



Oranienburg has its own "Garden of Eden". In 1893, 18 vegetarians from Berlin founded an orchard community. In Germany's first "Vegetarian Colony" they developed alternatives for natural and healthy living. At the site of today's collective there are exhibit, the Eden-Café, a kindergarten, as well as the School of Music Eden. On the outer wall of the first floor of the collective building a historical facade by the sculptor Wilhelm Groß is displayed. phone +49 (0)3301 - 523 26  
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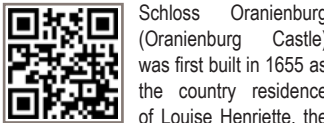


# A walk around Oranienburg





Schloss Oranienburg – Oranienburg Castle



Schloss Oranienburg (Oranienburg Castle) was first built in 1655 as the country residence of Louise Henriette, the first wife of the Great Elector, and was later expanded and furnished in great splendor by Friedrich I. It is considered to be one of the most important baroque buildings in Mark Brandenburg. In the 1700s it was considered to be the Prussian monarch's most beautiful castle. Today, it is home to two museums and the town administration. The Castle Museum of the Prussian Palaces and Gardens Foundation Berlin-Brandenburg presents a collection of unique art pieces, among them a rich collection of paintings, an ivory seating group, two series of tapestries, splendid etageres in the porcelain chamber, as well as examples of royal ornamental silver in the silver vault.

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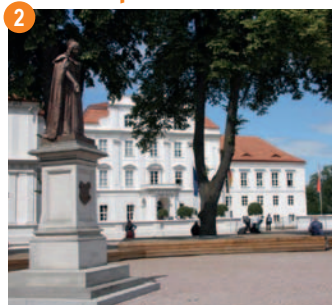
Visitors to the County Museum Oberhavel can take a foray through the regional and cultural history of the area. Among other attractions, visitors have the opportunity to become acquainted with contributions of chemist Friedlieb Ferdinand Runge, as well as with the exhibition pieces of ceramicist Hedwig Bollhagen and sculptor Wilhelm Groß. Visitors can learn interesting facts and trivia on regional waterways and inland waterway shipping.

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**April to October**  
Tuesday to Sunday: 10 am – 6 pm  
(From Tuesday to Friday guided tours only)

**November to March**  
Tuesday to Friday: 10 am – 4 pm  
Saturday / Sunday: 10 am – 5 pm  
(castle museum with guide)  
**last admission:**  
30 minutes before closing  
Note: due to barrier-free

Schlossplatz – Castle Square



The 2009 redesign of the Schlossplatz (Castle Square) and relocation of the Schlossbrücke (Castle Bridge) has once again made Oranienburg's historic town center a place to be enjoyed. Schloss Oranienburg, Schlosspark and the Havel Promenade are wonderful venues that invite visitors to linger. Many cultural highlights take place in this unique setting. These include the Orange Festival in April, the Town Festival with Dragon Boat Races in June and the Castle Park Night in August. The Louise Henriette Memorial is located in the center of the Castle Square.

The Electress was the individual that gave the castle its name Oranienburg in 1652 and shortly thereafter named the town Oranienburg. The Castle Square is located right across from the municipal library and the Tourist Information Office.

Schlosspark – Castle Park with its Historic Entrance Portal



In the 17th century Electress Louise Henriette of Brandenburg, former Princess of Orange-Nassau, commissioned the Schlosspark (Castle Park) to be built reflecting the symmetry of the Dutch style. The State Garden Show of 2009 shaped the look and feel of today's park, which is 30 hectares in size. The Castle Park is known far beyond the borders of Oranienburg as a leisure and family park attracting thousands of visitors annually. Constantly changing and ever-stunning flowers and plants, 16 garden rooms, a spacious play area with a playhouse, swings and water fountains for children, a castle park library, fitness equipment, boule pitch, open air chess and many more attractions provide everything visitors could possibly need for a very enjoyable and relaxing stay. Guests can relax at the Schlosspark Café which offers a rich array of food and beverages. The cultural climax of the year is the Schlosspark-Nacht (Castle Park Night) in August. The representative entrance portal, adorned with the monogram of the Elector, was designed by the architect J.A. Nering in 1690. The entrance pillars are crowned by the allegorical figures of fall and summer.

