

DISCOVER A HISTORIC CITY AND ITS
EXCITING SURROUNDINGS BY WATER,
BY LAND OR FROM UP IN THE AIR!



HANSESTADT
LILIENTHALSTADT
ANKLAM





SHORT PROFILE

Discover the sunny foothills of the Baltic Sea island of Usedom and visit the Hanseatic city of Anklam in the heart of the impressive river landscape of the river Peene.

Travel back in time to a city that received city rights in 1264 and joined the mighty Hanseatic League in 1283. Even today, the culture of the Middle Ages characterizes the picturesque silhouette of the city. From afar St. Nicholas' Church and St. Mary's Church are an impressive invitation to all travellers to stop by and discover the city as well as the unique cultural heritage of European Brick Gothic for themselves.

In a charmingly cosmopolitan manner Anklam presents itself as "Lilienthalstadt" (Lilienthal city), a reference to its most famous son: the humanist, engineer and inventor of human flight

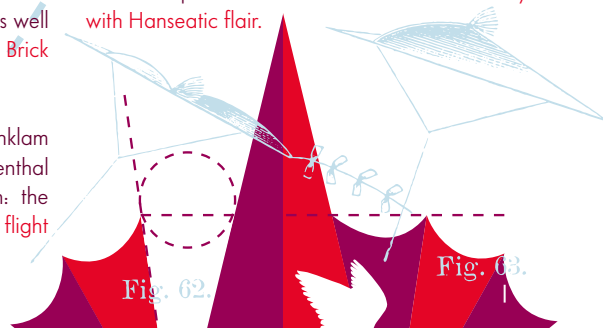
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– Otto Lilienthal. Experience the award-winning exhibition of the Otto-Lilienthal-Museum, explore the ancient river landscape of the river Peene – home of white-tailed eagles, beavers and otters. Take a canoe trip, a solar-boat tour or go on a guided moor hike into the fenland of the Peene Valley.

The river Peene, the so-called Amazon of the North – awaits you. In the evening you may enjoy local fish specialties and wine in Anklam – a city with Hanseatic flair.

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CONTEMPORARY WITNESSES OF BRICK GOTHIC

Seven pearls of European Brick Gothic in one go! The legendary “Hohe Stein” (high stone), which can be found at the gates of today’s city, was built in 1458 as part of the former fortification to protect the city against robber barons. The “Anklamer Steintor”, a 32 meter high stone gate, was first mentioned in the city book as “porta labidea” in 1404. Being the highest town gate of Pomerania, it has become a symbol of the city.

Today, the museum inside the stone gate, informs visitors about the history of the Hanseatic city and the region. Stroll through the historic Old Town of Anklam, pass the Gothic Gabled House, the impressive ivy-covered city wall and the Powder Tower - remains of the medieval

fortification of the former Hanseatic city of Anklam. However, the greatest architectural treasures from the days of the Hanseatic League are the two beautiful city churches of St. Mary’s and St. Nicholas’ Church.

Visible from afar, the church tower of St. Mary’s rises above the green meadows of the Peene Valley. Inside this three-aisled hall church, a “monument of national importance”, you can admire well preserved murals from the early 13th century. These regionally unique paintings show the colourful side of Gothic red brick architecture. Today, St. Mary’s Church is the place of worship for the Protestant parish of Anklam.





In honour of St. Nicholas – patron saint of sailors, fishermen and merchants – the people of Anklam built a church, which was completed in the 15th century – **St. Nicholas' Church**. Destroyed in the last days of the war, Otto Lilienthal's baptismal church is currently in the process of reconstruction. In future, St. Nicholas' Church is to house the Otto-Lilienthal-Museum as well as the event and information centre IKAREUM.

You can find more facts about Brick Gothic in Anklam in the free information booklet "Historical City Tour".

A TOUR WITH THE NIGHT WATCHMAN

Accompany the night watchman on his tour through the dark alleys of the historic Old Town of Anklam. Experience a summer night full of anecdotes, humorous sailor's yarn and places oozing with history.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITIONS

"Eternal glory" is what Leonardo da Vinci prophesied "the nest", where the first flying human would be born. When the first reproducible safe gliding flights of humanity were carried out by Otto Lilienthal in 1891, world history was written and his hometown – you might have guessed already – attained "eternal glory".


Meet Icarus, Leonardo da Vinci and the Wright Brothers and visit the award-winning **Otto-Lilienthal-Museum**! Its exhibition is dedicated to the Anklam-born engineer, inventor and humanist Otto Lilienthal as well as to the imaginative and fateful history of aviation.
www.lilienthal-museum.de

The highest city gate of Pomerania, the "**Museum im Steintor**" (museum in the stone gate), hosts a charming exhibition today. Slavs, Vikings, Hanseatic people, Swedes and Prussians - this museum is dedicated to the varied history of Anklam and its region. **Special exhibitions, a bilingual media guide and a GPS treasure hunt** enrich the museum's offer.

www.museum-im-steintor.de



Fig. 70.



