

BRANDENBURG ERLEBEN

Discover Brandenburg an der Havel

Brandenburg an der Havel is a lake-and-river town of about 72,000 people, roughly 40 minutes from Berlin and 25 minutes from Potsdam — with a 1,000-year-old old town spread across three historic islands. This guide pulls together where to eat on a student budget, where to get outside on the water, what's on after dark, and where to spend a rainy afternoon — curated by the International Office for THB's international students.



INTRODUCTION

A Quick Introduction to Brandenburg an der Havel

Founded more than 1,000 years ago on an island in the Havel, Brandenburg an der Havel was once the seat of the Margraviate of Brandenburg — the medieval state that grew into Prussia, and the reason the surrounding federal state (and the wider Berlin-Brandenburg region) carries this name. The compact old town still spreads across three historic islands linked by dozens of bridges, with red-brick Gothic churches and cobbled squares dating back centuries. Today it's a relaxed, affordable university city of about 72,000 people — small enough to cross on foot, with Berlin around 40 mins away and Potsdam about 25 mins.



EAT & DRINK

Breakfast, Coffee, Dinner & Bars

From lakeside brunch spots to late-night döner, Brandenburg's food scene is compact enough to explore on foot. We've marked the nearest tram stop for each place, added a rough price tier (€ budget · €€ mid-range · €€€ splurge) so you can plan around a student budget, and included phone numbers where we could confirm them — always worth calling ahead for weekend tables.

Breakfast & Brunch



Coffee Corner €€ mid-range

Very central, easy to reach — booking ahead recommended. Wide breakfast menu.

Daily 09:00–17:00

Katharinenkirchplatz 11, 14776

Neustädtischer Markt



Kaffeekännchen €€ mid-range

Very central, easy to reach — booking ahead recommended. Wide breakfast menu.

09:00–17:00, closed Wed

Hauptstraße 20, 14776

Neustädtischer Markt / Hauptstraße



Cafebar €€ mid-range

Central, right on the water. Coffee & chai specialties, small snacks, canoe rental on site.

Daily 10:00–18:00

Ritterstraße 76, 14770

Ritterstraße / Jahrtausendbrücke



Brückencafé am Heineufer € budget

Popular, right on the water. Large selection of ice cream — a cheaper stop for a treat.

Daily 10:00–18:00

Hauptstraße 80, 14776

Jahrtausendbrücke



HavelPause €€ mid-range

Right on the water. Cake, snacks, hot & cold drinks.

14:00–20:00, closed Mon & Tue

Kommunikation 2, 14770

Ritterstraße



Weidelounge €€ mid-range

Central, right on the water. Breakfast, lunch & dinner all served.

09:00–22:00, closed Wed

Mühlendamm 20, 14776

Havelpegel / Neustädtischer Markt



Price ranges vary — always worth double-checking current prices on-site.

Restaurants & Bars I



Herzschlag €€ mid-range

Central, popular. Food & drinks.

🕒 10:00–23:00 (Fri/Sat–01:00), closed Sun

📍 Große Münzenstraße 17, 14776

🚶 Neustädtischer Markt



Altstadt Pub € budget

Easy to reach, popular. Snacks, hot & cold drinks — a cheaper option for an evening out.

🕒 17:00–02:00 (Sun until 00:00)

📍 Ritterstraße 98, 14770

🚶 Ritterstraße



Kyushu Asiacuisine & Sushi €€ mid-range

Vietnamese & Asian Restaurant.

🕒 Mon - Sun 11:00–21:00

📍 Brielower Straße 22C, 14770

🚶 Brandenburg



Theaterklause €€€ splurge

German cuisine, right by Theater Brandenburg & Theaterpark.

🕒 17:00–22:00 (Sun–20:00), closed Mon & Tue

📍 Grabenstraße 14, 14776

🚶 Kanalstraße or Steinstraße



Ratskeller €€ mid-range

Inside the town hall. German cuisine — booking recommended.

