

Rostock

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TRAVEL GUIDE

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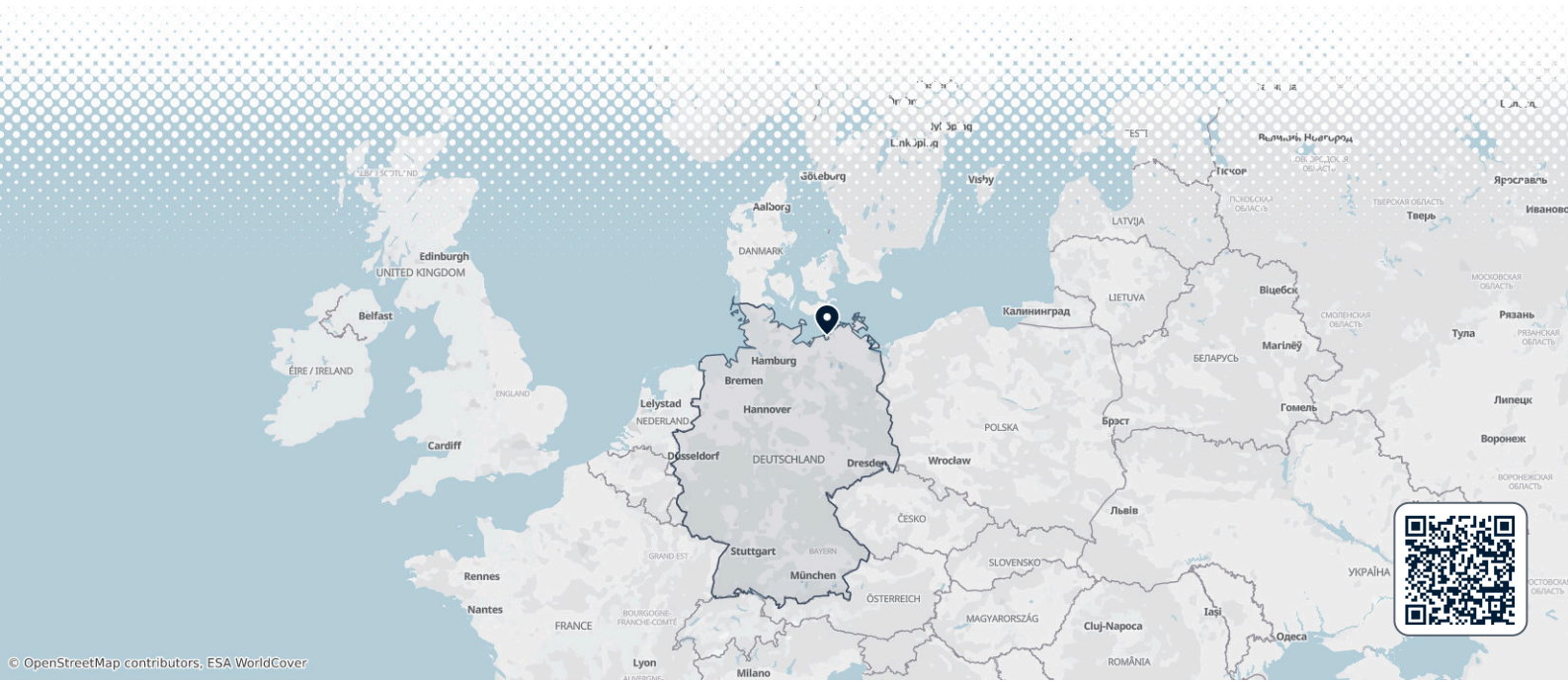


Overview

Rostock is a Hanseatic port city on the Baltic coast. It combines a brick-built old town, a university and a seaside resort in one place. Warnemünde, the resort district, sits at the mouth of the Warnow river.

The city suits a trip of two to three nights. You can see the old town in a day, then spend time on the beach or the harbour. It is also a good base for the Baltic coast and other Hanseatic towns.

When to visit

Summer is the best time for the beach, the harbour and long days. Rain falls through the year, so bring a light jacket even in July. Spring and autumn are cool and quiet. Winter is cold, dark and windy, but the old town stays open.

