

# VISIT SPANDAU

Holiday in Berlin

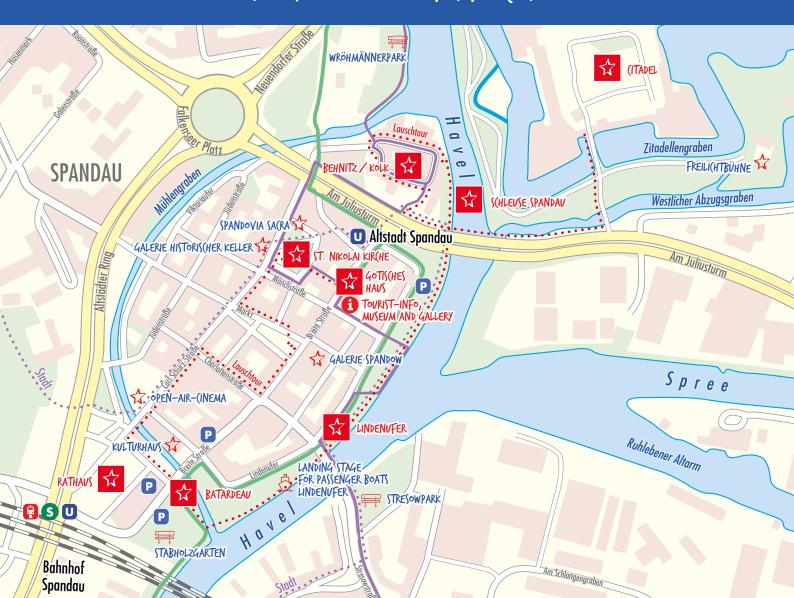


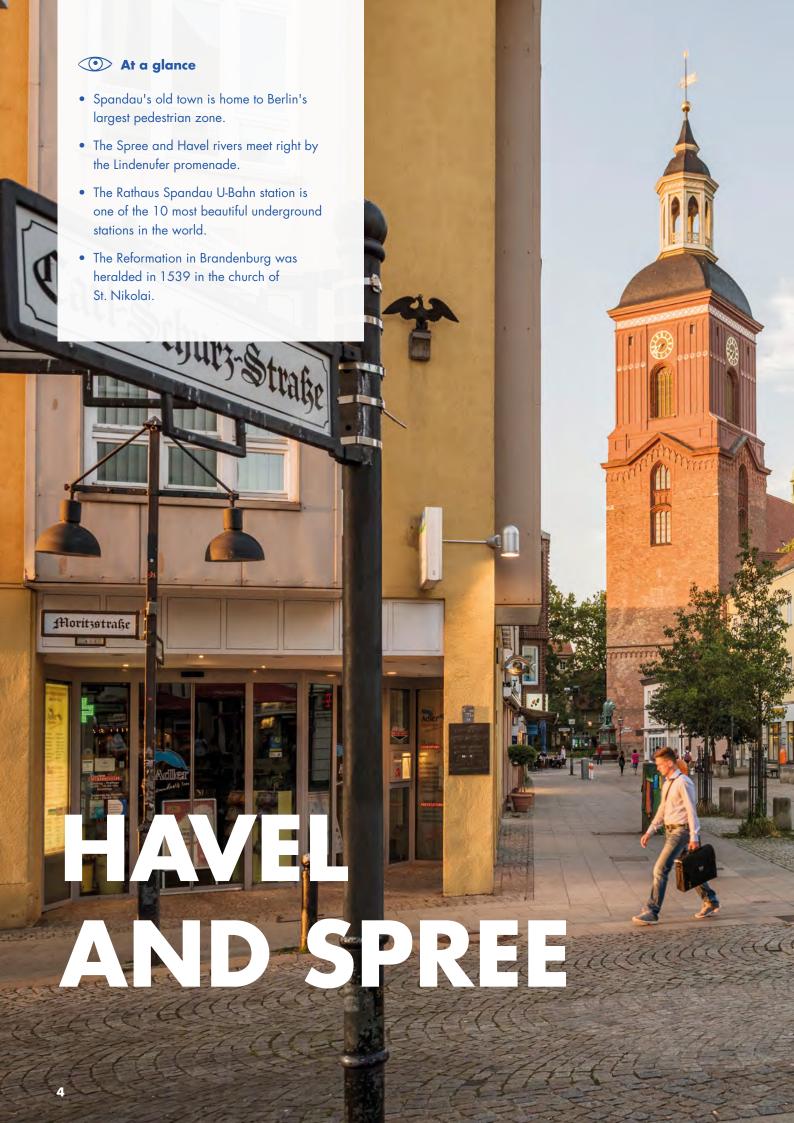
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#### DETAIL VIEW: OLD TOWN AND (ITADEL







They are the very heart of Spandau: the historic old town and the mighty citadel, the latter best-known as a concert venue but a draw for more than just music and culture buffs.

The old town sits on an island, surrounded by the Mühlengraben mill channel and the Havel river. Its historic buildings, including the Gothic House, numerous shopping opportunities, diverse cultural events and wide range of culinary delights make for an appealing invitation to visit Berlin's largest interconnected pedestrian zone.

What was once a fortress and garrison town and protector of Berlin, Spandau evolved into an important industrial location. Today, Spandau Citadel is considered to be Europe's best-preserved Renaissance fortress.



## THE HEART OF SPANDAU

The old town with its lively pedestrian zone is the ideal starting point for a visit to Spandau. A wander through the historic alleyways is the perfect way to discover and marvel at Spandau's numerous sights.

The **Gothic House** was built in the 15th century from red bricks. At that time it was one of only a few stone houses in the region, today it is the oldest town house in Metropolitan Berlin. On the ground floor, the tourist information provides a wide range of options and useful information for your visit to Spandau. On the upper floor is a branch of the Spandau History Museum, which is well worth a visit.

Breite Straße 32 | 13597 Berlin | www.gotischeshaus.de

The significance of the **Church St. Nikolai** extends far beyond Spandau. It was from this church that the Reformation spread to Brandenburg and Berlin. For those wanting to delve further into the history of the church, the Spandovia Sacra Community Museum, located directly opposite the church on Reformationsplatz, is well worth a visit. Tip: take part in a guided tour of the tower for a magnificent view of the neighbouring Havelland region.

