

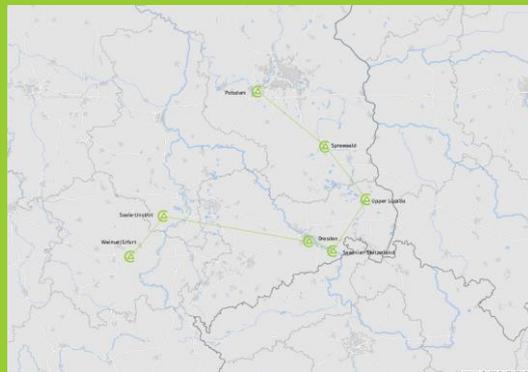


Exciting Eastern Germany

The Tour

Enjoy with us a tour of Eastern Germany, an area that is emerging as a tourist region after the isolation of the Cold War and the fall of the Berlin Wall. You will have the possibility to visit the great cities of Berlin, Dresden and Leipzig, some superb castles and palaces set amongst spectacular scenery and numerous beautifully preserved medieval towns. The tour will take you to the fascinating Spreewald Biosphere Reserve with its enchanting green wetlands, thick forests and romantic streams and to the Saxon Switzerland National Park with the famous rock formation "Bastei", 400 sq km of hiking routes and stunning sandstone formations that look quite unlike anything else in Europe.

For Tour dates and prices visit our website



Highlights:

- Traditional punting boat trip through the Spreewald
- Wine tasting with a guided tour of a wine cellar
- UNESCO gardens Bad Muskau and Saxon Switzerland National Park
- Visits of the cities of Berlin, Potsdam, Dresden, Leipzig, Weimar and Erfurt



Tour information

Start: Potsdam near Berlin
End: Erfurt/Weimar Region
Tour days: 16
Non-Driving days: 8
Max. daily mileage: 111 miles
Total mileage: 368 miles
Calais-Potsdam: 605 miles
Pets allowed

Travel services

- Welcome Dinner
- Traditional punting boat ride through the intricate network of streams in the Spreewald
- Wine tasting with a guided tour of a wine cellar
- All campsites / motorhome parks with electricity (where available)
- Assistance of a multi-lingual motorhome guide during the whole tour
- Travel pack containing maps, a detailed road book with directions to the campsites, suggestions for sightseeing and general advice on motorhoming in Europe
- Secured Payment Certificate

Pick-up service

- Flexible return ferry crossing from Dover
- Pick-up by motorhome guide in Calais
- Two additional nights at campsites in Holland and Germany



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Day 1 – Day 3: Potsdam/Berlin

We start our tour in the former Prussian capital Potsdam and in the evening of the first day we will enjoy a group dinner with typical regional food in order for everyone to get to know each other. From the campsite it is only a short train ride into Berlin, Germany's capital city, where you can visit the Reichstag, the seat of the German Parliament, the Brandenburg gate, or enjoy the museums on the "Museumsinsel", which is also a UNESCO World Heritage site. You can also visit Checkpoint Charlie, the only border crossing in Berlin during the cold war. Potsdam itself also has plenty to offer and the castle and gardens of Sanssouci are also a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Day 4: Potsdam – Spreewald

We leave the Berlin region and travel south-east to the UNESCO Spreewald Biosphere Reserve. The Spreewald Forest is a one-of-a-kind stretch of land in Germany with the Spree River branching out into hundreds of smaller streams surrounded by woods, meadows and fields making up a unique and mystical water maze. On route there you can stop at Tropical Islands, Europe's largest tropical holiday resort with several different swimming pools, a tropical forest and beaches. It is housed in the world's largest self-supporting hall in a former Zeppelin hangar.

Day 5: Spreewald

Today we explore the Spreewald and as a group event we will take a guided punting trip on a traditional flat bottomed punting boat through some of the streams and canals that crisscross this jungle like forest and marshland. While in this area you can try the famous Spreewald gherkins, or admire some of the hand painted Easter eggs manufactured by the Sorb ladies.

Day 6: Spreewald – Upper Lusatian Region

We continue our journey via Cottbus to the Upper Lusatian Region. Here you can visit the castle and gardens in Bad Muskau, a landscaped park and UNESCO World Heritage site astride the Neisse River and the border between Germany and Poland. You can also stop at Germany's largest Rhododendron park in Kromlau.

Day 7: Upper Lusatian Region – Saxon Switzerland

Our destination today is the Saxon Switzerland National Park. On the way you can visit Görlitz, Germany's most eastern city or Bautzen with its historic city centre and the "Stasi prison" which has been turned into a museum.

Day 8: Saxon Switzerland

Today you can explore the Saxon Switzerland National Park with the famous Bastei, 400 sq km of hiking routes and stunning sandstone formations that look quite unlike anything else in Europe. The Golden city of Prague is also only a 2 hour drive from here.

Day 9: Saxon Switzerland – Dresden

We only have a short drive to the next campsite from where you can take a hop-on hop-off bus into the city of Dresden. On the way you can visit one of the many castles and gardens, for example the fortress Königstein, Germany's oldest barracks or Schloss Pillnitz.

Day 10: Dresden

Dresden is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe and has been restored to its former glory after being destroyed by the Allied bombings in WWII. There are plenty of palaces, churches, museums and stately buildings to visit including the Zwinger, the Renaissance city palace, the Semper Opera house and the Frauenkirche. The best way to enjoy the striking city silhouette is from a steamboat on the river Elbe.

Day 11: Dresden – Saale-Unstrut Region

Today we travel to the Saale-Unstrut wine region south of Leipzig. On route stop at the porcelain city of Meissen or visit Colditz Castle the "escape-proof" WWII PoW camp. In Leipzig you can also visit the monument to the Battle of the Nations. The battle involved 600,000 soldiers making it the largest battle in Europe prior to WWI.

Day 12: Saale-Unstrut Region

In the evening we will have a wine tasting and a visit of the wine cellar, which is in walking distance of our campsite. During the day relax at the campsite, rent a canoe or visit the city of Naumburg with its impressive historic town centre and cathedral. Alternatively try the most popular East German Champagne in Freyburg.

Day 13: Saale-Unstrut Region – Erfurt/Weimar Region

On our way to the next campsite you have the chance to visit Jena, which is famous for its precision glass manufacturing and the company Zeiss and to visit the German Optical Museum or the Botanical Gardens.

Day 14 – Day 15: Erfurt/Weimar Region

During the last two days of the tour you will have time to visit the two historic cities of Weimar, home of Goethe and Schiller, and Erfurt with the Cathedral and the medieval bridge "Krämerbrücke", lined with inhabited, half-timbered buildings on both sides. You could also make excursions to:

- The Concentration Camp Buchenwald
- Wartburg Castle in Eisenach where Luther lived incognito and translated the New Testament
- The Saalfeld Fairy Grottoes
- The ski resort Oberhof

Day 16: Departure and end of tour