



Bike and Boat along the Oder to the Baltic Sea to Usedom and Rügen

MS PRINCESS: from Berlin to Stralsund

Characteristics:

Operator: SE-TOURS GmbH

Participants: from 50 up to 102

Tourtype: individual

Children: yes

Regions: Baltic Sea, Berlin, Brandenburg, Havel, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Rügen, Spree, Stralsund, Uckermark, Usedom

Countries: Germany

Benefits:

- 7 nights' accommodation in an outside cabin with shower/toilet in the booked cabin category
- Programme according to the itinerary from Berlin to Stralsund
- Welcome drink
- Daily cabin cleaning
- Bedding and towel changes as needed
- Full board: breakfast, packed lunch for bike tours or noontime snack, coffee and tea in the afternoon, three-course dinner
- All port and lock dues
- Daily bike tour meeting
- On-board tour guidance
- 1x book with route maps for individual tours per cabin
- Rental bike insurance



Additional costs:

- All other costs: on request (bikehire, cabin categories, additional nights, transfers and so on)

Tour description:

From the metropolis of Berlin with its vast forests in the north, you will first sail to Schwedt on the Oder-Havel Canal, passing through Oranienburg and Eberswalde. The peaceful, unique beauty of the Oder landscape will accompany you to the Polish city of Szczecin with its magnificent castle. The river will then take you along the unique Bodden coast through Usedom to Germany's largest island, to Rügen, with its famous chalk cliffs. The

old Hanseatic city of Stralsund is today's destination.

What could be more wonderful than sitting on the sun deck and enjoying the splendid views of the landscape slowly going by and finding out all sorts of interesting things about the country, people, culture and nature on lovely bike tours? Discover the varied flora and fauna of these unique fluvial landscapes, baroque castles, brick gothic and northern German seaside resort architecture.

MS PRINCESS:

Thanks to its dimensions, the comfortable MS PRINCESS is the ideal boat for cruises on the Oder River. It has a brightly decorated restaurant and a cosy salon. The MS PRINCESS has a total of 49 outer cabins. The boat has 42 two-bed cabins on the main deck, of which four can handle three-person occupancy thanks to their fold-out Pullman beds (bearing capacity of the third bed is max. 70 kg) and seven two-bed cabins on the upper deck. All cabins are about 10.5 m² in size, have a shower and toilet, hair dryer, phone, Sat.-TV, safe (for a fee) and central A/C (the windows on both decks cannot be opened). The two separate beds can be turned into a sofa and seating area during the day. All decks, including the sun deck, can also be reached by a stair lift in addition to the stairs. The stairs are very steep (chairlift on the passenger and sun deck, max. 100 kg).

Technical data: Year constructed: 1981, number of passengers: max. 102; length: 80 m; width: 9.5 m; draught: 1.30 m; height: 4.00 m; speed: 20 km/h; flag: Holland. Currency used on board: Euro. Mastercard and Visa Credit cards are accepted.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Saturday, arrival in Berlin

Individual arrival in Berlin. Embarkation at 4:00 PM. Berlin is always worth a trip. Maybe you'll have some time and a notion to take a stroll on the Kurfürstendamm, take a walk through the Nicolai Quarter on Spree Island or take gander at the Brandenburg Gate. The possibilities of Berlin are almost endless.

Day 2: Sunday, Berlin - Oranienburg - Eberswalde, bike tour, about 38 km

The well-marked bike route meanders northward through the Ruppiner See area to Oranienburg. Sightseeing tip: the Baroque castle with its park, museum and orangery. This is your embarkation point, after which you will sail to Eberswalde. In the heart of the city, in the Finow Canal, is the oldest working lock in Germany, which has been a technical monument since 1978.

Day 3: Monday, Eberswalde - Hohensaaten - Schwedt, bike tour, about 32 - 64 km

First you will bike through the splendid landscape on the Treidel bike route along the Finow Canal, passing by forests, glades and small hills in the direction of Niederfinow (boat lift - a tour is always an option) to Hohensaaten. There you will get back on board and sail to Schwedt or if you still like to cycle you go by bike (add. 32 km).