Reformationsplatz | 13597 Berlin | www.nikolai-spandau.de

You can also pick up a free audio guide for Spandau's Old Town, as well as guides on shopping, and local bars and restaurant.

For more information, visit: www.visitspandau.de/en/start

3 Behnitz/Kolk, the oldest settlement area in the Old Town, is characterised by its narrow alleys and half-timbered houses. Part of the old city wall dating the 14th century can still be seen on Hohen Steinweg. St. Mary's Church on Behnitz is the second oldest Catholic church in Berlin. In addition to church services, this lovingly restored place of worship also hosts concerts and readings.

Behnitz | 13597 Berlin

Watching boats and other craft move between the Upper and Lower Havel in the **lock** is a sight to behold for the whole family. Those with a little time to spare may perch on the Julius Tower Bridge with an ice cream and watch the entry and exit of one of 30 large cargo ships a day. Lying on the main route between the centre of Berlin and the seaport of Szczecin, Spandau Lock sees more freighter traffic than any other lock in Berlin.

Schleuse Spandau | 13599 Berlin



The Lindenufer is located at the confluence of the Spree and Havel rivers and extends between the Charlotten and Julius Tower Bridges. Here you can stroll along the waterfront and cycle along designated paths – the ideal starting point for a foray into the old town or a trip to see the citadel and the lock. A number of different boat tours depart from the Spandau Lindenufer passenger pier. The memorial to the deported and murdered Jews of Spandau is located level with Kammerstraße.

Lindenufer | 13597 Berlin

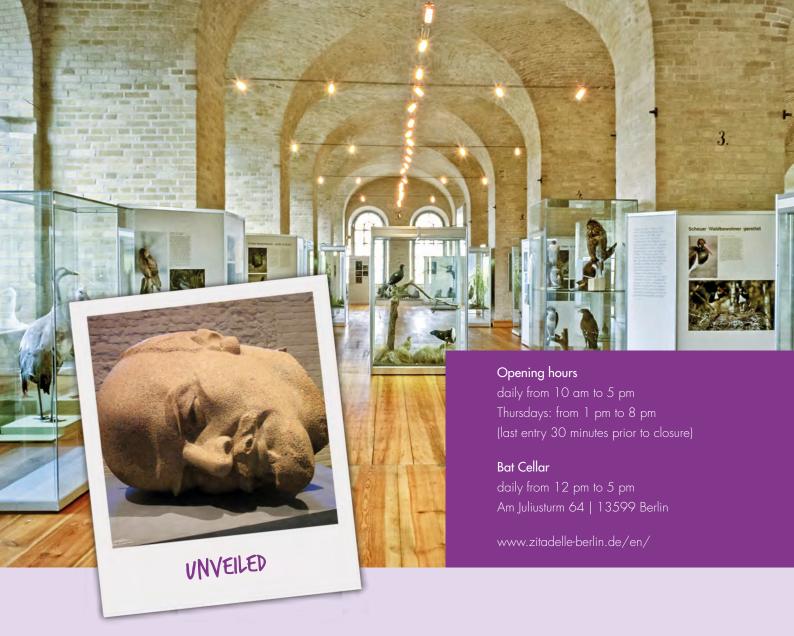
TIP

6 Spandau Town Hall is worth a visit even if you do not have an official appointment. The impressive building with its tower, which stands at over 80 metres high, is one of Spandau's landmarks. There was originally a lift leading up to the lantern, but today all that remains are the ruins. Guided tours of the tower are available several times a year. On entering the building, you are immediately drawn to the marble portal. The first floor is home to temporary exhibitions.

Carl-Schurz-Str. 2/6 | 13597 Berlin

# IN SPANDAU, A SIGN TELLS YOU TO MARVEL: WAT(H THE SPREE RUSH INTO THE HAVEL

The Spree and Havel meet in Spandau and continue their journey together. The Spandau Lindenufer marks the end of the Spree's 400-kilometre journey, which begins in the Lusatian Mountains. The Havelbalkon viewing platform offers a beautiful vista and the perfect opportunity to take a comfortable break.



# THE CITADEL: A HISTORICAL LANDSCAPE

The citadel is probably the most well-known place in Spandau. It was built in the 16th century to protect the capital of Berlin-Cölln. The oldest parts of the fortifications date back to the Middle Ages.

The Julius Tower – dating from the early 13th century – could be the oldest building in Berlin; it is most definitely the oldest secular building. Today the citadel is considered the best-preserved Renaissance fortress in Europe – it is also Spandau's treasure trove. And not just because the "Imperial War Treasure" paid to Germany after the Franco-Prussian War (1870/71) was stored in the Julius Tower.

With its museums, and permanent and temporary exhibitions, the Citadel takes visitors on a journey back through a history: for example, the fascinating sculpture exhibition "Unveiled – Berlin and its Monuments", or the Spandau History Museum, the Archaeological Window and the galleries in the Crown Prince Bastion and the Old Barracks.

Those who love live and open-air entertainment will be familiar with the Citadel from the Citadel Music Festival, which features numerous concerts. This festival sees music fans from all over Germany pilgrimage to Spandau. During the off season, over 10,000 bats are housed here for their winter hibernation.



## **OLD TOWN FLAIR**

Spandau's festivals in the old town are a great place for celebrations. The weekly markets are an ideal opportunity taste regional delicacies. A variety of cultural options and the historical backdrop make a visit to the old town an unforgettable experience.



#### Spandau Town Hall Weekly Market

Carl-Schurz-Str. 2/6, 13597 Berlin Wednesday: 8 am to 6 pm Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm



#### Havelland country and farmers' market

Markt, 13597 Berlin

March - November: weekdays except Wednesdays from 9 am January - March: Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 am



#### Culture Centre & Open-Air Theatre

A variety of concerts, theatre, comedy, cinema, musicals and children's shows

Kulturhaus (Culture Centre): Mauerstr. 6, 13597 Berlin Freilichtbühne an der Zitadelle (Open-Air Theatre):

Am Juliusturm 62, 13599 Berlin

www.kulturhaus-spandau.de | 030 333 40 22



#### Open-Air-Cinema

Screenings of German and international films in the picturesque courtyard of the town library Carl-Schurz-Str. 13, 13597 Berlin www.openairkino-spandau.de | 030 33 36 081