🕒 11:30–22:00 (Fri/Sat–23:00), closed Wed

📍 Altstädtischer Markt 11, 14770

🚶 Plauer Straße, Parduin



Asia Cusine €€ mid-range

Vietnamese — booking recommended.

🕒 11–15h & 16:30–21h (Fri/Sat–22h), closed Mon

📍 Nicolaipplatz 5, 14770

🚶 Nicolaipplatz

Restaurants & Bars II



Al Dente €€ mid-range

Italian, very central.

11:30–22:00

Steinstraße 57, 14776

Steinstraße or Neustädtischer Markt



Rice and Spice € budget

Indian, delivery available — good value.

11:30–22:00, closed Tue

Plauer Straße 17–18, 14770

Plauer Straße



An der Dominsel €€€ splurge

Central, right on the water — a scenic (and pricier) dinner spot.

11:30–22:00 (Sun 11:30–15:00)

Neustädtische Fischerstraße 14, 14776

Neustädtischer Markt, Havelpegel



AGZ € budget

Pub, easy to reach — cheap drinks, relaxed crowd.

From 17:00 daily — Mon–Wed–02h, Thu–03h, Fri/Sat–04h, Sun–01h

Kurstraße 12, 14776

Neustädtischer Markt, then ~10 min walk



Malabar €€ mid-range

Indian, popular — booking recommended.

11:30–22:00 (Fri/Sat–23:00), closed Mon

Potsdamer Straße 2, 14776

Sankt-Annen-Straße



MINH Rice €€ mid-range

Vietnamese, very central, good value.

11:00–21:00, closed Mon

Steinstraße 52, 14776

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New to Döner? Here's What to Know



What Is It?

A Turkish-German classic: spit-roasted meat (or halloumi/falafel) sliced into warm flatbread with salad, sauce and pickled vegetables — invented by Turkish migrant communities in Berlin and now Germany's most popular fast food.



How to Order

Say "Einmal Döner, bitte" at the counter. You'll be asked "mit allem?" (with everything?) — say yes for the full works, or point to anything you'd rather leave out. Cash payment are common, cards not so.



Sauces to Know

Knoblauch (garlic), Kräuter (herb-yoghurt) and scharf (spicy) are the classics — most stands will happily mix two. Vegetarian and vegan versions with halloumi or falafel are common, just ask.



What It Costs

Expect to pay around €5–10 for a classic döner — one of the cheapest hot meals around, and a reliable option at night when most other places have closed.



Good to Know

Imbiss just means a small snack stand. Currywurst (curried sausage) is another cheap classic worth trying.



Where to Try It

Turn the page for six budget-friendly döner & street food spots around Brandenburg an der Havel — picked for being cheap, reliable and popular with students.

New to German street food? This is your two-minute primer before the recommendations on the next page.



Döner & Street Food (Budget Picks)



ÖZ Döner Kebab & Pizza € budget

Classic döner and pizza, sit-in or takeaway — one of the most-recommended cheap eats in town.

☎ 03381 213170

🕒 Mon–Fri 09:00–22:00 · Sat–Sun 10:00–22:00

📍 Neuendorfer Str. 26, 14770



Klostergrill BRB € budget

Over 30 pizza varieties plus döner and German classics.

☎ 03381 7300212

🕒 Mon–Fri 10:00–22:00 · Sat–Sun 11:00–22:00

📍 Wilhelmsdorfer Str. 3, 14776



Istanbul Bistro € budget

Döner, pizza & burgers with home delivery.

☎ 03381 8908086

🕒 Mon–Fri 10:00–22:00 · Sat–Sun 10:30–22:00

📍 Nicolaiplatz 10, 14770



Oez Kebab € budget

Döner, pizza, salads and German dishes — delivery available.

☎ 03381 7940599

🕒 Daily 11:00–21:00

📍 Werner-Seelenbinder-Str. 53, 14770



Kebaphaus DELUXE € budget

Highly rated on delivery apps for a quick, cheap döner fix.