Day 4: Tuesday, Schwedt - Mescherin - Szczecin, bike tour, about 30 km

Today you will bike through a part of a unique, cross-border nature reserve, the "Lower Oder Valley National Park", then on to Gartz and Mescherin, where you will get back on the boat. Then you will sail to Szczecin, the green city on the mouth of the Oder and one of the largest ports on the Baltic Sea. The reconstructed castle of the dukes of Pomerania situated in the city's historic centre is worth seeing. Tip: A guided walking tour through Szczecin (optional).

Day 5: Wednesday, Szczecin- Wolgast, day of rest on board

Today you will spend all day on board.

After one last narrow passage, the boat will arrive in the expansive waters of the Bay of Szczecin (Oder Lagoon). After the crossing, you will reach Wolgast, the "Gateway to Usedom Island". The Medieval historic centre with its town hall and the Church of St. Petri are interesting sights in any case.

Day 6: Thursday, Wolgast - Peenemünde - Lauterbach, bike tour, about 15 km

In the morning you will bike through Zecherin and Karlshagen Harbour to Peenemünde (tip: historical/technical museum in the former power plant). When the weather is fine you may feel like cycling the "beach-route" via Trassenheide and Zinnowitz alternatively. In Peenemünde you will get back on board and at about 6 pm you sail to Lauterbach in the southeast of Rügen Island (arrival around 9 pm).

Day 7: Friday, Lauterbach - Stralsund, bike tour, about 48 km

Today you should not miss a visit to the nearby city of Putbus (about 2 km) with its well-known circus. Classical buildings line this circular "square", where all the streets converge.

Your bike tour on this day will take you through Putbus, Garz, Groß Schoritz, the birthplace of Ernst Moritz Arndt, Poseritz and Gustow with its well-known village church over the Rügen Dam to Stralsund, where the boat will meet you. As a city with an important past, a stroll through the historic centre, which is situated on an island, will take you past numerous exceptional sights.

Day 8: Saturday, departure from Stralsund
After breakfast, disembarkation and individual trip home.

Important notes:

- Embarkation at 4:00 PM, disembarkation after breakfast at 9:30 AM.
- Rental bikes on board: Smooth-running 7-gear unisex bicycle with hand and back pedal brake and saddle bag, made by KTM (special design for se-tours). Electric bicycle (limited number, an early booking is necessary). Please indicate your body height by booking.
- Bike tours: The bike tours are individual and unguided. They cover distances between 15 and 45 km. All of the stated kilometre distances are approximate distances for the recommended bike tours.
- Languages on board: German, English
- Bike routes/level of difficulty: You will mostly be biking on car-free paths, rural country roads with little traffic and asphalted bike lanes but also on dusty field paths and dirt roads, with a few short sections on federal highways. "Pleasure-biking" - The routes are mostly flat with some hilly parts, although there will be a few steep inclines and downgrades.
- If you don't feel like a bike ride on a particular day, you can spend the day on the ship.
- Diet: On request for an additional charge. Please book minimum 14 days in advance.- Luggage: Please make sure that your vacation luggage includes good rainproof gear (jacket and pants), a bike helmet, a sun hat and sunscreen as well as tennis shoes.
- Schedule/timetable: The schedule and programme are always subject to change.
- If a certain route cannot be taken due to high or low tides, the Skipper retains the right to change the route for reasons of safety without this constituting any legal entitlement to a claim.
- Because your boat will generally dock at the next port on the same day, your time frame for some activities and sight-seeing will be limited.
- Due to a very low overhead clearance of some bridges the sundeck will be closed from time to time. Optional guided walking tours in Schwedt and Szczecin: Can be booked on board only.
- Travel Documents: Members of EC states need a valid ID card or passport for this trip.

*Cabins at the front and rear of the ship; perceptive engine and generator noise (regardless is ship is in motion or not)

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