



## Welcome to Greifswald!

The University and Hanseatic City of Greifswald is a historic yet young and vibrant city by the sea. The Old Town, with its museum, harbour and university, welcomes locals, and visitors alike with year-round programs of music and culture. These contribute to its appeal as a place of history, Hanseatic heritage, and innovation with a maritime flair.

## Home of German Romanticism

Greifswald is the birthplace of Caspar David Friedrich (1774–1840), Germany's leading Romantic landscape painter. His evocative landscapes, with their thought-provoking imagery and compositional detail, have come to symbolize the Romantic movement. There are still places in Greifswald tracing the artist's life and paintings. The sea, the harbour as well as Brick Gothic architecture served as Friedrich's main inspirations. Several of his paintings can be seen at the Pomeranian State Museum.

In 2025, Greifswald will celebrate its **775th city anniversary**. To mark this special event, the city is planning an extensive festival program that will focus on the history and lively culture of Greifswald. The highlight of the celebrations is **the official festival week from May 14th – 18th, 2025**.

### GREIFSWALD'S TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

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#### Our service

We have a wide range of souvenirs as well as information on things to do and see around beautiful Greifswald and surrounding areas. Just give us a call or text. Our friendly team is here to answer any questions you may have. In addition, the Greifswald Information Centre is the starting point for public city tours through the historic old town. See you soon!

#### Tourist information services

- Ticket & souvenir sale
- Accommodation
- City tours and sightseeing walks
- Information on boat trips
- Tourist brochures

#### Opening hours:

November – March

Mo – Fr 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

April – October

Mo – Fr 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sa 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Su 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (July and August)

Subject to seasonal changes.

#### Guided tours for groups

City tours through the historic old town.

Tailored tours can be arranged on request.

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University and Hanseatic City  
of Greifswald



# City Map

Greifswald and Wieck/Eldena



[greifswald.info](http://greifswald.info)

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tut gut.

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern



# OLD TOWN



## KEY TO THE SYMBOLS

- Caspar David Friedrich Walk
- Baltic Sea Cycle Route
- Parking space
- Bus parking space
- Bike Rental Station (StadtRad Greifswald)
- Bike+Ride Box
- GREIF-EXPRESS (ruegen-bahnen.de)
- Taxi Stand
- Bus Stop
- Toilet
- Ferry Dock

## SIGHTS

### 1 BOTANIC GARDEN

Founded in 1763, the botanic garden was originally situated within the city walls but was relocated in 1886 to its present location. At the heart of the garden are heritage-protected and historic green houses. The arboretum was founded in 1934 and is situated in the F.-L.-Jahn-Street. It contains about 100 wood species.

### 2 RAMPARTS

The construction of a fortification began in 1264. After its destruction in 1782, the fortification was redesigned as a promenade, remaining a prime example of 18th and 19th century horticulture and surrounding the historic old town with a length of two kilometres.

### 3 ST. JACOBI (ST. JAMES' CHURCH)

The smallest medieval city parish church of Greifswald was first mentioned in 1275. Around 1400, it was reconstructed into a three-nave church with a choir. After a fire in 1955, the church received its current tower spire in 1966.

### 4 CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

The church was designed in neo-Gothic style and was inaugurated in 1871. The grave of pastor Alfons M. Wachsmann is situated beside the church. Following his request, a new altar and stations of the Cross painting were created between 1930 and 1932.

### 5 HISTORIC CAMPUS

The Carl Zeiss double telescope in the **observatory (5a)** of the university of Greifswald is unique worldwide. The old **university library (5b)** was built by Martin Gropius in 1882 and inside the **Auditorium Maximum (5c)** one can find the infamous student prison.

### 6 MAIN BUILDING OF THE UNIVERSITY

The university was founded in 1456. The main building was built together with its baroque assembly hall by architect and professor Andreas Mayer between 1747 and 1750.

### 7 THE RUBENOW MONUMENT

The monument was created by architect August Stüler in 1856 and inaugurated at the 400th jubilee of the university. It was renovated in 2005. The Rubenow square was redesigned in celebration of the university's 550th anniversary in 2006.

### 8 ST. SPIRITUS

St. Spiritus was mentioned in writing as early as 1262 and was once a medieval hospital. Its courtyard construction dates back to the 18th century. Nowadays, it serves as a place of diverse art and cultural experiences.

### 9 DOM ST. NIKOLAI (ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL)

The church was built in neo-Gothic style. In 1457, one year after the university was founded, its consecration took place. The cathedral is also the baptism site of Caspar David Friedrich. On top of the church tower, there is a panorama platform. Since 2024, the east gable of the cathedral has been decorated with colored windows designed by the world-famous artist Ólafur Eliasson.