☎ 01578 1421040

🕒 Daily 10:00–22:00

📍 Einsteinstraße 10a, 14770



EuroGrill € budget

Neighbourhood döner & fast food spot, good for a quick lunch between classes.

☎ 03381 300474

🕒 Daily 10:00–21:00

📍 Thüringer Str. 8, 14770

Prices and hours for small imbiss stands change often — confirm on Google Maps before heading out. Most take cash; card acceptance varies, so it's worth asking first.



GET OUTSIDE

Parks, the Havel & Time on the Water

About 18% of Brandenburg an der Havel is covered by water, with 58 bridges connecting the old town's three islands — so a lot of the best free things to do here happen outdoors. Pack a picnic for Marienberg, rent a canoe at Wassersport Geisler, or just walk the waterside paths along the Salzhofufer.

Outdoor Adventures I



Marienberg

A large, beautiful park with panoramic views over the old town — perfect for a picnic or a long walk.

 Easy to reach — 10 mins walk from TH Brandenburg



Theaterpark

Right in the centre of town, next to Theater Brandenburg — ideal for a stroll or a study break.

 Easy to reach — 20 mins walk from TH Brandenburg



THB Outdoor Activities

During Summers THB and ZIS organizes multiple outdoor activities. Check relevant webpages of THB & your university email address.

 On campus



Waldmops Trail

Pick up the map at the Tourist Information, then hunt the "Waldmöpse" — small carved figures similar to Pugs — around town, solo or as a group.

 Start: Tourist Information, Neustädtischer Markt 3



Night Watchman Tour

A guided evening walk through Brandenburg's old town with the town's night watchman, in traditional costume.

Booking possible with min. 6 persons

Takes place **in German**, ask for offers in English

 Book via Brandenburg Havel Tourist Information



The Four Towers

A self-guided challenge: track down Brandenburg's four historic gate towers scattered across the old town.



Outdoor Adventures II



Beach — Grillendamm & Massowburg

Popular in good weather, with 1–2 volleyball courts right on the sand.

Free, unstaffed access year-round. Massowburg: 6:00–22:00. Grillendamm: no gate, open access (summer swimming, best May–Sept)

Free

Grillendamm & Schienenweg (bus B/522, F/526); ~20 min walk or 8 min bike from THB



Gördensee

A lake on the edge of town, great for hiking around — and for a swim afterwards.

Open access, no gate — daylight hours; swim May–Sept

Free

~20–25 min walk from THB, or take a Görden-bound bus/tram and walk in — check vbbr.de for the closest stop



Waterside Spots

Salzhofufer, Heineufer & Packhof — lovely spots to sit right by the water, perfect for a walk or a picnic.

Always open, free public riverside

Free

All in the Altstadt, 10–15 min walk from THB; tram to Neustädtischer Markt or Nicolaipplatz



Bike Rental

Velo (the bike shop), Little John Bikes and Radsport Bert rent bicycles by the day or week

Radsport Bert: Mon–Fri 9:00–18:00, Sat 9:00–13:00

Radsport Bert: bikes €15/day (€95/wk), e-bikes €30/day (€195/wk)

Radsport Bert: Geschwister-Scholl-Str. 2 — 10 min walk / Tram 6 to Geschwister-Scholl-Straße

radsport-bert.de



Time on the Water



Wassersport Geisler

Boat rental, easy to reach — a good option for a group outing on the Havel.

High season (from 1 May): daily 10:00–19:00; shoulder season 10:00–18:00, weather-dependent

Canoes/kayaks/motorboats, prices on request — most boats need no licence

Mühlendamm 1 — 10 min walk from THB; Neustädtischer Markt or Havelpegel

wassersport-geisler.de



Cafebar

At the Jahrtausendbrücke — canoe rental alongside coffee and snacks.

Café open daily year-round; canoes rented April–October

3- & 4-seater Canadian canoes — ask on-site for current rates

Ritterstraße or Jahrtausendbrücke — 5 min from the Altstadt, ~15 min from THB



Fontane Lounge

At the Jahrtausendbrücke — kayak rental with lounge seating on the water.

