



# The 4<sup>th</sup> British Rowing European Tour

Berlin 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023



# The organising committee



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# What are we going to tell you?



- Our hosts – Berliner Ruder-Club (JH)
- How to get there (JH)
- Itinerary (MH)
- Boats and crews (CT)
- The route and safety considerations (JH)
- What to take with you (CT)
- Food (BS)
- Non-rowing activities (JH)



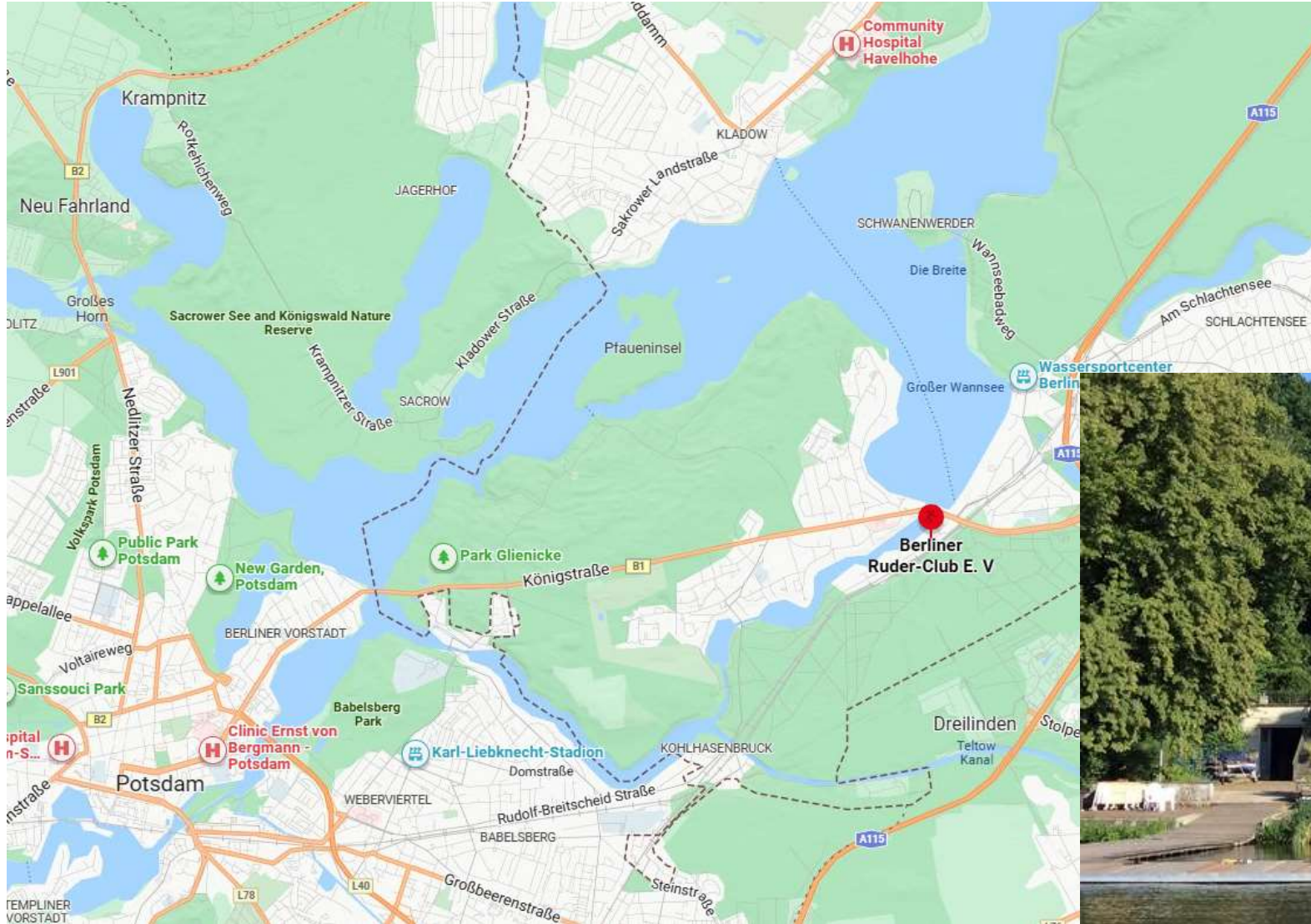
# Who are our hosts?



