

Stralsund

Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania · Germany

TRAVEL GUIDE

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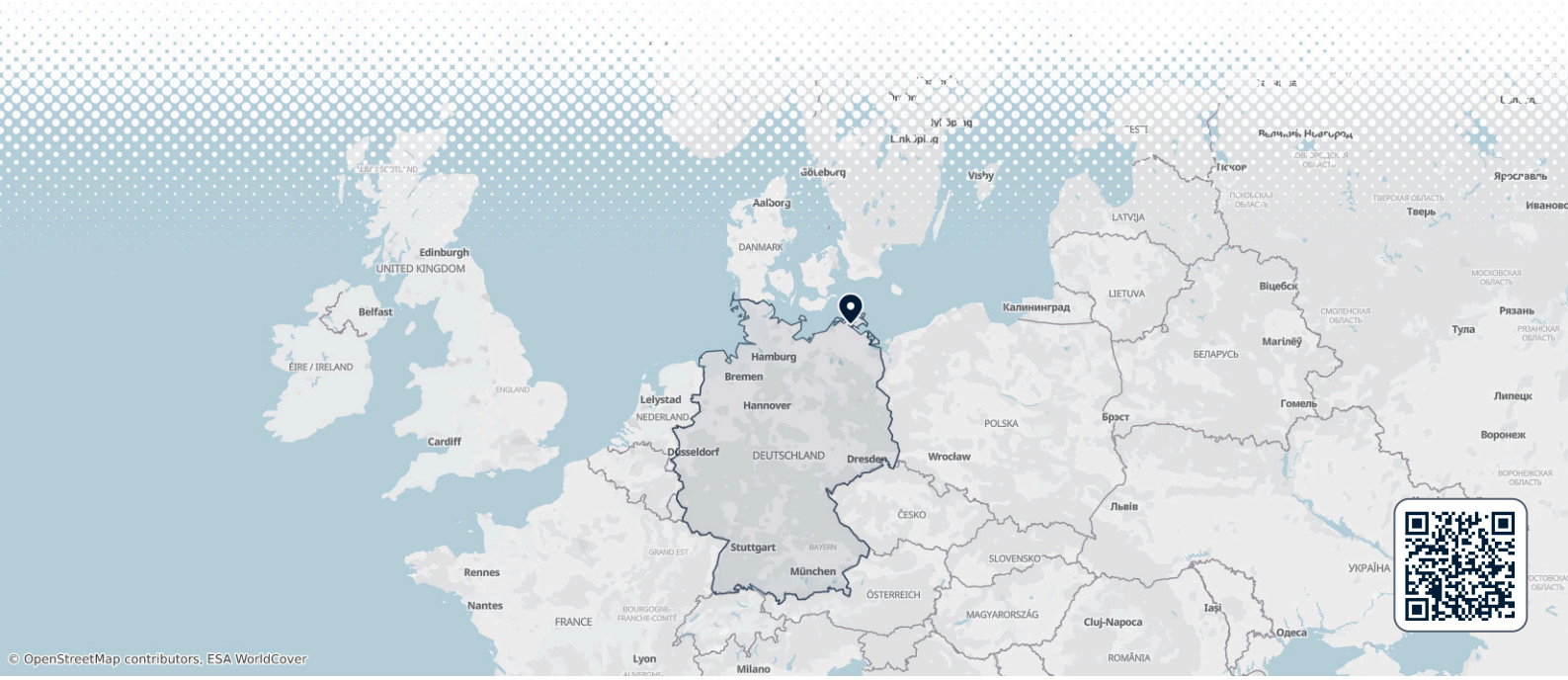


Overview

Stralsund is a Hanseatic port city on the Baltic Sea. The old town sits on an island between the Strelasund strait and a ring of ponds. Red-brick Gothic churches and gabled town houses fill the centre.

The city suits a trip of one to three nights. It also works well as a base for Rügen and Hiddensee.

