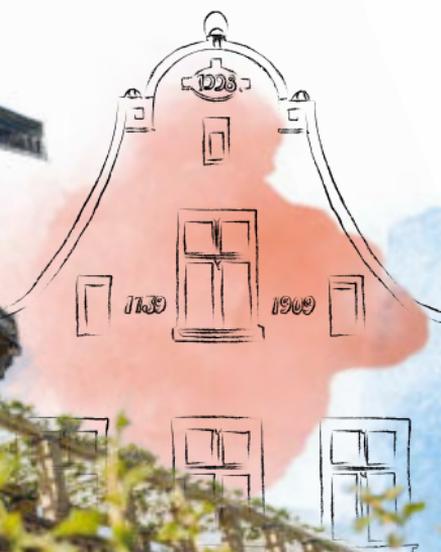




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DISCOVERY TOURS BY FOOT, BIKE
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Explore Potsdam!

“Without a care” – that is the meaning of Potsdam’s probably most famous palace, Sanssouci. But it is also a feeling that can be felt in many places in the city: in the extensive palace gardens, in the baroque city centre or on the inviting banks of the river Havel. Inspired by this backdrop, film-makers in Babelsberg have been creating major international film productions for more than 100 years. Whether by bike, on foot or on the water – Brandenburg’s state capital at the gates of Berlin stands for a well-developed network of paths with spectacular views of the cultural landscape. Take a break, discover, dream – this is how guests experience Potsdam “sans souci”.



RECOMMENDATIONS

ON FOOT

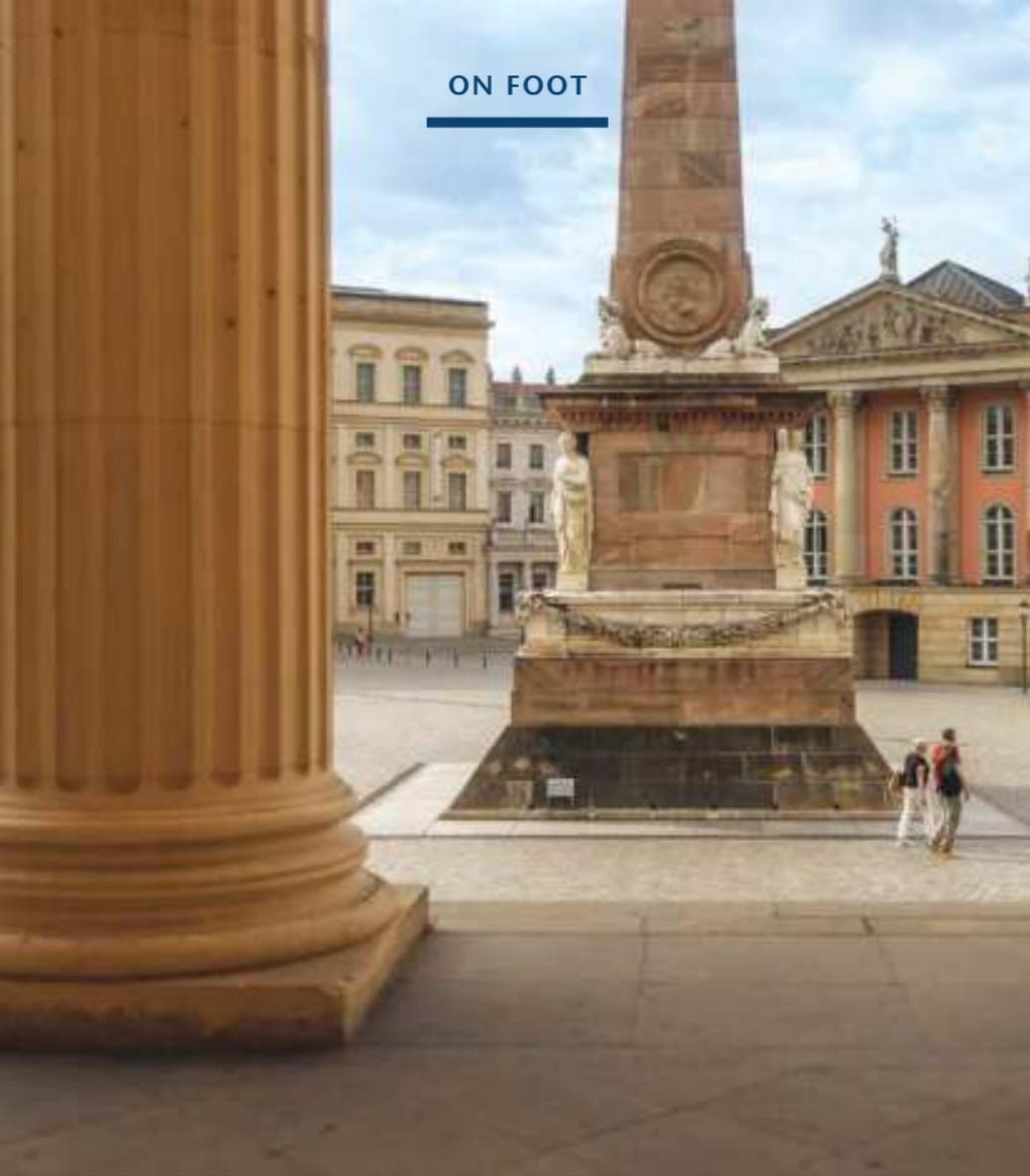
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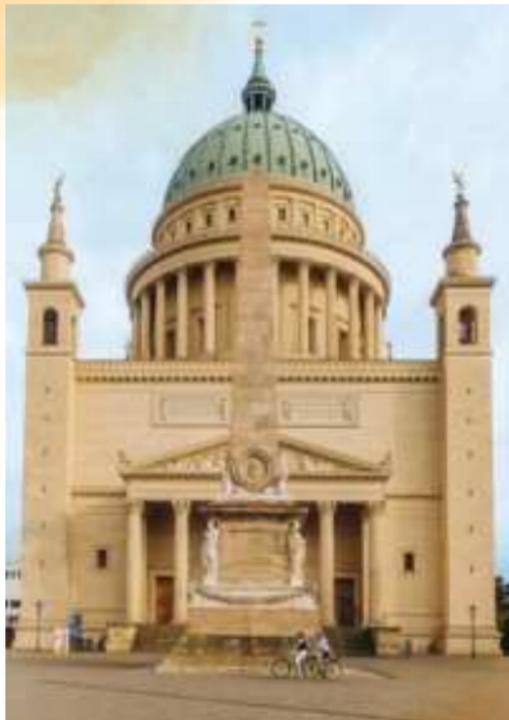
City Walk through Potsdam

The city walk is like a short journey through the history of Potsdam – with a look into the past, but also into the future of the city.