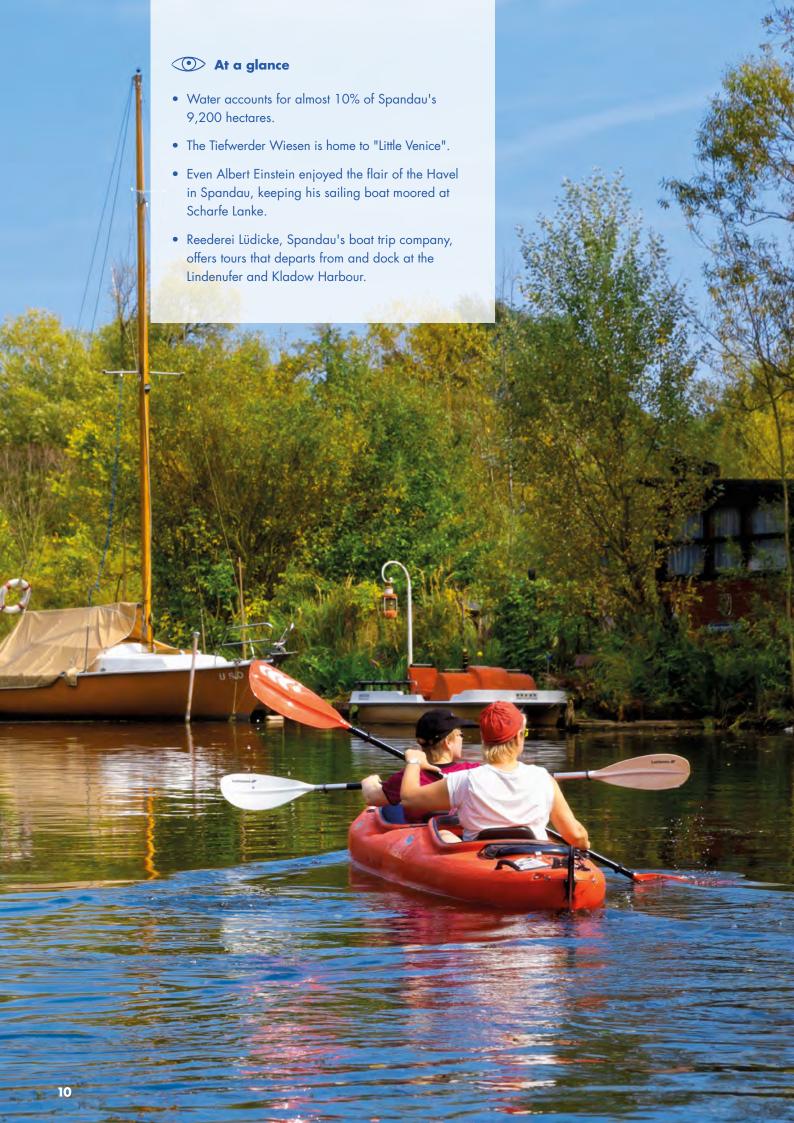
#### Gallery in the Historischer Keller

One of Spandau's municipal galleries, the historic cellar provides the ideal atmosphere for temporary exhibitions Carl-Schurz-Str. 49/51, 13597 Berlin www.galeriehistorischerkeller.de | 030 354 944 0



#### Christmas

The Christmas market in the old town and the magic lights on the Citadel attract crowds of visitors to Spandau. This historical backdrop and the diverse range on offer make them some of the most beautiful Christmas markets in Berlin.







# AHOY, SPANDAU!

Ferries, dinghies and motorboats – water sports fans from all over the country enjoy Spandau's waters. On hot summer days, the Havel and the lakes offer plenty of bathing spots to cool off.

The Reederei Lüdicke boat company offers trips across Lake Spandau, the Havel and the surrounding area. If you want to take the helm yourself, you can rent a sailing boat, SUP or kayak. Numerous routes through the local waters reveal the district's stunningly blue side.

And the Lindenufer promenade is the sight of a special highlight: here, the Spree flows into the Havel.

## **LET'S SET SAIL**

Jump in, splash around or sail across the water. Experience Spandau from the water.



The Havel meanders from Hakenfelde in the far north of Spandau to Kladow in the south – making it a wonderful choice for a boat trip through Spandau. The Reederei Lüdicke boat trips depart from and dock at **Spandau's Lindenufer** and **Kladow Harbour**. The company offers a wide range of trips, not only allowing you to discover Spandau from the water, but also to sail around Berlin or as far as Potsdam in comfort. And if you want to go even further afield, you can explore the Brandenburg region with its many lakes on the pleasure steamboat or even travel by ship as far as Szczecin. All trips have a live tour guide.

Reederei Lüdicke | www.ms-heiterkeit.de

Spandau is also a paradise for water tourists. There are numerous opportunities along the Havel to access the water. Paddle in hand and off you go! Or you could row from the Stößensee Lake to the Tiefwerder and enjoy the flair of the Venetian canals, meander around the Imchen and Pfaueninsel islands, or drift along on Lake Wannsee. Spandau's clubs and marinas also offer storage facilities and overnight accommodation for water tourists. If you do not have your own kayak or stand-up paddleboard, you can simply hire one.

More information on tours and launch points, go to: www.wassertourismus-berlin.de





Pack your swimming trunks, we are off to Spandau! Whether you want to splash around, swim or enjoy a sunset picnic, the **bathing spots on the Havel and the lakes** are the perfect place to cool off and relax in hot temperatures. Along the Havel, from Breitehorn in the south to the Bürgerablage in the north of Spandau, there are plenty of spots to take a dip in the cool water – even on real sandy beaches.

Groß Glienicker See is a historic lake. The inner-German border once ran through the middle of the lake and was marked by buoys. Only West Berliners were allowed to swim in the Groß Glienicker See at that time. Today, visitors from both sides of the lake can once again enjoy a swim.