When to visit

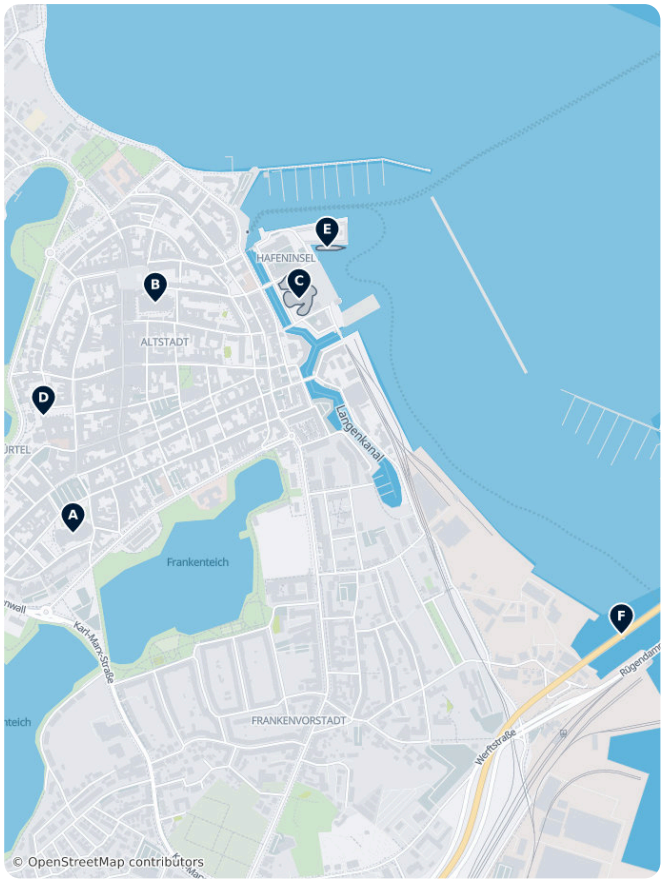
June to August is the best time for the harbour, boat trips and the islands. The sea is warmest in August. Spring and autumn are quiet and mild. Winter is cold and grey, with short days.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	3° / 9° Feels like -2°	-1° / -8°	13 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 10° Feels like -1°	0° / -7°	12 rainy days · Dry air
March	Poor Poor for watersports	7° / 14° Feels like 2°	1° / -4°	Dry air
April	Fair Fair for sightseeing	12° / 19° Feels like 8°	4° / -1°	Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	16° / 23° Feels like 13°	9° / 4°	12 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 27°	13° / 9°	12 rainy days · Dry air
July	Good Good for sightseeing	22° / 28°	15° / 11°	15 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 28°	15° / 11°	14 rainy days
September	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 24°	12° / 8°	Dry air
October	Fair Fair for sightseeing	13° / 18° Feels like 10°	8° / 3°	13 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for watersports	8° / 13° Feels like 4°	4° / -2°	12 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 10° Feels like -1°	1° / -7°	13 rainy days · Dry air

Best months: June, August

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

Top sights



- The Altes Rathaus stands on the Alter Markt. It is the city's medieval town hall, with a decorated brick gable.
- A St. Marien-Kirche is a huge Gothic brick church. Its tower has a viewing platform over the old town and the sea.
- B St.-Nikolai-Kirche is the church of the city council. It stands on the Alter Markt next to the town hall.
- C Ozeaneum is a large aquarium and marine museum on the harbour. It shows life in the Baltic Sea, the North Sea and the Atlantic.
- D Maritime Museum is in the former Catharine monastery. It tells the story of the sea and its animals.
- E Gorch Fock I is a sailing ship from 1933 that now lies in the harbour. You can go on board.
- The Kütertor is a gate in the medieval town wall.
- F Pylon Strelasundquerung is the tall pylon of the bridge to Rügen. It is a landmark across the strait.

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What to experience

- Take a boat trip from the harbour in summer.
- Walk or cycle on Dänholm, the island east of the old town. It has views back to the old town skyline.

Day trips

Stralsund is the main gateway to the islands and to the coast further east.