The tour starts in the historic centre at square Alter Markt. This square reflects an exciting mix of modernity, art, culture and politics. With the Museum Barberini, the Potsdam Museum, the St. Nicholas' Church and the Brandenburg State



Shopping street Brandenburger Straße



St. Nicholas' Church



Parliament with the appearance of the historic city palace, the heart of the city shines in new splendour. In good weather, climbing the 216 steps to the viewing platform of St. Nicholas' Church is an absolute must. From up here, you can enjoy an impressive view of Potsdam's cultural landscape.

From the square Alter Markt, this path leads to the Film-museum Potsdam. The former stables of the City Palace document over 100 years of film history in the city. The route continues from square Neuer Markt to the old city canal.

After the once so practical waterway was filled in, a section of the canal was restored.

Cross a small bridge to reach the baroque city centre. Small and large shops, regional cafés and inviting restaurants adorn the shopping street, which the inhabitants affectionately call "Broadway". From there, the route leads to the Dutch Quarter. Frederick William I wanted to attract Dutch craftsmen to Potsdam with this remarkable neighbourhood. Today, it is home to cosy shops, cafés and bars that invite you to linger in Dutch style.



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CITY WALK THROUGH POTSDAM

TOUR INFORMATION

🕒 Approx. 2 hrs

📍 Approx. 2.8 km

🗺️ Tourist Information Centre
Am Alten Markt



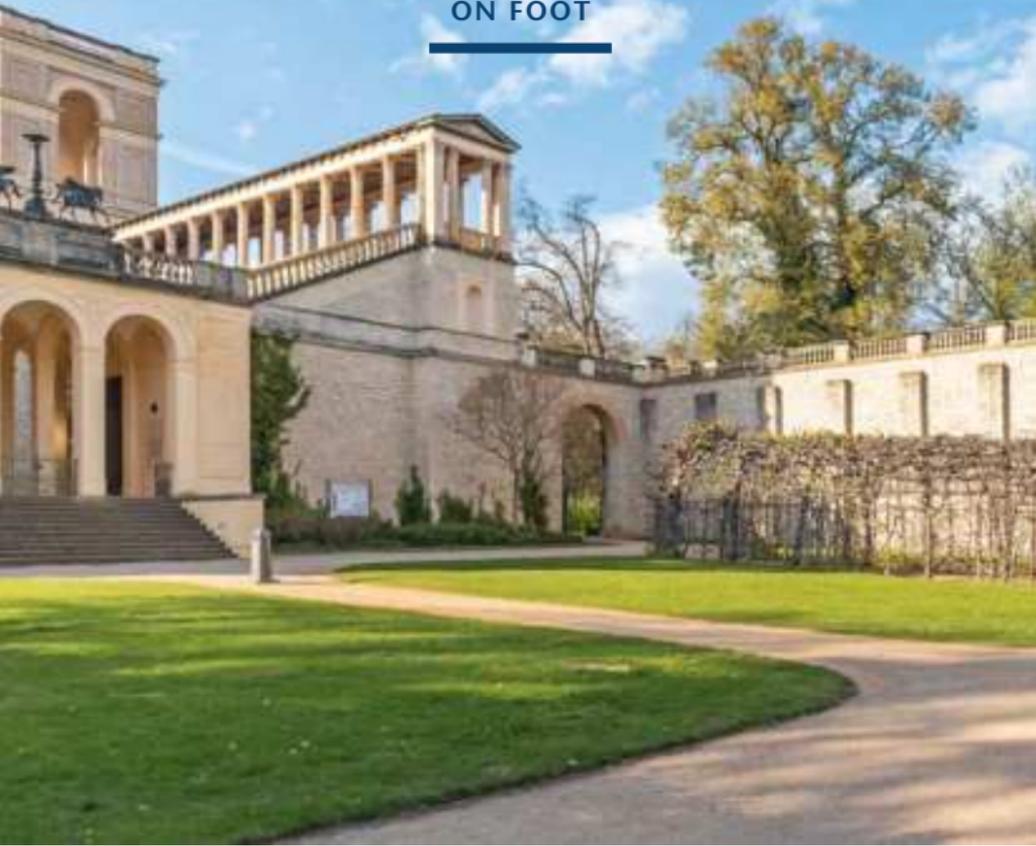
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MORE CULTURE WITH ONE TICKET

The ticket "MUSEUM KOMBI-KARTE" allows single entry to four museums: Natural History Museum, Brandenburg Museum, Filmmuseum and Potsdam Museum. This ticket is valid for one adult and two children.

The Ticket "KOMBITICKET" on the other hand, allows single entry to the Barberini Museum and DAS MINSK KUNSTHAUS. A visit to both venues is possible on two consecutive opening days.



Dutch Quarter

Potsdam – A journey through Europe

Traveling through England, the Netherlands, Russia and Italy in one day? And on foot, no less? Potsdam is rich in European influences. By strolling through the city you can easily cross Europe in a short amount of time. It is the longings of the rulers but also the friendships and political connections of the Hohenzollern dynasty that shaped the architecture of the city.



Belvedere Pfingstberg



Dutch clogs

The tour through Europe starts in Potsdam's city centre at the St. Peter and Paul Church, which once was built for Belgian skilled workers. Within just a few steps you reach the Dutch Quarter. There, small boutiques and cosy cafés invite you to browse and linger. The museum Jan Bouman House provides insights into the exciting history of the quarter, which King Frederick William I had built for Dutch craftsmen. If you walk through the neo-Gothic Gate Nauener Tor out of town, within ten minutes you will find yourself in the setting of a fairy tale. The Russian Colony Alexandrovka with its beautiful Alexander Nevsky Memorial Church was built by King Frederick William III to commemorate his friend Tsar Alexander I. The wooden houses built in a Russian style became a home to 12 Russian singers and their families.

You need to overcome a slight incline to reach the final spot of the tour. But the climb is worth it. From the towers of the palace Belvedere Pfingstberg you are rewarded with the most beautiful view of Potsdam. With the palace, King Frederick William IV realised his dream of Italy within Prussia. La dolce vita – that's the feeling which is felt here especially during the summer months!

