

25th May 2025 - 1st June 2025









Rowing in Berlin – a sport with deep heritage

Rowing in Berlin also offers a remarkable diversity. No other city in Germany has as many rowing clubs along the shores of its lakes and the three rivers: Havel, Spree, and Dahme. Each of the 60 clubs contributes its own unique story, reflecting the evolution of the sport and its history since nearly 150 years.

The large number of clubs can be attributed to the exceptional rowing locations, which cater to various needs with their urban canals, picturesque lakes, and gentle river routes.

The regatta course in Grünau (since 1880) was the venue for the Olympic Games in 1936 and served as the site for the qualifying races for the all-German Olympic team from 1956 to 1964.

During the GDR era, it was a gathering place for the national and international elite for competitions. Since the reunification in 1989, this venue has united different sports cultures, not only for competitive events but also for recreational rowing activities.



Length of the event

8 days with 6 rowing days, starting on Sunday, 25th May until Sunday 1st June Total distance: 150 - 160 km, daily tours vary between 19 to 30 kilometer

Number of participants and accommodation

Maximum 70 participants including non-rowers and reserve rowers

Three hotels to reduce the time of transfers

Boats

Participants will row big boats, so called church-boats, which give space for up to 14 oar rowers plus cox and allow recreational and community rowing.

Site Visits

For all participants we plan visits at **Bundestag**(Reichstag building - House of Parliament) **Wassersport-Museum**(German Watersport Museum)

Official dinners

- opening dinner in the boathouse of the Rudergesellschaft Wiking (est.1896)
- farewell dinner in the boathouse of the Berliner Ruderclub (est. 1880)
- official dinner at the headquarter and training center of the Berlin Rowing Association (est. 1881)



Program

The tour will start in the east part of Berlin on the river Müggel. Passing some lakes and the regatta course in Grünau we will row across the City to the west end. After going the river Havel a little upstream we row southward passing various lakes. The tour will end in Potsdam.





From the regatta course we will continue to the boathouse in Treptow.

After the dinner/barbecue there transfer back to the hotel.

Tuesday 27th May 2025 – "Stadtdurchfahrt" Crossing the City

In Treptow we start crossing the city passing the Reichstag Building and other government buildings. Via the "Humboldthafen" we get to the the "Nordhafen", where we have lunch. Afterwards we continue on various canals to boathouses on the "Hohenzollernkanal".

Transfer to the hotel.

Dinner in the nearby training center and head quarter of the Berlin Rowing Association.

Wednesday 28th May 2025 - Northern lakes

We row on the river Havel upstream to Hennigsdorf, where we have lunch. After the lunchbreak we row downstrem to the "Tegeler See" and the "Borsighafen".

Transfer to the hotel for dinner.



Thursday 29th May 2025 - "Sternfahrt ARKONA"

On Ascension Day the Arkona RC traditionally invites to its boathouse, where music and various food await us and other rowers.

Afterwards we continue the river Spree towards the Wannsee to Collegia RC.

Transfer to the hotel in Potsdam.

Dinner in the Hotel



At late morning we visit the Reichstag Building and have a view from its dome across the City.

After lunchbreak at the RC Collegia we row across the Wannsee to the School- rowing boathouse.

Transfer to the hotel, free evening in Potsdam.





Saturday 31st May 2025 – Final rowing day and farewell dinner at Berliner Ruderclub

On the last day we row on a chain of small lakes towards the Glienicke "Bridge of spies". After passing Castle Cecilienhof, where the Potsdam Conference took place in 1945, we continue downstream on the river Havel.

After a short stop close to the Theatre in Potsdam, we finish the tour at the Clubhouse "Seekrug".

After lunch and cleaning the boats transfer to the hotel.

The farewell dinner will be in the boathouse of the Berliner Ruderclub (est. 1880).

Transfer to the hotel.

Sunday 1st June 2025 - Departure

Breakfast in the hotel and farewell to all participants





Program for accompanying persons

For non-rowers it is provided

- a guided bus tour through Berlin
- two boat trips, if possible in the way that rowers and nonrowers will meet

Berlin and Potsdam possess a huge number of museums and other points of interest. We will choose a selection and offer to book tickets and time slots up to the choice of the accompanying participiants.

Costs 2,100.00 € per participant

What's included:

- all rowing and safety equipment
- 7 night stay in the hotels, breakfasts included
- 6 lunches
- 5 dinners, including Welcome Dinner, Farewell Dinner and dinner in the headquarter of the Berlin Rowing Association
- transportation to and from the starting point of each day,
 and to and from organised cultural visits

Please note that minor adjustments to the schedule may occur.



Not included are:

- air and railway tickets
- airport transfers/shuttles
- 1 dinner
- additional charge for single occupancy hotel 400,00 €/person

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