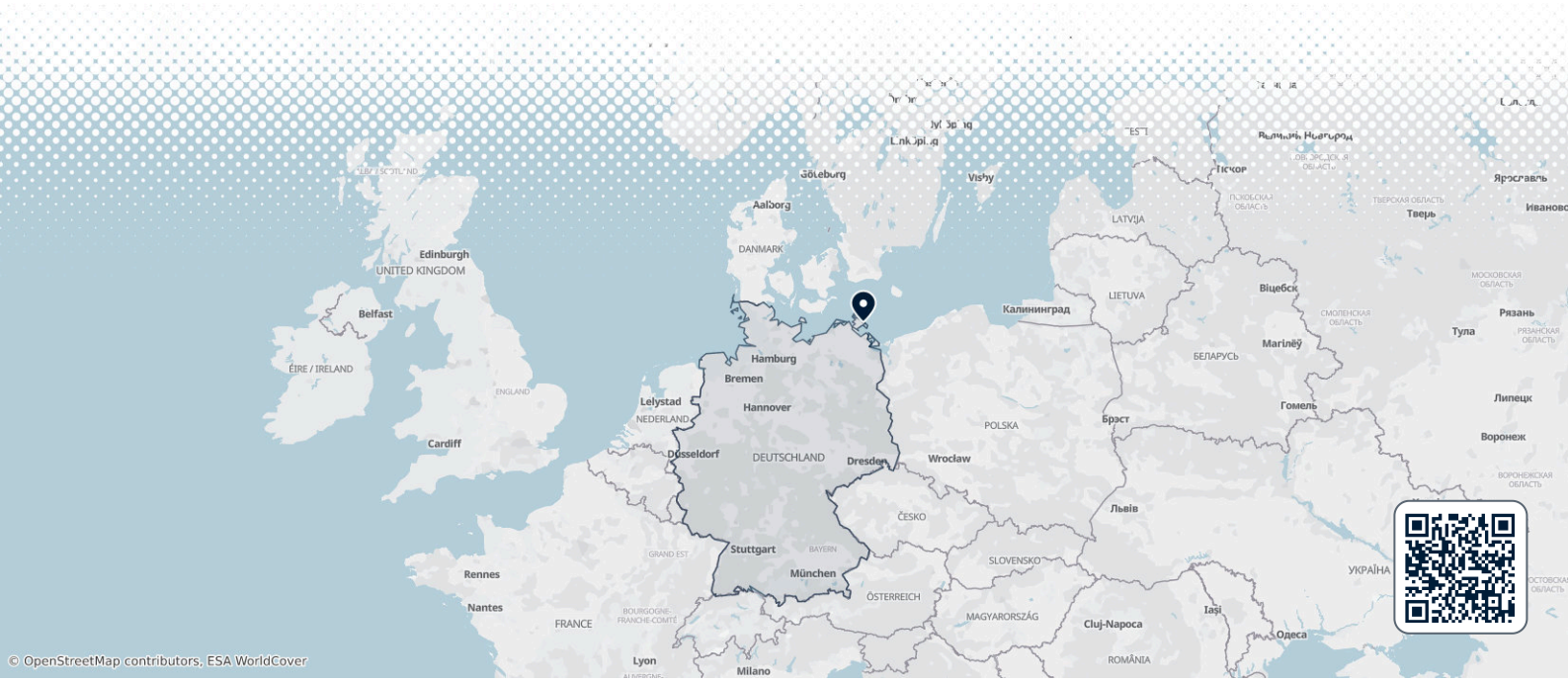


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Rugen · Germany

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Binz is a seaside resort on the east coast of Rügen, on the Baltic Sea. It has a long sandy beach, a wooden pier and a promenade lined with resort villas. Forest and small lakes lie behind the town.

It suits a beach stay of a few nights. From here you can reach Prora, the Granitz forest and the rest of the island easily.