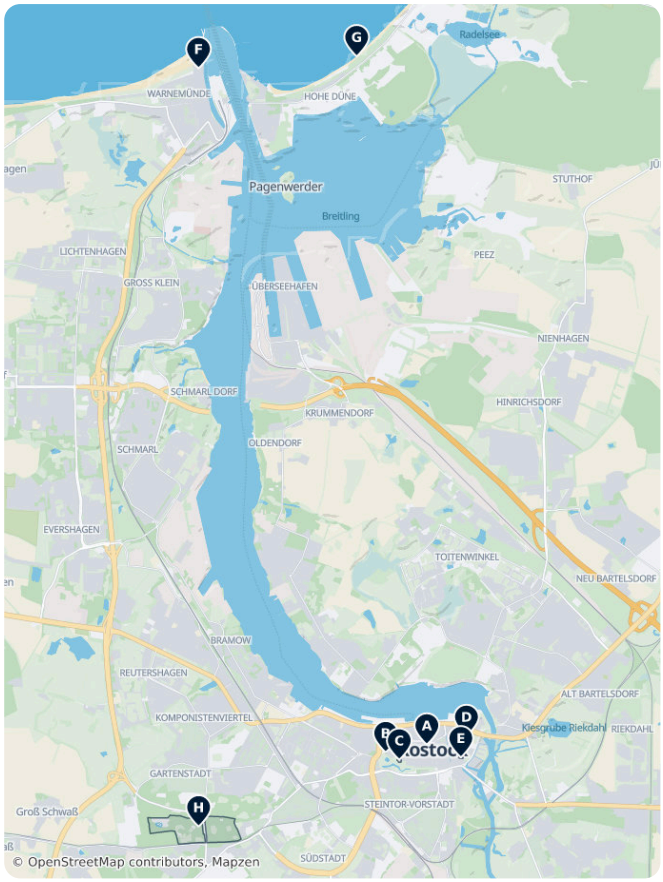
Hanse Sail is the main event of the year. Large sailing ships gather in the harbour in summer, and the city is busy then. Book a room early.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	3° / 8° Feels like -4°	-1° / -9°	13 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 10° Feels like -3°	-1° / -8°	Dry air
March	Poor Poor for watersports	7° / 13° Feels like 1°	1° / -4°	Dry air
April	Fair Fair for sightseeing	12° / 18° Feels like 7°	4° / -1°	Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	16° / 22° Feels like 13°	9° / 4°	Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 26°	12° / 9°	12 rainy days · Dry air
July	Good Good for sightseeing	22° / 27°	15° / 11°	16 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 27°	15° / 12°	14 rainy days
September	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 24° Feels like 15°	12° / 8°	Dry air
October	Fair Fair for sightseeing	13° / 18° Feels like 9°	8° / 3°	13 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for watersports	8° / 13° Feels like 2°	4° / -2°	13 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 9° Feels like -2°	0° / -7°	14 rainy days · Dry air

Best months: June, August

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights



- A St.-Marien-Kirche is the main church of the old town. Its astronomical clock was built in 1472.
- B Kröpeliner Tor is a former town gate at the west end of Kröpeliner Straße, the main pedestrian street.
- C Kloster zum Heiligen Kreuz is a former convent in the old town. It houses the city's cultural history museum.
- D Petrikirche has a tall tower with a viewing platform. It gives a view over the roofs and the harbour.
- E Nikolaikirche is the oldest church in Rostock. It is now used for exhibitions and concerts.
- F Leuchtturm Warnemünde stands in Warnemünde, next to the mouth of the Alter Strom canal.
- G Warnemünde Strand is a wide sandy beach in Warnemünde.
- H Zoologischer Garten Rostock is a good stop with children.

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What to experience

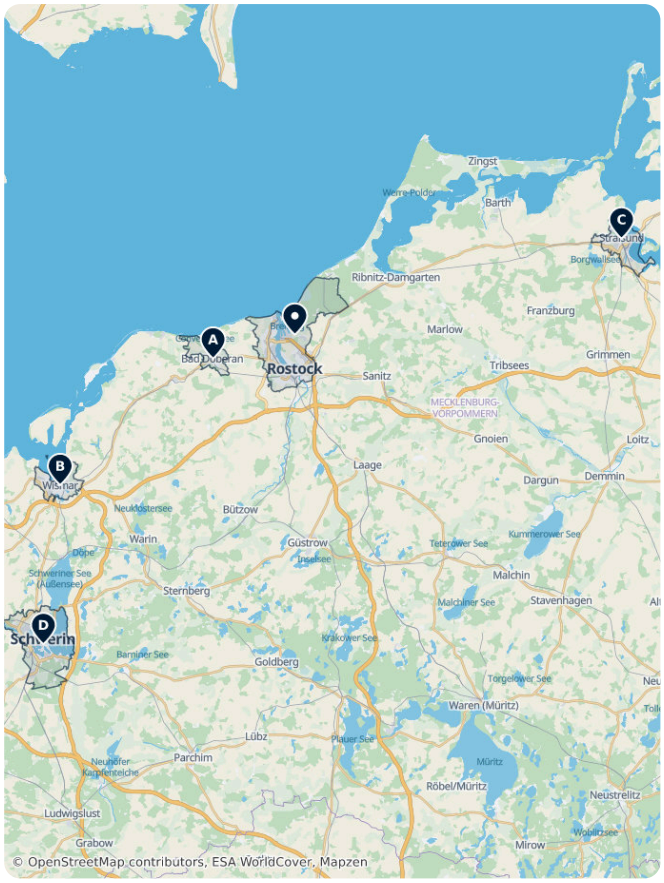
Rostock is best known for its sea and its ships.