- Berliner Ruder-Club e.V., Bismarckstr. 4, 14109 Berlin
- Founded 1876
- 700 members, of whom 110 are juniors
- Located in a beautiful, historic clubhouse (built 1909), with restaurant
- Mainly a racing club, but recreational rowing growing in popularity
- Principally a men's club, limited facilities for ladies!
- In fact, very similar to Leander Club in Henley



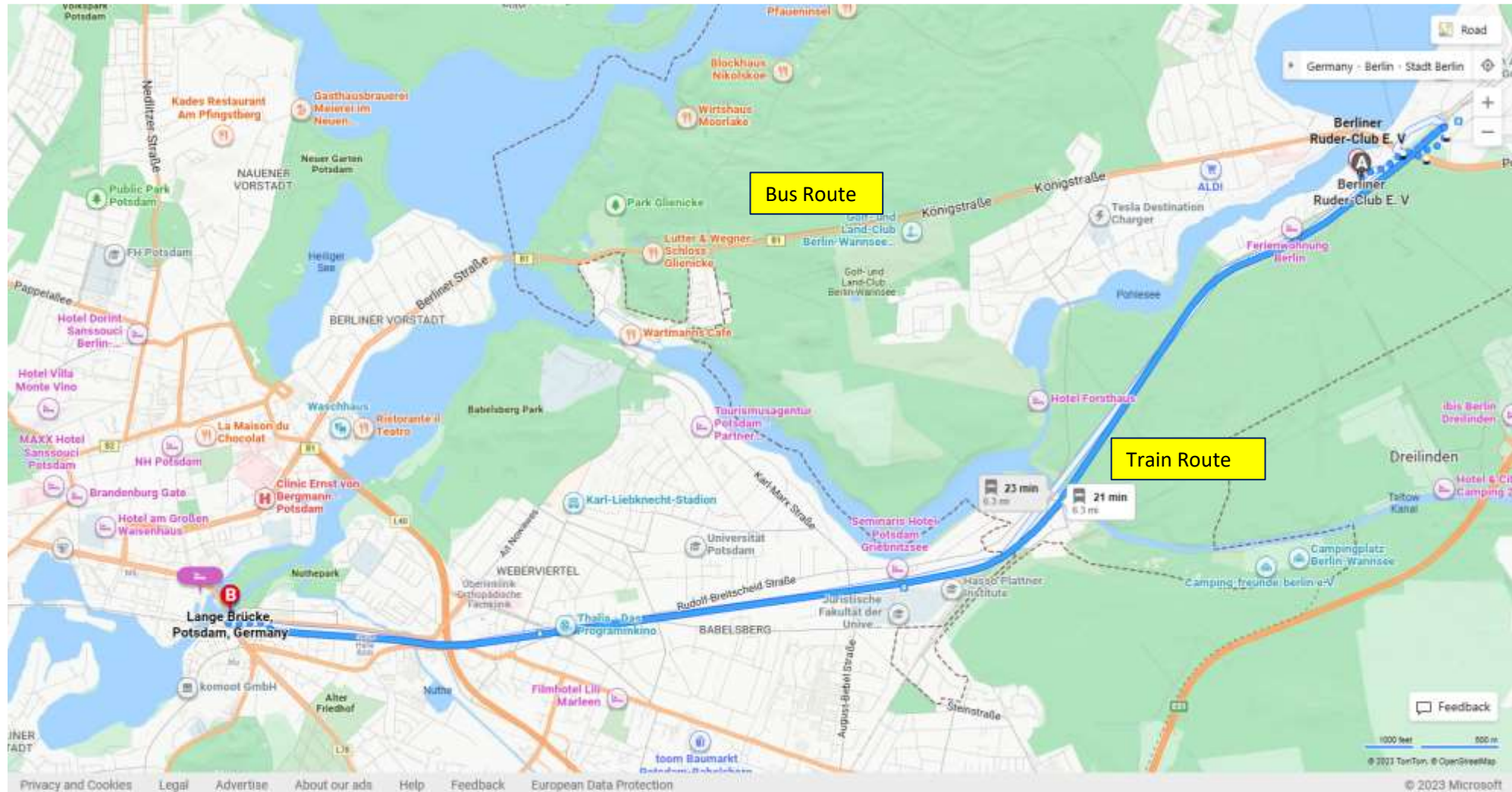
# Berliner Ruder-Club







# Route to Berliner Ruder-Club





# Where are we staying?



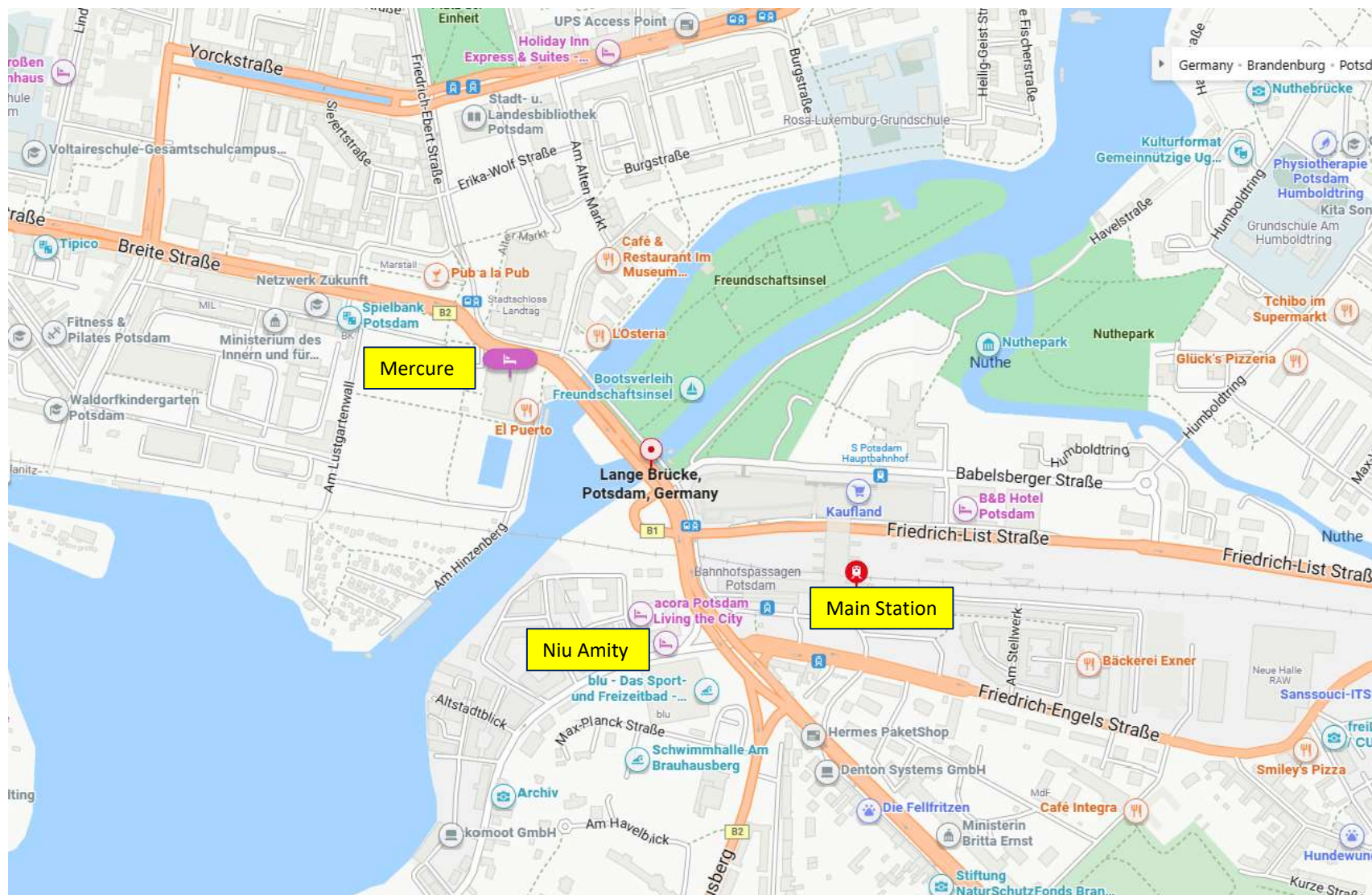
- Berliner Ruder-Club is actually nearer Potsdam than Berlin, so we have recommended 2 hotels in Potsdam – the Mercure and the NiuAmity (though some of you have made other arrangements)
- The best way to get there from the airport is by train (RB22) to Potsdam Hauptbahnhof (51 minutes) and then a short walk to either hotel
- To get to the rowing club, take the train S7 from Potsdam Hauptbahnhof to Bhf. Wannsee (11 minutes) and walk 8 – 10 minutes. There is a train roughly every 10 minutes
- There is also a bus, but less reliable
- You can download this app for the latest timetable