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Blumenthal House



The former court gardener's house – which today is better known as the Blumenthal House – bears a plaque commemorating the fact that the Jewish banking family Blumenthal once lived here. Up until the National Socialist Party came into power, the ancestors of the former United States Secretary of the Treasury, Prof. W. Michael Blumenthal, lived in the house. Prof. Blumenthal was declared an Honorary Citizen of the City of Oranienburg in 2000.

Amtshauptmannshaus – Magistrate's House



Close to the Castle Square the Amtshauptmannshaus is the second oldest house of the town after the castle. The two-story building was built in 1657 as the residence of the Elector's Senior Civil Servant and today it is one of Oranienburg's historically significant early baroque buildings.

Orangery in the Castle Park



After its renovation, according to the historical monument laws, the Orangery was reopened in 2003 as a cultural house. The Orangery attracts thousands of visitors to top-performances like concerts, readings, theatre, cabaret evenings and many more entertaining events. The Orangery can also be rented for private festivities.

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St. Nicolai Church

The church tower is visible to visitors long before they reach the town itself. Dedicated to Saint Nicolas, the patron saint of fishermen, sailors and merchants, the



church is the town's tallest building, its tower reaching a height of some 57.4 metres. From the observation deck visitors can enjoy an impressive view of the "Green City on the Havel". Visitors will also encounter the Oranienburg sculptor and preacher Wilhelm Groß's (1883-1975) "Gethsemane-Group". The sculpture was returned to Oranienburg from the Netherlands.

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Waisenhaus – Orphanage



The former orphanage is located at the end of Breite Straße. It is a two story Dutch style red brick building. Out of joy over the birth of the heir to the throne Karl Emil and keeping a promise, the Electress founded an endowment for orphaned children in 1665 and commissioned the orphanage to care for 24 children. The crest of the Elector of Brandenburg is located above the entrance way. Today the former orphanage is the seat of Department of Public Health of the Oberhavel county.

Imperial Post Office

The Imperial post office was reconstructed in 1900 to replace the original Oranienburg Post Station and was used as a post office until 1926. After that it was the seat of the Stadtparkasse Oranienburg (city savings bank), which in turn became the Oranienburg Kreissparkasse (county savings bank). In the 1990s the



bridge is the shortest path between the old city and the railway station. The bridge was dubbed by the citizenry of Oranienburg as the "consumption bridge" due to its steep climb. At a later point in time it was replaced by a steel construction. The west side of the bridge leads to an allée graced by ancient trees and to the Pferdeinsel ("horse island"), a green oasis in the midst of the town centre.

Bahnhofsplatz – Railway Station Square



The Oranienburg Railway Station, opened in 1877, altered 1915 and restored in 2001, the Main Post Office, opened in 1927, and the former Friedlieb Ferdinand Runge Gymnasium together form a historical monument. From here Berlin is just a hop, skip and a jump away. With the S-Bahn or regional railways destinations near and far can be reached quickly and in comfort.

Runge Laboratory



The building of the former laboratory of the chemical product factory is named after one



building was restored from the ground up. Since then the building is home to a branch of the Mittelbrandenburgische Sparkasse (savings bank).

Forsthaus – Royal Forestry Station



The Royal Forestry Station was built at the intersection between the former Mühlenweg and Bernauer Straße in 1772 and at that time was surrounded by forest. The two story stucco building with front risalit, quoins and half-hipped roof was built in the Frederickian baroque style. Today the Royal Forestry Station is a protected historical monument. In the 18th century it was located at the edge of town, today the building is located at the centre of the town which was dramatically changed as a result of the 19th century "Gründerzeit" urban development plan.

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of the most important personalities the town is known for, namely Professor Friedlieb Ferdinand Runge (1794-1867). Runge has been given credit for the discovery of caffeine and tar dyes. He was also the founder of paper-chromatography, among other discoveries.

Schlosshafen – Castle Harbour with Motorhome Site



The modern docking and service harbour provides a beautiful view of the baroque castle. Adjacent to the harbour lays the motorhome site (awarded the title of Europe's Recreational Vehicle Site of the month by "Promobil" magazine). The motorhome site offers tourists and visitors alike a wonderful place to sit back and relax and enjoy exploring both land and water. The harbour master and the boat slips round off what the Castle Harbour Oranienburg offers visitors and residents alike. During the summer season the "Sehnsucht" (yearning), the replica of the Kurbrandenburg State Yacht of 1687/79, is docked at the Castle Harbour.