The outdoor exhibition “Disappeared Places” - allows you to discover the historic Old Town of Anklam on your own! A bilingual audio guide - English and German - provides you with facts and figures about the imposing Brick Gothic buildings in town and leads you to “Disappeared Places” - marked with steel bicycles. You can download your personal mobile phone audio guide via a printed QR code. Thrilling, exciting, informative!

Visit the Coats of Arms Hall of the Hanseatic League in **St. Nicholas’ Church** of Anklam, a gallery of armorial bearings of numerous Hanseatic cities, which is unique throughout Europe. Also worth seeing: constantly changing

exhibitions as well as the new choir windows of the church - designed by the Englishman Graham Jones - which were inaugurated in 2014. As a venue, St. Nicholas’ Church convinces with concerts, **exhibitions and readings in the sacristy**. Dare to climb the 53-meter high tower of the church - the **highest viewpoint in the nature park River Landscape Peene Valley!**

www.nikolaikircheanklam.de

St. Mary’s Church in Anklam is one of the most important testimonies of Pomeranian red Brick Gothic: a sacred building of striking beauty with a devout atmosphere.





In addition to the imaginative medieval murals inside the three-aisled hall church, works of art from the 14th to the 18th century can be admired: among them the main altar with late Gothic crucifix, the Gotland baptismal font (around 1330), the 15th-century choir stalls and the chapels of the more famous families in Anklam. View the largest medieval bell of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania – the “Apostle Bell” in the tower of the church. Scratch drawings of the twelve apostles gave the bell its name. In 2014, five supplementary bells were added to the bell game of St. Mary’s Church. During summer months, the traditional church choirs of St. Mary’s as well as musicians from all over Germany have their place of performance here. Concert, exhibition and worship dates: www.kirche-anklam.de

SWEDEN MILL

On the Peendamm, the formerly Swedish-ruled northern part of the Hanseatic city of Anklam, you can find the Swedish Mill, which was built in 1726. Today, the mill is the seat of the “Schwedenmühle e.V.”, a charity organisation dedicated to the preservation, restoration and establishment of a cultural centre inside this historic mill.

 @schwedenmuehle

CITY TOURS THROUGH THE HISTORIC OLD TOWN

Guided tours, dedicated to more than 750 years of history of the Hanseatic city can be booked in the Anklam-Information and in the “Museum im Steintor”

TRAVELLING ON THE AMAZON OF THE NORTH

The Ice Age river landscape of **Peene Valley** and **Peenestrom** stretches around the river Peene, the so-called Amazon of the North. As a starting point for canoeing, kayaking, solar-powered boating or rafting, the Peene-city Anklam is just perfect. Spend an active and natural holiday in **one of the last undeveloped river valleys in Western Europe**, home to white-tailed eagles, beavers and kingfisher. The network "Abenteuer Flusslandschaft" was awarded the European "EDEN-Award" in 2010.

CYCLING

The region is not only a first-class area for water sports, the well-developed cycle path network linking Usedom Island, inland and Szczecin Lagoon offers further opportunities for active recreation. Extensive cycling tours are possible on the long-

distance routes Mecklenburg Lakes Cycle Route, Oder-Neisse Cycle Path and the Berlin-Usedom Island Cycle Route. If you would like to take a bike ride in the region, stay on the Usedom Circular Route, the Peene Valley Circular Route, the Szczecin Lagoon Circular Route or the Eastern Brick Circular Route or use the Beach Promenade Path.

CARAVAN PITCHES

In the morning you watch the sun rise over the river Peene and in the evening you enjoy cultural moments in the Hanseatic city of Anklam. Campers will find pitches as well as peace and relaxation on the Entensteig in close proximity to the city centre, right next to the "Wasserwanderrastplatz" (water hiker's rest).