ON FOOT

Volkspark
Potsdam



Biosphäre
Potsdam



Belvedere
Pfungberg



Alexander-
Newski-
Kapelle



Russische Kolonie
Alexandrowka
mit Museum



Nauener Tor



Holländisches
Viertel



St. Peter
und Paul



Zentrum

Brandenburger Str.

Charlottenstr.



Platz der
Einheit

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Neuen
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Markt

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Babelsberger Str.



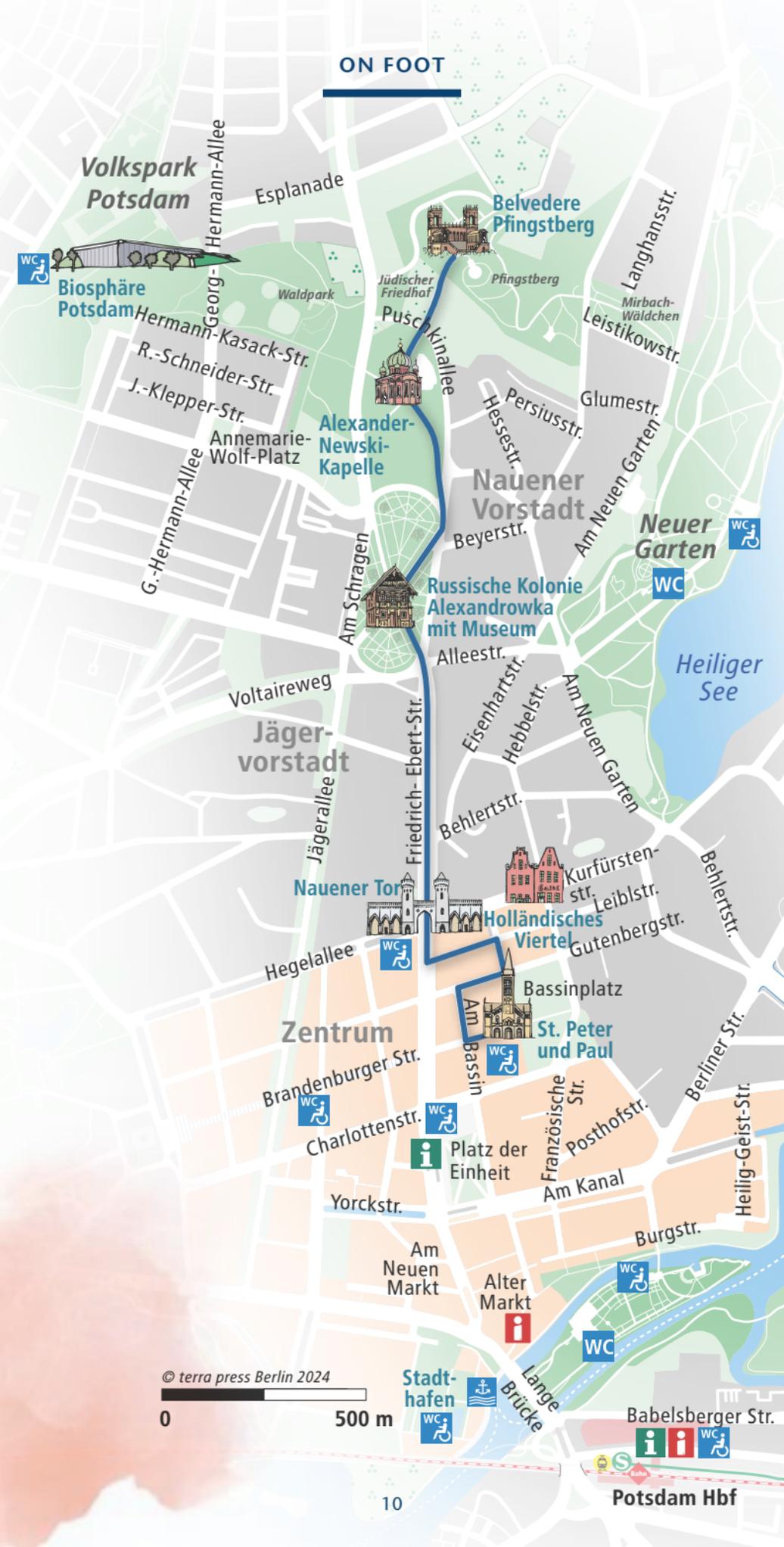
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 Approx. 2.5 km

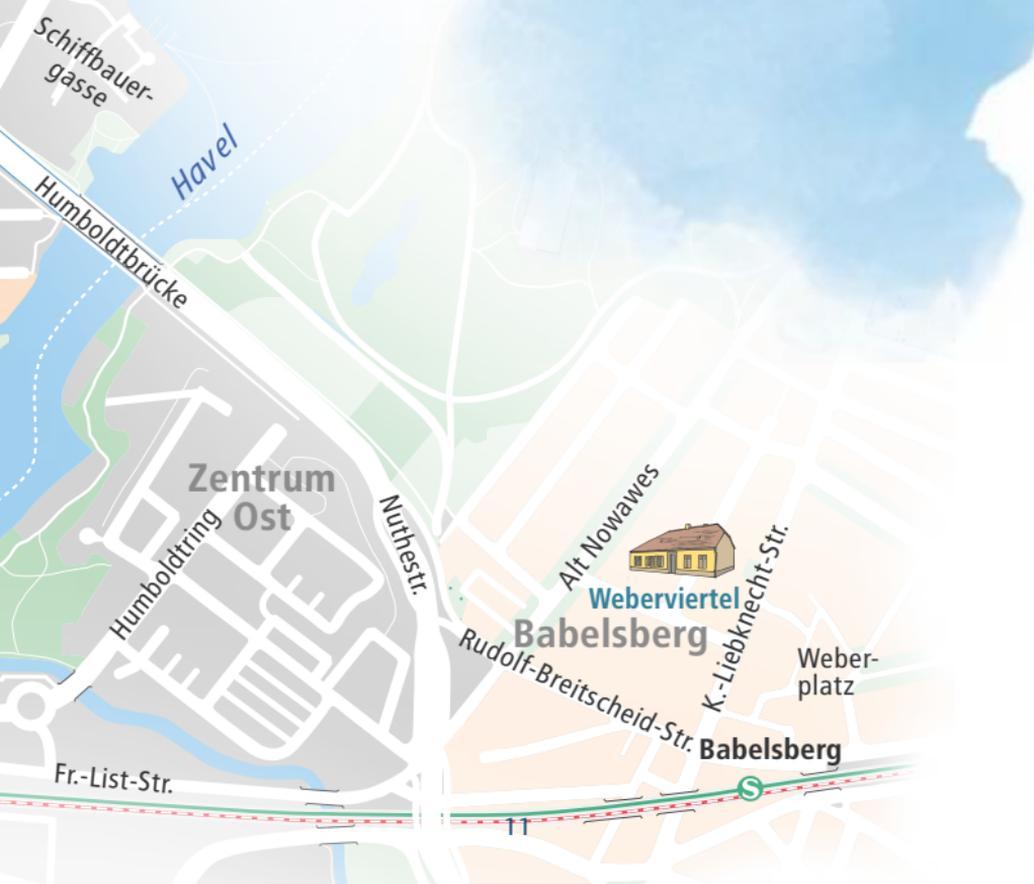
 Square Bassinplatz



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EUROPEAN INFLUENCES WHEREVER YOU LOOK