**Length:** approx. 6 to 7 km **Duration:** approx. 3 hours

#### Kayak rental:

Bootsladen am Brandensteinweg 37, 13595 Berlin Bookings by phone only: 030 - 362 56 85

Kanu Kayak Verleih Havelschlenke at Toni's Marina Heerstraße 199B, 13595 Berlin Phone: 01575 - 44 99 299

13 Kanus also rents rafts and motorboats Am Pichelssee 40, 13595 Berlin Phone: 0163 - 191 40 00

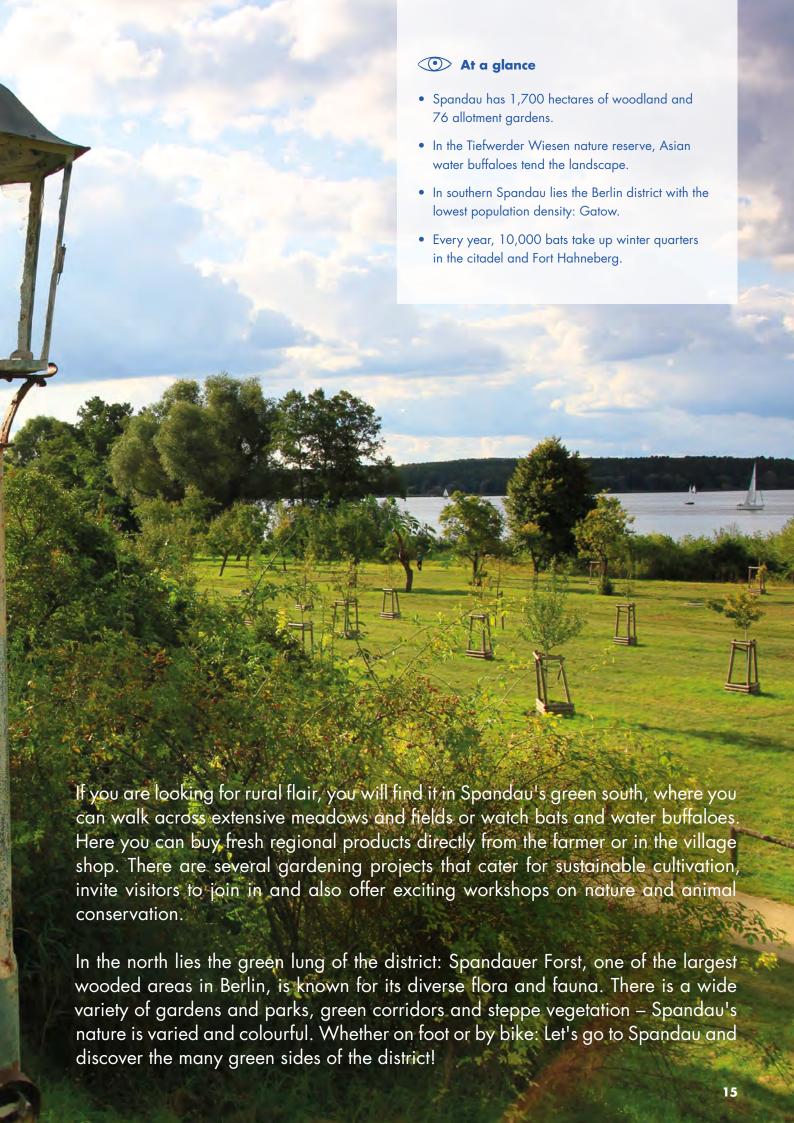
#### Spandau's very own Venice

The tour starts at Lake Pichelssee and heads north directly into the Tiefwerder Wiesen nature reserve. Once here, you will forget all the hubbub of the big city. You can see Asian water buffalo enjoying a swim in the ponds, beavers sitting along the banks and water lilies in bloom. In the branching arms of the Havel, all you have to do is push yourself gently along and then let yourself drift. The tour continues through the picturesque canals of this Little Venice. The riverside buildings are a treasure trove of discovery, from original garden art to regional products. Here's a real insider's tip: do not miss the honey from the Tiefwerder meadows.

For those who like it a little faster than by canoe or kayak, look no further the **boat** hire companies. But be careful: Spandau's waters are not a charter licence area! And those looking to hone their skills on the water are in good hands with Spandau's various water sports clubs, which offer a wide range of courses for beginners and advanced enthusiasts.

All boat rentals can be found online: www.visitspandau.de/en/get-moving/boating/boat-rental





## **OUT INTO NATURE**

Get out of the big city and into the countryside, take a walk through deep forests, cycle across wide meadows – the diversity of Spandau's landscape is endless. Whether idyllically situated on the banks of the Havel or centrally located in front of the town hall, there are many places where you can escape the hustle and bustle of the city.



Dr. Max Fraenkel's country house garden, a protected historical estate, was created at the end of the 1920s and is still one of Spandau's most beautiful public green spaces. It is a paradise surrounded by woods, an artificial stream, fruit trees and vegetable beds – right on the banks of the Havel. Here you can stroll among currant bushes, chard and rose bushes. There is also a cafe open from April to October and guided tours on the history of the country house garden are held every Sunday.

Lüdickeweg 1 | 14089 Berlin | www.sommercafe-kladow.de

Spandauer Forst, one of the largest wooded areas in Berlin, is known for its diverse flora and fauna. Near the Spandauer Revierförsterei (district forestry station), you have the unique opportunity to observe wild boar as well as fallow, roe deer and red deer, and mouflon in an enclosure from a viewing tower. On the opposite side, like a small town in the forest, is the Evangelische Johannesstift protestant foundation. It is open to visitors and organises tours and guided church and steeple visits.





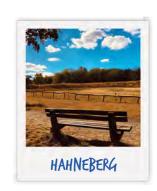
The **Spektegrünzug** green corridor stretches like a belt from Spandau Town Hall westwards to the town hall in Falkensee. In newly created biotopes, nature enjoys free rein. The Spektegrünzug also has two large lakes for anyone wanting to refresh themselves with a swim in the **Spektesee** or relax on the sunbathing lawn. For cyclists, the green corridor is the ideal west-east connecting route.

Spektepark | 13583 Berlin

The man-made Schuttberg is Spandau's highest point. On a clear day, you can enjoy a breathtaking view from the top over Spandau's Old Town all the way to the Fernsehturm TV tower in Berlin. At the Hahneberg Nature Conservation Station, there are exciting things to discover about the flora and fauna around the Hahneberg hill. The focus here is on experiencing nature in order to get people enthusiastic about environmental issues. Fort Hahneberg offers guided tours of the flora and fauna in the nature reserve.

Heerstr. 549 | 13593 Berlin | www.naturschutzstation-hahneberg.de







The location of the **Neukladow estate park** offers the best view over the Havel to Wannsee. The open park with its old trees and the magnificent plateau location are a delight for landscape lovers, walkers and cyclists alike. There is a café and restaurant in the former manor house. In addition to readings and concerts, the park is also an exhibition venue.

