

Historic centre exhibition site

The old city centre of Potsdam is being recreated. On the outlines of the City Palace, the new Landtag of Brandenburg is being constructed. In Breite Straße the Garrison Church is to be rebuilt. The round tour gives information on these and other projects in Potsdam.

Dates: April to October 2013, every first Saturday of the month
Duration: 1.5 hours

Meeting point: 2 p.m., Tourist Information Centre in Potsdam Main Station
Price: 7 € per person, tickets available at the tourist information offices at Brandenburger Straße 3 and in Potsdam Main Station.

Tours for groups and special guided tours can be arranged.

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Panoramic round view from St Nicholas Church

Since 2009, the ascent to the new round walk on the colonnade roof of the St Nicholas Church is possible. From here you can watch the construction work on the site of the new Landtag building in the old market square and enjoy one of the most beautiful views of the state capital Potsdam.
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History of the City Palace – exhibition

The exhibition about the people and the culture of Brandenburg-Prussia with the title "Land und Leute. Geschichten aus Brandenburg-Preußen" includes a presentation of the history of the City Palace until its demolition in 1959/60. Kutschstall, Am Neuen Markt 9, 14467 Potsdam
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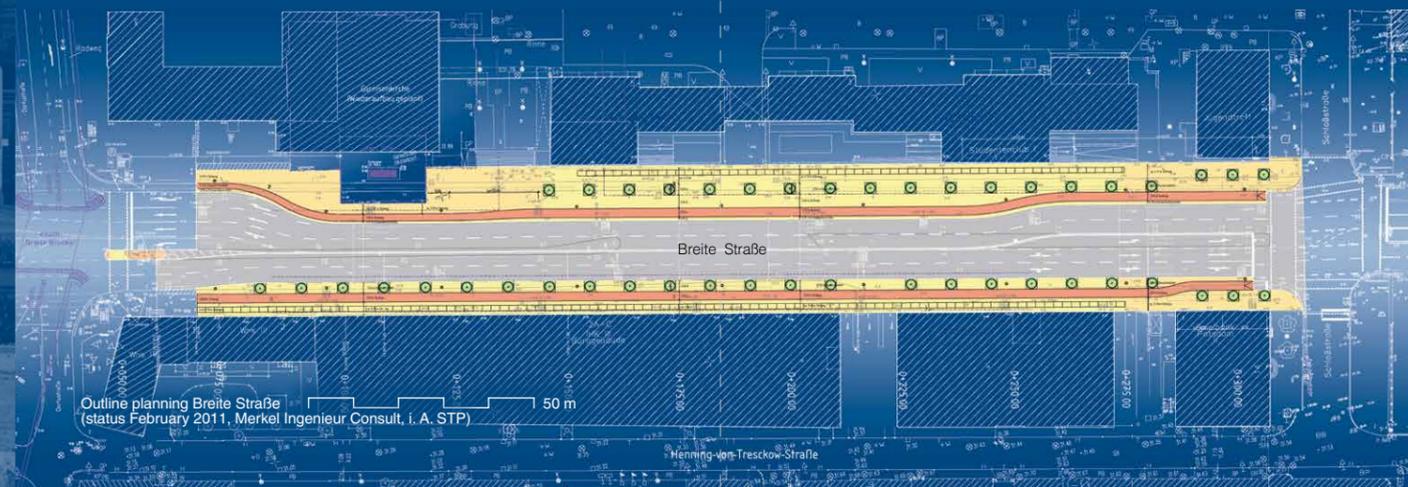
Humboldtstraße and area surrounding the Landtag/Steubenplatz

The surrounding streets and squares must be resurfaced before the Landtag of Brandenburg can move into its new premises in the old market square. The access road for the new Landtag building and the Havel riverside houses will be Humboldtstraße. In continuation of the surface in the old market square, granite paving has already been laid on the northern part of the street. The southern area will be asphalted. The historic petition lime tree "Bittschriftenlinde" will return to its original location in Humboldtstraße. After reconstruction of the buildings at the Havel riverside, the pavement on the east side will be laid with the light Bernburg cobblestone mosaic with a granite inlay, which is typical for Potsdam.