Kayaks: April–September. Restaurant: Thu–Tue from 17:00 (Sat from 12:00, Sun from 10:00), closed Wed

Kayak rental priced on request — ask at the bar

Ritterstraße 69, 14770 — 15 min walk from THB

fontane-lounge-brandenburg-an-der-havel.metro.bar



Vincent Jäger — SUP Safari Brandenburg

Guided stand-up paddleboarding tours around the islands and canals.

By appointment, spring–autumn (weather-dependent)

Guided tour approx. €45–50 for ~2 hours, board included

Meets at the Havel/Altstadt — 15–20 min walk from THB

Search "SUP Safari Brandenburg" on Facebook/Instagram for booking



CULTURE & NIGHTLIFE

Museums, Cinema, Bowling & Going Out

Brandenburg was the medieval capital of the Margraviate of Brandenburg, and the old town's museums, churches and memorials still carry that history. When you're ready for something lighter, the same streets can offer you entertainment, nightlife and a sneak peak into History.



Going Out



Haus der Offiziere (HdO)

Easy walking distance, hosts a wide variety of concerts and events.

Entry varies by event

Magdeburger Str. 15, 14770

5 min walk from THB (same street)

jukufa.de



Industriemuseum

One of the largest mills during the GDR

regular museum entry €6, reduced €3

August-Sonntag-Straße 5, 14770

Am Stadion / Industriemuseum — ~15 min from THB

industriemuseum-brandenburg.de



Turbine

Bar with different events Thursday through Sunday.

18:00–00:00, closed Sun–Wed

Free entry, some ticketed events

Kirchhofstraße 3-7, 14776

Sankt-Annen-Straße — ~10 min walk from THB



AGZ

Relaxed pub — great for just hanging out together, budget-friendly drinks.

No cover, budget drinks

Kurstraße 12, 14776

15-20 mins walk from THB



Fontane Klub

Hosts a rotating variety of events and live music (in German).

Entry varies by event

Ritterstraße 69, 14770

Ritterstraße/Jahrtausendbrücke — ~15 min walk from THB



Indoor Entertainment — In Town



Theater Brandenburg

A large venue with a wide variety of shows, easy to reach — check their site for the student-price schedule. (Events mostly in **German** Language)

Box office generally Tue–Fri afternoons; showtimes vary by production

Tickets from ~€10 (student/reduced) up to ~€30+, depending on show

Nicolaipplatz / Neustädtischer Markt — ~15 min walk from THB

brandenburger-theater.de



Delta Bowling

A little outside the centre — booking ahead recommended, especially on weekends.

Mon–Thu 15–23h · Fri 15–01h · Sat 14–01h · Sun 14–23h

Lane rental billed by time/group — check site for current hourly rate

By bus/bike from THB — check VBB for the nearest stop

Search "Delta Bowling Brandenburg" for booking



Cinemotion Kino Brandenburg

Current releases, right in town — the go-to cinema for a rainy evening. (**movies in German**)

Daily, showtimes vary — check the online schedule

Tickets typically ~€8–12, student discounts available

Altstadt/Neustädtischer Markt — ~15 min walk from THB

cinemotion-kino.de



Marienbad

Fun pool, outdoor pool, sauna, 25m & 50m pools — indoor and outdoor combined.

07:00–20:00 (w/end 09:00–20:00, Mon 10:00–20:00). Outdoor pool (summer only): daily ~10:00–20:00, temperature controlled water

Day ticket €12.10 (reduced €8.50) · 2h ticket €9.70 (reduced €6.90)

Sprengelstraße 1, 14770

Tram 1 to Karl-Marx-Straße, or bus B/552 to Fontanestr. — ~15 min from THB

marienbad-brandenburg.de

Museums & Memorials



Stadtmuseum im Frey Haus

The city museum, covers Brandenburg's local history.