#### Neukladower Allee 12 | 14089 Berlin I www.gutshausneukladow.de

With water as far as the eye can see, sailing boats and many water sports enthusiasts, **Pichelswerder** has the maritime ambience of a fishing village. A circular path leads around the island, past bathing spots, restaurants and boat moorings. The **Tiefwerder Wiesen** landscape conservation area is criss-crossed by many old branches of the Havel River and provides a habitat for rare animals and plants. Even water buffaloes graze and bathe here.

#### Tiefwerder Wiesen | 13587 Berlin

#### **☆** Guided tours

- Bat and Nature guided tours at Fort Hahneberg www.forthahneberg.de
- Guided tours through Dr. Max Fraenkel's Country House Garden www.sommercafe-kladow.de
- Herbal workshops at Essbarer Garten Kladow (Kladow Edible Garden) www.essbarer-garten-kladow.de

#### Recommended routes:

- Green South
- Spandau East-West

More routes online at: www.visitspandau.de/en/get-moving/cycling



The **Windmühlenberg** hill with its **post mill** in Gatow rises to 52 metres above sea level. The area is a protected nature reserve because of the steppe vegetation that is so rare in Berlin. However, it is not just because of the vegetation, characterised by grey hair-grass and lichens, that a trip to this place is worthwhile. It is also the most bizarre location in Spandau's film history. The original mill was set on fire for film shoots that are sadly now lost.

Am Berghang | 14089 Berlin



# **REGIONAL SPANDAU**

Spandau is a hive of farming and gardening activity – whether on rented land or on one of the farms. Fresh and regional products are grown here and sold directly at farms or at the markets in Spandau.



#### Tilling and harvesting

At least three times a year, it's time to "Get out in the field!" at the SpeiseGut Solidarity Farm. Here, the members finance the farm, and farmer Christian takes care of growing the vegetables. During harvesting, you not only learn all kinds of things about the cultivated crops, but also pick up tips on how to process them. The regional shop in Gatow Old Fire Station sells the organic products. Regional products are also sold at the Vierfelderhof farm shop. And its farm cafe is a great place to while away the hours.

The Havelmathen farm garden, with its seven circular fields, are located directly on the Havel. Why not become the proud owner of your own strip of field for a gardening season or perhaps longer? The fields are already tilled, sown and planted in the spring before they are handed over. The farm gardeners simply take care of the maintenance of their pie-shaped miniplot; even watering is organised for you!



#### Hooked!

Roach, perch, pikeperch and eel – the origins of fishing on the Havel and Spree date back to the Middle Stone Age. There are still professional fishermen in Spandau, but you can also fish privately if you have a fishing licence/fishing permit. If you want to eat Spandau fish, go to Fisch Frank in the old town.



#### Spandau is abuzz!

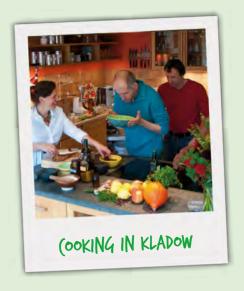
Whether on the roof of the Arcaden shopping centre or at the Citadel, **urban beekeeping** is a common sight here. Honey can be purchased from the beekeepers' association members or at the weekly market. There are around 150 active beekeepers across the district. You can learn about beekeeping from scratch at the association's training apiary behind the Gatow forestry station. Here is a fun fact: It was a Spandau man who discovered that insects pollinated flowers back in the 18th century. However, during his lifetime, Christian Konrad Sprengel, botanist and headmaster of the Great City School, was met with scorn and derision for this sensational insight. It was not until many years later that Charles Darwin came to recognise its immense value.



#### Picking and tasting

In summer, when the berry season begins, the fields in Gatow teem with colourful activity. Young and old alike romp between the bushes with bowls and baskets to get hold of the best sweet fruits. The berry garden offers not only strawberries but also blueberries, currants and raspberries to pick yourself. One district away, idyllically situated on the Havel, sits the Essbarer Garten, Katja Gurkasch's edible garden. The holistic health and nutrition consultant is an absolute expert on edible plants and will gladly take you on a journey of discovery and taste. Guided tours and workshops are scheduled regularly during the gardening season.





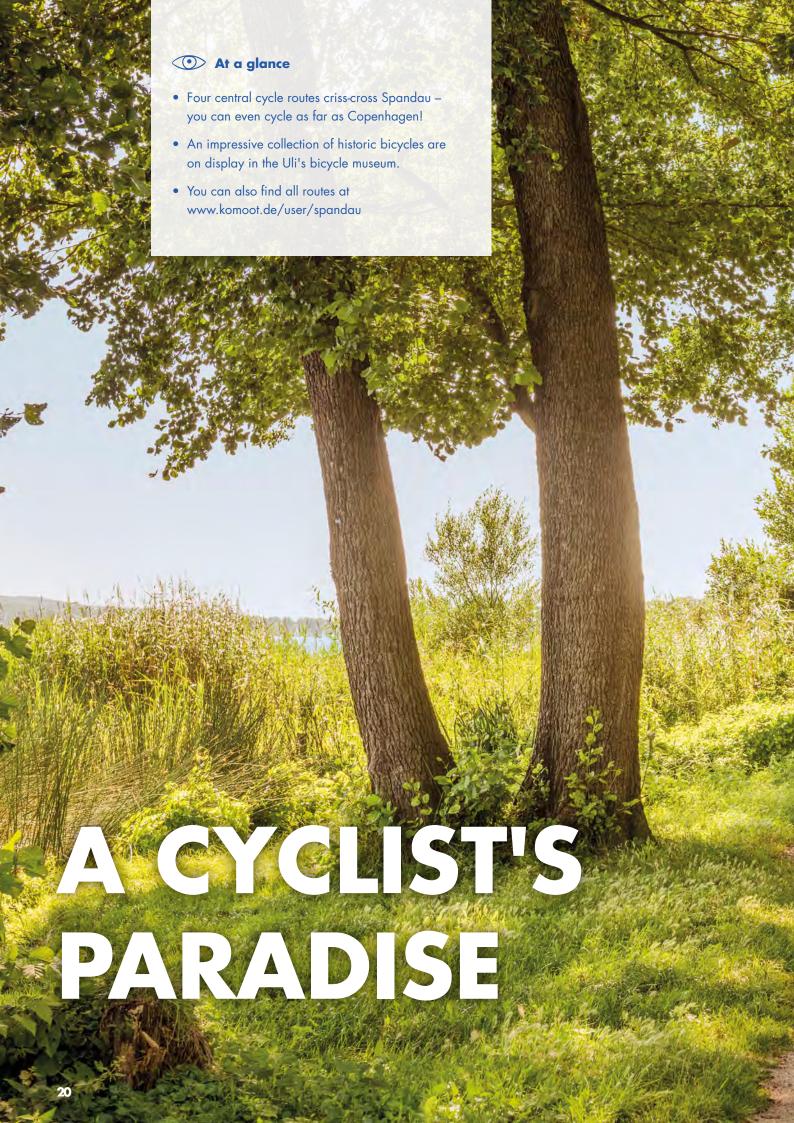
In Spandau, nature shines through colourfully in a variety of ways. The various workshops, lectures and guided tours on offer are the ideal way to rediscover and get closer to nature in wonderful places. From cooking with wild herbs to natural cosmetics and plant identification – Spandau has a whole host of opportunities to actively experience nature.