Influences from European countries can be found everywhere in the city. Inspired by the longings of their rulers: the scent of pomegranates in the Sicilian Garden or the Square Alter Mart evoke dreams of Italy. The bohemian weavers' quarter in Babelsberg and the Swiss houses in Klein Glienicke bear witness of great craftsmanship. Babelsberg Park and Palace as well as the New Garden with the Cecilienhof Country House combine English elegance in architecture.



Exploring *film locations*

More than 100 years of exciting film history can be discovered in Potsdam. To this day, the city offers the best production conditions with Studio Babelsberg. Since 2019, Potsdam is the first UNESCO Creative City of Film in Germany. In the city centre and gardens of the palaces, you will find numerous famous filming locations to be discovered along the way. The numerous productions are honoured with large plaques in the city centre on the Boulevard of Film.

From the square Alter Markt to the New Palace in Sanssouci Park, the tour follows on the footsteps of cinema films and series – made by Babelsberg. The Filmmuseum Potsdam, part of the Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF Film University, brings the creation of films to life, from the actual script to the finished film. Perfect for immersing yourself in film history.

Filmmuseum Potsdam



Square Alter Markt

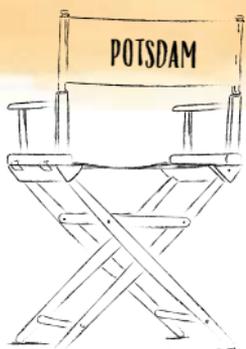


The surroundings of the museum play an important role in the film world: New Pleasure Ground, square Alter Markt and square Neuer Markt are present in the former Fridericus Rex films of the 1920s. Otto Gebühr played the great Prussian king so realistically that the people of Potsdam greeted him on the street as King Frederick II. The St. Nicholas' Church can be seen in the film "The Wave" and if you walk further towards the city centre you will reach the Dutch Quarter – a popular location in local series like "SOKO Potsdam", "Jerks" or even "Homeland". Children may also recognise the neighbourhood from "Hexe Lili". A small detour to the city hall on Friedrich-Ebert-Strasse is a must for all crime fans. The building appears in "Polizeiruf 110" and "Pfarrer Braun," among others.



Through Hegelallee and Brandenburger Straße, the route continues to Sanssouci Park – always a popular film location. Konrad Wolf filmed "I Was Nineteen" in the New Chambers in 1968, and Hollywood transformed the Orangery Palace into Istanbul for the film "Around the World in 80 Days."

Filming „SOKO Potsdam“



Anyone needing a break after the walk can take bus 695 from the New Palace back to the city centre or to the main station.



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GUIDED WALK

Stories about UFA film legends, famous architects and the dramatic history of the district are focus of the guided tour, "Babelsberg – Filmstars, Villen, Weltgeschichte". Imperial building councils planned the Neubabelsberg villa colony in 1871. Only the rich and famous could afford to live here. Because of the film studios, many actors moved to this area.

MORE INFORMATION

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TOUR INFORMATION

🕒 Approx. 3 hrs

📍 Approx. 5 km

🗺️ Square Alter Markt

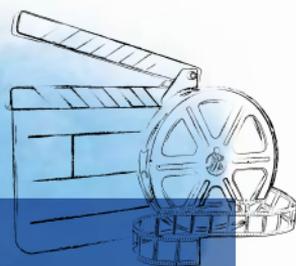


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“ EVERYTHING I NEEDED TO KNOW ABOUT FILMMAKING I LERNED IN BABELSBERG. ”

Alfred Hitchcock was still unknown at the time when he worked as an assistant director at Studio Babelsberg.



BABELSBERG FILM HISTORY

Experience film history: The Filmpark Babelsberg offers immersive worlds, stunt shows, film sets and plenty of action for the whole family.

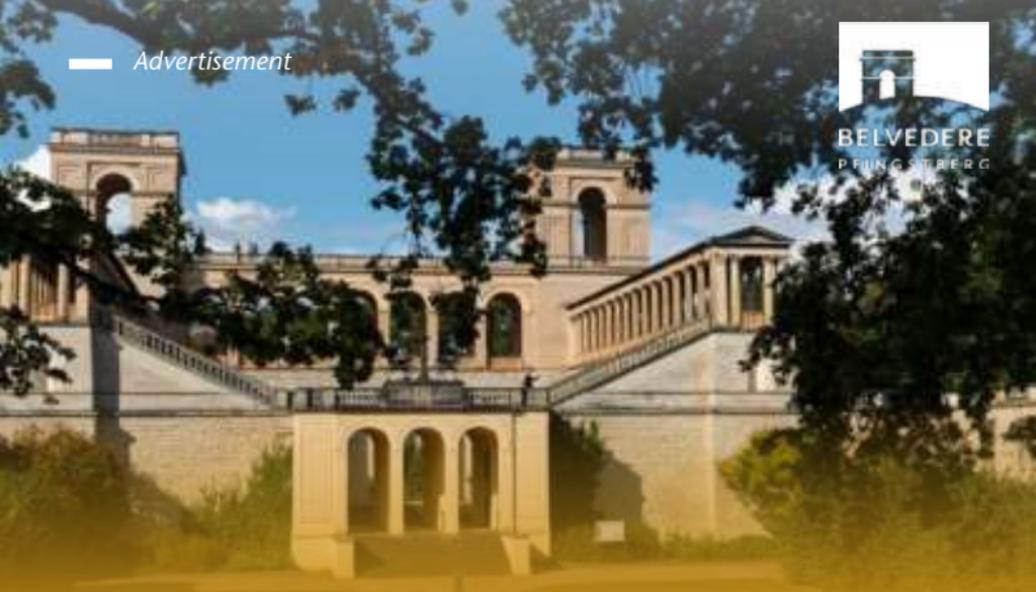
Hiking THROUGH THE CITY

Whether as a starting and finishing point or as a stage destination – regional and long-distance hiking routes pass through Potsdam. The European long-distance hiking trails **E10** and **E11** lead through Brandenburg's forests and lakes, are well signposted and marked with a blue bar on a white background. If you want to delve even deeper into the natural landscape of Brandenburg and its lakes, you should make a note of the **66-lake hiking trail**. This tour starts in Potsdam and leads along streams and rivers, ponds and pools through the region. The route covers a total of 417 kilometres, but it is advisable to hike it in individual stages.