When to visit

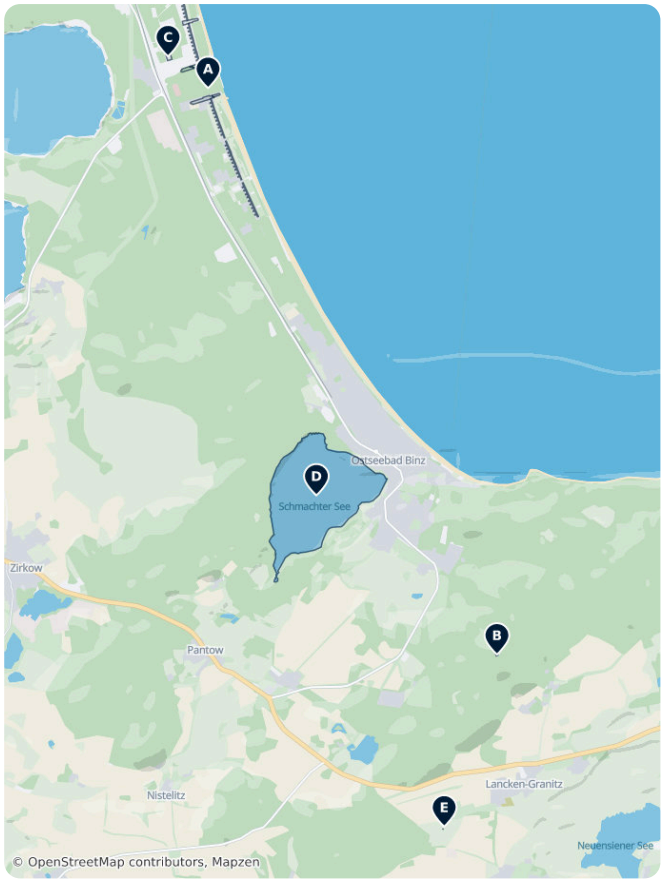
July and August are the warmest months, and the sea is at its warmest then. June and September are milder and quieter. Winter is cold and grey, but Binz also holds a Christmas market.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 9° Feels like -4°	0° / -6°	15 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 9° Feels like -4°	1° / -5°	13 rainy days · Dry air
March	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 10° Feels like -1°	2° / -3°	Dry air
April	Fair Fair for hiking	9° / 14° Feels like 3°	5° / 1°	Dry air
May	Good Good for hiking	13° / 18° Feels like 9°	10° / 6°	Dry air
June	Good Good for hiking	18° / 22° Feels like 14°	14° / 10°	Dry air
July	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 24°	16° / 13°	14 rainy days
August	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 24°	17° / 13°	14 rainy days
September	Good Good for hiking	17° / 22° Feels like 13°	14° / 10°	12 rainy days · Dry air
October	Fair Fair for hiking	12° / 17° Feels like 7°	10° / 5°	16 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for hiking	8° / 12° Feels like 2°	5° / 0°	15 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 10° Feels like -2°	2° / -4°	16 rainy days · Dry air

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Prora is a huge holiday complex that stretches along the beach. It was never finished as planned. A documentation centre explains its history.
- B Jagdschloss Granitz is a hunting lodge in the Granitz forest, built in the mid-19th century. A central tower has a viewing platform over the forest and the sea.
- The Seebrücke is the wooden pier in the centre of the resort. Walk to the end for a view of the beach and the villas.
- The beach promenade is lined with villa-style resort architecture.
- C Oldtimer Museum Rügen is a museum of vintage vehicles near Prora.
- D Schmachter See is a lake close to the town centre, with paths for a short walk.
- E Großsteingräber bei Lancken-Granitz are prehistoric stone tombs near Lancken-Granitz, south of Binz.



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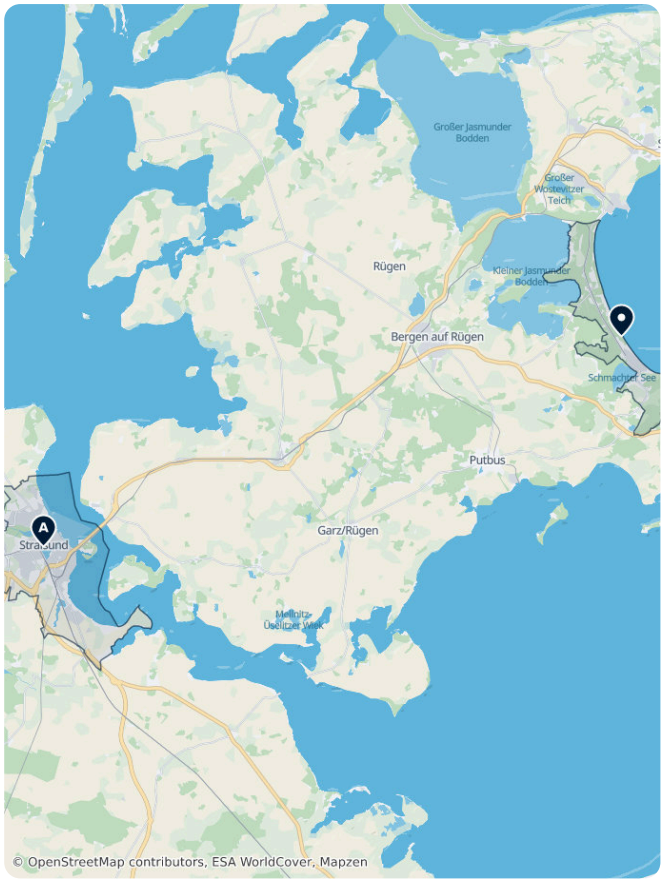
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What to experience