- Greifswald is a Hanseatic university town east of Stralsund. It has brick Gothic churches. The painter *Caspar David Friedrich* was born there.
- Rügen is Germany's largest island and starts at the Strelasund bridge. Trains and cars cross to it. Visit the chalk cliffs in Jasmund National Park, the resort of Binz, and the white town of Putbus.
- Hiddensee is a car-free island with sandy beaches and a lighthouse. Ferries leave from the Stralsund harbour.
- The Fischland-Darß-Zingst peninsula has beaches, reed-roofed villages and a national park. A car or bicycle helps here.

Where to explore

Two other Hanseatic cities are on the same coast.

- Rostock is a large port city to the west, with a seaside district at Warnemünde.
- Wismar is a smaller town with a brick Gothic old town.

Getting there

- By air: Hamburg Airport (HAM) and Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER) are the usual gateways. Continue by train.
- By train: Stralsund Hauptbahnhof has long-distance trains to Berlin and Hamburg. Regional trains continue to Rügen. Book on Deutsche Bahn.

Getting around

- On foot: The old town is small and flat. Most sights are within walking distance of each other and of the harbour.
- Cycling: The terrain is flat, and bicycles are practical for the harbour and the shore.
- Buses: City buses serve the areas outside the old town.
- Tourist information: Stralsund Tourismus is the city's tourism site. The Tourismuszentrale is on the Alter Markt.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town is small and flat, and the sights are close together.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

The terrain is flat.

Driving

- A car is not needed for the old town. It is useful for exploring the wider coast.

Food & drink

Fish is the local staple. Try a fish roll at the harbour, and herring in several styles. Sea buckthorn (Sanddorn) drinks and sweets are a coastal speciality.

Restaurants and cafés cluster around the Alter Markt and the harbour island. The Wulflamhaus on the Alter Markt is a medieval patrician house with a restaurant.

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 grass and woods on Rügen and Hiddensee. Check your skin after a walk.
- The Baltic Sea is cold into early summer. Swim only at marked beaches.

History

- Stralsund received city rights in 1234 and became an important Hanseatic trading port.
- In 1628 imperial forces under *Wallenstein* besieged the city. It held out with Danish and Swedish help.
- Sweden ruled the city from the 17th century until 1815. Then it became Prussian.
- St. Marien-Kirche is a huge Gothic church that shows the wealth of the Hanseatic city.
- The old town was listed by UNESCO in 2002, together with Wismar.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Germany at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

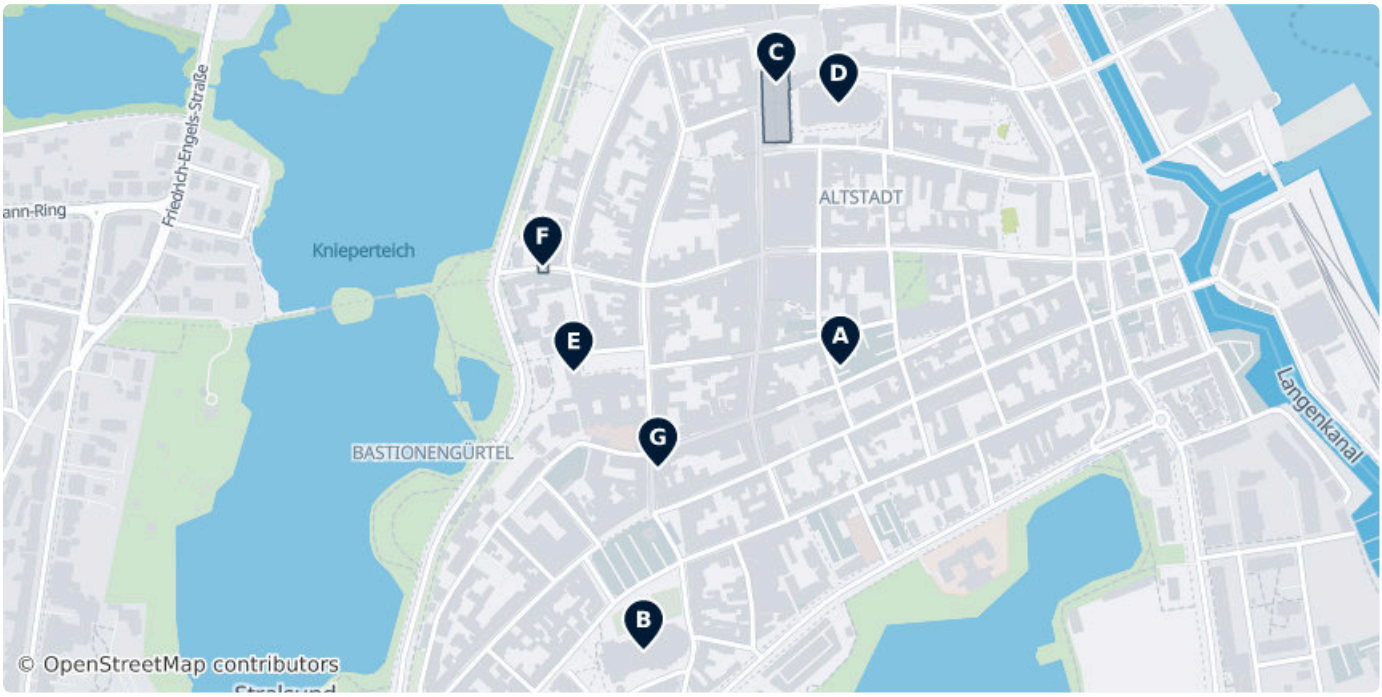
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Stralsund Essentials

