

Bad Belzig

The thermal brine health spa just outside Berlin



Wellness & Health in the Hoher Fläming region

Welcome!

to Germany's youngest thermal brine health spa. Exciting and relaxing holiday experiences await you in Bad Belzig that is less than an hour's drive to the south west of Berlin and Potsdam. Tangible history, spa treatments in thermal brine that contains iodine, and the unique beauty of the Hoher Fläming wildlife park guarantee you will make a lot of stimulating discoveries.

We look forward to your visit!



History of Bad Belzig

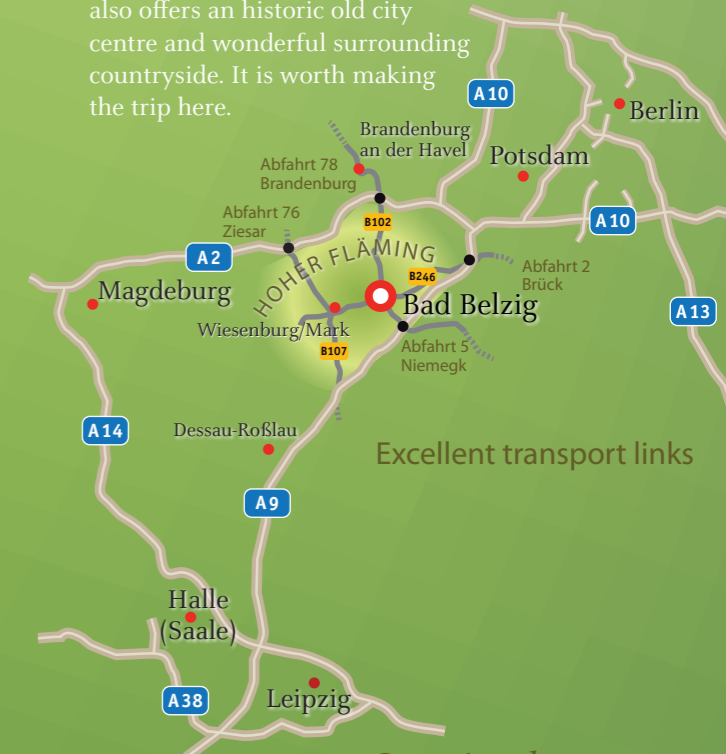
Bad Belzig between yesterday and today: Milestones from more than 1000 years of history

When Kaiser Otto III. conferred the archbishop Giselher of Magdeburg the estate of "burgwardium belizi" no-one could have envisaged that a stylish thermal brine health spa would result from this.

- 9th century West Slavic Hevellis settle in the Belzig region and build a castle
- 997 First mention of Belzig as the "burgwardium belizi" in an imperial document of Otto III.
- 1251 The district of Bad Belzig was then ruled over by the dukes of Saxony.
- 1465 The castle was then named "Eisenhardt" by the Saxon elector "Eisenhardt". The idea behind this is that it should be hard in the face of iron - forever impregnable.
- 1636 Extensive destruction of Belzig in the 30 year war, and reconstruction following this
- 1702 Belzig was granted full town privileges
- 1815 The former Saxon town of Belzig became part of the Province of Brandenburg
- 1993 Belzig becomes the capital of the newly formed large district of Potsdam-Mittelmark
- 1995 The town was awarded the official title of a "state certified climatic health resort"
- 1996 Development of a spring with thermal brine at a depth of 775 metres
- 2002 Opening of the SteinTherme thermal spa. Belzig becomes a recognised spa town with the title of "Medicial spring spa location"
- 2009 State recognition as a thermal brine health spa
- 2010 The town is awarded the title of a "Bad Belzig" (spa town of Belzig)

Easily accessible

Bad Belzig is conveniently situated on the A9 motorway about an hour's drive to the south west of Berlin. But it is also not far to Magdeburg, Dessau and Halle. In addition to the stone thermal springs, Bad Belzig also offers an historic old city centre and wonderful surrounding countryside. It is worth making the trip here.