You can attend various cooking courses at Brigitte Karbe's organic cooking school in Kladow, such as using wild herbs. Herb educator Sybille Bach is also keenly interested in these plants and offers guided tours of wild herbs in Spandau. She also holds various workshops demonstrating how to make beeswax cloth or dye with natural colours.

The Remise, a historic estate, is located in the Gatow district. You can enjoy a varied range of events at this unique location. In the Botanicum, four world religions are represented through various plants. A few kilometres further north, the Hahneberg nature conservation station welcomes visitors of all ages to learn all about agriculture and nature and landscape conservation.

In the studio house at Spandau Citadel you will discover products from soap maker Britta Carl. You can experience the production process live in the studio, along with workshops and courses. If you fancy a go at forest bathing, nature educator Luisa Wolf is the right person to talk to. You can discover the natural diversity in and around Spandau on various nature education walks.

Give it a go: www.visitspandau.de/en/try-it-/so-close-so-green









#### The Green South

If you are looking for rural flair and a watery landscape, you are sure to find that on this tour. It is well worth stopping at Dr. Max Fraenkel's Country House Garden, where a delicious selection of cakes await visitors from Friday to Sunday. While you're there, we also recommend visiting the listed garden to look around and relax. Next stop: Groß Glienicker See and a refreshing swim at one of the two bathing spots before heading to the Military History Museum. Visitors to this huge area will have the chance to marvel at over 70 helicopters and fighter planes. The hangars house interesting permanent and temporary exhibitions, and admission is free!

Start: Kladow Harbour

Length: approx. 20 km Duration: approx. 3 h



#### Spandau Peng! – Fortress and Armour

This cycle tour focuses on the Prussian fortress and garrison town of Spandau. Today, there are still many buildings that bear witness to this period – above all, the citadel. It is considered to be the best-preserved Renaissance fortress in Europe. On Eiswerder Island, several sprawling brick buildings recall the time when the Royal Pyrotechnics Laboratory and the factories that later manufactured powders and ammunition were located there. Fort Hahneberg – the last fortress to be built in Germany – is another of the highlights on the route. Hidden in the dense forest, you will find a unique building and an area packed full of excitement. Nowadays, this is not just an area for history fans, with nature and bat tours also on offer.

Start: Spandau Station

Length: approx. 25 km Duration: approx. 4 h



#### Spandau East-West

From August 1961 to 1989, the Wall separated the people of Spandau from their neighbours. This bicycle tour takes you along a part of the former border with its numerous sites, entwined with their many dramatic stories. But this route will also show you Spandau's green side: through the expanses of the Spandau Forest and along the banks of the Havel River, it is a perfect blend of nature and history. Be sure to take some time to soak up the memorials recalling very personal stories and visit the village church of Alt-Staaken. It was handed over to the East German administration in 1951 and was, from then on, the parish hall for the citizens of West-Staaken (then in GDR territory). The former exclave Eiskeller is also on the route.

Start: Spandau Station

Length: approx. 25 km Duration: approx. 4 h







#### Around Lake Tegel

Fancy a little tour after work? Take the 20-kilometre signposted cycle route around the beautiful Lake Tegel – the perfect way to relax after a hard day's work. The beautiful panoramas beckon visitors to pause for a while. At one of the numerous bathing spots, you can enjoy a refreshing dip in the water.

SUNBATHING ON THE HAVEL

Refreshments are also available along the route, with lots of gastronomic delights to welcome you along the route. If you can spare a little more time, take a look at the Humboldt Library, stroll along the Greenwich Promenade or play a game of table tennis in the Tegel Recreational Park. The Tegeler Forest game reserve is the ideal place to spot wild boar, red deer and mouflon.

Start: Hakenfelde-Tegel ferry

Length: approx. 20 km Duration: approx. 2 h

The Manufacturing and Munitions cycle route is one of five cycle routes showcasing Berlin's industrial heritage. Each route highlights a different aspect of Berlin's industrial history.

This tour will take you into Spandau's past as a former centre of the Prussian armaments industry and a former military and fortress city. Even today, many of the sites still bear witness to this era: the Citadel is probably the most striking building still standing. The Royal Pyrotechnics Laboratories and the Garrison Laundry also date from that time. The site is now home to flats and a brewery. At the beginning of the 20th century, industrialisation brought forth new large corporations. Around the factories, a new district was created with groundbreaking architecture: Siemensstadt with its modern housing estates and leisure facilities.

Cycling along this route, you will feel as though you are cycling through a huge open-air museum of industrial culture, discovering interesting places with fascinating stories.

Start: Spandau Station

Length: approx. 20 km Duration: approx. 2 h



Spandau. In summer, you can refresh yourself at one of the many bathing spots along the way.



Discover a variety of "bone shakers", as the bicycle was first called in the local parlance, in the historic Bicycle Museum. Since 2008, Uli Feick of the "Historische Fahrräder Berlin", an association dedicated to historic bicycles, has been running his own museum shop. Visitors can expect an impressive collection of bicycles from a wide variety of eras. You can still find suitable replacement parts for almost every historic bicycle here.