- Hanse Sail: Join the crowds on the quay to watch tall ships sail in and out. Many ships also offer short trips at sea.
- Beach day: Rent a Strandkorb, a roofed wicker beach chair, on the sand at Warnemünde.
- Moles at Warnemünde: Walk along the long piers at the harbour mouth to watch ships and ferries pass.
- River ferry: Take the short ferry to Gehlsdorf for a view of the old town skyline from the water.

Day trips

These towns are easy trips by train.

- A Bad Doberan: A town with a large Brick Gothic minster. A narrow-gauge steam railway runs from here to the seaside town of Kühlungsborn.
- B Wismar: The old town is a UNESCO World Heritage site with a large market square and a harbour.
- C Stralsund: A UNESCO World Heritage site with a harbour on the Strelasund strait.
- D Schwerin: The city has a palace on an island in a lake.



Where to explore

- Local: Warnemünde is the seaside district of Rostock.
- Inland: Müritz National Park is a lake and forest area for nature trips.

Getting there

- By air: Rostock–Laage Airport has limited, mostly seasonal flights. Most visitors fly to Hamburg or Berlin Brandenburg Airport and continue by train.
- **By train**: Rostock Hauptbahnhof has fast connections to Hamburg and Berlin. Hamburg is about 2 hours away and Berlin about 3 hours. Book on Deutsche Bahn.
- By ferry: Ferries leave from the port for Gedser in Denmark.

Getting around

- Trams and buses: The city network is run by RSAG. Buy tickets at ticket machines or customer centres. See RSAG for routes and timetables.
- S-Bahn: Regional S-Bahn trains link the main station with Warnemünde.
- Ferry: A small ferry crosses the Warnow river to Gehlsdorf from the city harbour.
- On foot and by bike: The old town is compact and flat. A bike is useful for the coast and Warnemünde.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town is compact and flat, so most sights are a short walk apart.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

The terrain is flat, which suits cycling.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?** Not for a city stay. Trams, buses and the S-Bahn cover the centre and Warnemünde. A car helps for exploring the coast and small villages.
- **Parking**: Park at the edge of the old town and walk.

Food & drink

Fish is the local speciality. Look for herring, smoked fish and fish rolls (Fischbrötchen). Sea buckthorn, a bright orange berry, appears in drinks and desserts along the coast.

Good eating areas:

- Alter Strom in Warnemünde has fish stands and harbour restaurants.
- Kröpeliner Straße and Neuer Markt have cafés and restaurants in the old town.
- The city harbour has restaurants with views of the river.

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

Rostock is safe for visitors. Pickpockets can work in crowds, for example on the Warnemünde promenade in summer and during Hanse Sail.

The Baltic Sea stays cold for much of the year. Swim only in calm weather.

History

Rostock grew as a trading port and became a leading Hanseatic city in the Middle Ages. The brick churches in the old town date from this time, including St.-Marien-Kirche and Nikolaikirche.

The university was founded in 1419. It is one of the oldest in the Baltic region.

Bombing in the Second World War damaged the centre, and Nikolaikirche was restored after the war. Parts of the old town wall, such as Kröpeliner Tor, still stand.

In East Germany, Rostock became the country's largest seaport. The state expanded the shipyards at Warnemünde.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Germany at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY



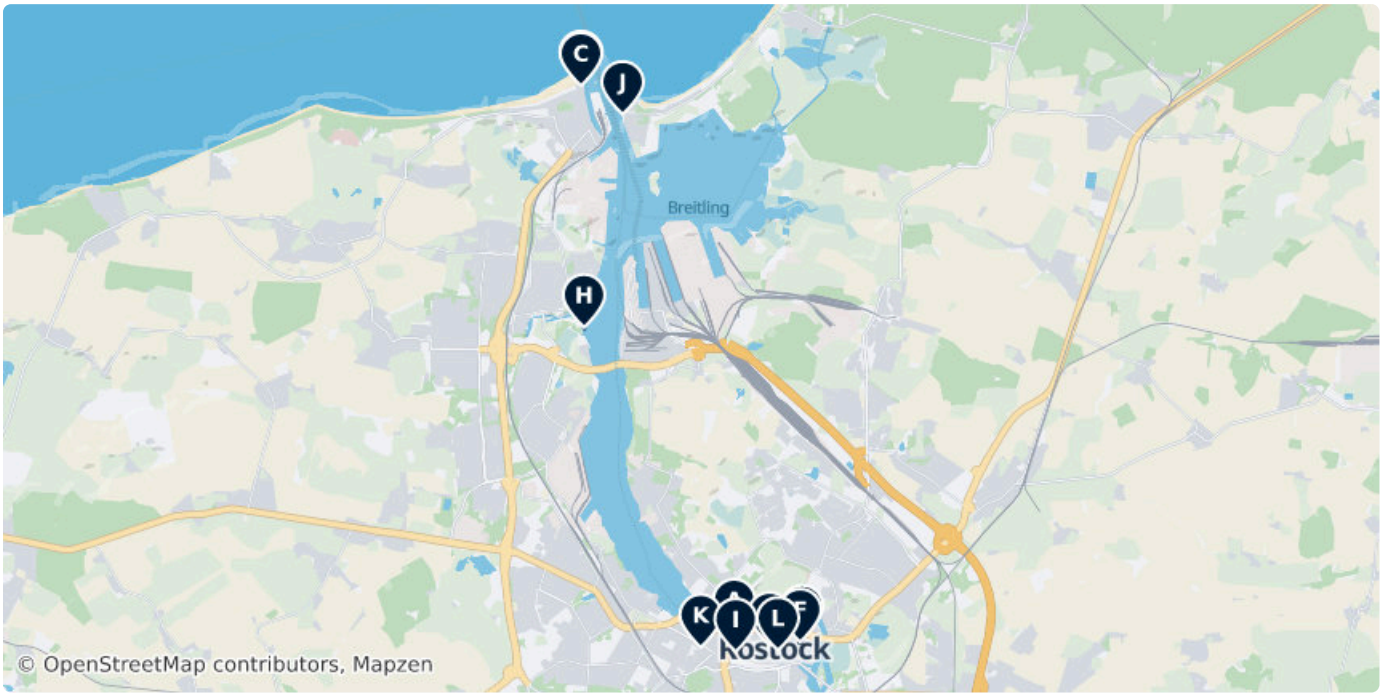
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Rostock's Essential Hanseatic & Maritime Gems

Rostock’s skyline is defined by the red-brick Gothic spires of St. Mary’s and St. Peter’s churches, alongside 13th-century city fortifications like the Kröpeliner Tor. The historic center features the medieval Rathaus and the Alter Markt, while the maritime district of Warnemünde showcases the 1898 lighthouse and the distinctive curved roof of the Teepott. Industrial history is preserved in the ship museum Dresden, and the city's brewing tradition continues at the Hanseatische Brauerei, founded in 1878.

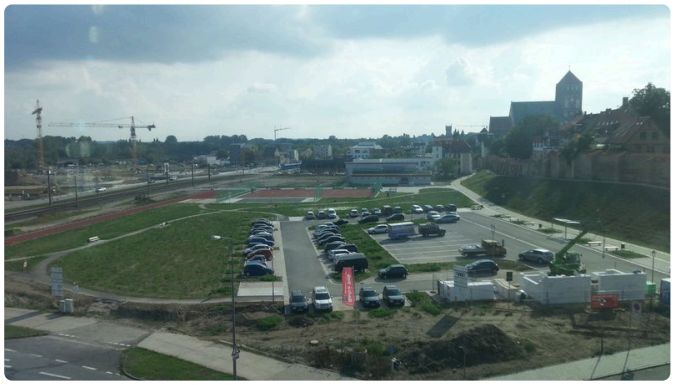




A Fischerbastion

Part of the city's medieval fortifications dating back to the mid-13th century. It offers elevated views over the city harbor and features historical cannons.

Warnowufer, Rostock 18055, Germany (54.09167, 12.12882)



B St. Peter's Church, Rostock

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Bei der Petrikirche, 18055 Rostock, Germany (54.09066, 12.14793)

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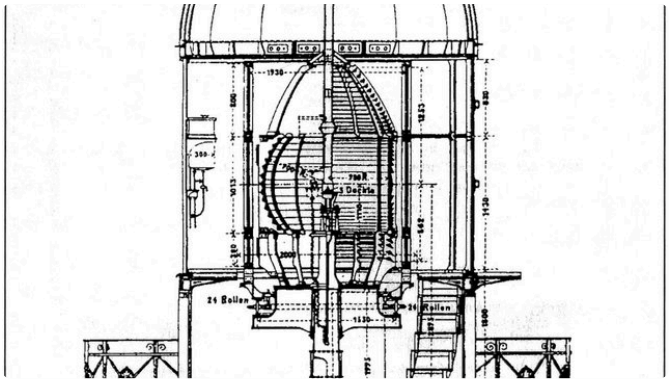

C Warnemünde Lighthouse

Warnemünde Lighthouse is a lighthouse situated on the Unterwarnow, the estuary of the Warnow river, in Warnemünde, a district in the city...

Seepromenade 3, 18119 Rostock, DE (54.18142, 12.08582)

warnemuende-leuchtturm.de



D Teepott Warnemünde

A seaside landmark in Warnemünde known for its distinctive curved roof, designed by engineer Ulrich Müther and architect Erich Kaufmann in the late 1960s.

