

Rostock -- A Leading City, Culturally And Economically

Rostock, largest city in the north German state Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern) is to be found on the Baltic Sea coast. The city is positioned on the Warnow River.

The coastal fraction of the city is barely 16km (10mi) to the north of the momentous city center. Its highly densed parts are west and the south-east while the east is the place for overseas port.

Right through the Cold War, Rostock served as the major and busiest harbor in East Germany. Maritime activities are still keeping this city going, although its significance has reduced drastically from the time of the German reunification in 1990.

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At present, tourists thronged to the city to stroll around its reconstructed old town (*Alstadt*), and to take a trip to its museums and churches.

At some stage in the 13th and 14th centuries, the city had its reputation among the most significant cities of the Hanseatic League. Then, it was a force to reckoned with in the activities of trading and contending with ports in Sweden, Denmark, Estonia, Poland, and Lithuania.

It established its university in the year of 1419 which went on to become the first in any city by the side of the Baltic.

At this stage, Rostock's affluence and planned position goaded the jealousy of the Scandinavian nations.

Subsequently, Danes and Swedes captured the city two times: first for the duration of 1618-48 and once more from 1700-1721. Afterwards, Napoleon took over the city for a decade in the early 18th century.

Rostock has plenty of tourists spots in the form of medieval churches and buildings. The two significant churches are sited in its center - St. Mary and St. Peter's.

The St. Mary Minster basks in the glory of an astronomical clock, while the church of St. Peter's offers a fine sight of the old quarter and the city harbor.

The remarkable town hall is at New Market Square (*Neuer Marktplatz*), while the core university building is positioned right in the middle of the pedestrian's area.

You'll find out that Gothic, Renaissance and baroque architectures are inspiring aide memoire of the prosperity enjoyed by the city's merchants in the Middle Ages. This feeling of past grandeur is aroused often by seeing the impressive churches. The astronomical clock compels tourists to come to the Gothic basilica.

The IGA Park is a wonderful place to watch as here, you can visit the "gardens of the nations" and the Maritime Museum.

Rostock zoo provides you an opportunity to get on to an expedition. A sense of sighting some fascinating 1,500 animals from all over the world might give you a delight. This Zoo is a grand day out at any time throughout the year.

And finally, the growing Rostock-Laage Airport [RLG] is a great way to connect to this area via air.