**MORE
INFORMATION**

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Sanssouci Palace



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Ruinenberg Hill



Sanssouci Palace

Alter Fritz - Cycling around the UNESCO World Heritage

On the trail of Frederick II, popularly known as Alter Fritz (Old Fritz), you can also delve into the magic of Potsdam's palaces and gardens. The UNESCO World Heritage Site still maintains the magnificence of past epochs. It narrates the stories of the former rulers' aspirations and still takes the visitors' breaths away with its wonderful diversity and majesty.

The cycling tour starts at Potsdam main station and leads to the historical city centre, the square Alter Markt. Frederick II had it once redesigned based on the architecture of an Italian square. Overlooking Breite Straße, you pass by the Steam Engine Building, which resembles a mosque, in the direction of Sanssouci Park. Watching Charlottenhof Palace you can feel the hints of Italy. You can already inspect the stunning cupola of the New Palace in the distance. Frederick II used the palace as a stately guest house and intentionally staged it, while Sanssouci Palace remained his very private summer residence. The signposted



cycling tour continues from the palace along the historic Voltaireweg passing by the Russian Colony Alexandrovka, while riding towards the New Garden. Frederick's successor, Frederick William II, set up his own summer residence at Marble House on the grounds of the New Garden and on the shores of lake Heiliger See. The gardener Johann August Eyerbeck was responsible for the special design of the New Garden.



Russian Colony Alexandrovka



New Palace

Here, the path leads past lake Heiliger See and Cecilienhof Country House, which became the site of the Potsdam Conference in 1945, back to the city centre. There, the Dutch Quarter with its cozy cafés and shops, is a stopover before heading back to Potsdam main station.



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At Potsdam main station you can not only park and rent bikes, but also have them repaired quickly – whether it's a cargo bike, tandem or e-bike.

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ALTER FRITZ



TOUR INFORMATION

 Approx. 2.5 hrs

 Approx. 16 km

 Potsdam main station

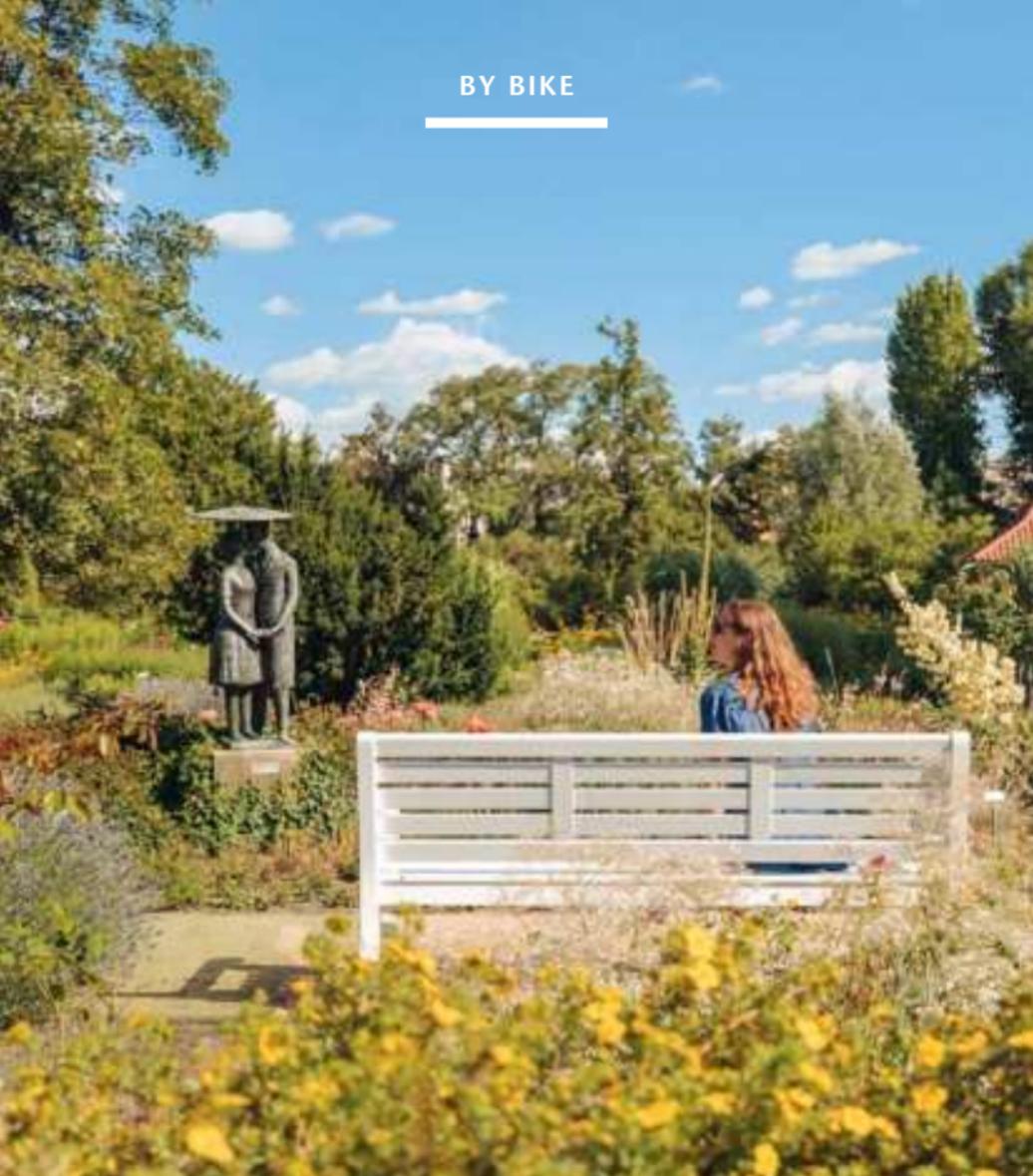


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ALWAYS WORTH A VISIT

Cycling maps and literature on Potsdam's UNESCO World Heritage are available at the Tourist Information Centre Am Alten Markt, at the mob:agentur at Potsdam main station or in the online shop.

