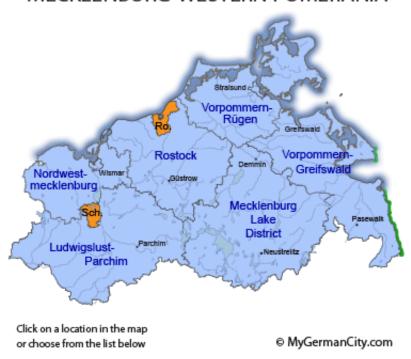
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania -- State Of Thousand Lakes

Situated in the north-east part of Germany, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania (German: *Mecklenburg-Vorpommern*) features the **largest adjacent region of waterways in Central Europe**.

Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania Map

MECKLENBURG-WESTERN POMERANIA



Rural Districts (Counties) in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

- Ludwigslust-Parchim D.
- Mecklenburg Lake Distr.
- Nordwestmecklenburg D.
- Rostock District
- Vorpommern-Greifswald
- Vorpommern-Rügen D.

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Urban Districts in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

- Rostock
- Schwerin

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The fatal moraine of the previous ice age runs crossways Mecklenburg. This attractive scenery consists of wide meadows and grasslands, as well as widespread areas of woods and ponds.

Its capital is <u>Schwerin</u>. This state is one of the least thickly populated and least industrial German states, being the sixth largest in size, but only 14th in population!

MV is the state's normally truncated name. And some Germans even call it lovely *Meck-Pomm*, which makes the name considerably shorter, right?

The state actually comprise of two parts, **Mecklenburg** and **Vorpommern**. When we discuss about its history, we come to know that Mecklenburg encompasses two thirds of the present state's territory.

Germanic tribes settled in Mecklenburg first. Then the Polabian Slavs became the monarch till 12th century. After this ruled Henry the Lion the citizens.

Mecklenburg first became a duchy of the <u>Holy Roman Empire</u> in 1348. At that moment it became republic after the <u>First World War</u>. Vorpommern was also under Swedish law after the Peace of Westphalia in 1648. It was taken over by <u>Prussia</u> in 1815.

Then, after World War II, both have finally been merged together.

With its <u>Mecklenburg Lakes</u> (<u>Mecklenburgische Seenplatte</u>) — a beautiful **Land Of A Thousand Lakes** with calm area of landscape and green fields — it has become a **very** popular and well-liked travel destination. In fact, it counts to Germany's leading tourist destinations nowadays. The seashores and sandy dunes found here are as imposing as the staged precipice enclosed with beech forests.

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The island of Rügen, with its exclusive chalk precipice, the equally well-liked islet of Usedom and the inland region far from the shore, counting to the Mecklenburg Lakeland region, are a heaven for everyone.

You may find some piece of yellowish-brown along the shorelines. Search for and you'll surely see birds maritime in the blissful gentle wind in <u>Stralsund</u> and Western Pomeranian Bodden (coves), Greifswalder Bodden & Peenestrom, anywhere Pine trees, soft and aromatic forest floors, sandy beaches, and all this positioned right next to some of the best swimming areas of Germany!

Explore the areas around the beautiful bays and coves and the Peene River. Go out for a hike in the spanking fresh air and enjoy the outstanding country views.

All over the place you shall find Burgher houses and affectionately re-established Gothic red brick construction dominated in the center of most cities & towns. Gabled town houses enclosing market places and charming churches imitate the nautical impression of the <u>Baltic Sea</u> — this and more you're going to find in Hanseatic cities and towns like <u>Greifswald</u>, <u>Rostock</u> and Stralsund.

The magnificent church steeples still dominate the skylines of many metropolises in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania (*Mecklenburg-Vorpommern*) to this day. And extensive meadows and modern statues form appropriate settings for imposing fountains.

Next airport? Well, <u>Hamburg</u> and <u>Berlin</u> actually have the closest international airports. But some business travelers use the small <u>Rostock-Laage airport [RLG]</u> in the south of Rostock. They enjoy its personal atmosphere and widespread service.

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