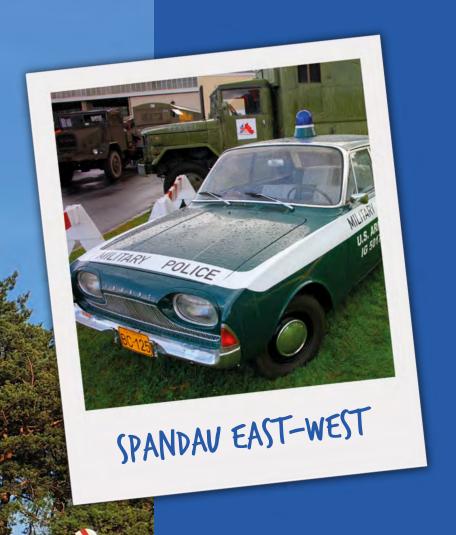
Jagowstraße 28 | 13585 Berlin | www.historische-fahrraeder-berlin.de



#### Bike rentals

Stefans Fahrrad-Shop | Reußstr. 2 | 13587 Berlin | 030 33 52 348 Select Hotel Berlin Spiegelturm | Freiheit 5 | 13597 Berlin | 030 33 09 80 2RadLaden | Sakrower Landstr. 4 | 14089 Berlin | 030 32 52 42 92







# STORY OF PARTION

From August 1961, the Wall separated the people of Spandau from their neighbours in Havelland, Falkensee and Potsdam.

However, the border also ran through Spandau, with western part of Staaken being transferred to the Soviets after 1945.

Today, there are numerous places along the former border that are entwined with stories, great and small, of the of the city's history of partition. The western route of the Berlin Wall Trail runs for over 20 kilometres through the district.

# A TOUGH LIFE ON THE BORDER

Relive a piece of German history in Spandau. Many places still hark back to the time when the Wall divided the district.

#### **Separated**

The Wall divided the Spandau district of Staaken into East and West. The two border crossings at Heerstraße and the Staaken railway crossing were the sole points of connection. One of the most secure level crossings in the world was built in Staaken as part of the controls on goods trains between West Berlin and the GDR. Instead of barriers, massive rolling gates secured the transit corridor. These led to the crossing's nickname: the "Elephant Gate".

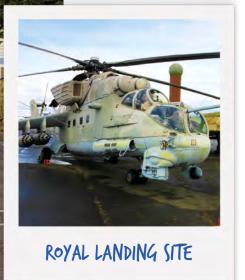
#### West German islands

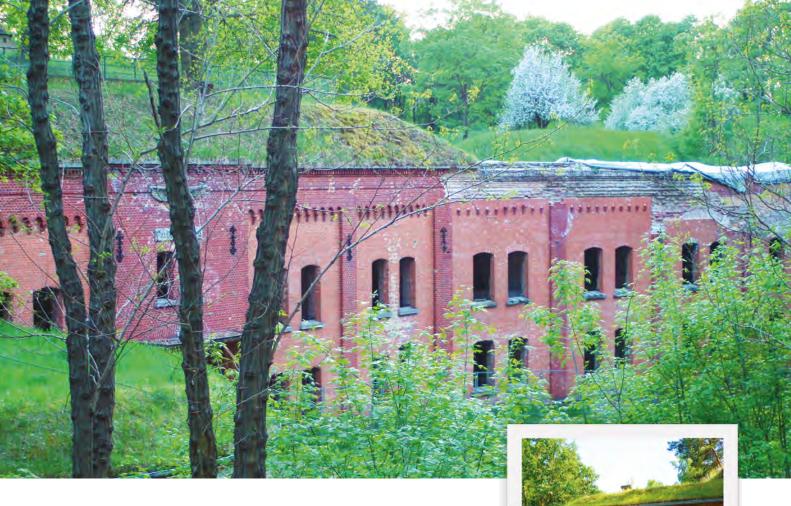
The peculiar effects of the Cold War and the Berlin Wall can be seen in the **former exclaves** of Eiskeller, Fichtewiese and Erlengrund. As a result of territorial exchanges between the Allied occupying powers and the Soviet Union, these exclaves were on GDR territory but belonged to West Berlin. Residents could only get there via a narrow corridor. In 1961, the picture of the little schoolboy Erwin Schabe made its way around the world. The then 12-year-old claimed to have been stopped by GDR border police on his way to school, and that he had been taken from the Eiskeller exclave to Spandau. Following the incident, he was then escorted to school by a British tank for several months. It was only years later that the truth came to light: he had made the story up in order to skip school.



Spandau was in the British sector. The Queen's plane was not the only one to land at **Gatow airfield** when she visited the divided city. The airfield played a central role during the Berlin Blockade, when the Allies supplied West Berliners via the Airlift. Today, it houses the **German Armed Forces Military History Museum**. It is dedicated to military aviation in Germany since 1884. In the spacious hangars and the open-air exhibition, over a century of aircraft tell their tales.

Am Flugplatz Gatow 33 | 14089 Berlin | www.mhm-gatow.de





Until the fall of the Berlin Wall, Fort Hahneberg – Germany's last new fortress – lay dormant for decades in the area of the Heerstrasse border crossing. The fauna and flora were left to spread unhindered and today, the fort is an important hibernation site for bats. Fort Hahneberg has only been open to the public since 1990 and offers tours on various topics such as history, nature and bats.

Hahnebergweg 50 | 13591 Berlin | www.forthahneberg.de



SLEEPY FORTRESS





#### Along the Wall

The **Berlin Wall Trail**, which marks the western border of the Spandau districts of Hakenfelde, Falkenhagener Feld, Staaken, Gatow and Kladow, reminds walkers and cyclists of the history of separation. The western route of the Berlin Wall Trail runs for over 20 kilometres through the district. At several memorial sites, you will find panels providing information about the historical background and commemorating the people who were killed trying to escape to the West.



# SPANDAU PENG!





# THE INDUSTRIAL HISTORY

Once a fortress town and protector of Berlin, Spandau developed into an important industrial location.

The site that was once home to the Prussian gunpowder factory is now home to creative minds. Inventors, craftsmen and artists use the site as a place to work or as a storage facility. In the 1830s, the Royal Gunpowder Factory was relocated from its original site in Berlin-Moabit to the banks of the Havel in Spandau. Gunpowder for the Prussian army was produced here until 1919. When the **Havelwerke creative workshop space** was founded, the entire site was extensively renovated and redesigned. Today there is a bouldering hall and a craft beer brewery on the site.