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Island Freundschaftsinsel

Meaningful Gardeners – Cycling through Potsdam’s green side

By pedalling, the guests effortlessly explore the cultural landscape of Potsdam and immerse themselves in a masterpiece that Prussian architects and garden artists shaped over many years.

From the island Freundschaftsinsel with the show and educational gardens of Karl Foerster, the tour leads along the banks of the river Havel through the English-style park of Babelsberg, designed by Prince Pückler, to Klein Glienicke. Crossing the Glienicke Bridge, known as the “Bridge of Spies,” you reach the well-thought-out New Garden. Here you can see some architectural gems: the Marble Palace, the Orangery, the Dutch Establishments, the





Residence and garden of Karl Foerster



*New Garden with
Cecilienhof Country House*

Gothic Library, and of course, the historic Cecilienhof Country House. Not far away, the gardens of the Russian Colony Alexandrovka, designed in the Hippodrome style, await you. Frederick William III and the Russian Tsar Alexander I were close friends. To express this friendship and to honour the late Tsar, Frederick William III had the ensemble designed by Peter Joseph Lenné in 1826.

A very different kind of garden is located in the Potsdam district of Bornim: the Karl Foerster Show Garden. This is where the perennial breeder and garden philosopher Karl Foerster lived and worked. In 1912, he began to create a display and trial area for perennials

in his own garden. Since 1981, it has been listed as the “Karl Foerster Memorial”. The route then runs past the New Palace through the extensive Sanssouci Park, also designed by Peter Joseph Lenné, back to the city centre. The park is a complete work of art, combining 250 years of the highest garden art with the works of the most talented architects and sculptors of their time.



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MEANINGFUL GARDENERS



TOUR INFORMATION

 Approx. 3.5 hrs

 Approx. 19 km

 Potsdam main station



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Cycling THROUGH THE CITY

Schwanenallee

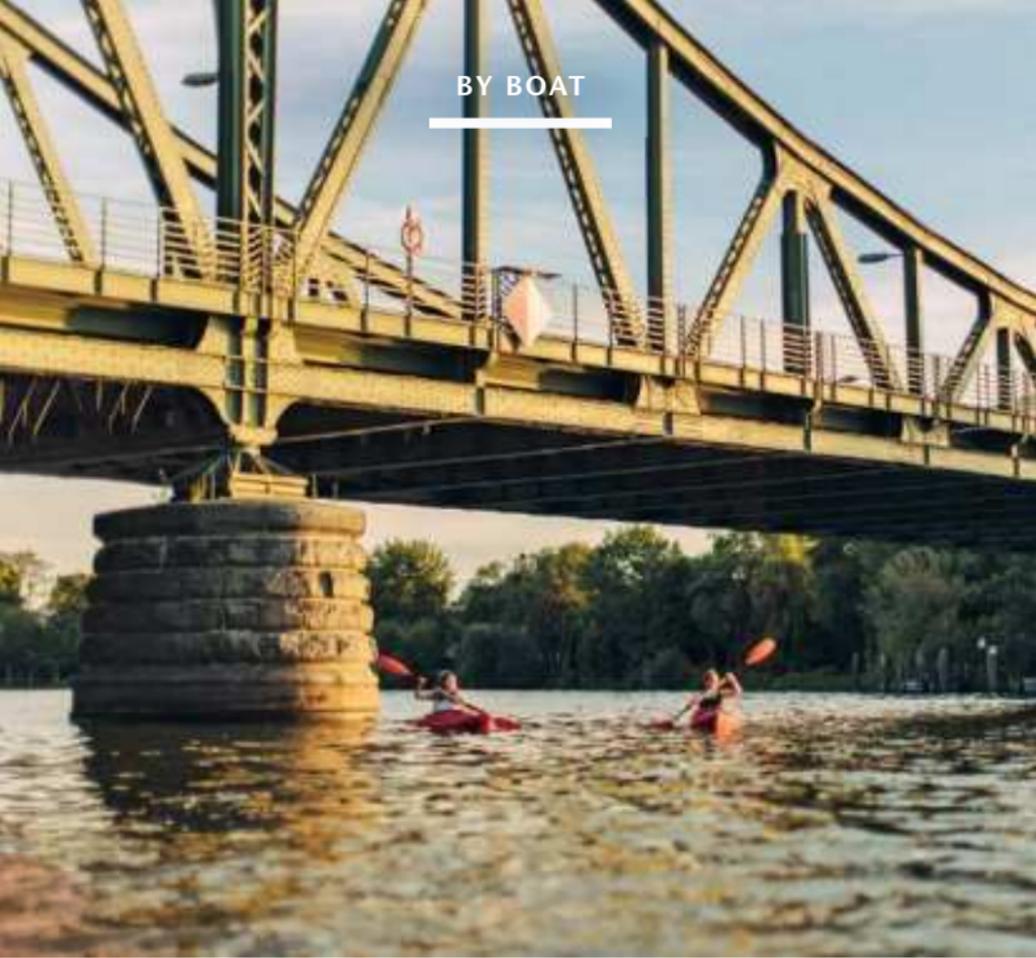
Many regional and long-distance cycle routes pass through Potsdam. Well signposted and free from traffic jams, the city can be explored on two wheels. For instance, the route **Europaradweg R1** spans over 5,100 km from England through Germany to Finland. The route **Havelradweg** begins at the source in Ankershagen and ends in Havelberg. The route **Fontane.Rad** follows in the footsteps of Fontane through the north-west of Brandenburg. The route **Mauerweg** marks the course of the former East German border around West Berlin over 160 km. The route **F1** takes you on a scenic path around the lakes Templiner See and Schwielowsee.

ALWAYS WELL INFORMED:

Advice on the tours and maps are available at the Tourist Information Centre Alter Markt or at the mob agentur in Potsdam main station.



Dutch quarter



Paddle Tour - from lake **Griebnitzsee** to **Glienicke Bridge**

Lake Griebnitzsee is part of the picturesque Havel lake landscape and, with a paddle rental station at Griebnitzsee S-Bahn station, it is the ideal starting point for a tour through the cultural landscape of Potsdam – whether by canoe, kayak or SUP. On the southern shore of the lake, you first paddle along the mansion colony Neubabelsberg. Here, one architectural gem follows another like pearls on a precious chain. In the 19th century, owning a villa on the southern shore of lake Griebnitzsee typically signified having status and renown. The proximity to the film studios also made the villa colony attractive to filmmakers.

