

# Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Room to roam.



## Quick facts

- » State capital: Schwerin
- » Inhabitants: approximately 1.6 Million on 23.174 km<sup>2</sup> → lowest population density in Germany
- » Located in the north-east of Germany between the federal states Schleswig-Holstein, Lower Saxony and Brandenburg, Baltic Sea in the north
- » Also between the metropolises of Berlin, Hamburg and Copenhagen (DK)
- » German's **most popular** holiday destination within Germany

## Landscape and Climate

- » Fine sandy beaches and white chalk cliffs, sophisticated Baltic Seaside Resorts and cozy fishing villages, sky-high brick churches and fairytale castles invite to explore them on foot, by bike or by boat
- » Mecklenburg Baltic Sea **coast** is about **2,000 km** long → longest coast of all German federal states
- » Germany's sunniest state with approx. **2,000 hours of sunshine** per year
- » The Island of Rügen is Germany's largest island

- » Lake Müritz, Germany's largest inland lake, **26,000 kilometres of flowing waters** and more than **2,000 lakes** form the largest water network in Europe
- » About **30%** of the region is under **nature conservation**: 3 national parks, 3 UNESCO biosphere reserves and 7 nature parks protect unique landscapes
- » The **beech forests** in the Müritz National Park and in the Jasmund National Park are protected as **UNESCO World Heritage Site**
- » More than 30 nature experience centres provide background information on the natural landscapes

### **Active holidays between Baltic Sea and Mecklenburg Lake District**

#### Cycling:

- » With more than **6,000 km of cycle paths**, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern is one of the three most **popular cycling regions** in Germany
- » **9 long-distance cycle paths** including the Baltic Sea Cycle Route and the Bikeway Berlin-Copenhagen, as well as various day trips offer a wide range of route options
- » Few altitude differences guarantee moderate difficulty levels

#### Hiking:

- » Various and diverse hiking trails lead through MV's untouched nature, through urban areas and along the coast
- » 3 European long-distance hiking trails integrate Mecklenburg-Vorpommern into the international network of hiking trails

#### Other activities on land and water:

- » The open Baltic Sea, the protected Bodden waters and the Mecklenburg Lake District with its network of waterways offer great conditions for **water sports** (surfing, kiting, wake boarding, sailing, paddling, houseboat trip etc.)
- » **17 golf courses** spread across the region; first Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) premium golf school in Germany
- » **Horse riding** holidays at the beach, in the forest or on farms

### **Culture and history**

- » Old Hanseatic cities with high brick cathedrals bear witness to the cultural and historical past
- » The **old towns** of the Hanseatic Cities of Stralsund and of Wismar and the Residence Ensemble Schwerin are **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**
- » More than **2,000 castles, mansions and manor houses** in various architectural styles illustrate the 88-year history of the Grand Dukes of Mecklenburg
- » Various seaside resorts with unique spa architecture
- » Famous painters inspired by the region: Caspar David Friedrich and Philipp Otto Runge
- » 3 artists' colonies, Ahrenshoop, Schwaan and the Island of Hiddensee show unique works by influential artists of the region

## Culinary delights

- » The culinary facets of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern are as colourful and varied as the country and its regions. The spectrum ranges from fresh fish rolls on the smoking ship to the award-winning gourmet menu
- » Regional specialties are fish, venison and sea buckthorn
- » Small breweries revitalize the centuries-old brewing traditions of the Hanseatic League and give insights into the brewing of beer during guided tours

## Event highlights

- » The ***Festspiele Mecklenburg-Vorpommern*** (throughout the year) play masterpieces of classical music. More than 120 concerts at more than 70 venues in castles, churches and manor houses ensure unmistakable moments
- » ***Störtebeker Festival*** (June to September), every year Germany's most successful open-air theatre on the Island of Rügen tells the legendary stories of the pirate Klaus Störtebeker
- » ***Hanse Sail*** (August) in Rostock is the largest maritime event with 250 sailors, cruise ships and other from many different nations
- » The ***Schlossfestspiele Schwerin*** (summer) impresses with its breathtaking scenery. In the midst of the former court theatre, Lake Schwerin with its castle scenery and the classical building of the state museum, world-famous operas are performed

## How to get to your destination

### By train:

- » With ICE/IC trains from many parts of Germany to Schwerin, Rostock, Stralsund, the Mecklenburg Lake District or the Island of Rügen: e.g. direct trains from Cologne, Bremen, Leipzig, Munich and Prague or fast connections via Hamburg and Berlin
- » Night train connection from Vienna, Basel and Zurich to the Baltic Sea and lake district, some via Hamburg and Berlin

### Ferry lines:

- » Environmentally friendly arrival with hybrid ships and innovative wind propulsion technologies from Scandinavia to the country's coastal towns: Gedser (DK) & Trelleborg (S) – Rostock, Rønne (DK) – Sassnitz, Trelleborg (S), Ystad (S), Malmö (S) – Swinemünde (Usedom)

### Flight connections:

- » Seasonal non-stop flights to Heringsdorf/Usedom from Luxembourg (LUX), Zurich (ZRH), Frankfurt/Main, Friedrichshafen and Kassel and to Rostock from Vienna (VIE)
- » If you fly directly to the international airports of Berlin and Hamburg you can continue your journey in comfort either with a hired car, intercity bus or by rail

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