- Walk or cycle along the beach promenade to Prora.
- Ride the Rasender Roland steam railway for the journey itself. It runs through the beech forest.
- Cycle through the Granitz forest to the hunting lodge.
- Choose your beach section. The shore has marked areas, including a family beach, a textile beach, a dog beach and naturist (FKK) beaches.

Day trips

- Putbus is a planned town with a park and a theatre.
- Sellin and Göhren are seaside resorts. Each has a beach.
- Jasmund National Park has the Königsstuhl chalk cliff and old beech forest. Allow a full day.
- A Stralsund is a Hanseatic town on the mainland. Its old town has Brick Gothic churches and a harbour.



Where to explore

- Rügen covers the whole island, including the cliff coast and Kap Arkona.

Getting there

- By train: Binz has a railway station. See Deutsche Bahn for connections and tickets.
- By road: Rügen is linked to the mainland by the Rügen Bridge at Stralsund.
- By air: Hamburg and Berlin are the usual airports. Continue by train.

Getting around

- Rasender Roland: This narrow-gauge steam railway links Binz with Putbus, Sellin, Baabe and Göhren.
- Buses: VVR runs regional buses and has timetables and ticket information.
- Tourist information: Binzer Bucht Tourismus.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The beach, pier and town centre are close together.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

Cycling is popular, including through the Granitz forest.

Food & drink

Fish is the main local food. Look for smoked fish and Fischbrötchen (fish rolls) near the sea. Sea buckthorn (Sanddorn) products are a regional speciality.

For eating out, try the cafés and restaurants along the beach promenade and around the pier.

What to eat & drink

LUNCH

Doner Kebab · Döner Kebab
A sandwich of roasted meat, salad, and sauce in flatbread, invented by Turkish immigrants in Berlin and now a national staple.

DINNER

Schnitzel
A thin, breaded and fried cutlet, usually pork, served with potatoes or fries and a lemon wedge.

Sauerbraten
A pot roast marinated for days in vinegar and spices before slow cooking, served with red cabbage and dumplings.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Bratwurst
A grilled or fried pork sausage, often served in a bread roll with mustard, sold at stands nationwide.

Currywurst
Sliced sausage topped with curry-spiced ketchup, a Berlin invention now popular across the country.

Pretzel · Brezel
A large, chewy salted bread pretzel, especially common in Bavaria, often eaten with butter or cheese.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Black Forest Cake · Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte
A layered chocolate sponge cake with cherries, cherry liqueur, and whipped cream.

DRINKS

Beer · Bier
Germany brews hundreds of regional styles, from Bavarian Weissbier to Cologne's Kölsch, each tied to its home city.

Gluhwein · Glühwein
Mulled, spiced red wine served hot, a staple of winter and Christmas markets.

Apfelschorle
Apple juice mixed with sparkling water, the everyday non-alcoholic drink of choice.

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Safety & health

- Ticks live in forest and tall grass. Check your skin after a walk in the Granitz.

History

- Binz is first mentioned in 1318.
- It became a bathing resort in the 1880s. Villa-style guest houses, not large hotels, shaped the resort.
- The first pier opened in 1902. Ice destroyed a later pier in 1942. The current pier opened in 1994.
- Nazi Germany planned Prora in the 1930s as a mass holiday resort. It was never used for that purpose. East German forces later used it as barracks.