# Map of Central Potsdam







# What are we doing?



[Itinerary.pdf \(recrowing.org.uk\)](#)



# What kind of boats will we have?



- Touring boats are stable and good for rowing on the lake
- Various configurations, mostly sculling but some sweep
  - 3x, 4x, 4x+, 5x, 6x+, 8+, 8x+
- We are also borrowing some boats from another nearby club
- We will work out crews so that you will experience a variety of boats – you won't be in the same crew and boat every day
- Some of the Germans will join us, so be nice to them! Sweets will probably go down well!





# Who are we rowing with?



- [Crew Lists Friday.pdf \(recrowing.org.uk\)](#)
- [Crew Lists Saturday.pdf \(recrowing.org.uk\)](#)
- [Crew Lists Sunday.pdf \(recrowing.org.uk\)](#)





# The route



- [Day 1](#)
- [Day 2](#)
- [Day 3](#)



Hazards – things to watch out for



# Day 1 – Grosser Wannensee





# Day 2 – Templiner See



Chain Ferry

River traffic through central Potsdam

Hermanswerder Peninsula – keep to western shore

Biergarten – lunch stop





# What could possibly go wrong?



- Bad weather – we will check the forecast every morning and if necessary change or shorten the day's route
- Minor problems (e.g. equipment failure or if you get lost)
  - call Jörg on +49 171 303 5326
- Serious accident or medical emergency
  - call the DLRG (Deutsche Lebens- Rettungs-Gesellschaft), equivalent to the RNLI, on 112



# What do we need to take with us?



- Lifejacket – coxes must wear one, recommended but not obligatory for other crew members
- Cash/credit card for hotel, any meals not included, drinks, public transport, shopping  
NB. The bar at the rowing club is cash only
- Suitable clothing for all possible weather conditions (hot, cold, wet)
- Water shoes for wading at landing points
- Smart clothes for gala dinner
- Swimming costume – you can swim in the lake
- Sunscreen, insect repellent, hat
- Seat pad, gloves (if you normally wear them), first aid supplies
- Water bottle
- Tools – though we shouldn't have to rig any boats
- Mobile phone in a waterproof container (have you got European roaming?)
- Small padlock for the lockers at the club



# You will need to bring your own small **padlock** for the lockers



- Temporary storage for your clothes and valuables
- Bring towel and soap for showers after rowing
- Good idea to bring flip-flops for the showers