Seepromenade, 18119 Rostock, Germany (54.18167, 12.08574)



E Teepott-Restaurant

Located within the iconic Teepott building, this restaurant serves regional North German cuisine with views of the Baltic Sea and the neighboring lighthouse.

(54.18163, 12.08595)

Mo–Su 11:00+

teepott-restaurant.de, +49 381 5484588



F Alter Markt

This historic square in the city center was the original heart of Rostock. It is surrounded by restored townhouses and is situated near St. Peter's Church.

Alter Markt, 18055 Rostock, Germany (54.09006, 12.14733)



G St. Mary's Church, Rostock

St. Mary's Church, Rostock, in German Marienkirche, is the biggest of three town churches found in the Hanseatic city of Rostock, in...

(54.08950, 12.13875)

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Su	11:15–17:00

marienkirche-rostock.de



H Frieden

The Frieden is the former German motor vessel Dresden operated by the VEB Deutsche Seereederei Rostock.

(Unnamed Road), 18106, Germany (54.14175, 12.08668)

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I Kröpeliner Tor

Built around 1270, this Gothic brick structure is the westernmost of Rostock's four main city gates. It currently houses a local history museum.

Kröpeliner Straße 50, 18055 Rostock, DE (54.08845, 12.12922)

Mo–Su	10:00–17:00

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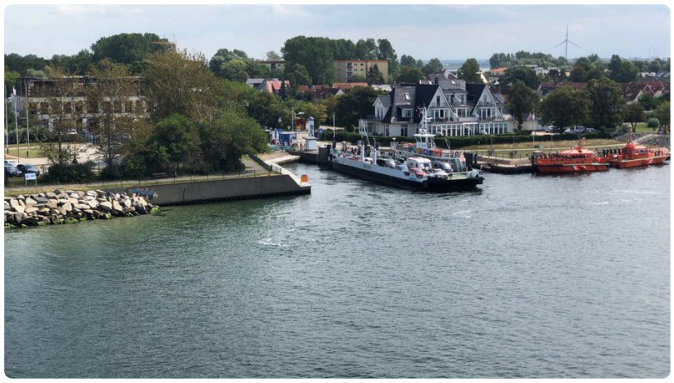

J Hohe Düne

A ferry terminal and district located on the eastern side of the Warnow river mouth, providing transport links between Warnemünde and the Baltic coast.

14 An der See, Hohe Düne 18119, Germany (54.17669, 12.09752)



K Hanseatische Brauerei Rostock

Founded in 1878, this traditional brewery produces local beers and offers insights into the city's long-standing brewing history.

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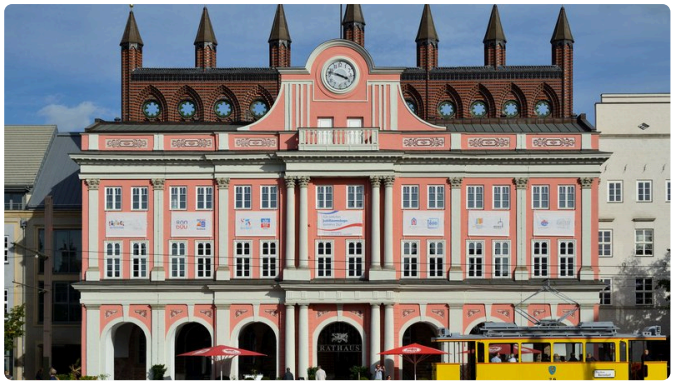
rostocker.de, +49 381 456450