Country facts

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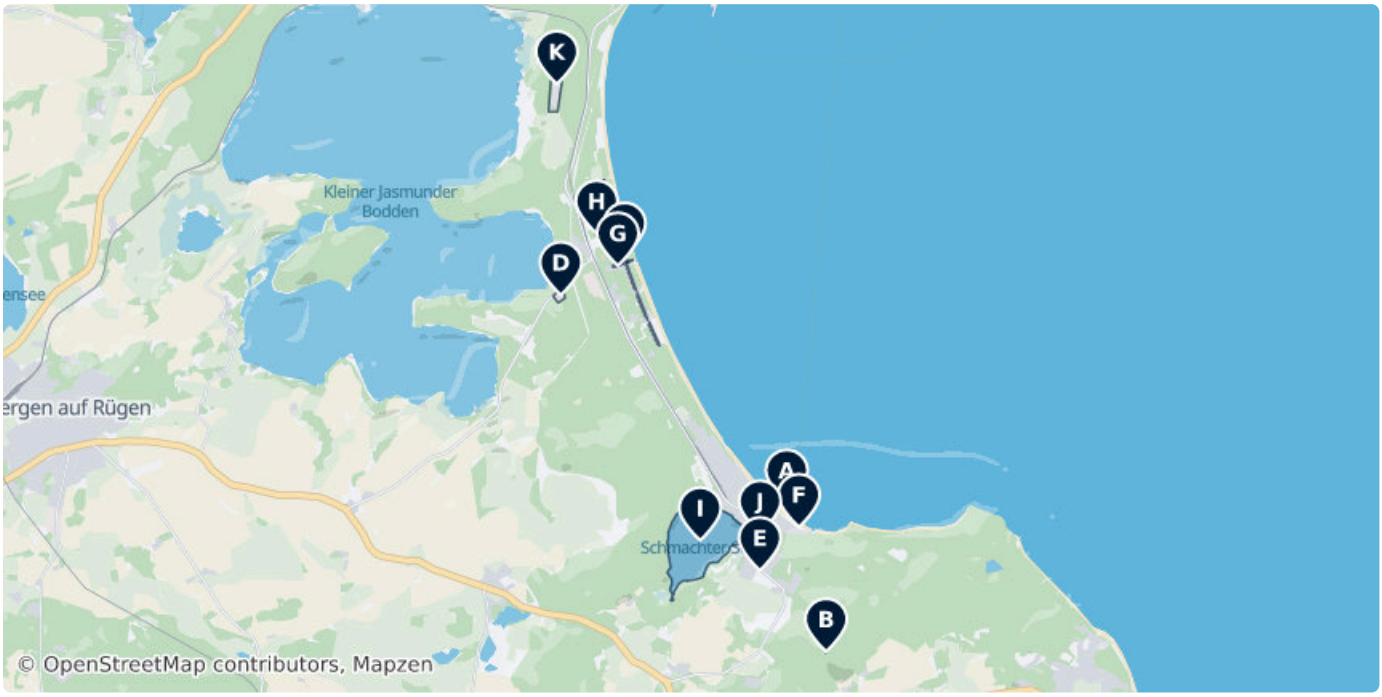
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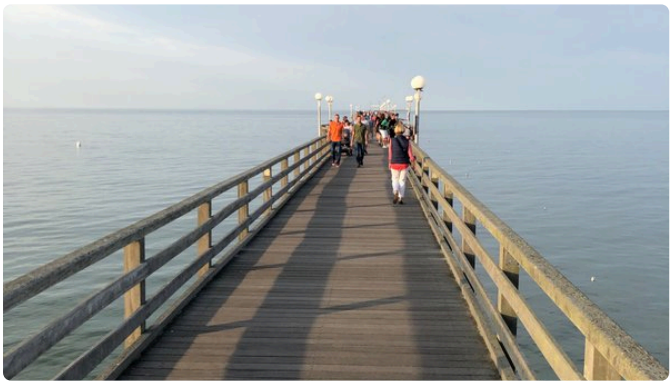
LANGUAGES
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TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Binz Essentials

Binz showcases the architectural and historical diversity of Rügen. The seaside resort is defined by its white 19th-century Bäderarchitektur and the 370-meter Seebrücke pier. Key landmarks include the monumental Prora complex and the pink-walled Granitz Hunting Lodge. Visitors can explore the island via the historic Rasender Roland steam train or view the futuristic shell-concrete structures of Ulrich Müther. Natural highlights include the Schmachter See lake and the prehistoric flint fields of the Feuersteinfelder.