# Food, glorious food!



- Thursday evening – free choice. Maybe meet in the bar at the Mercure?
- Friday lunch (included) – at Arkona Rowing Club. Chili con/sin carne + dessert
- Friday evening – free choice
- Saturday lunch – stop at a beer garden (Braumanufaktur Forsthaus-Templin). Free choice (but leave room for dinner!)
- Saturday evening (included) – gala buffet dinner at Berliner Ruder-Club, including aperitif, wine, beer and soft drinks.
- Sunday lunch (included) – caterer (food truck) at BRC





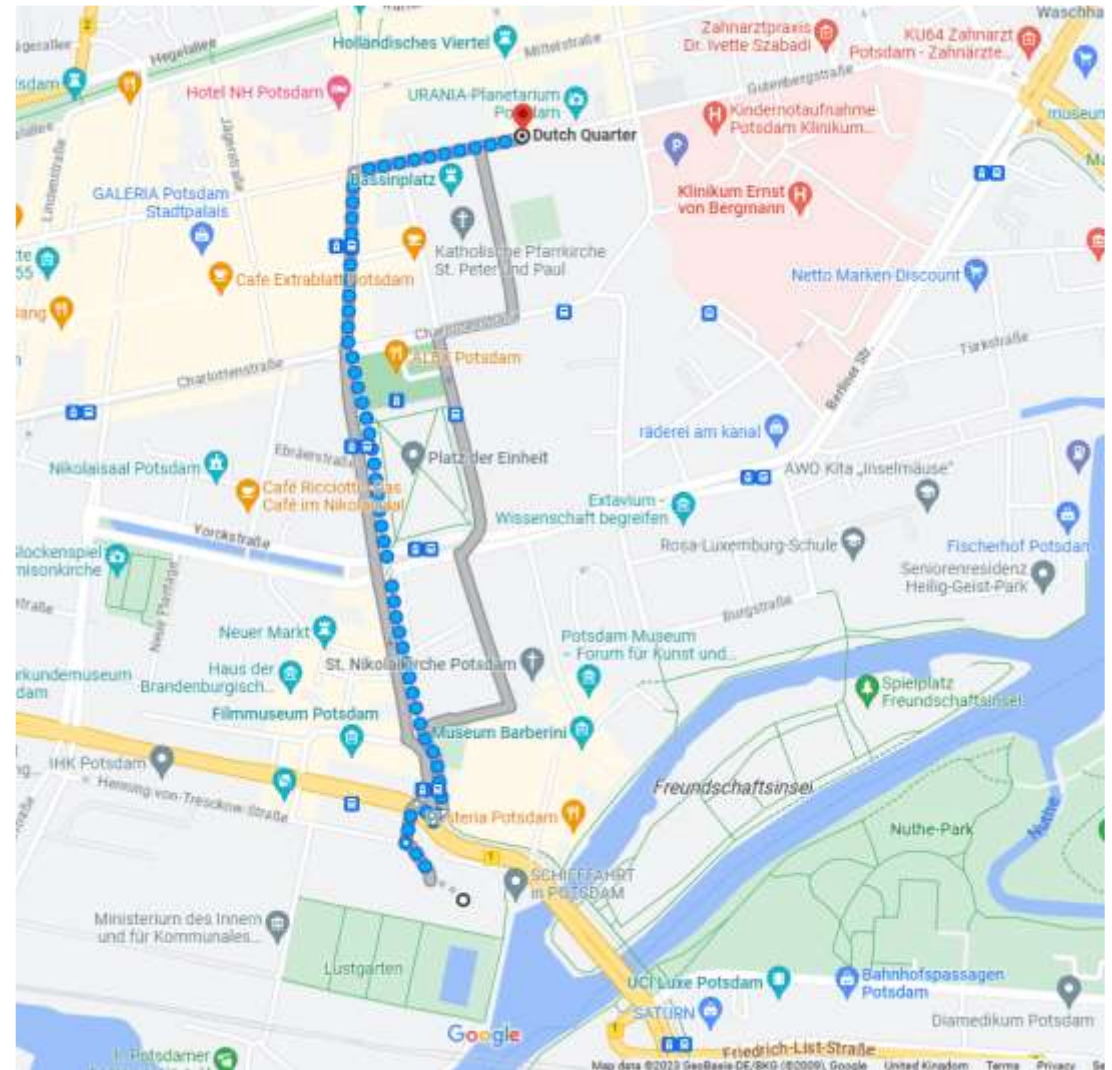
# And when we're not rowing....



