

Brandenburg an der Havel Is A Cultural Treat

Brandenburg an der Havel in the state of [Brandenburg](#) (yup, almost the same name) lies, who would have thought, by the [Havel River](#) and owes much of its picture book quality to this fact. Adding to the natural beauty of the landscape is a number of historical architecture dotting the skyline.

You have plenty to choose from while deciding on a cultural tour of this town. Each is a vignette of invaluable enrichment for your senses.

Brandenburg an der Havel has this fabulous isle of beauty at its center known as the Dominsel Island. Here's where you'll find the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul. Very impressive indeed is the Czech Altar dating back to the 14th century.

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The Cathedral Museum nearby will shed more light on the religious artifacts from this and other periods. Close at hand on the same island is the Petrikapelle. This is a Gothic wonder with sumptuous interiors.

Visit the Steintor Museum that is housed in a tower that used to be part of the fabulous city walls for a delightful tour of its history. The *Stadtmuseum* gives you information on local history and includes a delightful collection of metal toys among other things.

It would be a good idea to arm yourself with a bit of local history before you set out to explore this extremely historical town. The ruins of the *Johanniskirche* on the banks of the Havel River and the Gothic wonder of the *Katharinenkirche* would all divulge more of their enigmatic historicity if you would do so.

The spectacular old Town Hall is indeed also a worthwhile tour with its stone statue of Knight Roland there to welcome you.

Energize your evenings in Brandenburg an der Havel with a tour of the theaters. There's always opera, ballet, and orchestra performances going on before rapturous theater-goers.

And various venues such as the Cathedral, the *Paulikloster* (a monastery), the museum gardens, and even the banks of the Havel River may have a pleasant surprise for you.