### 10 CASPAR DAVID FRIEDRICH CENTRE

In Friedrich's soap and candle factory, once owned by Friedrich's family, visitors can get insights into the life and work of Caspar David Friedrich and his family. Friedrich was born here in 1774 and is generally considered the most important German artist of his generation. The centre still has its original rooms. A museum, a shop and a library await visitors here.

### 11 ALFRIED KRUPP WISSENSCHAFTSKOLLEG

In 2000, the institute was created by the Alfred Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Foundation. The main rationale of the Alfred Krupp Institute is to further research through its Alfred Krupp Fellows Program and to establish Greifswald as a science location.

### 12 CASPAR DAVID FRIEDRICH MONUMENT

The Bronze statue of Friedrich was built by sculptor Claus Görtz and was inaugurated in 2010, near the birthplace of the German painter.

### 13 FISH MARKET

In the Middle Ages, the fish market was a central transfer point for the local fishermen. The so called "fisherman fountain", designed by artist Jo Jastram in 2000, is a reminder of this time.

### 14 TOWN HALL

First mentioned as "Kophus" in 1369, the town hall is nowadays the seat of the Mayor and the municipal government. The old council room, which is now a wedding chamber, boasts a wall of decoration from the 18th century. The entrance, a bronze door made by Jo Jastram in 1965, marks the city's peaceful surrender to the Red Army in 1945.

### 15 MARKET SQUARE

The market square was renovated between 1998 and 1999. The drinking fountains are reminiscent of four medieval wells. Today, a market of fresh produce takes place on the square a few times a week. The public library is situated only a stone's throw away (Knopfstr. 18-20).

### 16 GOTHIC GABLE HOUSES

Both gothic styled houses (Markt 11 and 13) date back to the 13th century. The former merchant's houses are the most picturesque examples of Hanseatic red-brick architecture.

### 17 THE POMERANIAN STATE MUSEUM

The museum presents the region and its natural history. It contains the largest collection of pomeranian art and cultural history as well as an art gallery showcasing paintings by Caspar David Friedrich, Philipp Otto Runge and Vincent van Gogh. Opening in 2025, the Gallery of Romanticism, a chapel that uses multimedia to attune Friedrich's poetic imagery, will be another highlight of the museum.

### 18 ST. MARIEN (ST. MARY'S CHURCH)

The church was first mentioned as a parish church in 1280. Its high gable dates back to 1360 and its pulpit originated in 1587. Look out for the whale whilst visiting.

### 19 KOEPPENHAUS

The author Wolfgang Koeppen was born here in 1906. Today, his birthplace hosts the Centre of Literature of Vorpommern, the Koeppen Archive, a literature café as well as different exhibitions.

### 20 FALLADAHaus

The birthplace of poet and author Hans Fallada, who was born here in 1893 under his civil name Rudolph Ditzen. The former flat is now the office of the Pomeranian literature society.

### 21 THEATER VORPOMMERN

The theatre presents high-quality and entertaining performances in the categories musical theatre, play, ballet and concerts. There are also numerous events in the adjacent city hall.

### 22 FANGENTURM (DUNGEON TOWER)

The tower was part of the medieval fortification and was first mentioned in a document in 1329. By the end of the 18th century, the university used the tower as an observatory. Today, it hosts the office of the harbour master.

### 23 MUSEUM HARBOUR

Since 1994, the old city harbour of Greifswald is dedicated to traditional ships and boats. Nowadays, it hosts over 50 of them and is also Germany's oldest museum harbour.

### 24 MUSEUM SHIPYARD

At the Buchholz Shipyard, founded in 1912, the old tradition of shipbuilding is still being practiced. Tip: In the evenings the museum shipyard becomes the stage for cultural events performed by the crew of the Theaterwerft.

## GREIFSWALD'S FAVOURITES



### GRIPS BOULDERHALLE

GRIPS Boulderhalle is a modern bouldering gym featuring 130+ boulder problems for climbers of all abilities, a rope climbing sector and training area. We offer food and great coffee and we have a dedicated kids section. Open daily.

Am Gorzberg 16, 17489 Greifswald  
» [boulderhalle-greifswald.de](https://boulderhalle-greifswald.de)



### TIERPARK GREIFSWALD

The zoological garden with zoo school and children's farm is open all season. Lovely and naturalistically decorated animal facilities allow a new and interesting insight in the fascinating world of different species such as meerkats, cotton-top tamarin, coatis, raccoons and porcupines.

Anlagen 3, 17489 Greifswald  
» [tierpark-greifswald.de](https://tierpark-greifswald.de)



### FREIZEITBAD

The leisure pool's swimming area includes a sports-, jump-, vario- and outdoor pool as well as a fun pool with massage jets, waterfall and flow channel. A children's pool awaits younger visitors, a 40 metre water slide and an indoor playground. The sauna area invites you to relax.

