

Travel Via Baltica Nordica - Germany

SUMMER 2005

Name of the tour

Peace messages from military objects

Starting point

Brandenburg an der Havel

Ending point:

Rangsdorf or Potsdam/Teltow

Total length:

130 km

Suitable number of days for the tour:

1

Traveling by:

Car

Good to know:

To enter Kummersdorf military site it is necessary to be guided by Kummersdorf citizen club members (ralf.kaim@gmx.de)

What you can experience:

The cradle of rockets: Kummersdorf-Gut. Half a century insulated by the Soviet army the birthplace of rockets is carefully recovered from growing nature. Several testing ranges can be seen, where from 1923 -1938 fuels and power of drive propulsion were given a trial. Although constructed under military purpose and leading to terrible results as V 2 missiles constructed in deadly concentration camps and shot to England and Belgium, space development started with the testing ranges in Kummersdorf-Gut.

One central station of German resistance against Hitler and the Nazi regime: Rangsdorf airfield:

On 20th July 1944 7 a.m. colonel Claus Schenk Graf von Stauffenberg entered a small airplane in Rangsdorf, carrying a bomb in his brief-case to kill Hitler in his headquarter in Wolfsschanze. The action failed and prolonged the World War II for another 9 terrible months and countless victims. Grass covers the runway but a small museum offers detailed information about this important action and location.

Where you can stay:

Hotels in Potsdam, Marriott and NH-Hoteles in Teltow, Seebad Casino Hotel Rangsdorf

Where you can eat:

Seebad Casino Hotel Rangsdorf (+49 33708 92880, www.seebad-casino.de)

For more information:

Rockets: see combination "Kummersdorf" and "rocket" in Google

Rangsdorf airfield: see combination "Rangsdorf" and "assassination" in Google

