

For everyone with more time

The „Royal Tours“ of Berlin and Potsdam



During the most glorious era of the Prussian kingdom (17th - 19th century), the capital Berlin was dotted with many palaces and mansions where the members of the royal family lived a luxurious life and entertained themselves. In Berlin only five of these numerous palaces survived the horrific events of the 20th century along with the historic structures in the town of Potsdam. At all of them you can still experience and enjoy the distinctive artistic styles as well as the architecture and landscape gardening of the past 300 years.

The following guided tours of five or more hours (per topic/locale) offer the opportunity to learn a little more about the creators of these master pieces - the artist, architects and landscape gardeners of the past.



RT1 - [Charlottenburg Palace](#), the summer residence within the city limits with its quaint gardens, buildings dedicated to various monarchs (Old Palace, New Wing, Schinkel Pavilion, Belvedere, Mausoleum) and the original formal baroque garden that invites day-dreaming, are a listed UNESCO world heritage site.



RT2 - [Schönhausen Palace](#) was the home of Queen Elisabeth Christine, the unfortunate wife of Frederic II of Prussia (Frederic the Great). After the war, the estate was used as the official residence of the head of state of the GDR Wilhelm Pieck and later as a guest house. Guided tour of house and garden.



RT3 - [Pfaueninsel \(Peacock Island\)](#). On an island in the middle of the river Havel sits a small castle between the trees whose gardens were Prussia's first zoological garden. In addition to the exotic peacocks that freely roam the island, visitors can enjoy a spectacular flora and fauna.

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RT4 - [Glienicke Palace](#), a fancy of Prince Charles of Prussia, a brother to William I, with its English garden, Casino and today's museum, is also a listed UNESCO world heritage site. It is situated in close proximity to one of the region's oldest bridges, Glienicke bridge, which together with the palace and surrounding area used to be a „hot spot“ during the Cold War period.



RT5 - [Sanssouci](#), the palace where Frederic II (Frederic the Great) had planned to live „without a sorrow“, is a courtly complex of buildings including huge gardens to the north of the „old town“ of Potsdam comprising more than 250 hectares. Not being damaged during World War II, the entire grounds (museums, monuments and gardens) continuously draw huge crowds from all over the world. There is a choice of tours available ranging from the original palace's interior (Sanssouci), the New Chambers, Chinese House and New Palace.