



Deutscher Ruderverband



World Rowing Tour 2025 Berlin Germany

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.





Daily program

Sunday 25th May 2025 - Arrival

Arrival of the participants; check in the hotel should take place in the early afternoon.

Afterwards, transfer to the Clubhouse of the Rudergesellschaft Wiking (est. 1896), where the opening ceremony and dinner will take place.

Transfer back to the hotel.

Monday 26th May 2025 - „Müggelseumfahrt“ (circumnavigation of the Müggelsee)

Starting point of the tour are the two boathouses in Friedrichshagen. We cross the Müggelsee, the largest lake in Berlin. Passing the called Little Venice in Rahnsdorf and the Seddinsee. The lunch break will be in the boathouse in Schmöckwitz. We continue on the river Dahme to the regatta course in Grünau.

The German Watersport Museum is located in the grandstand and you will get a brief look into the history of watersport in Germany. It actually started in Berlin by sailing competitions between retired captains in 1868.

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 downstream 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



Friday 30th May 2025 – Visit of the Reichstag Building

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 those not participating in the rowing program, the following activities are available:

- A guided bus tour of Berlin
- Two boat excursions arranged so that rowers and non-rowers may meet, when possible.

Berlin and Potsdam boast a wide array of museums and attractions. We will select a few and offer to arrange tickets and time slots based on the preferences of the accompanying participants.

Cost: 2.100 € per participant

Included in this price:

- All rowing and safety gear
- 7 nights of accommodation in hotels, with breakfast included
- 6 lunches
- 5 dinners, which include a Welcome Dinner, Farewell Dinner, and a dinner at the Berlin Rowing Association's headquarter
- Transportation to and from the starting points each day, as well as to organized cultural excursions

Please note that minor adjustments to the schedule may occur.



Not included are:

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

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