The laying of the granite slabs around the Landtag building will begin in the spring of 2013. As in the Lustgarten and in front of the Filmmuseum Potsdam, concrete slabs will be laid on the area to the south and south-west of the Landtag. This material symbolises the former palace area between the Havel Colonnade, the Marstall Stables Colonnade, and the Lustgarten fence. The city square Steubenplatz will be renovated as a green area.

Area around the Landtag: 4th construction area – Breite Straße

As the restructuring and redesign of the streets and squares surrounding the old market and the newly constructed Landtag is almost finished, a new face is now being given to Breite Straße between Dortustraße and Schlossstraße. The oversized traffic area will be reduced to a dimension compatible with modern urban requirements, without compromising its capacity.



Archaeological excavations at the construction area Havel riverside

The newly constructed surfaces blend into the historic cityscape. They are appreciated both by strolling pedestrians and athletic bikers while at the same time they are able to withstand the load of heavy vehicles. The uniformity of the materials and proportions used in surfacing the streets and squares around the old market, Lustgarten, and Steubenplatz to the new market, contributes significantly to making this a harmonious urban ensemble.

The unused central dividing strip will be removed. Generous pavements and cycle lanes will be created on the newly gained street space. In the interests of urban ecology and climate and based on historic documentation 44 lime trees will be planted on both sides of the street. This will also increase the attractiveness of the area and reduce noise for the adjacent buildings.

Havel riverside buildings and promenade

After the archaeological excavations are finished and the construction site on the Havel riverside is cleared, construction work on the new development at the Alte Fahrt riverside will begin in 2013. On eight building plots, residential and office buildings will be constructed, thus recreating important elements of the historic array of buildings around the old market square. Other important buildings that characterize the historic city will be rebuilt here: The Barberini Palace, modelled on the historic Palazzo Barberini in Rome and the neighbouring buildings at Humboldtstraße 3 and 4, whose façades are modelled on those of the Palazzo Pompei by Michele Sanmicheli in Verona and of the Palazzo Chiericati by Andrea Palladio in Vicenza.

Construction work is based on the integrated concept for the reconstruction of historic buildings "Leitbautenkonzept" and is preceded by a two stage bidding process. To ensure construction quality, a task group of curators of monuments and external experts will supervise the realisation of the plans. The riverside area will be designed as a public promenade. In 2013, a town and country planning competition will be held for the realisation of this project. The results of the competition will be realised in 2015, after the Havel riverside construction is finished.



Archaeological research, construction site at Havel riverside

The new Landtag parliament in Potsdam

Just in time before the onset of winter, the work on the reconstructed façades and the copper roof of the new Landtag building, modelled on the historic City Palace, was to the greatest extent completed. Even before its final stage of construction, the new Landtag building is already an impressive structure. It constitutes the completion of the centre of the state capital of Brandenburg – the challenge for the architects has been to combine the appearance of the baroque structure with the requirements of a modern parliament.