Pappelallee 3-5  
» [freizeitbad-greifswald.de](https://freizeitbad-greifswald.de)



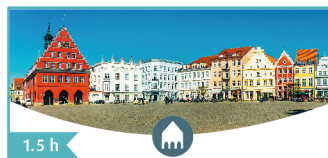
### STÖRTEBEKER BRAUGASTHAUS

In our gabled house at Markt 13 we serve all the speciality beers of the "Störtebeker Braumanufaktur" and are offering a culinary journey through Pomerania. In our historic site we offer a selection of small dishes during lunch-time as well as a diversified evening menu for both small and larger groups.

Markt 13 » [www.stoertebeker-braugasthaus.de](https://www.stoertebeker-braugasthaus.de)

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## CITY TOURS



1.5 h

### HISTORIC OLD TOWN TOUR

April – October  
Monday – Saturday | 11:00 a.m.\*  
June – September: daily 11:00 a.m.\*



3 h

### CULINARY TOUR

Embark on a culinary journey through the Historic Old Town. Restaurateurs await you with sweet and savory specialities.\*



0.75 h

### UNIVERSITY OF GREIFSWALD – HALL & DETENTION ROOM

April – October:  
Monday – Sunday | 3:00 p.m.  
Start: Rubenow monument



2 h

### NIGHT WATCHMAN TOUR

April – October:  
First and third Friday every month | 8 p.m.  
June – September:  
Every Friday | 8 p.m.  
November – March:  
First Friday every month | 6 p.m.

\* Information & Tickets at Greifswald's Tourist Information Centre

## DISCOVER THE NEW PHOTO POINTS

### IN GREIFSWALD!



We have put together our favorite photo motifs and made them recognizable for you using a base plate. Now discover even more exciting backdrops for your camera. Whether for Instagram or simply as a personal souvenir – get ready for inspiring motifs!



# WIECK & ELDNA



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In the summer months, two passenger boats (MS Stubnitz, MS Breege) commute between the museum harbour and the fishing village Wieck on a daily basis. [vsg-reederei.de](http://vsg-reederei.de)

## SIGHTS

- 1 BUGENHAGEN CHURCH**  
 The three-bay church has been gradually renovated since 1995. A special feature is the three-part altar which displays maritime biblical scenes and two votive ships. On the church roof, which has a total surface of 206 square metres, the biggest solar arrangement of the Pommernian Church was installed. For information, visits and guided tours please contact the parochial office Wieck-Eldena-Ladebow.
- 2 WIECK WOODEN DRAWBRIDGE**  
 The important monument was built in 1887 using the Dutch design for wooden drawbridges and is still operated by hand today. The drawbridge connects Eldena with the heritage-protected village of Wieck. You can find current opening times at [www.greifswald.de](http://www.greifswald.de). The bridge only opens if required and if the wind is below force 7.
- 3 HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE**  
 Formerly used as the city's bailiwick, it now serves as the harbour master's office.
- 4 CUSTOMS HOUSE**  
 Built of bricks and boulders, the customs house serves today as the registered office of the port authority.
- 5 WOODEN SCULPTURES**  
 The wooden sculptures in Wieck and Eldena were built by national and international artists between 1996 and 2002. The sculpture path was created on the initiative of local sculptor Heinrich Zenichowski.
- 6 BARRAGE**  
 The barrage was erected at the mouth of the river Ryck and put into operation in 2016. With its flanking dykes, the barrage serves as flood protection. The construction was awarded the German civil engineering prize.
- 7 TRAINING SHIP GREIF**  
 The brigantine was built in 1951. Until 1954, the ship was based in Rostock port, then it moved to its new home port of Greifswald-Wieck. The owner is the University and Hanseatic town of Greifswald. Cruises for groups and individual visitors as well as charter
- 8 PUBLIC LIDO**  
 The lido offers the finest beach sand for sports and fun. The shallow water is ideal for those who love bathing and water sports.
- 9 RUINS OF ELDNA MONASTERY**  
 The former cistercian monastery Hilda (later Eldena) was founded by Danish monks in 1199. It was destroyed during the Thirty Year's War. Caspar David Friedrich chose the ruin as the main motif for his work and thus made it famous around the world.
- 10 WINDMILL ELDNA**  
 The Eldena post windmill is one of the oldest windmills on the Baltic Sea coastline. In 1533, it was documented for the first time. After the windmill collapsed in 1972, it was rebuilt by an association and is a popular photo location today. Guided tours are possible by arrangement.
- 11 TOWPATH**  
 The towpath stretches over five kilometres from the museum harbour along the river Ryck to Wieck. In former times, ships were hauled upstream by people or draught animals into the city port on this path.

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