One of the most famous villas on lake Griebnitzsee is Villa Urbig, designed by architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, also known as the Churchill Villa. During the Potsdam Conference, the British Prime Minister resided there. Today, the property belongs to SAP co-founder Hasso Plattner.





Glienicke Bridge



Shore at lake Griebnitzsee



The extensive grounds of Babelsberg Park extend to the mansion colony Neubabelsberg. In the English-style Babelsberg Palace, the first German Emperor, William I, spent his summers. William I instructed his neighbours on lake Griebnitzsee to build their houses “not too ostentatiously” on the street side, to avoid stirring discontent among the populace. As a result, many villas reveal their full beauty only on the lakeside. The tour’s destination is Glienicke Bridge – during the division of Germany, agents were exchanged here, and in 1989, the reunification was celebrated.



The return tour follows the northern shore of the lake. This area captivates with its untouched nature – with fallen trees and a wide reed belt, it provides an ideal habitat for grey herons, cormorants, and beavers.

Mansion at lake Griebnitzsee

BY BOAT



FROM GRIEBNITZSEE TO GLIENICKE BRIDGE

TOUR INFORMATION

-  Approx. 2 hrs
-  Approx. 7 km
-  Griebnitzsee S-Bahn station



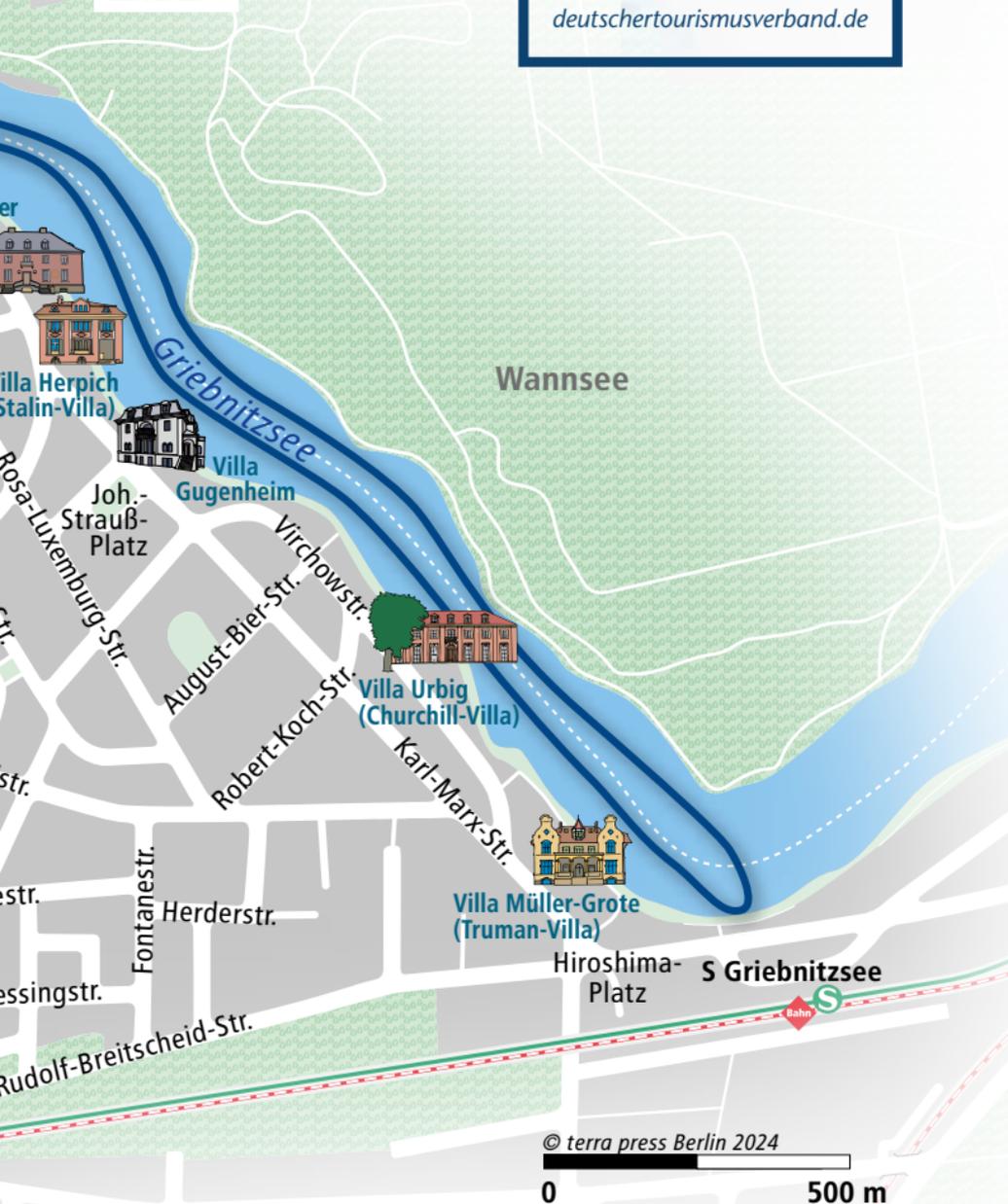
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River Havel with its lake scenery

Hermannswerder – paddling across the Havel waves

A good starting point for leisure captains is the island Freundschaftsinsel on the Havel branch Alte Fahrt. The paddling tour passes by the newly constructed buildings in Potsdam's centre, including the Potsdam Museum, the Brandenburg State Parliament and the Barberini Museum, leading directly into lake Templiner See. Along the way, you can see the residential buildings of the warehouse district, with the tower of the former Royal Prussian Provisions Office standing out, which supplied the city with grain in the mid-19th century.



Havel branch Alte Fahrt

Nearby, the trench Judengraben, dating back to the 18th century, leads to the inlet Hinterkappe. This enchanted canal, just wide enough for canoes, connects the Vorderkappe and Hinterkappe inlets. The canal is named after the "English Tannery" once operated by the "court Jew" Elias Daniel Itzig. Paddling through this dreamy green stretch, you pass the buildings of the



Lake Templiner See

Hoffbauer Foundation, which still houses numerous educational institutions on the peninsula Hermannswerder. The trench Schafgraben, near the beach bar still channels water from the Sanssouci Park into the river Havel. From 1764, this ditch was used to transport building materials for the New Palace from the river Havel into the park.