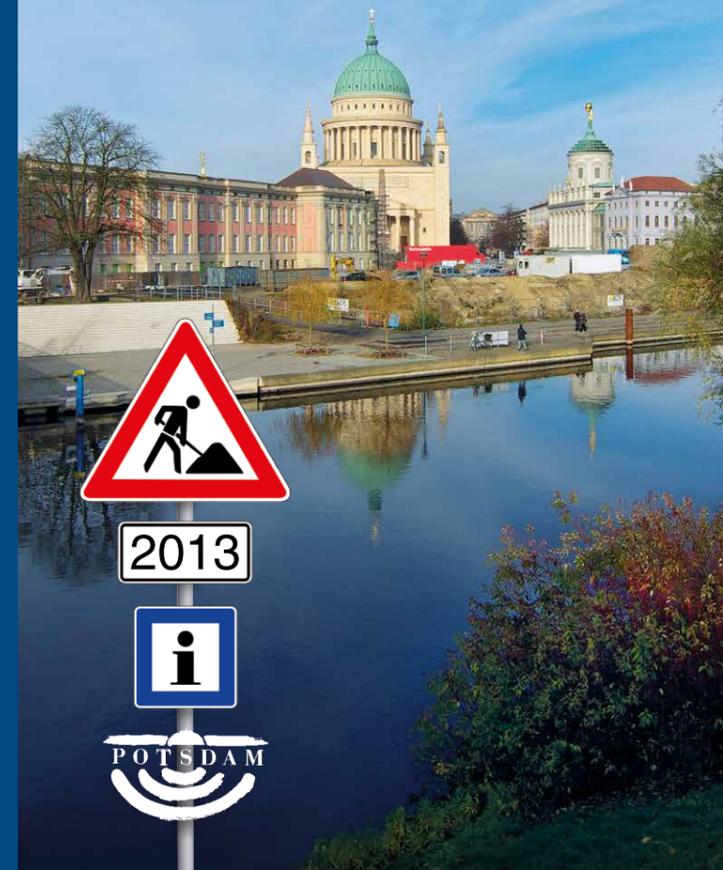
The façades were reconstructed and components such as mouldings and pilasters produced copying historic models. Conserved historic parts are restored and integrated in their original positions. Behind the reconstructed façade, modern materials and techniques are used. This ensures compliance with the requirements of a parliament building of the 21st century and assures best possible working conditions for members of the parliament and the employees of the parties, of the Landtag administration, and also the audit office of the Land Brandenburg, which will also move into the building.

The project will be carried out by a public-private partnership. For a period of thirty years, planning, construction, financing, and operation of the building will remain in the hands of the privately owned partner company BAM PPP Landtag Potsdam Projektgesellschaft mbH. The construction costs amount to approximately 120 million euro. This includes a donation of 20 million euro for the reconstruction of the historic façades by the founder of SAP, Hasso Plattner. Another donation by the patron will finance the completion of the copper roof.



Open Day at the construction site 12 May 2012 (Photo: Johanna Bergmann, Mf)

Potsdam Centre



Dear citizens of Potsdam,
Dear guests and visitors,

Our city now has a new landmark. The gleaming roof and façade of the new building of the Landtag of Brandenburg can be seen from afar. The main emphasis now lies on completing work inside the building. Modern technology is being installed in a building that has already been integrated into the historic city structure. The new Potsdam Museum – Forum for Art and History is also a harmonious combination of old and new. In 2012, the Old Town Hall, its modern connecting structure and the adjacent Knobelsdorff House have already passed the test as a new attraction in the Potsdam city centre – with a special exhibition on the occasion of the 300th birthday of Frederick II. This year, the permanent exhibition on the history of our city follows.

In the second half of 2013, Potsdam will have a new institution unmatched in Germany, when the Education Centre “Bildungsforum” is officially opened. The library, the adult education centre “Volkshochschule”, and the Science Floor “Wissenschaftsetage” will together offer services that exceed those that any of the partners could offer by themselves.

However, the whole process of remodelling the centre of Potsdam will not end with these projects. After the archaeological excavations end, construction at the riverside “Alte Fahrt” will commence. Humboldtstraße will be redeveloped and the renovation of Breite Straße between Schlossstraße and Dortustraße will start. In the area of the Long Stables, historic buildings will be refurbished and new residential and office buildings are being constructed. The new centre of Potsdam is growing with a harmonious relationship between historic and modern architecture.



projected view of Humboldtstraße and Havel riverside buildings on the right

Jann Jakobs
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Lord Mayor

Information showcase with permanent exhibition on the newly constructed Landtag building

The new building of the Landtag of Brandenburg, constructed within the outline and elevation of the former City Palace, fills a long-standing gap in urban building in the old market square. In the future, the political heart of Land Brandenburg will beat in the new centre of Potsdam. In the distinctive red information cube “Infobox”, right next to the construction site, a permanent exhibition provides information about the changing history of this location, the architectural concept of the newly built Landtag, how the building will be used in future as well as about the institution Landtag of Brandenburg. Interactive elements allow visitors to explore the building and its functions. The focal point of the exhibition is a white model of the newly constructed Landtag building which can be viewed from three sides using moveable touch screens.

