

Germany – Berlin Wall Bicycle Tour (2025)
Individual Self-Guided
7 days / 6 nights



You can look forward to a unique bike trip on the traces of the latest of German history: The Berlin Wall is one of the most touching constructions of the 20th century and when it fell on November 9, 1989, this event made the whole world move. After this historical day, the fortifications that secured the border between east and west for so long were torn down. Today, only pieces are left of the Berlin Wall, but what remains are the border tracks serving as bike trails that have more historical meaning. Some former border fortifications such as watch towers watchtowers or control points have been reconstructed and put under monument protection. Many of them host interesting museums and documentation centers. One may be surprised that the bike trail leads through a very interesting and beautiful landscape. Yet, the most interesting part of the bike trail leads right through the middle of Berlin for 18 kilometers. This is how you will discover sights like the Brandenburger Gate and the beautiful avenue "Unter den Linden" in a town district dominated by government buildings. A special highlight will be a night spent in the town center of Berlin. The bike trail is mostly paved and easy to cycle on, the stages have been designed to be rather short to leave you enough time for the variety of sights Berlin has to offer.



## **Itinerary Day to Day**

## Day 1: Arriving in Potsdam

Arrive on time, it will be worth it! You will get to know one of Germany's most impressive towns. Visit the palace of Sanssouci with its wide park to marvel at Frederick the Great's summer residence and do not miss out on the historical parts of Potsdam like the Russian colony Alexandrowka, the Dutch quarter and the former Bohemian Webber's district. The famous film park Babelsberg, the leisure cruisers of Potsdam and the many parks only wait for you to come visit.



## Day 2: Potsdam - Spandau 35 km

A first highlight comes up after only a short while as the Glienicke bridge guides your way out of town. After having existed for more than 300 years, the bridge came to attract worldwide attention within only a few days. It became the legendary scene of the Cold War as the United States and the Soviet Union exchanged spies here. Today, the bridge unites Potsdam and the federal capital of Berlin again. Past Cecilienhof castle, where the Potsdam Conference was held in the summer of 1945 to decide over Germany's partition into occupation zones, you will cycle to the Wannsee in Sacrow. Just by the Groß-Glienicke lake, you will encounter an original piece of the

Berlin Wall before entering Spandau with Fort Hahnenberg, built in 1888 to protect the armament storage that Spandau was at the time. After 1952, Spandau was situated in the border area to become a kind of sleeping beauty in 1961. Apart from the occasional visits of the border guards, things stayed calm around here and nature took this chance to conquer the fortification back. Spandau and its small old town with the citadel are definitely worth a visit.

### Day 3: Spandau - Hohen Neuendorf 40 km

The first kilometers of the morning take you through the Spandauer Forest, a strip of mixed forest situated in the former restricted zone of the GDR. The forest impresses with its great biodiversity and was designated a nature reserve of Europe wide importance. Along the well vegetated channel of Nieder-Neuendorf, the bike trail leads you past the thousand year old oak trees. They are true giants: seven oak trees, twenty five metres high and a perimeter of between 3.87 and 6.15 metres! Past the lake of Laßzinsee, a small Eldorado for water and marsh birds, you will continue to the shore of the Havel, where the inner German border used to pass. Take a worthwhile break at the former watchtower Nieder Neuendorf originally built in 1987 and redone to be put under monumental protection later on. Today, a small museum treats the separation of the two Germanys and the history of the border constructions. During GDR times, it served for the surveillance of this border strip and was the control point of eighteen further watchtowers. The four storeys used to host a few offices, a detention cell, and a recreation room for the guards and the surveillance room in steadily occupied by at least two border guards. In no time, the last kilometres along the Stolper Heide pass by to lead you to today's destination in Hohen Neuendorf.



## Day 4: Hohen Neuendorf –Berlin City 37 km

The Berlin Wall bike trail takes you through the nature reserve Tegeler Fließtal, where a neat marshy landscape surrounds you. A side trip to the well-preserved village centre and the ancient church of Lübars is worth the additional time. The village is the only one that has been preserved in the area of today's urban Berlin. Agriculture activities are still pursuit nowadays, especially in the field of horse breeding. Past the dead railway lines of the heath trail ("Heidekrautbahn") and past the Mark Brandenburg Quarter ("Märkisches Viertel"), a high rise apartment park built between 1963 and 1974 in direct proximity of the Berlin Wall, your way leads towards the centre of Berlin as the density of meaningful sights increases. Discover the Börsebrücke and Bornholmer Straße, famous as the place of the first opening of the border on November 11th 1989. Following it, you will then pass the memorial site Bernauer Straße, where on August 13, 1961 refugees tried to escape through the windows of their houses onto the sidewalk that already belonged to West Berlin. Next comes the "Invalidenfriedhof", once divided into by the Berlin Wall. Also let the new central station of Berlin and the government district impress you. The Brandenburg Gate, the beautiful avenue "Unter den Linden" and the Potsdam square used to be no man's land and are further highlights of anyone's visit today. Spend your night in the centre of Berlin to profit from the great variety of night entertainment the German capital has to offer.