A Seebrücke Binz

A 370-meter-long pier extending into the Baltic Sea, rebuilt in 1994. It serves as a docking point for excursion boats and provides views of the resort's white beachfront architecture.

Germany (54.40307, 13.61710)



B Granitz Hunting Lodge

Granitz Hunting Lodge is located on the German island of Rügen in the vicinity of the seaside resort of Binz.

Granitzer Straße 3, 18609 Binz (54.38056, 13.62732)

May-Sep Mo–Su	09:00–18:00
Oct-Apr Mo–Su	10:00–16:00

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C Prora

The Colossus of Prora, commonly known as simply "Prora", is a building complex in the municipality of Binz on the island of Rügen, Germany.

18609, Germany (54.44039, 13.57497)



D Naturerbe Zentrum RÜGEN

Features a 1,250-meter treetop walk through native beech forests. Its central 40-meter observation tower, modeled after an eagle's nest, offers panoramic views of the island and the Baltic Sea.

Forsthaus Prora 1, 18609 Binz, DE (54.43446, 13.55839)

Nov-Mar Mo–Su	09:30–16:00
May-Sep Mo–Su	09:30–19:00
Apr Mo–Su	09:30–18:00

treetop-walks.com/ruegen/, +49 38393 662200



E Kleinbahnhof Binz Rasender Roland

A historic narrow-gauge railway station serving the 'Rasender Roland' steam train. This heritage line has operated since 1895, connecting Binz with other seaside resorts across Rügen.

(54.39284, 13.61011)



F Müther-Turm

A 1968 futuristic shell-concrete building designed by engineer Ulrich Müther. Originally a lifeguard station, the structure now serves as a unique branch of the local registry office for weddings.

8 Strandpromenade, Binz 18609, Germany (54.39940, 13.62023)

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G Dokumentationszentrum Prora

A museum located within the 4.5-kilometer-long Prora complex. It details the construction of the 'Colossus of Prora' as a Nazi-era resort and its subsequent use by the Soviet and East German militaries.

Dritte Straße 4, 18609 Ostseebad Binz, DE
(54.43888, 13.57318)

Jan Mo–Su	10:00–16:00
Feb Mo–Su	10:00–17:00
Mar-Oct Mo–Su	10:00–18:00
Nov Mo–Su	10:00–16:00

proradok.de



H Oldtimer Museum Rügen

The Oldtimer Museum Rügen is a German railway museum based on the Baltic Sea island resort of Rügen in the state of Mecklenburg-Western...

Proraer Allee 119, 18609 Ostseebad Binz, DE
(54.44373, 13.56771)

Mo–Su	10:00–17:00

oldtimer-museum-ruegen.de, +49 38393 2366



I Schmachter See

Schmachter See is a lake near Binz on the German Baltic Sea island of Rügen.

(54.39737, 13.59459)



J Evangelische Kirche Binz

A Neo-Gothic brick church completed in 1892. The interior features a distinctive wooden barrel vault ceiling and serves as a primary venue for concerts and religious services in Binz.

1A Bahnhofstraße, Binz 18609, Germany
(54.39842, 13.61014)