Telegrafenweg 21 | 13599 Berlin | www.havelwerke.de

Spandau's only publicly accessible island is connected to the mainland by two road bridges. There are several sprawling red-brick buildings that attest to **Eiswerder's** explosive past: these are remnants of the armaments industry that was established here in the 19th century. The small island thus became an important military location in Prussia.

Eiswerder | 13585 Berlin





HAVELWERKE

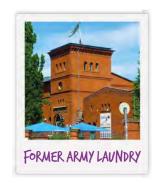
GUN FOUNDRY

The former **gun foundry** is located directly where the Spree and Havel meet. Built between 1853 and 1854, it was once used to cast iron and bronze cannons that were important for the war effort. Together with the adjacent artillery workshop, the imposing buildings are listed as evidence of past eras.

Schürstraße/Obermeierweg | 13597 Berlin

The place where laundry once steamed in the boiler is now used to brew beer. The imposing brick building from 1880 served as an **army steam laundry** for the Prussian garrison of Spandau. Today, the tall chimney and a steam boiler serve as reminders of the past times. The brewery moved in here in 1994 and now produces Spandauer Havelbräu and other kinds of beer. There is a pub with its own beer garden and enthralling guided tours of the brewery.

Neuendorfer Str. 1 | 13585 Berlin | www.brauhaus-spandau.de







#### From Spandau to the rest of the world

What began in 1847 as the Telegraphenbauanstalt Siemens und Halske (Siemens and Halske Telegraph Construction Company) soon made waves far beyond the European continent. From 1897, Siemens & Halske expanded their production to a site on Nonnendamm – the present-day Siemensstadt. This is where striking industrial buildings such as the Wernerwerkhochhaus high-rise, the Siemensturm and the administration building were erected. The large housing estate of Siemensstadt is also well known, and is one of six modernist housing estates in Berlin to be listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



#### Spandau's motorbike

BMW and Spandau also share a common history. Behind a historic brick façade on the Julius Tower lies the birthplace of BMW motorbikes. While the site continued to operate as a supplier factory after the Second World War, the entire BMW motorbike production was relocated to Haselhorst in the late 1960s. In 1969 the first "Spandau motorbike" rolled off the assembly line, and, to date, over three million motorbikes have been produced here – every BMW motorbike tyre in the world is filled with Spandau air!



#### And action!

In the 1920s, the Spandau film industry flourished in the gigantic Zeppelin hangars in Staaken. Around a third of all German films were shot there, including Fritz Lang's silent classic "Metropolis". Today, the only remaining trace of the legendary Staaken Studios is a control tower. From 1950 to 1970, the well-known film producer Atze Brauner and his Central Cinema Company (CCC-Filmkunst) produced countless films in one of the hangars on Eiswerder. Productions included the famous Edgar Wallace series.



#### Model for housing construction

In addition to the Siemensstadt housing estate, the **Gartenstadt** housing estate in the Staaken district of Spandau is also a prototype for social housing. The Gartenstadt was planned especially for the workers of the Spandau munitions factories to alleviate the housing shortage at the time. Today, together with the **Reichsforschungssiedlung housing estate** in Haselhorst and the **Neu-Jerusalem estate** on Heerstraße, it is one of the most important urban architectural monuments of the 20th century.



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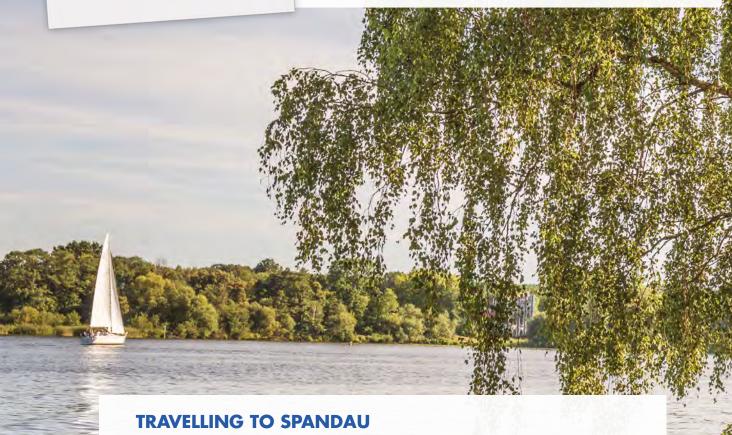


The Tourist Information is located on the ground floor of the Gothic House in the middle of Spandau's old town. Here you will find valuable information and useful tips for your stay in Spandau. The team will help you plan excursions, arrange guided tours and accommodation. They also sell city maps, event tickets and a range of souvenirs.

Gothic House: Breite Straße 32 | 13597 Berlin

+49 (0)30 333 93 88 | info@visitspandau.de

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm





#### Plane

From Berlin airports in approx. 1 hour via Berlin Hauptbahnhof (central station) to Spandau by train



#### Bus and train

Trains to Spandau station and S-Bahn and U-Bahn to Rathaus Spandau. Long-distance and regional trains and S3, S9, U7, 130, 134, 135, 136, 137, 236, 237, 337, 638, 671, M32, M37, M45, N30, N34, N7, X33, X36 public transport services



Havel Cycle Path, Havelland Cycle Path, Berlin Wall Trail, Gatow- and Spandau-Trail, Berlin-Copenhagen Route





#### Have you ever been on a pilgrimage?

The Evangelische Kirchenkreis Spandau e.V. protestant association invites you to undertake pilgrims on one of three different routes. www.visitspandau.de/en/get-moving/spandau-for-pilgrims



#### Looking to rent a bike?

Spandau has several bike rental shops that have everything from classic bikes and children's bikes to e-bikes.

www.visitspandau.de/en/get-moving/cycling/bicycle-rental-service



#### A bed in Spandau

There are lots of hosts waiting to welcome you warmly. You can choose between a holiday flat, guesthouse or hotel for your stay. buchen.visitspandau.de/en



#### Have a bite!

Whether you're looking for a snack or for dinner, the culinary offerings in Spandau are rich in variety and have the right menu to suit every palate. www.visitspandau.de/en/try-it-/restaurants



#### Come on!

The calendar of events tells you exactly what activities are going on. www.visitspandau.de/en/come-here-/events



#### Let's set sail

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