www.caravan-anklam.de



WATER-HIKING

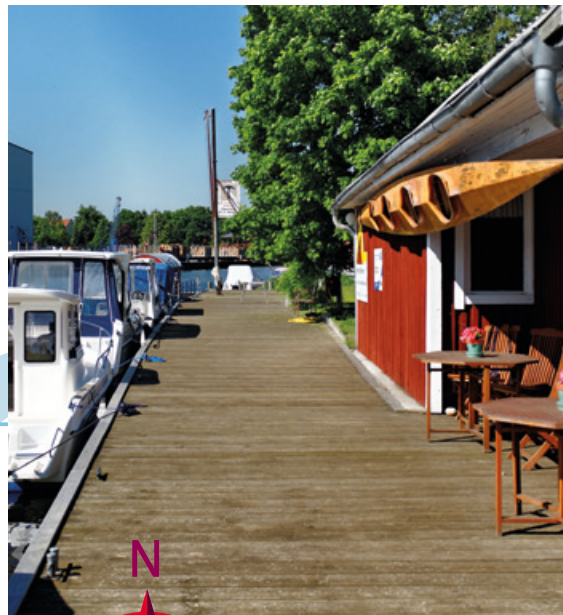
In 2003, the “Wasserwanderrastplatz” (water hiker’s rest) was built on the banks of the river Peene, offering 13 berths, a slipway, camping pitches, a playground and a well equipped social building for all water hikers. Enjoy comfort and relaxation in the Hanseatic city of Anklam.
www.wasserwanderrastplatz-anklam.de

FISHING VACATION ON THE RIVER PEENE

Anglers are also welcome on the river Peene. Tourist fishing tickets are available in the Anklam-Information.
info@anklam.de

GUIDED ADVENTURE TOURS THROUGH THE AWARD-WINNING PEENE VALLEY

on a whisper-quiet solar-powered boat, on foot or by canoe start directly at the banks of the river Peene in Anklam can be booked at:
www.abenteuer-flusslandschaft.de



ADVENTURE TIPS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

AIRFIELD AND AERONAUTICON

Whether in a glider, hot air balloon or in a four-seat Cessna – sightseeing flights of various kinds are among the attractive offerings to visitors of the Anklam airfield. Here you will also find the Aeronauticon. The educational park of the Otto-Lilienthal-Museum includes a knowledge park, an adventure playground, a halfpipe and a BMX and skating rink.

www.lilienthal-museum.de/olma/aer.htm

www.flugplatz-anklam.de

CITY PARK WITH ANIMAL ENCLOSURE AND PLAYGROUND

In the heart of the city, you can take a walk in the park and visit the freely accessible animal

enclosure, where goats, donkeys and poultry can be admired. The playground in the city park provides active entertainment for the little ones. More playgrounds at www.anklam.de

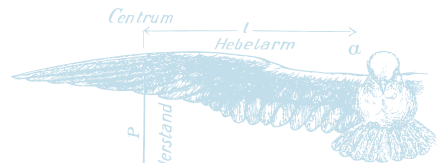
ANKLAM CINEMA

The three modern halls of the Anklam Cinema offer memorable cinema fun in 2D and 3D for the whole family www.kino-anklam.de

INDOOR SWIMMING POOL IN THE BLUTHSLUSTER PARK

Bathing fun meets monument protection! Today the swimming pool in Anklam, which was built in

1968, is a listed building. Back then it was the first “Volksschwimmhalle” of the former GDR. Treat yourself to a few hours of fun in the cool waters of the 25-meter swimming pool or relax in the sauna. www.peenerobben.de





SPECIAL CULTURAL MOMENTS IN THE HANSEATIC CITY

ANKLAM THEATRE

Headquarters of the "Vorpommersche Landesbühne" – lighthouse of culture. This reads: "Seeing, hearing, laughing!" The ensemble of the local theatre convinces its audience with works by Schiller, Shakespeare and Co. A special highlight: the annual outdoor spectacle "The Peene is burning". www.theater-anklam.de

JANUARY/DECEMBER

Readings in the sacristy of St. Nicholas

APRIL

Day of the Book

MAY

International Museum Day · Day of the Hanseatic League and Day of Urban Development · International Trabbi Meeting on the airfield

JUNE

Children's Day and Architecture Day

JULY/AUGUST

Revue and Dance in the nave of St. Nicholas' Church

JULY/AUGUST

Summer Music Series in St. Mary's Church

AUGUST

"Anklamer Hansefest" on the banks of the river Peene

SEPTEMBER

Theatrical spectacle on the banks of the river Peene "Die Peene brennt" · Open Monument Day

DECEMBER

Beautiful advent concerts and Anklam Advent Market

more: [Event Calendar "Kulturmomente"](#) on www.anklam.de

ANKLAM-INFORMATION

itineraries • event tips • ticket service • cycling & hiking maps • city maps
• regional literature • postcards • regional products • souvenirs •
wifi spot • Online shop and much more ...

OPENING HOURS

May 15th – September 14th

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Mon – Fri 9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

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Sat 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

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ACCESSIBILITY

As a regional hub in the rural district of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Anklam can be reached via the federal highways 109, 110 and 197. If you want to travel in a more relaxed and carefree manner, the very good train and bus connections of public transport are recommended. The city's own inland port is accessible to passenger ships and boats by water. The Hanseatic city of Anklam also has an airfield on which charter planes can land and take off. For day trips into the surrounding area use the well-developed bus network of the rural district of Western Pomerania.