K Feuersteinfelder

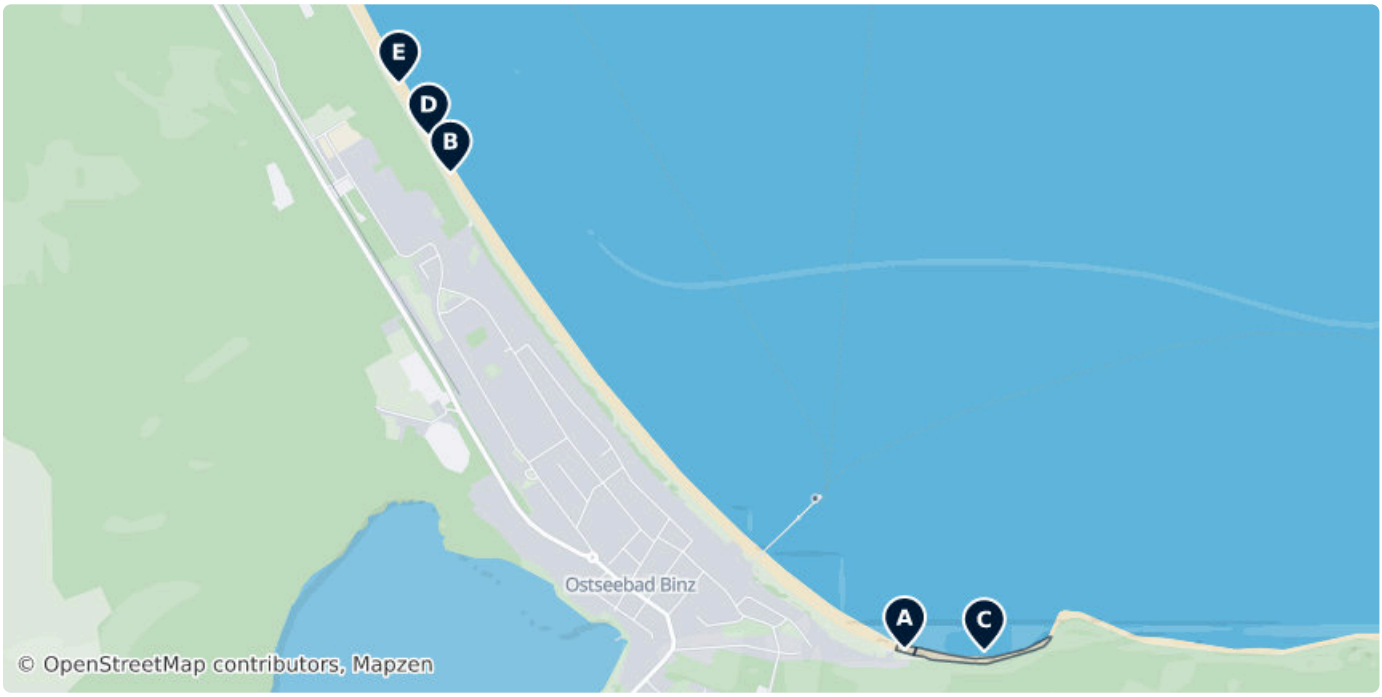
A 40-hectare geological site near Mukran composed of flint deposits left by storm surges approximately 4,000 years ago. The area features vast banks of grey stones interspersed with heather and juniper.

18609, Germany (54.46629, 13.55734)

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Best Local Beaches

Binz offers a diverse coastline along the Baltic Sea, featuring specialized zones for various preferences. This collection highlights eight distinct beach sections, primarily focusing on FKK (Freikörperkultur) areas for clothing-optional sunbathing and designated Hundestrände for visitors with dogs. The terrain varies from fine white sand to stony stretches, with several locations providing accessible entry points near the historic seaside resort and the Prora district.



A FKK Strand

Accessible sandy area designated for clothing-optional sunbathing.

1 Strandpromenade, Binz 18609, Germany (54.39881, 13.62406)

B FKK

Designated nudist section for clothing-optional recreation.

(54.41538, 13.59688)

C Hundestrand

Accessible stony section where dogs are permitted.

Germany (54.39874, 13.62882)

D FKK

Sandy area that permits both dogs and clothing-optional sunbathing.