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Die Anklagende – The Accusing



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This monument was created by Fritz Cremer in 1961. Fritz Cremer's monument is supposed to remind the observer to never forget the darkest chapter of German history and to guard against it ever happening again, as the inscription "Schmerz gebäre Tat" – "Let pain bring forth deeds" so vividly emphasizes.

Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen



The memorial site is located at the former Sachsenhausen concentration camp, at which several original buildings and relics are on display. Permanent and special exhibitions provide the history of the concentration camp Sachsenhausen (1936-45), the Soviet special camp (1945-50) and the aftermath. The Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen is a place of sorrow and remembrance. It is also a museum of modern history of particular relevance for humanitarian support for survivors and relatives of survivors and historical political education. It is host to special events such as film screenings, debates and readings. From S-Bahnhof Oranienburg take bus no. 804 or no. 821 to the Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen.

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TURM ErlebnisCity



The TURM ErlebnisCity is well-known in Oberhavel and beyond as one of the largest sporting and leisure centers in Berlin-Brandenburg, boasting 500.000 visitors annually. The sport and experience spa with a wave pool and slides, saunas, bowling, climbing wall and fitness center offers visitors the perfect venue to work out and relax. The MBS Arena and HBI SportForum have made a name for themselves offering a wide range of main events, trade shows and sporting events.

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Lehnitzsee – Lake Lehnitz and Lock



Nearby Turm ErlebnisCity Lake Lehnitz offers visitors a beautiful spot to enjoy the summer, with its clean sandy beaches and swim areas, where one can kick-back and relax on the water. Since 1914 the lake is a part of the Oder-Havel-Waterway. From the yacht harbour, you can explore the lake with rowboats or paddleboats. Take a stroll around the lake on the natural trail or ride a bike along the Berlin-Copenhagen bike path to enjoy the beautiful view of the Lehnitz Lock on the northern side of the lake. Since 1940 the impressive lock system has made passage through the different water

levels of the Oder-Havel-Waterway possible. Barges and sporting boats make their way through the lock, overcoming a 6 meter difference in short order.

Klinkerwerk – Open Air Exhibition



Not far from the Lehnitz lock the open-air exhibition "Stones for 'Germania' - Grenades for the 'Final Victory'" is located. The exhibition tells the story and history of the satellite camp Klinkerwerk – one of the worst and most-feared Sachsenhausen concentration satellite camps. Along an elevated stay the exhibition tells the history of the "Brickworks Oranienburg" that was built by the SS in 1938 in which thousands were forced into slave labour at the concentration camp. The prisoners dreaded the commando. They saw it as a "Death Commando", because the SS used the Brickworks to carry out selective murders. The mortal remains of countless victims may still be found in both the ground at the site and the canal running alongside it. The horrendous history of this place is told on 16 glass columns through text and images and via a large model of the plant.

Friedrich-Wolf-Memorial



For many years now many events have been held at the former residence of the author Friedrich and his wife Else Wolf, which was turned into a memorial in 1973. Literati and publishers present their books; school classes conduct project days, listen to presentations on the creations of Friedrich Wolf and delight in his fairy tales and animal stories. The most beloved and well-known animal story "The Christmas Goose Auguste" is also the namesake of the Oranienburg Christmas Market, which usually takes place on the 3rd Advent at the Castle Square.

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Animal, Leisure and Dinosaur Park Germendorf



The 50 hectare large and well-maintained park is beloved by both young and old from near and far. Domestic and exotic animals, beaches, playgrounds, carousels and fishing spots offer visitors plenty of fun things to do. With its life-size dinosaurs visitors can experience the roar of a tyrannosaurus at the largest dinosaur park in the Berlin region. Courageous visitors can climb the volcano and trigger a "volcanic eruption".

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Oberhavel Bauernmarkt – Farmers Market



The Oberhavel Bauernmarkt is famous for its regional farm products and fresh specialties. Children's playground, petting zoo, barn tours and a ride on the legendary "Eierbahn" (egg rail) ensure that young and old have a great time. The (farmers) live music events on the barn floor-restaurant and in the beer garden are also very popular.

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