L Rathaus

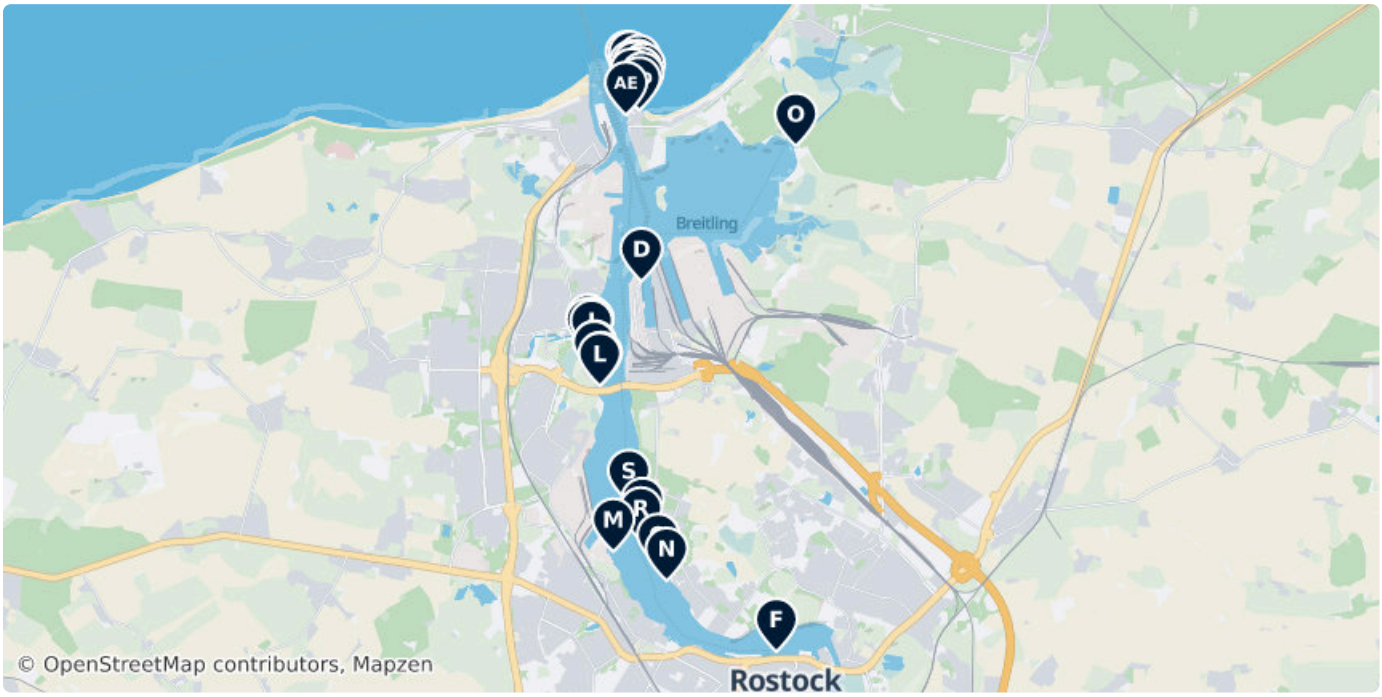
A 13th-century brick Gothic building featuring a distinctive seven-towered facade and a Baroque porch added in the 18th century.

(54.08866, 12.14108)

rathaus.rostock.de

Maritime Attractions

Rostock's maritime history is showcased through the Shipbuilding and Maritime Museum, which features the 10,000-ton freighter Dresden and the rare concrete-hulled Capella. The collection includes technical monuments like the 1905 steam crane "Langer Heinrich" and the steam tug Saturn. The city's active seafaring culture is represented by the 5-star Yachthafen Hohe Düne and various marinas along the Warnow River, offering extensive berths, boat rentals, and the Rostock-Gedser ferry link to Denmark.





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B Yachthafen Hohe Düne

Large 5-star marina featuring over 750 berths, a shipyard, and extensive service facilities for yachts and motorboats.

Germany (54.18203, 12.10001)

yachthafen-hohe-duene.de, +49 381 50408000

C Schwimmkran "Langer Heinrich"

Steam-powered floating crane built in 1905, serving in Gdańsk and Rostock until 1978; now a technical monument at the Maritime Museum.

18106, Germany (54.14110, 12.08784)

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D Rostock-Gedser

Ferry terminal providing regular transport links across the Baltic Sea between Rostock and Gedser, Denmark.

(54.15221, 12.10108)

E Jugendschiff "Likedeeler"

Decommissioned ship moored on the Warnow, serving as a youth hostel and maritime education center.

(54.13758, 12.08853)

likedeeler-rostock.de

F Solarboot Verleih Conrad

Rental service for solar-powered boats, allowing for silent navigation on the Warnow river.

(54.09349, 12.13757)

solarboot-mv.de

G Dampfschlepper „Saturn“

Historic steam tugboat built in 1907, part of the floating museum exhibits at IGA Park.

(Unnamed Road), 18106, Germany (54.14106, 12.08635)

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H Hebe- und Kranschiff „1. Mai“

Specialized salvage vessel used for lifting sunken ships, preserved as a technical monument.

18106, Germany (54.14124, 12.08774)

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I Betonschiff Capella

Rare motor vessel built with a concrete hull in 1943, now part of the Maritime Museum.

18106, Germany (54.14084, 12.08759)

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J Bootscharter Rostock

Rental facility for motorboats and sailing yachts located near the city harbor.

(54.13577, 12.09014)

K Yachtcharter

Commercial yacht charter service based at the Yachthafen Hohe Düne.

(54.18082, 12.10075)

L WSV Am Schmarler Graben

Water sports association and marina providing berths for local sailing and motorboats.

18106, Germany (54.13566, 12.08980)

schmarler-graben.de

M Marina Bramow

Marina offering berths and services for leisure craft in the Bramow district.

18069, Germany (54.10936, 12.09348)

sab-marina-bramow.de/index.htm, +49 151 15282473

N Yachtclub Warnow

Sailing club and marina located in the Gehlsdorf district on the eastern bank of the Warnow.

18147, Germany (54.10473, 12.10791)

yachtclubwarnow.de, +49 381 6867075

O Hafen Schnatermann

Small marina and harbor located near the Rostocker Heide, serving as a gateway for water-based excursions.