- On Friday after rowing, one of the BRC members, Andreas Schummert (who used to row at Sheffield RC in the 1980s), will give a talk about the area (in English!)
- The club bar will be open!
- Please respond to the poll (click) to say if you want to come.

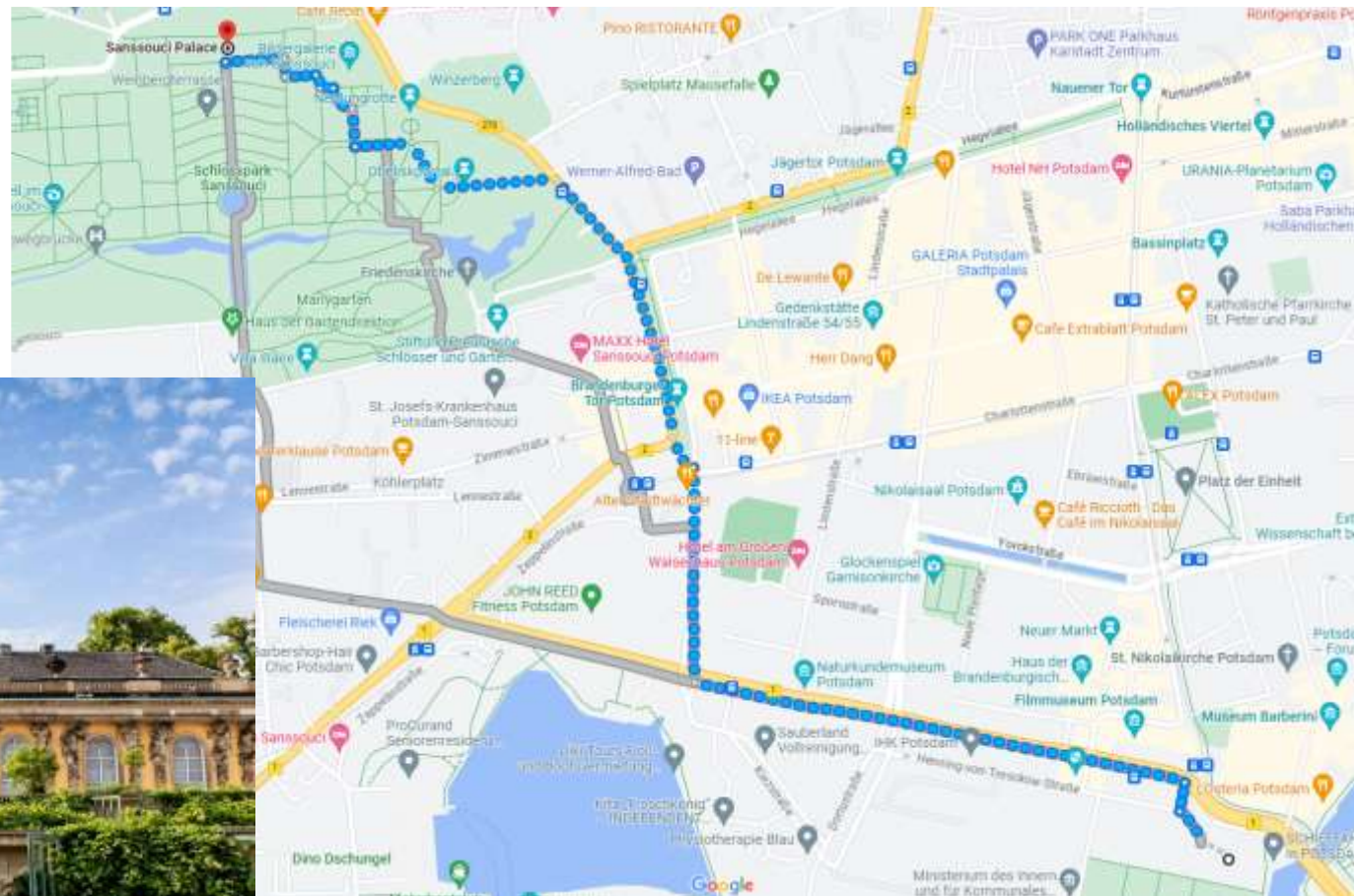


- Explore the “Holländisches Viertel” (Dutch quarter) of Potsdam with its numerous bars and restaurants





