored. The neo-gothic Babelsberg castle, the former summer residence of Emperor William I, offers attractive views of the Flatow Tower and the Glienicke Bridge. Until the fall of the Wall in 1989 this bridge between Potsdam and Berlin symbolised the division of Europe.

Impulses for Potsdam

Bornstedt Crown Estate



Cecilienhof Palace



Flatow Tower



Babelsberg Palace



With the Bundesgartenschau 2001, the Federal Garden Show, the family of famous parks and gardens were joined by a new arrival. The BUGA Park at Bornstedt Feld — a former military training grounds — is a successful contribution to the garden architecture of the 21st century. Potsdam is thus able to provide a unique journey through centuries of garden design. The BUGA Park is also a forum for various kinds of sports and diverse cultural opportunities. The tropical nature experience "Biosphäre" invites visitors on a mysterious trip to the wonders of nature. The Feldflur of Lenné, the Freundschaftsinsel that was once designed by Karl Foerster as a show garden, paths along the banks of the Havel, the Bornstedt Crown Estate with rural and Prussian offerings round out the palette of newly added places to experience. The rebuilt observation towers of the Belvedere on the Pfingsberg are grand highpoints, from which you can enjoy a uniquely beautiful panoramic view over the city landscape.



Belvedere on the Pfingsberg (Photo: Potsdam Court Concerts / Reiche)



"Biosphäre" at BUGA Park

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Film and media city



City of science

Einsteinium



Potsdam Arcadia

"König Ubu" Hans Otto Theatre (Photo: St. Gloede)



City of sport



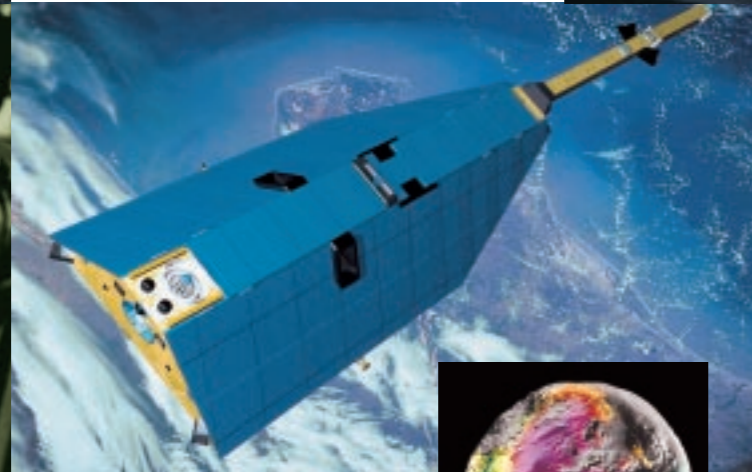
Following in the footsteps of Fontane

Shopping and stopping off

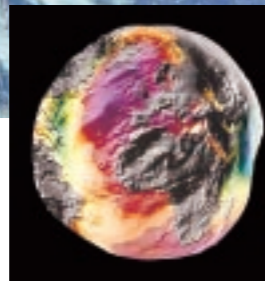
Market on Bassinplatz



Marlene Dietrich and the Director Volker Schlöndorff



Research Satellite "Champ"



The earth as a "Potsdam Potato"



Cecilienhof Palace – Historic site of the Potsdam Conference



Schlosstheater in the Neues Palais (Photo: Michael Trippel / Potsdam-Sanssouci Music Festival)



Potsdam shows great enthusiasm for sports. The broad palette of over 100 sports clubs offers activities for everyone from senior citizens to competitive athletes.



The federal state capital is represented among Olympic medalists, European champions and World champions. Rowers, canoeists, track and field athletes, swimmers and football players compete successfully on national and international levels.



Sydney Olympics 2002 – 6 gold medals for Potsdam

Athletic guests enjoy visiting Potsdam, for word has spread about the city's well-organised events and the warm hospitality.



The Church of the Redeemer in Potsdam-Sacrow

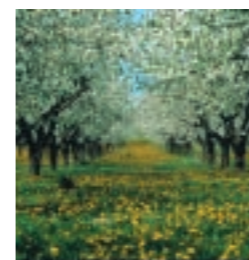
In his "Wanderungen durch die Mark Brandenburg" Theodor Fontane impressively described the beauty of the Havel landscape. An excursion with the Weisse Flotte or a historic Havel steamship are unforgettable experiences. Around the generously wooded island of Potsdam you can easily reach villages of the Mark with old churches and palace complexes by bus or bicycle. The traditional Blossom Festival in Werder is the start of the spring season. Caputh, Ferch, Petzow, Sacrow or the Pfaueninsel are idyllic places for an excursion at any time of the year.



