

Bike and Boat from the Baltic Sea Islands Rügen and Usedom along the Oder to Berlin

MS PRINCESS: from Stralsund to Berlin

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 Stralsund to Berlin
- 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 old Hanseatic city of Stralsund you will sail along the unique Bodden coast to Germany's largest islands, Rügen and Usedom. The Bay of Szczecin will lead you to the Polish city of Szczecin with its magnificent castle. You will then continue on through the peaceful, unique Oder landscape to Schwedt and then to Eberswalde and Oranienburg on the Oder-Havel Canal through an expanse of forests until you have reached

your destination, the metropolis of Berlin.

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 northern German seaside resort architecture, baroque castles, brick gothic and varied flora and fauna of these unique fluvial landscapes.

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 Visacard are accepted.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Saturday, arrival in Stralsund

Individual arrive in Stralsund. Embarkation at 4:00 PM. Maybe you'll have some time and a notion to take a stroll through Stralsund's historic centre, which is situated on a small island. As a city with an important past, you will see numerous exceptional sights.

Day 2: Sunday, Stralsund - Lauterbach - Peenemünde, bike tour, about 48 km

Your bike tour on this day will take you through Stralsund over the Rügen Dam to Gustow with its well-known village church, then past Poseritz, Groß Schoritz, the birthplace of Ernst Moritz Arndt and Garz to Putbus (tip: Don't miss the famous circus. Classical buildings line this circular "square", where all the streets converge). Then it's off to Lauterbach in the southeast of Rügen Island. You will board the boat here. Around 6.30 pm departure to Usedom.

Day 3: Monday, Lauterbach - Peenemünde - Wolgast, bike tour, about 16-20 km

Today you have plenty of time to explore the Usedom Island. Tip: historical/technical museum in the former power plant or alternatively you choose the "beach-route" via Trassenheide and Zinnowitz. Afterwards will bike past Karlshagen Harbour and Zecherin to Wolgast, also known as 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 4: Tuesday, Wolgast - Szczecin, day of rest on board

Today you will spend all day on board.

You will cross the expansive waters of the Bay of Szczecin (Oder Lagoon) and reach 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 - Mescherin - Schwedt, bike tour, about 30 km

In the morning you will sail from Szczecin to Mescherin. Biking past Gartz you will bike through a part of a unique, cross-border nature reserve, the "Lower Oder Valley National Park" before reaching Schwedt, today's destination. Tip: A guided walking tour through Szczecin (optional).

Day 6: Thursday, Schwedt - Hohensaaten - Eberswalde, bike tour, about 32 km

In the morning you will sail from Schwedt to Hohensaaten. Then a bike ride in the direction of Niederfinow (boat lift - a tour is always an option) through the splendid landscape, passing by small hills, glades and forests - the last section will be on the Treidel bike route along the Finow Canal - 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 7: Friday, Eberswalde - Oranienburg - Berlin, bike tour, about 38 km

In the morning shipping to Oranienburg. Sightseeing tip: the Baroque castle with its park, museum and

orangery. Then the well-marked bike route will take you southwards through the Ruppiner See area to Berlin.

Day 8: Saturday, departure from Berlin

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.
- Due to a very low overhead clearance of some bridges the sundeck will be closed from time to time. Optional guided walking tours in Szczecin and Schwedt: 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 if ship is in motion or not)

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