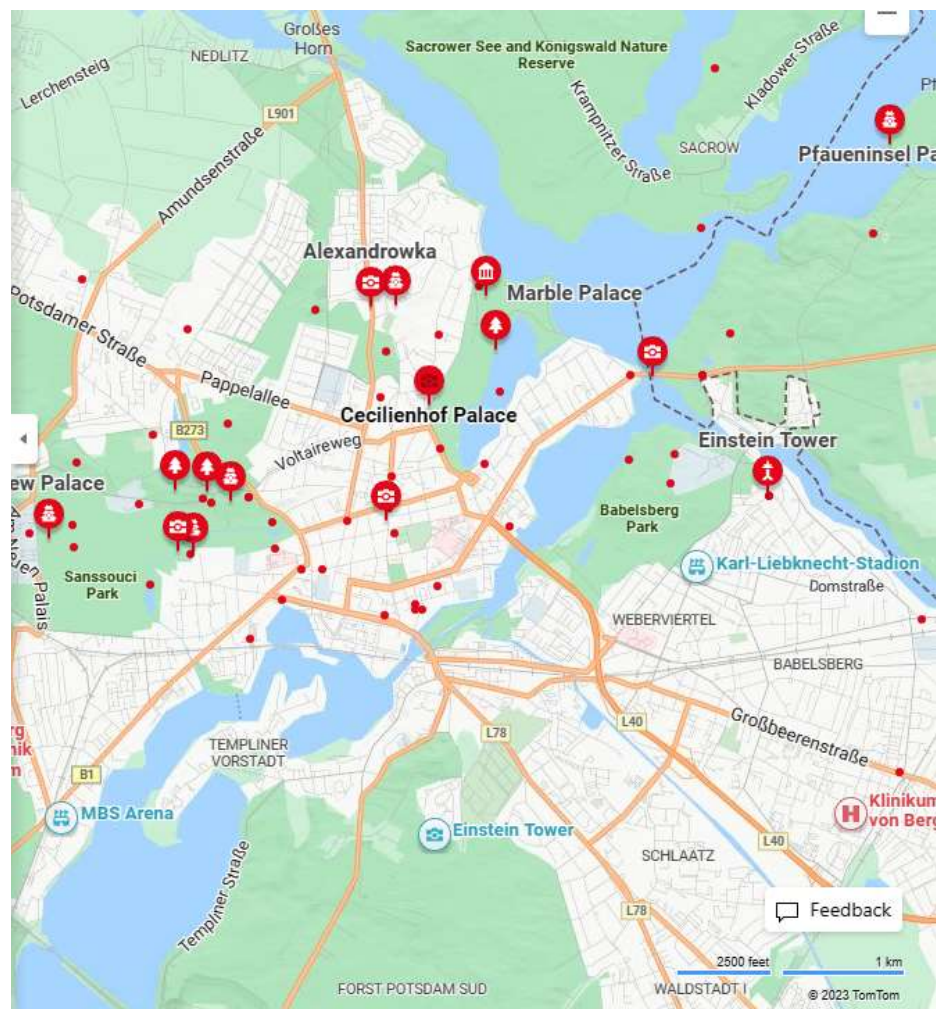
- Visit Sanssouci Palace







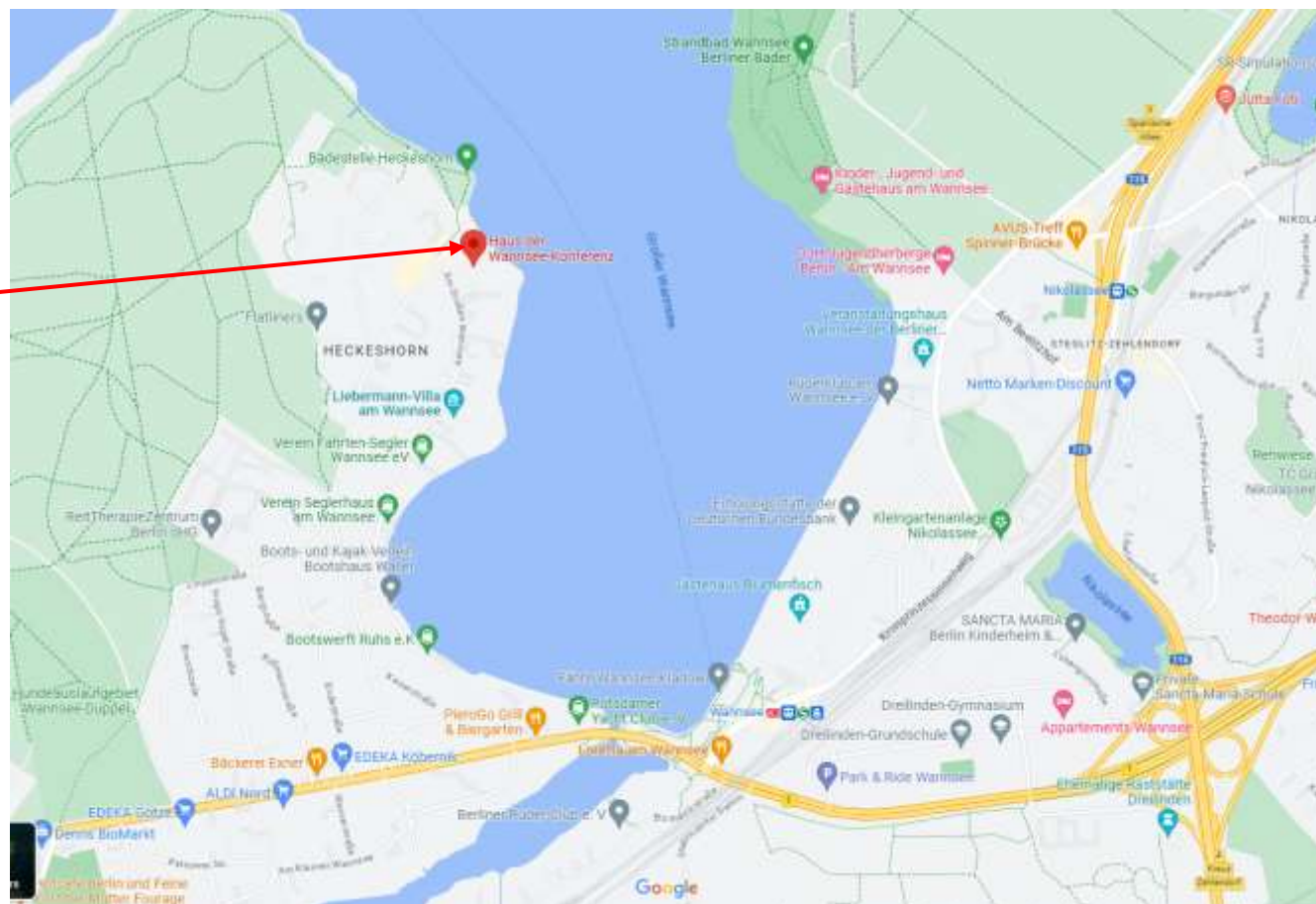
- Cecilienhof Palace







- House of the Wannsee Conference







Questions?