

Eberswalde, Brandenburg, Germany

Brandenburg's 'Forest Town' sits where Europe's oldest artificial waterway threads through dense woodland — river cruisers arrive on the Oder-Havel Canal, steps from free botanical gardens and one of Germany's most impressive engineering feats.

River cruise — moored at canal quay Typical call: 6-8 hrs Currency: Euro (€) Language: German Forest & waterway town

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River ships moor alongside the Oder-Havel Canal quay; town center is a short walk

Walk to center: ~10 min to Marktplatz from canal mooring

Best For: Scenic waterways, engineering history, zoo, free botanical garden, local pastry

Don't Miss: Niederfinow Boat Lift (~12 km away) and an Eberswalder Spritzkuchen from a local bakery

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ €4.50 base + €2.60/km (first 6 km) · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Niederfinow Boat Lift** — Germany's landmark ship lift bridges a 36-metre elevation change on the Oder-Havel Canal.
- **Forest Botanical Garden (Forstbotanischer Garten)** — One of Europe's oldest botanical gardens, founded in 1830 in the leafy Schwärzetal valley.
- **Eberswalde Zoo** — A surprisingly excellent zoo set in 15 hectares of woodland.
- **Finow Canal Towpath & Old Town Walk** — The Finow Canal dates back over 400 years (first built in 1605), making it one of Europe's oldest artificial waterways.
- **Eberswalder Spritzkuchen Tasting** — Eberswalde's beloved pastry since 1832 — a ring-shaped fried choux with sweet sugar glaze, lighter than a doughnut and unique to this city.

BEST WALKS

- **Finow Canal Towpath to Old Town** 2 km · 25 min · Easy · Free — Walk west along the car-free Treidelweg canal path from the mooring, passing lock infrastructure and wooded banks, into Eberswalde's old town.
- **Botanical Garden Loop** 3 km · 45 min · Easy · Free — From the town center, walk south into the Schwärzetal valley to reach the Forest Botanical Garden.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇩🇪 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:06AM–8:04PM · Jun 4:39AM–9:31PM · Aug 5:46AM–8:30PM · Sep 6:39AM–7:19PM · Oct 7:31AM–6:08PM	
Apr	57°	40°	10d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	74°	57°	10d		
Aug	76°	60°	11d		
Sep	68°	53°	8d		
Oct	58°	47°	11d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Try the Spritzkuchen — Eberswalde's signature fried pastry has been baked here since 1832. Find it at local bakeries near Marktplatz; carry €1-2 in cash as small bakeries rarely take cards.
- Carry cash — smaller bakeries, cafés, and market stalls in Eberswalde often don't accept cards. An ATM near Marktplatz covers you.
- Bikes are ideal here — Brandenburg is flat and the Finow Canal towpath is entirely car-free. If your ship offers bikes, use them; it's the best way to reach the botanical garden or further along the canal.
- Don't skip Niederfinow — the boat lift is about 12 km away but absolutely worth it. Book a ship's excursion, grab a taxi, or cycle if time allows. Allow 3-4 hours including travel.
- The botanical garden is free — one of Europe's oldest, it's an easy 15-minute walk from town and a genuine highlight, especially for its rare tree species and peaceful Schwärzetal valley setting.
- Sunday closures apply — German shops shut on Sundays. The zoo, botanical garden, restaurant terraces, and canal-side cafés stay open, but supermarkets and most retail won't.

Eberswalde, Brandenburg, Germany — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Zoologischer Garten Eberswalde

Eberswalde Zoo: a diverse collection of animals and wildlife.

3 Schleuse Drahthammer

Drahthammer Lock: a historic canal lock for boats.

5 Schleuse Schöpfurt

Schöpfurt Lock: a functional canal lock on the Finow Canal.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Forest Botanical Garden Eberswalde

Explore diverse trees and plants in this forest botanical garden.

4 Buckowseerinne

Buckowsee Channel: a scenic natural waterway connecting lakes.

6 Lieper Schleuse

Lieper Lock: a historic Finow Canal lock for boat passage.