Excellent transport links

Opening hours of the Tourist Information office

Monday until Friday	10.00 am to 6.00 pm
Saturday, Sunday & on bank holidays	10.00 am to 3.00 pm

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Jewel off the beaten track: Sights in Bad Belzig

Our town was once a part of the heartland of old Prussia. A lot of architectural features provide reminders of its eventful past. Here is a small selection of them:

Town hall (1)



1988 to 1991.

The focal point of the attractive town centre of Bad Belzig is the beautiful market square with its town hall that was built in 1671. The magnificent renaissance construction was burnt to the ground in 1972 and had to be completely demolished. Its reconstruction, which was clearly based on its historical predecessor, was performed from

The town church of St. Marien (2)

Bad Belzig's most important sacred building is located some distance from the market square. The building, the core of which is Romanesque, was built in the 2nd half of the 13th century. The keystone above the west entrance of the church draws attention to the fact that Martin Luther delivered a sermon here on 14th January 1530. Its features include a valuable Papenuis organ that dates back to 1747.



Reißiger-Haus (3)

The Reißiger-Haus that was built in 1728 as a school and choirmaster's house is also located on the

Kirchplatz along with the superintendure (church building). The building is the birthplace of composer Carl Gottlieb Reißiger (1798 – 1859). He later wrote music history as a chapel master at the court of Dresden. It is now used as a residential house and the seat of the deaconry.

Posting milestone (4)

The electoral Saxon column that was assembled in 1725 at the current Bahnhofstraße bears testimony to the Saxon past of the region. It bears the initials of August the strong (1670-1733).

Burg Eisenhardt (Eisenhardt castle) (5)

Bad Belzig's prominent historical landmark reigns above the time. The Bergfried that is 33 metres high and can be seen from afar, also called the "Butterturm" (butter tower) offers a spectacular view of the town and the surrounding area. The Heimatmuseum (museum of local history) is located in the old gatehouse, and there is a hotel with a public bar/restaurant in the former salt storeroom. The reconstructed cistern, a fountain, the small Briccius chapel and a festival hall, which people like to use for marriage ceremonies, form part of the carefully restored historical ensemble. An enclosed circular wall with accessible fortified towers surrounds the castle buildings.



Guided tours of the castle and the town on Sundays



Experiencing history: Our guided tours of the castle and the town on Sundays

On Sundays we offer visitors to Bad Belzig the opportunity of joining us on a guided tour of the castle and the town. It starts at 11.00 am, directly at the Tourist Information office at the Marktplatz (market place). During this relaxed tour of the town our guests find out the things worth knowing about the historic town centre and the imposing castle buildings from our expert tour guides and hear a lot of short stories and anecdotes from yesterday and yesteryear. You don't need to register in advance.

In addition to these wide-ranging guided tours we also offer tours on special topics for interested groups:

- Castle tour
- Town tour
- Fläming tours ("In search of the knights", "The artisan's tour")
- Tour of the turning points
- Houses tell their story tour
- Tour on the panorama route
- Art trail tour from Bad Belzig to Wiesenburg

It is necessary to register and arrange a date in advance here.

A lot of options: Excursions and activities

Bad Belzig provides a lot of leisure time options. Here is a selection of them:

In the summer our guests can cool down in the large Leisure time and adventure pool. The 55 metre long fun slide is a real hit.

The SteinTherme (stone thermal spa) enhances your health and a sense of wellbeing. Its vitalising thermal brine is kept at a pleasant temperature of 32 to 36° C. There is a SaunaWelt (sauna area) in addition to the extensive BadeWelt (bathing area) and numerous offers in the fields of wellness & beauty, therapy and prevention.

At the foot of Eisenhardt castle you can "overcome" a very special barrier-free nature discovery trail. Original tasks must be overcome at 12 stations over a distance of two kilometres.

The Bad Belzig ice rink enables people to have fun skating on ice to hot sounds from November until February (depending on the weather).

In the Heimatmuseum (museum of local history) some 3000 years of castle history and over 1,000 years of town history will be clearly and graphically presented.

Bad Belzig is located at the heart of the nature reserve Hoher Fläming. It offers pure nature, the best conditions for hiking, biking and Nordic walking, small and large sights and pleasant places where you can stop off for some refreshments.