Stralsund is a UNESCO World Heritage site defined by its well-preserved medieval layout and significant Brick Gothic architecture. This list features the city's Hanseatic landmarks, including the ornate Altes Rathaus and the massive 14th-century St. Mary's and St. Nicholas churches. Beyond the ecclesiastical sites, the selection covers the city's maritime identity through the German Maritime Museum and provides insight into medieval domestic life at the Museumshaus and the historic Kütertor city gate.





A UNESCO World Heritage: Historic Centre of Stralsund

Designated in 2002, this area preserves the medieval town plan and a collection of Brick Gothic buildings that reflect Stralsund's historical importance as a Hanseatic trading hub.

Filterstraße, 18439 Stralsund, Germany
(54.31284, 13.09139)



B St. Mary's Church, Stralsund

St. Mary's Church is a large Lutheran church located in Stralsund, northern Germany.

Marienstraße, 18439 Stralsund, Germany
(54.31007, 13.08809)

Mo–Su 09:00–18:00, 10:00–17:00

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C Altes Rathaus

A 13th-century Brick Gothic building on the Alter Markt, featuring a distinctive decorative facade with six gables and circular openings designed to showcase the city's wealth.

Alter Markt, 18439 Stralsund, DE (54.31561, 13.09032)



D St. Nicholas Church, Stralsund

St. Nicholas Church is the oldest of the three major parish churches of the Hanseatic city of Stralsund in Germany.

1 Semlower Straße, Stralsund 18439, Germany (54.31541, 13.09136)



E German Maritime Museum

The German Oceanographic Museum, also called the Museum for Oceanography and Fisheries, Aquarium, in the Hanseatic town of Stralsund, is a...

Katharinenberg 14-20, 18439 Stralsund, DE (54.31279, 13.08692)

Sep-Jun Mo–Su	09:30–17:00
Jul-Aug Mo–Su	09:30–19:00

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F Kütertor

Built in 1446, this is one of the few remaining landside gates of the medieval fortifications, originally used by the butchers' guild and later serving as a prison.

