



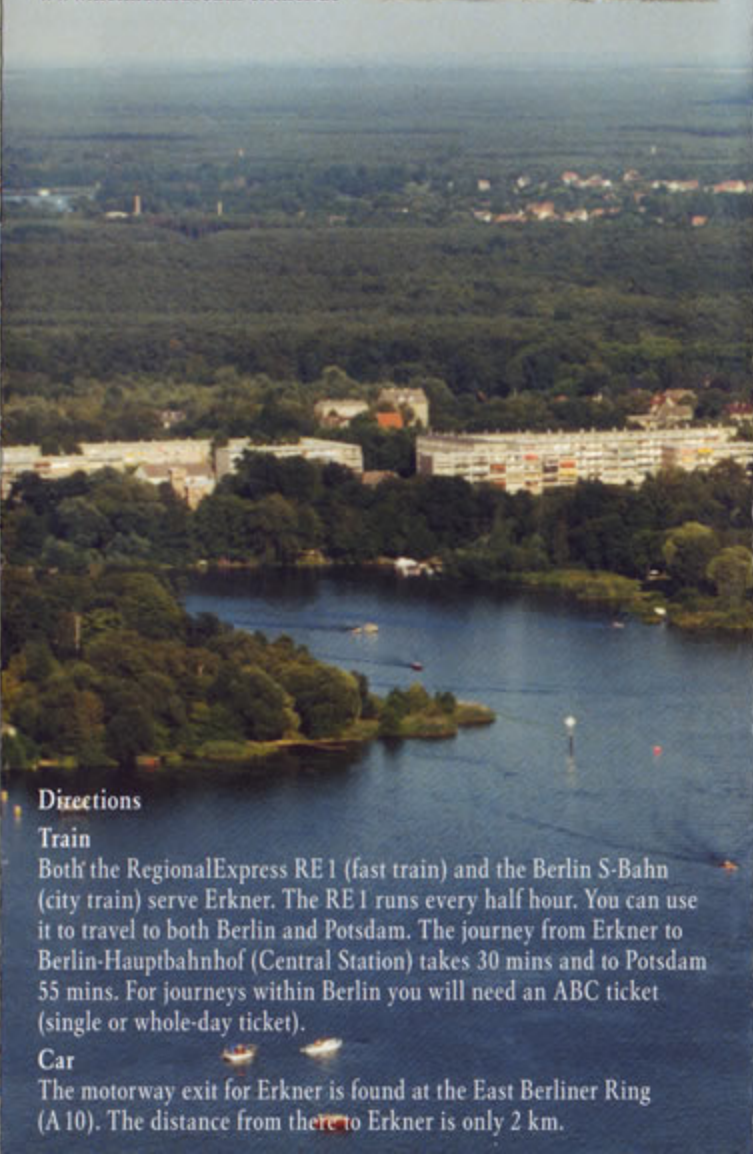
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Erkner

near Berlin

town between forests and lakes



Directions

Train

Both the RegionalExpress RE1 (fast train) and the Berlin S-Bahn (city train) serve Erkner. The RE1 runs every half hour. You can use it to travel to both Berlin and Potsdam. The journey from Erkner to Berlin-Hauptbahnhof (Central Station) takes 30 mins and to Potsdam 55 mins. For journeys within Berlin you will need an ABC ticket (single or whole-day ticket).

Car

The motorway exit for Erkner is found at the East Berliner Ring (A 10). The distance from there to Erkner is only 2 km.

Information
 for tourist region Erkner



DEAR GUESTS,

a hearty welcome to our beautiful city of Erkner. You will find in, and around, Erkner a fascinating landscape with many opportunities for sport, recreation and relaxation. You will be welcomed in hotels, bed and breakfast and self-catering apartments. Erkner is a convenient centre, not only to visit but to reach other interesting destinations. You will feel at home in the many pubs. From Erkner it is easy to reach three other regions. Or you could also spend a few days here. The railway station is in the middle of the town and in a few minutes you could be on the lake in

Major Kirsch heads the procession held yearly in May to celebrate Erkner

a canoe or on a bicycle in the middle of the forests. You will be inspired to walk along the many pathways or you might like to board a steamer to visit Rüdersdorf, Grünheide or Berlin. Berlin can also be reached by train in a short time.

On behalf of everyone in Erkner I welcome you and wish you an interesting experience in our town.
JOCHEN KIRSCH, MAJOR

ERKNER was first mentioned in the year 1579 in the record of births found in the church in Rüdersdorf. The earliest inhabitants were fishermen and their families. The coming of the railway in 1842 saw the development of Erkner together with the beginnings of industry, leading to further industrialisation at the beginning of 20th century. Until that time Erkner was a centre for Berliners to make short trips to benefit from the healthy atmosphere found here. This atmosphere inspired the famous German author, Gerhart Hauptmann, to move where he spent four years of his life. He felt at one with the 'märkische' landscape and built a relationship with the local people, learning about their life and customs. The many things he learned this way inspired much of his work. For example, his book "Biberpelz" features all the people he had known well in Erkner.



"Mutter Wolfen" from Gerhart Hauptmann's novel "Biberpelz" in front of the Heimatmuseum (local history museum) - Erkner's oldest building



Lake Dameritz

WALKING - Erkner has well-signed paths. They lead you through the characteristic landscape of the 'Grünheider Wald- und Seengebiet' (forests and lakes region). You won't meet great difficulties along the way. There are simple guided ways or, following your map, you may find your own way.

RIDING - The many forest paths around Erkner invite you to enjoy invigorating riding. Experienced riders may take their own horses. Beginners are advised to hire suitable horses from the 'Kinderbauernhof' (children's farm). Your ride enables you to admire the beautiful countryside.

WATERSPORTS - Erkner, surrounded by water, is a tourist centre for many kinds of water sports. You can obtain boats from the many hire firms in the area, including kayaks, motorboats and canoes. Whether you choose a canoe or a paddle boat, you will be enthralled by the relaxing experience. When, after a



The Genezareth Church, built in 1896/97

short while, the motor boats have left you in peace, you will really begin to feel at ease.

SKATING - Some pedestrianised areas, and roads with limited traffic, in the surrounding areas of Erkner offer good inline-skating opportunities. The road surfaces are smooth and skater-friendly. On some of them you can develop a good speed especially on the newly laid cycle paths.

CYCLING - In the 'Grünheider Wald- und Seengebiet' are well-planned cycling routes which give both relaxing and challenging experiences. You may wish to explore further along the routes and visit other areas or simply spend a day. Don't forget your swimsuit and your picnic basket.



Der Brettersche Graben