Havel steamship



Werder / Havel



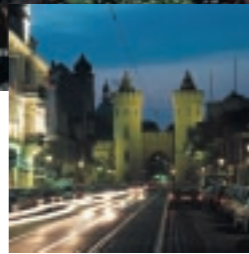
Blooming trees in Havelland



Pedestrian mile in the Brandenburger Strasse

A shopping stroll through the historic city centre of Potsdam has a unique appeal. The lively street cafés, elegant boutiques, shops with art and antiques and imaginative restaurants make shopping a real experience. Special attractions for visitors are the spring Tulip Festival and the autumn Potters' Market in the Dutch Quarter.

The painting collection of the Potsdam Museum in the Benkertstrasse is also worth a visit. It is only a few minutes from Babelsberg Park to the reconstructed area of the city surrounding the old Babelsberg City Hall. Here you will find well-managed speciality shops, boutiques and a diverse collection of restaurants. The Bohemian Weavers' Festival and the Bohemian Christmas Market provide entertaining historical accents to Weberplatz. Here, the popular weekly market takes place each Saturday in front of the Friedrichskirche.



Nauen Gate



Potsdam Casino



Inside the Babelsberg Shopping Centre

Feel like more Potsdam



Potsdam Film Museum

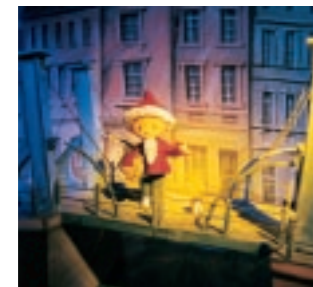
Rich in tradition, the film studios have developed into a modern media and high-tech centre. Where once film stars like Marlene Dietrich stood before the camera, today movies and even popular TV series are produced. The FILM-PARK BABELSBERG is a magnet for visitors with the Vulkan Stunt Show, action films, film nights and new exciting attractions. The new building of the College for Film and Television within the studio complex visibly sets the tone for Potsdam's future as a media city. The Filmmuseum Potsdam in the historic stables presents interesting exhibitions, particularly on German film history.



"Konrad Wolf" College for Film and Television



"Albert Einstein" Science Park



Filmpark Babelsberg



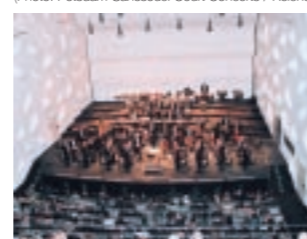
Potsdam has been making science history since the 19th century. Institutions of higher education and non-academic institutions give Potsdam its profile as a city of science. The dynamic profile of the city is today largely characterised by high tech and software development. The "Champ" research satellite of the GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam sends its scientific data throughout the world. The university, the College for Film and Television and the Potsdam University of Applied Sciences are much sought after by students. You can visit numerous technical monuments, for example the Science Park with the Einsteinium (Telegrafenberg), the historic mill or the steam engine house (mosque).

Potsdam is the ideal city for meetings and conferences. There are many modern hotels in attractive locations to choose from. The historic city ensembles and the palaces and gardens are worth a visit, as are the cultural festivals. The Potsdam-Sanssouci Music Festival, the Potsdam Court Concerts, the Schloss-theater and the open-air performances in historic settings are among the highlights of the season. The Nikolaisaal, theatre, cabaret and the diverse alternative scene characterise the city's spectrum of cultural offerings. Whether palaces, film nights, salsa, jazz, tango or light festivals — there are many possibilities to provide your "Potsdam Conference" with an entertaining framework.

Chamber opera in the Schlosstheater (Photo: ZB Fotoagentur Zentralbild / Potsdam-Sanssouci Music Festival)



Reading in the Raffaelsaal of the Orangerie Palace (Photo: Potsdam-Sanssouci Court Concerts / Reichle)



Nikolaisaal – Concert and Performance Centre (Photo: PNN / Manfred Thomas)