18147, Germany (54.17362, 12.14290)

mein-ostseehafen.de/seegebiete/meckl... , +49 381 699506

P Likedeeler

Mooring pier for the educational vessel Likedeeler.

(54.13747, 12.08833)

Q Neptun Marina Rostock

Modern marina located at the site of the former Neptun shipyard, featuring berths for yachts.

(54.10696, 12.10560)

R Schwimmsteg Gehlsdorf

Floating jetty for small boats located in the Gehlsdorf district.

(54.11115, 12.10091)

S Dalben 28

Mooring dolphins and berths for leisure boats on the Warnow river.

(54.11708, 12.09768)

T Steg H

Mooring pier for yachts located within the Hohe Düne marina complex.

(54.18004, 12.10131)

U Steg A

Mooring pier for yachts located within the Hohe Düne marina complex.

(54.18344, 12.09711)

V Steg G

Mooring pier for yachts located within the Hohe Düne marina complex.

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W Steg E

Mooring pier for yachts located within the Hohe Düne marina complex.

(54.18169, 12.09914)

X Steg G

Mooring pier for yachts located within the Hohe Düne marina complex.

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Y Steg E

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(54.18276, 12.10044)

Z Steg J

Mooring pier for yachts located within the Hohe Düne marina complex.

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AA Steg B

Mooring pier for yachts located within the Hohe Düne marina complex.

(54.18337, 12.09796)

AB Steg D

Mooring pier for yachts located within the Hohe Düne marina complex.

(54.18187, 12.09822)

AC Zoll

Customs pier used for official maritime border and clearance procedures.

(54.11264, 12.10140)

AD Steg

Landing stage for leisure craft.

(54.17926, 12.10053)