1 Heilgeiststraße, Stralsund 18439, Germany (54.31382, 13.08640)

G Museumshaus

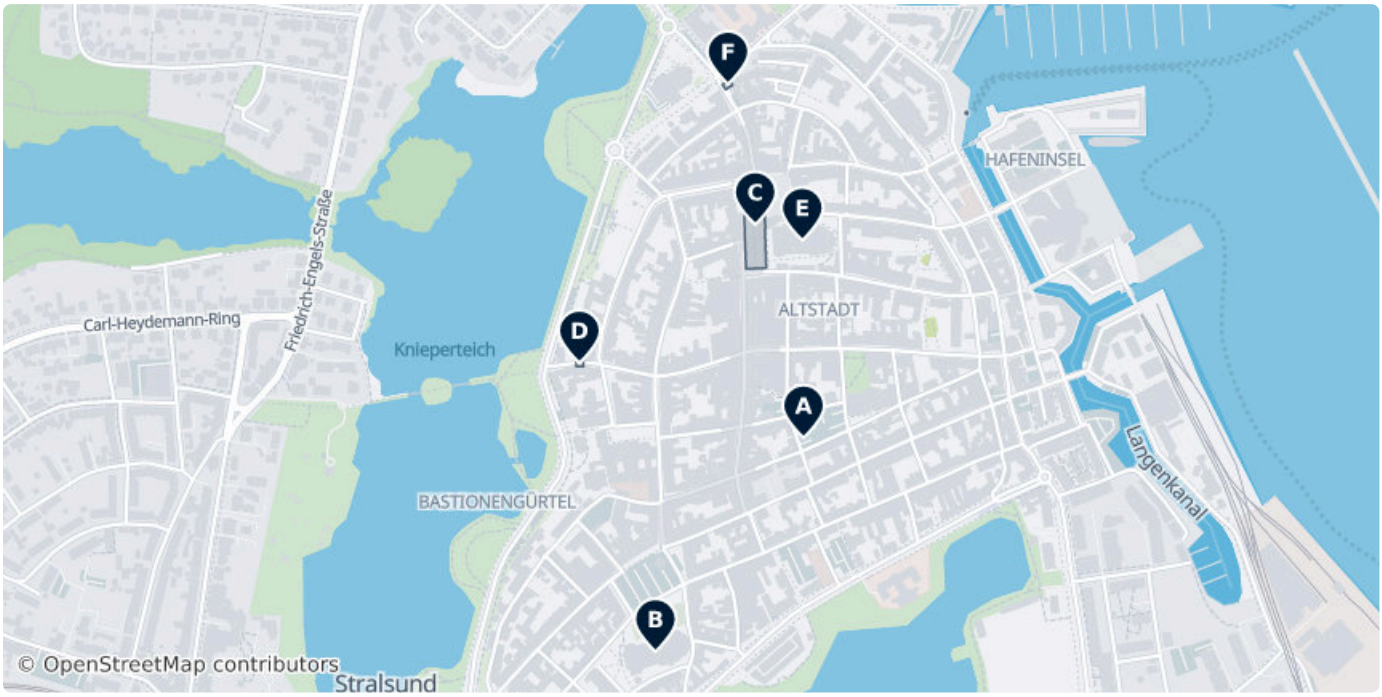
A restored merchant house at Mönchstraße 38 showcasing architectural history from the 14th century, featuring an original medieval wooden crane and historical living quarters.

Mönchstraße 38, 18439 Stralsund, DE (54.31185, 13.08833)

Tu–Su	10:00–17:00

Hanseatic Heritage

Stralsund's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, preserves the layout and architecture of a powerful medieval trading hub. The city is defined by its Brick Gothic style, most notably seen in the monumental St. Mary's and St. Nicholas churches and the ornate Altes Rathaus. Defensive structures like the Kütertor and Kniepertor remain as remnants of the original city wall, illustrating Stralsund's strategic importance within the Hanseatic League and its 14th-century prosperity.





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A well-preserved medieval island city featuring a wealth of Brick Gothic architecture and a layout largely unchanged since the 14th century, reflecting its history as a major Hanseatic trade center.

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A 14th-century Brick Gothic administrative building on the Alter Markt featuring a distinctive show facade with seven high gables and open circular windows.

Alter Markt, 18439 Stralsund, DE (54.31561, 13.09032)



D Kütertor

One of the last remaining landward city gates, built in 1446 in the late Gothic style. It historically served as a passage between the inner city and the Knieper pond.

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F Kniepertor

The northernmost of the city's original ten gates, first mentioned in 1293. This Brick Gothic tower provided a strategic access point toward the port.

10 Knieperstraße, Stralsund 18439, Germany (54.31744, 13.08971)

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