## Day 5: Berlin City - Berlin Grünau 41 km

Past the former Stasi headquarters your bike takes you to Checkpoint Charlie, which used to be, between 1961 and 1990, one of the most well-known border checkpoints of Berlin. On Friedrichstraße, which used to interconnect the Soviet sector with the US sector, and thus the town district "Mitte" of East Berlin with the town district "Kreuzberg" of West Berlin. The control point was only open to associates of the allied forces and embassies, foreign citizens, collaborates of the permanent representation of the Federal Republic of Germany and the GDR officials. It often became the scene of spectacular escapes. Today, Checkpoint

Charlie is a memorial site and one of Berlin's most famous sights. Now, the Spree River with the East Side Gallery are the next stage of your route. Here, by Mühlenstraße, you will get to visit the longest preserved piece of the Berlin Wall on the town's grounds. In 1990, artists from all over the world painted these last remaining 1.3 kilometres of the Berlin Wall. Across the most beautiful bridge of Berlin, the Oberbaumbrücke dating from the 18th century, your bike takes you to the Landwehrkanal and across the trench Heidekampgraben to the Teltow channel in the town districts of Neukölln and Schönefeld. Would you like to experience Berlin by night once again? The close metro stations allow you to get back to the town centre in only 30 minutes.



# Day 6: Berlin Grünau - Potsdam 47 km

Today, the Berlin Wall bike trail goes zigzag ways along the southern edge of the town. You will discover Gropiusstadt, a residential estate of apartment towers and constructed blocks, giving shelter to 50,000 persons. In Marienfelde, an assembly and transit point helped more than 1.3 million refugees from the GDR to access the western German states until 1990. Today, a memorial site and a museum have been erected in this place. You will now encounter a real ghost town: On 110 hectares of military restricted area where the US army was trained for armed urban warfare. In a cosy pace, you will then follow the beautiful Teltow channel and the Königsweg-trail to the former checkpoint Dreilinden. The control building, the roadhouse, the gas station and the terminal ramp for trucks are under monument protection today. Finally, the shore of the Griebnitzsee takes you back to Potsdam.

# **Day 7: Departing from Potsdam**

Today after breakfast, your eventful bike tour on the traces of the latest German history along the Berlin Wall bike trail comes to its end.





#### **Route**



# **Technical Characteristics:**

**Route Profile:** Easy. During your tour "on new bike trails around Berlin" you cycle on a variety of different bike paths and small side streets. The selected cycle routes have been created or paved within the last years and therefore of the highest quality. But there are also short passages of dirt road, sand or cobblestone. The route is mostly flat. On day 4 and day 5 in the "Schorfheide" and the "Märkischen Schweiz" there are some hilly sections. The selected trails are well signposted.

Distance: 200 km

Travel Season: Departures Sundays from April 19 to October 4

Season 1: April 19 – May 2 and September 27 - October 4 Season 2: May 3- May 23 and September 6- October 26

Season 3: May 24-September 5



## Price per Person in Euros- all prices subject to confirmation on booking

Season 1 Double Occupancy with breakfast	€ 849
Season 1 Single Occupancy with breakfast	€ 1129
Season 2 Double Occupancy with breakfast	€ 909
Season 2 Single Occupancy with breakfast	€ 1189
Season 3 Double Occupancy with breakfast	€ 939
Season 3 Single Occupancy with breakfast	€ 1219
Bike Rental (7 -/27 speed)	€ 99
Electric Bike	€ 269
Extra Nights Potsdam Double Occupancy (B&B)	€ 89
Extra Nights Potsdam Single Occupancy (B&B)	€ 149

## **Included:**

- Accommodation with breakfast, rooms always with shower and WC
- Luggage transport
- Map of bike trails iwth marked route
- Digital route guidance via smartphone app for almost all journeys
- Tips for travel preparation
- Tourist information on the sights along the way
- 7 day hotline service





# **Bikes**

# 7 speed tourer



27 speed tourer



We would recommend the 7 speed tourer for all those that are looking for a back pedal brake and wide gel seat for maximum comfort in an upright sitting position. It is equipped with a simple hub gear shift and is perfectly suited to tours on flat to slightly hilly terrain.

The 27 speed tourer is the best choice for cyclists that value the advantages of the dérailleur gear shift for flexibility whilst going up and down hills. This bike allows you to be a little more active without compromising on saddle comfort and practical everyday suitability.

## E-bike



This e-bike provides all the comfort you could possible desire. You can switch its electric drive on and off at any time and get to your destination with ease — particularly handy if, for example, you are doing a longer or more hilly section or if you are pulling a child transporter. The suspension fork and sprung seat post ensure a gentle ride, whilst the hydraulic brakes provide the utmost safety.

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