The respective part of the building is shown as a façade drawing, a building cross-section or a historic mapping photograph. Additional information provides deeper insights and gives details of the construction of the façade, and the use of the building. There is also a chronicle of the urban planning development, starting with the destruction of the City Palace in the Second World War and ending in the present day with the realisation of the new construction, highlighted by short texts, large-scale pictures, and including never before published photos and exhibits.

Three audio stations make historical events come to life, with recordings of the personal memories of contemporary witnesses. The future use of the new building as the parliament is the focus of the political exhibition wall. The developments on the construction site can be followed in a photo documentary. Additionally, the generously sized viewing platform on the roof of the “Infobox” features information about the buildings surrounding the old market square. The exhibition and the viewing platform are open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All the information is available in German as well as in English. Entry is free.



Information showcase “Schaustelle” (Photo: Landtag Brandenburg)

Construction Schedule 2013

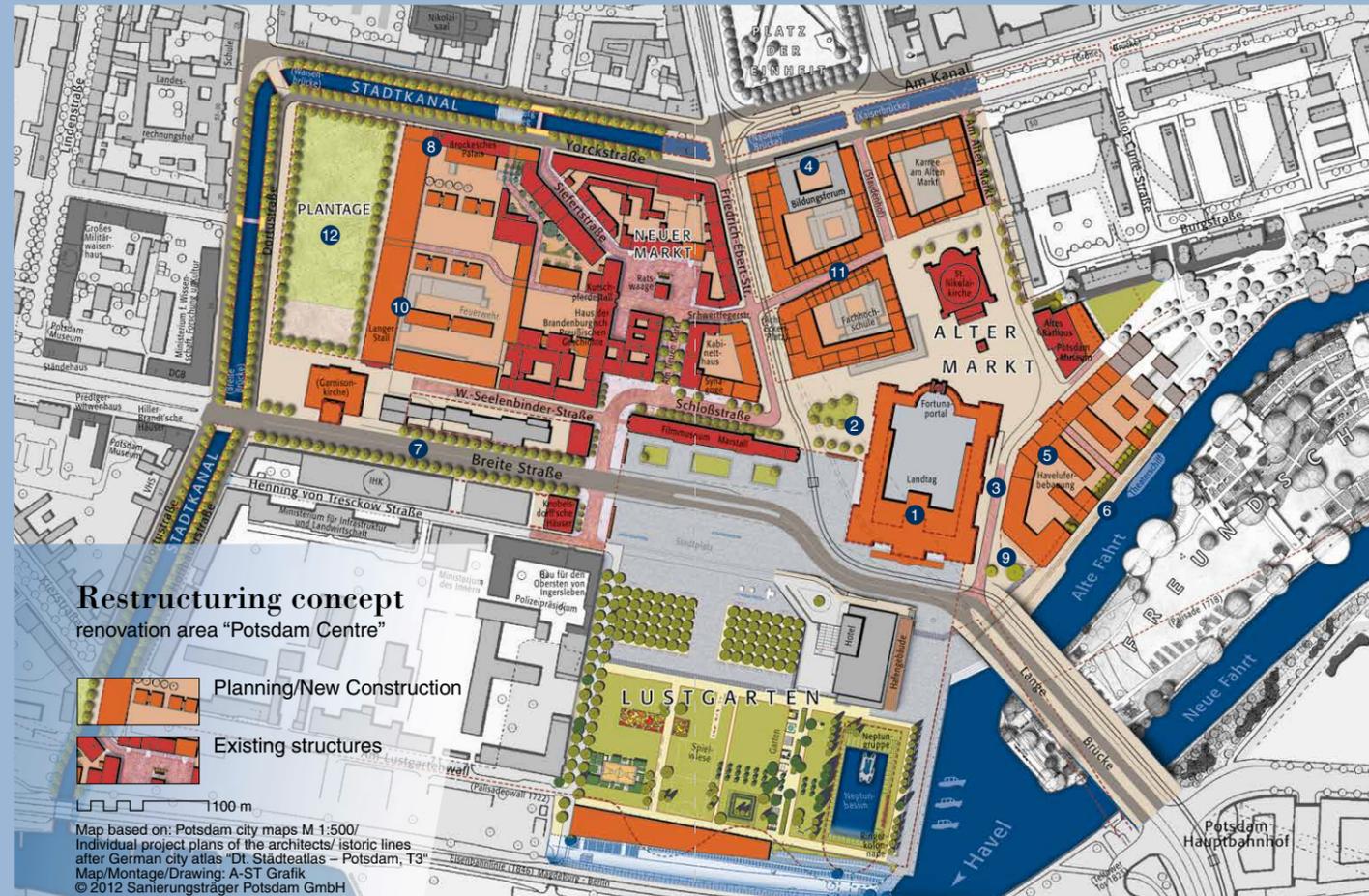
- Construction of the new Landtag of Brandenburg ①
- Construction work on the surfaces surrounding the new Landtag including the city square Steubenplatz ②
- Completion of Humboldtstraße ③
- Completion of the Education Centre “Bildungsforum” ④
- Construction starts at the Havel riverside ⑤
- Renovation of the sheet piling at Alte Fahrt ⑥
- Area surrounding Landtag: 4th construction area – Breite Straße between Schlossstraße and Dortustraße ⑦
- The start of the renovation of Brockes Palace and construction in the area of the Long Stables ⑧