13:00–17:00, closed Mon

€3, reduced €1.50

Ritterstraße 96, 14770

Ritterstraße — ~15 min walk from THB

stadtmuseum.stadt-brandenburg.de



Archaeological State Museum

Housed in the Pauli Kloster — regional archaeology from prehistory onwards.

10:00–17:00, closed Mon

Check site for current entry price

Steinstraße or Neustädtischer Markt — ~15 min walk from THB

landesmuseum-brandenburg.de



Industriemuseum

The city's technology and industrial history museum.

Tue–Fri 09:00–16:00, Sat/Sun/holidays 10:00–17:00; Nov–Feb

Tue–Sun 10:00–16:00, closed Mon

€6, reduced €3

August-Sonntag-Straße 5, 14770

Am Stadion / Industriemuseum — ~15 min from THB

industriemuseum-brandenburg.de



Brennabor (Art) Exhibitions

Rotating contemporary art exhibitions in a former factory building.

13:00–18:00, closed Mon–Thu

Free

Geschwister-Scholl-Straße — ~15 min walk from THB



Brandenburg-Görden Prison Memorial

Memorial site documenting the site's history under Nazi period.

Thu/Fri 13–17h, w/end 10–17h, closed Mon–Wed

Free

Anton-Saefkow-Allee — ~20 min from THB



Euthanasia Victims Memorial

Memorial site, honouring victims of Nazi-era euthanasia crimes.

Thu/Fri 13–17h, w/end 10–17h, closed Mon–Wed

Free

Nicolaiplatz — ~10 min walk from THB





One Number to Start With

Most cafés, restaurants and imbiss stands in this guide are small, independently run businesses — their phone numbers, hours and even names change more often than a printed guide can keep up with. If something in this deck looks out of date, or you just want local advice (guided tours, maps, events), this is the most reliable single point of contact in the city:



Tourist-Information Brandenburg an der Havel

Address: Neustädtischer Markt 3, 14776 Brandenburg an der Havel

Phone: +49 (0)3381 79 63 60

Email: touristinfo@stg-brandenburg.de

Hours: Mon–Fri 10:00–18:30 · Sat 10:00–15:30 · (May–Sep also Sun/holidays 10:00–15:00)

Give Back: Blood & Plasma Donation



Blood & Plasma Donation at Haema

Who can donate: 18 years or older, and at least 50 kg.

Opening hours: Mon, Tue & Fri 07:30–18:30 · Wed 10:00–18:30 · Sat 08:00–13:00 · closed Thu & Sun (always book an appointment first)

How it works: Read up online and book your first appointment — a short medical consultation is included before every donation. Plasma donors are typically compensated, which makes it a popular way for students to give back (and pick up a little extra budget).

Where & how to get there: Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 2, 14776 (in the "Brennabor" building, same entrance as Radsport Bert) · 📞 03381 396 753 0 · Tram 6 to Geschwister-Scholl-Straße, then 2 min walk — about 10 min from THB · 🌐 haema.de/standorte/brandenburg-an-der-havel



Lets learn German at THB!



German classes in winter semester 2026/27

Why learn German:

makes social interactions easier 🛒

makes connections outside your bubble easier 🧑🏫

better opportunities on the job market: during your studies and after you have graduated 🤝

it is fun to learn a foreign language for free 😊

Who can join: Mechanical Engineering and Interactive Media

Classes:

Mechanical Engineering

A2.1

Mo.:4pm – 5.30pm

Tue.:2.15pm – 3.45pm

Mechanical Engineering

B1.1

Mo.:4pm – 5.30pm

Tue.:2.15pm – 3.45pm

Interactive Media

A1.1

Tue.:8am – 10am (first meeting!)

Tue.:10am – 12am

Thur.:10am – 12 am



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Enjoy Brandenburg an der Havel

This guide is a living document — restaurant hours change, new döner places open, and we're always happy to hear about your own discoveries. Questions, updates, or a favourite spot missing from this list? Get in touch.

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