Past the ferry dock, your view extends to the bay Neustädter Havelbucht with its distinctive steam engine house in the shape of a mosque. Even today, water is pumped from here to the water basin on the Ruinenberg hill for the Sanssouci Park. The solitary building of the restaurant Seerose, designed by Ulrich Müther, forms a modern counterpart to the steam engine house. Paddling along the upper and lower Planitz, you ride the Havel wave across lake Templiner See and the Havel branch Alte Fahrt back to island Freundschaftsinsel.

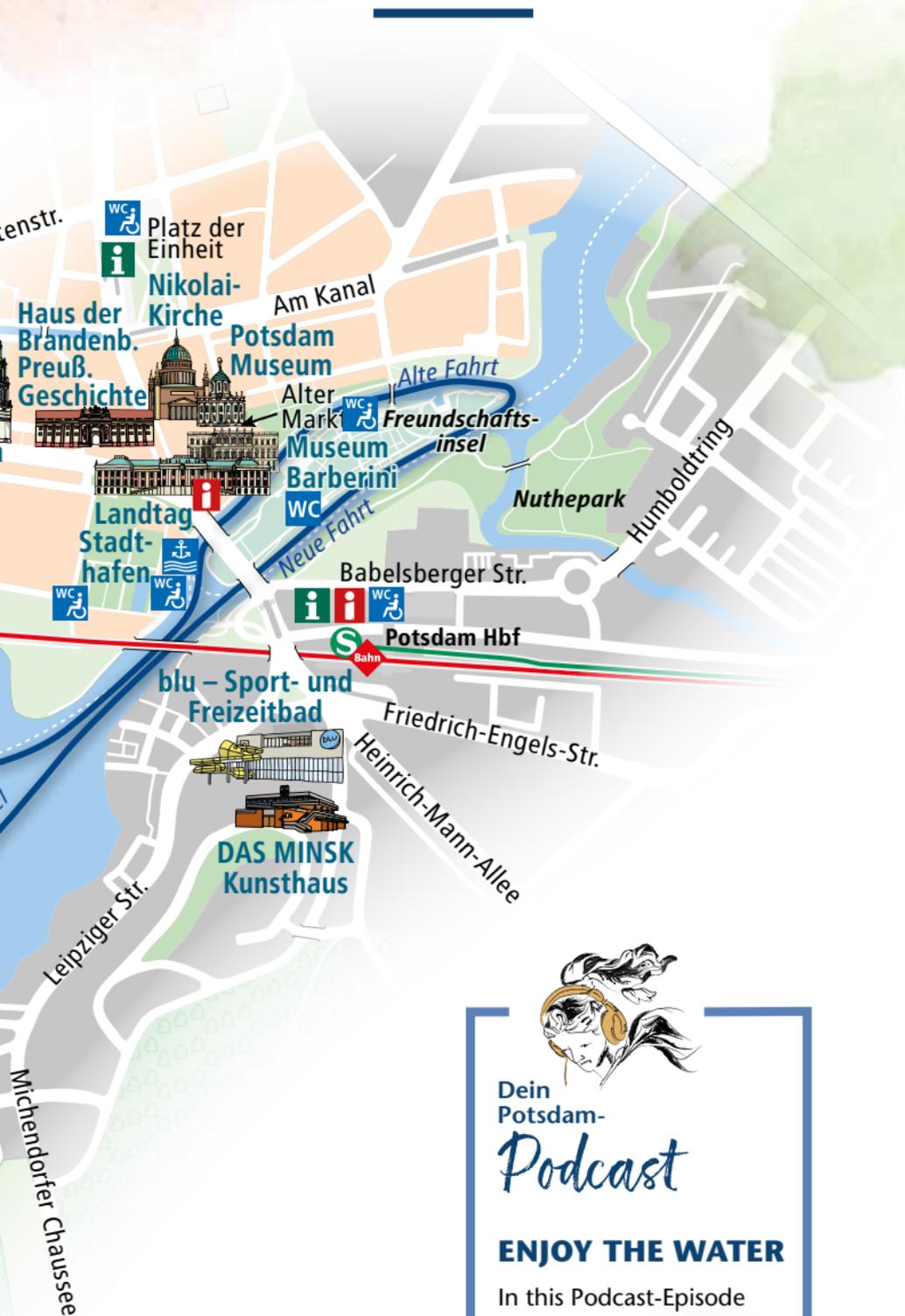
TOUR INFORMATION

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- 📍 Approx. 10 km
- 🚆 Griebnitzsee S-Bahn station



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THROUGH THE CITY *via app*



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MUSEUM BARBERINI



The app provides information on current exhibitions as well as audio tours that explore the European influences in the city.

POTSDAM CITY GUIDE



Whether you are looking for information on the city's landmarks, the era of Frederick II or border history, the app offers a variety of audio tours. Also a new addition is the audio tour "Art by the River," where 11 artworks can be admired along the banks of the river Havel.

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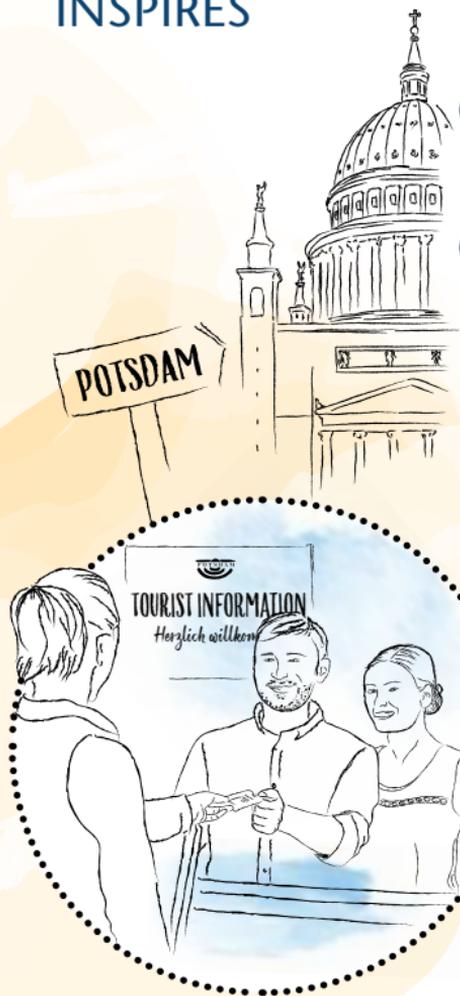
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