from 2014

- Completion of the new Landtag of Brandenburg ①
- Completion of the surfaces surrounding the new Landtag including the city square Steubenplatz ②
- Construction at the Havel riverside ⑤
- Construction work on the Havel square ⑨
- Restructuring the area of the datacentre and the old fire station ⑩

from 2015

- Restructuring the University of Applied Sciences building complex ⑪
- Restructuring the plantation ⑫
- Restructuring the riverside at Alte Fahrt ⑥



Restructuring concept renovation area “Potsdam Centre”

- Planning/New Construction
- Existing structures

Map based on: Potsdam city maps M 1:500/
individual project plans of the architects/ historic lines
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Potsdam Museum – Forum for Art and History in the Old Town Hall

Since August 2012, the Old Town Hall in the old market square radiates new splendour. The ensemble with the modern connecting structure and the Knobelsdorff House was built in 1753 by order of King Frederick II. It proved to be a magnet for visitors in the historic centre of Potsdam during the jubilee year of Frederick II’s 300th birthday. The Potsdam Museum – Forum for Art and History combines the functions of a museum with those of an event venue.

To celebrate the centenary of the birth of the internationally renowned painter and Potsdam citizen of honour Siegwald Sprotte, the first large art exhibition will be held here.

In autumn 2013 the permanent urban history exhibition of Potsdam will be opened. On a total area of 700 m², the over 1000-year-old history of Potsdam will be displayed in eleven themed modules.

The familiar rooms can then be experienced in a completely new way.



Old Town Hall and Knobelsdorff House (Photo: Mathias Marx)

Education Centre “Bildungsforum”

In November 2012, the City and State Library celebrated two anniversaries, together with its visitors and partners: the 90th anniversary of the State Library and the 20th anniversary of the City and State Library. There will be another reason for celebrations in 2013: the new Education Centre “Bildungsforum” will open. In addition to the popular offers of the library at this location, the services of the adult education centre “Volkshochschule Albert Einstein” and, at the end of 2013, of the Science Floor “Wissenschaftsetage” will be available in one building. This new vital point of attraction in the heart of the state capital will combine education, science, and culture.

During the planning and construction of the Education Centre, special emphasis was laid on creating a welcoming and pleasant ambience and an optimal room concept for learning. The building is accessible, not only in the sense of a barrier-free entry for people with disabilities, but also in the sense of offering education and knowledge to all Potsdam citizens and their guests. The three institutions are already preparing completely new programmes. The Education Centre will be well worth a visit in many ways.



Bildungsforum, former City and State Library (Photo: Ralf Kappert, LHP)