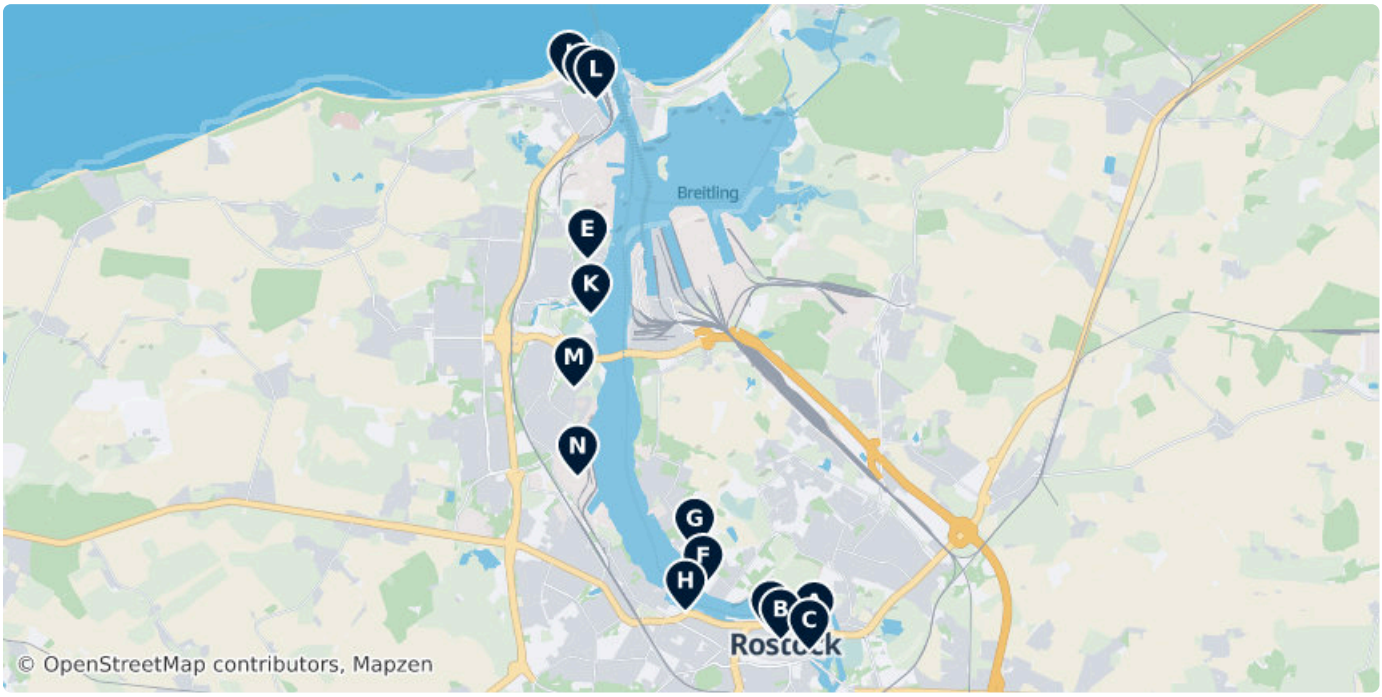
AE Bootsshuttle Sylvia

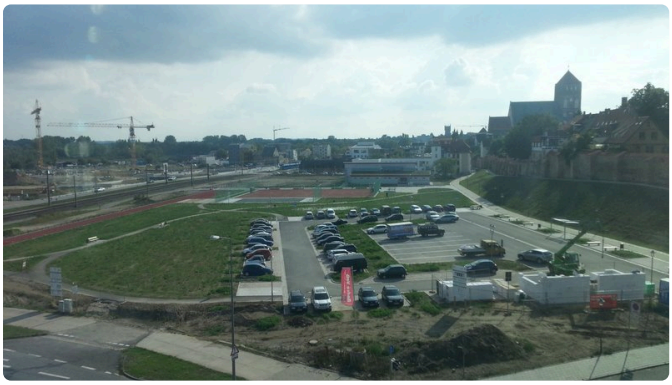
Docking point for the passenger shuttle boat connecting Warnemünde and the Hohe Düne resort.

(54.17853, 12.09691)

Historical and Religious Sites

Rostock's history is anchored by its three major medieval churches: the 13th-century St. Peter's, the massive St. Mary's, and the historic hall church of Nikolaikirche. Beyond the city center, the maritime heritage of Warnemünde is reflected in its Neogothic church and memorials dedicated to sailors and fishermen. Cultural sites like the late-Gothic Hausbaumhaus and the Edvard-Munch-Haus provide insight into the city's architectural evolution and artistic connections, while the Revolutionary Sailors' Memorial honors Rostock's role in early 20th-century political shifts.





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C Nikolaikirche

Built starting in 1230, this is one of the oldest surviving hall churches in the Baltic region. It features a unique architectural integration of religious space and modern residential apartments built into its roof structure.

Bei der Nikolaikirche, 18055 Rostock, Germany
(54.08777, 12.14661)

nikolaikirche-rostock.de



D Warnemünde Church

Warnemünde Church is a neogothic building in Warnemünde, which is a part of the hanseatic city of Rostock.

Kirchenplatz, 18119 Rostock, Germany
(54.17683, 12.08495)

kirche-warnemuende.de



E Gemeindezentrum Brücke

A modern church and community center serving the Ufergemeinde parish in the Groß Klein district of Rostock.

(54.15052, 12.08584)

Mo	14:00–16:00
We	14:00–17:00

ufergemeinde-rostock.de, +49 3811200045

F Kapelle Michaelshof

A Lutheran chapel located within the Michaelshof social welfare facility in the Gehlsdorf district.

Uferpromenade, Gehlsdorf 18147, Germany
(54.09811, 12.11751)

G Kirche Gehlsdorf

A local parish church in the Gehlsdorf district, historically linked to community education and the local Lutheran ministry.

(54.10406, 12.11519)

kirchgemeinde-gehlsdorf.de



H Gedenkstätte revolutionärer Matrosen

Located at the city harbor, this memorial commemorates the sailors who participated in the November Revolution of 1918 at the end of World War I.

1A Lübecker Straße, Rostock 18057, Germany
(54.09407, 12.11266)



I John Brinckman

A memorial dedicated to John Brinckman, a prominent 19th-century author known for his works in the Low German (Plattdeutsch) language.

Hermannstraße, Seebad Warnemünde 18119, Germany
(54.17883, 12.08070)

J Hausbaumhaus

One of Rostock's oldest merchant houses, dating to 1490. This late-Gothic building is named for the 'house tree,' a central oak pillar that supports the entire internal structure.

Wokrenterstraße 40, 18055 Rostock, DE
(54.09080, 12.13603)

Tu–Fr	11:00–15:00

K Schiffbau- und Schifffahrtsmuseum

Housed on the 10,000-ton freighter 'Dresden,' this museum documents the history of Baltic shipbuilding and maritime technology from the Hanseatic era to the present.

(Unnamed Road), 18106, Germany (54.14170, 12.08671)

Apr-Oct Tu–Su	10:00–18:00
Nov-Mar Tu–Su	10:00–16:00

schifffahrtsmuseum-rostock.de

L Edvard-Munch-Haus

The former residence of Norwegian painter Edvard Munch, who lived and worked in this fisherman's house between 1907 and 1908.

Am Strom 53, 18119 Rostock, DE (54.17619, 12.08810)

Sa	11:00–17:00

edvard-munch-haus.de

M 27. August 1939

A memorial marking the date of the world's first jet-powered flight, achieved by the Heinkel He 178 aircraft in Rostock-Marienehe.

10A Industriestraße, Rostock 18069, Germany (54.12997, 12.08215)

N Denkmal für die auf See gebliebenen Hochseefischer

A monument dedicated to deep-sea fishermen who lost their lives at sea, serving as a reminder of the city's perilous maritime heritage.

14 Fischerweg, Rostock 18069, Germany (54.11571, 12.08311)

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