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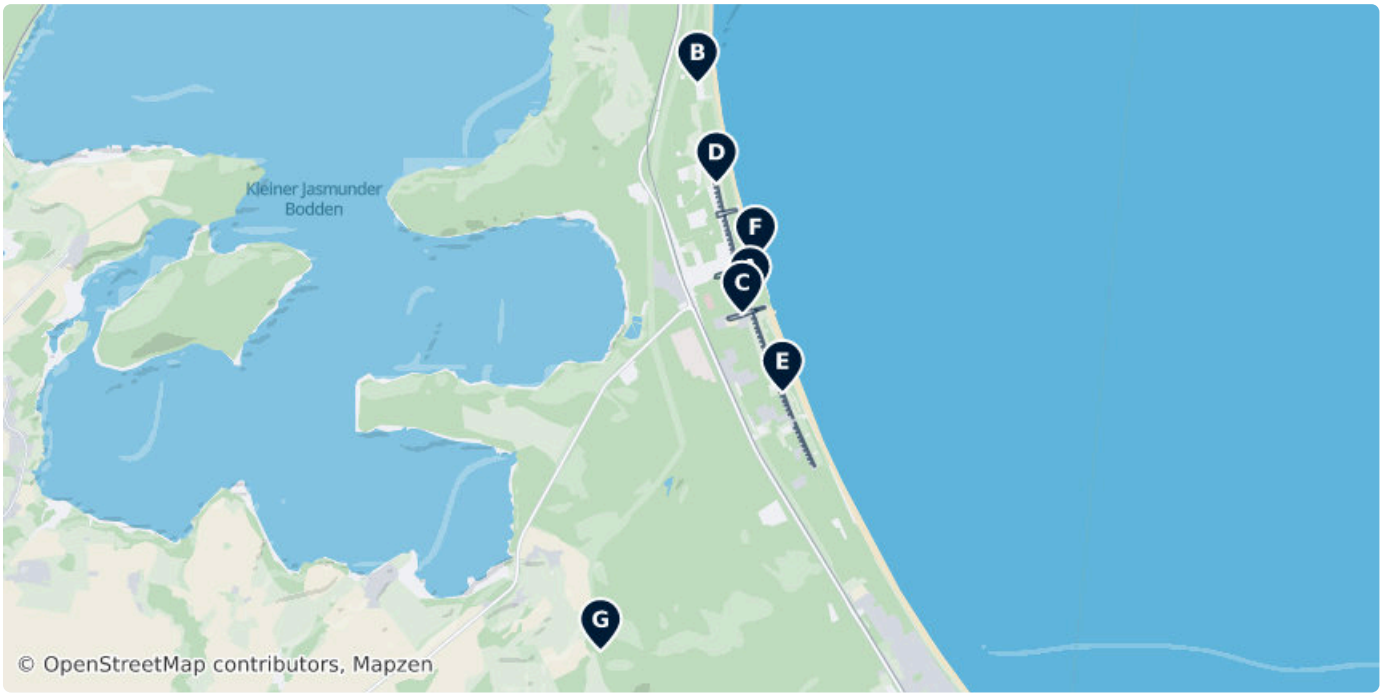
E Hundestrand/FKK

Sandy section combining clothing-optional access with a designated dog-friendly zone.

(54.41849, 13.59378)

Heritage Sites in Prora

This collection highlights the architectural and archaeological heritage of Rügen's coast, centered on the Colossus of Prora. Built between 1936 and 1939 as a Nazi 'Strength through Joy' (KdF) resort, the 4.5-kilometer complex remains one of the world's largest examples of National Socialist architecture. The list covers various surviving blocks and the ruins of the planned seaside promenade. In contrast to these modern remains, the site also includes the Großsteingrab Sieben Brüder, a series of ancient megalithic burial mounds dating back to the Neolithic period.





A Prora

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18609, Germany (54.44039, 13.57497)



B Prora - North Block 3

A northern section of the 4.5-kilometer-long KdF resort complex. This block provides a view into the scale of the unfinished project, with portions remaining in a ruinous state that highlights the original concrete construction.

(Unnamed Road), 18609, Germany (54.45786, 13.56765)



C Prora - South Block

The Colossus of Prora, commonly known as simply "Prora", is a building complex in the municipality of Binz on the island of Rügen, Germany.

(Unnamed Road), 18609, Germany (54.43914, 13.57389)



D Prora - North Block 2

Part of the massive modular structure designed by architect Clemens Klotz. This section illustrates the uniform design intended to provide 20,000 workers with identical sea-view rooms as part of the Nazi regime's mass tourism program.

(Unnamed Road), Prora 18609, Germany (54.44973, 13.57029)



E Prora - South Block 2

A southern segment of the monumental seaside resort. This block demonstrates the functionalist, repetitive architectural style used throughout the complex to create a standardized environment for organized state leisure.

(Unnamed Road), 18609, Germany (54.43276, 13.57952)



F Ruine Strandpromenade KdF-Anlage Prora

The structural remains of the planned seaside promenade and central festival grounds. These ruins mark the intended social hub of the complex, where grand community facilities were designed to meet the Baltic shore.

18609, Germany (54.44367, 13.57576)

G Großsteingrab Sieben Brüder

A group of Neolithic megalithic tombs, or dolmens, located in the forest near the Prora complex. Known as the 'Seven Brothers,' these ancient stone burial sites date back thousands of years to the Funnelbeaker culture.

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