



## GERMANY

### Information on your destination

#### **Documents to take**

Passport (or an identity card if you come from a European country within the Schengen treaty). You must be 18 years old to pilot the boat.

#### **Highway Code**

Minimum age 18 years old, wearing a seat belt is compulsory at the front and rear, children under 4 years old must be seated in a child seat, speed limits - motorway: no limit - other roads: 100km/h - in town: 50km/h.

#### **Opening Hours**

Shops open from 9 am to 6 pm during the week, from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, supermarkets: from 9.30 am to 8 pm, from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday.

#### **Phone**

For Germany dial: +49 (without the '0' from the local number).

#### **In case of emergency**

Fire brigade: 112 - Police: 110 - International emergency number: 112.

## Fishing

Fishing in Germany requires a licence and a fishing card. Those who do not have a licence (nonresidents) can buy a tourist licence (approx. €20) in tourist offices. The fishing card (for predatory and non-predatory fish), valid for over 20 lakes and the river Havel, costs approx. €32 per week and person.

### Fürstenberg

- Tourist licence Tourist-Information, Markt 5, 16798 Fürstenberg/Havel, T: +49 (0)33093 32254
- Fishing card: Mode- und Freizeitparadies Maritim, Brandenburger Str. 69, 16798 - Fürstenberg/Havel: +49(0)33093 39063.

## Advice for navigation

In Germany you can use the waterways and locks for free. Usually, there are not any closures during the season. Clients that do not have a licence can navigate in the region between Schwerin, Dömitz (Elbe) and Liebenwalde (north of Berlin). The lakes of Müritz and Plau must only be crossed by the most direct channel following the signalisation. It is obligatory to wear a life jacket. Navigation on the lakes is forbidden if the wind is stronger than Force 3 Beaufort.

You should be at the base no later than 3pm on the day you are due to take the boat in order to have a thorough initiation concerning all aspects of navigation. One of the characteristics of navigating in Germany, on the lakes, is that you can spend the night tied up at anchor. It will all be explained to you in detail during your initiation.

The waterway police controls regularly the speed limits, especially in areas where the speed limit is at 5 kph. They can also punish an illegal mooring, especially in the touristic areas of Berlin, Rheinsberg or Schwerin. The captain of the boat is personally responsible to pay the fine for any violation of the rules, even if he didn't steer the boat himself. By signing the hire contract, the captain obligates to respect the navigation rules and to pay for every penalty.

If you speak German, you will find further details on [www.muertiz-fisch.de](http://www.muertiz-fisch.de)