



# BIOSPHERE POTSDAM

## **Biosphäre Potsdam – The mystical tropical world**

A fascinating tropical paradise in which summer never ends: Thick green from more than **20,000 magnificent tropical plants** overhung with the tops of palm trees, a waterfall and two jungle ponds, the intense and mysterious sounds of the rainforest as well as an **hourly storm** with thunder, lightning and tropical rain. The Biosphäre Potsdam provides for a „jungle atmosphere“ right in the middle of the capital city of Brandenburg. For those who are interested in exotic plants and animals are just where they need to be. The elaborately designed tropical world invites to discover exciting insights into the colourful diversity of the rainforest.

**Terrariums** with insects and reptiles, **bird aviaries** as well as an **underwater world** in the style of a historical submarine with tropical fish represent the animal kingdom of the tropics. A very special highlight visitors is the 60 m<sup>2</sup> **butterfly house**, where colourful butterflies from all over the world can be observed. And with a little luck, visitors can even experience the pupation of a caterpillar or the hatching of a butterfly. Anyone who wanders through the 5,000 square metres of the Biosphäre Potsdam will experience a unique and diversified expedition.

The Biosphäre Potsdam was opened in September 2002 in the middle of the Volkspark Potsdam, the grounds of the **German Horticultural Show 2001**. In addition to the permanent attraction of an authentic tropical adventure, **new themes, special activities and guided tours** also always belong to the concept. The Biosphäre places emphasis on regularly alternating **special exhibitions and events** which are geared to the interests of different target groups. They are always related to nature and are conveyed in a playful and entertaining manner.

**Gastronomic offers** round off your visit. Hot and cold food in the restaurant „Urwaldblick“ as well as snacks and beverages in the cafe „Tropencamp“ at the jungle pond. The **Souvenir Shop** provides for unforgettable memories. Not only gift ideas which all revolve around the jungle but also all kinds of things to play, explore and discover as well as a wide selection of tropical seeds and plants. Furthermore, the books for young and old are particularly worth reading.

Visitors should plan half a day for a tour through the Biosphäre. Therefore, the Biosphäre Potsdam can be ideally combined with the other numerous tourist attractions of the city.

# GUIDED TOURS THROUGH THE BIOSPHÄRE POTSDAM

The Biosphäre Potsdam offers many, specific tours on the following topics:



## Spice Shelf or Medicine Chest - the Tropics at Home

We are eating nine out of every ten fruits which are originally from tropical rainforests or are grown in the tropics today. On the tour through our rainforest you will learn some very crazy areas of application the flora of the jungle is used for. Some plants can do more than just look pretty.



## Butterflies of the Tropics

In the 60 m<sup>2</sup> accessible butterfly-house of the Biosphäre Potsdam, which has become home to uncountable butterflies from Asia and South-America, experts give the visitors an impressive insight into the world of butterflies.



## Exotic Flora and Fauna

About 20'000 tropical plants and many exotic animals live in the Biosphäre Potsdam. Here numerous primeval forest trees, lizards and exotic animals seem strange and familiar at the same time. Experts tell a lot of interesting, surprising and odd things about the species-rich flora and fauna of the tropical hall.



## Biological Diversity in the Rainforest

The amount of species in the tropical rain forest is worldwide unique. With its over 20.000 plants and many animals the tour through the Biosphäre Potsdam projects an impressive picture of the rain-forest and of its diversity of species, which should be protected and preserved.



## Aquasphäre – From the Jungle to the blue World of the Oceans

Water is the elixir of life for this world, but it's not available in the same quantities everywhere. During this tour you will get to know a wide range of animals, but also learn a lot about the diverse relations between animals, plants and humans in the sea. You will discover the importance of oceans for the climate of the earth.



## Biosphäre – Ingenious Nature

The exhibition gives a fascinating insight into the wonders of nature, which, as a creative thinker and engineer, is the model for innumerable technical developments. From our guides, visitors can learn how and what tricks and solutions technology has already copied from nature.



## Curry Workshop

In the tropical garden of the Biosphäre Potsdam you will learn a lot of interesting facts about some useful and aromatic plants of the tropical rainforests. At the workshop, you will get to know all the spices that can be part of the curry during a card game. Afterwards you can start to make your own custom curry spice mixture.



## Chocolate Workshop

The chocolate workshop for young and old reveals secrets of the cocoa fruit and invites you to produce your own small delicacies.

*Please note that we only offer the guided tour „Exotic Flora and Fauna“ in English!*

*It is possible to bring your own translator for the other guided tours.*

If you arrive with more than ten people, you can book your preferred date, e.g. group tour incl. catering.

## EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS



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The presentation of the tropical garden of the Biosphäre Potsdam is supported by changing special exhibitions and events.

A special highlight is the annual orchid bloom. At this time, the entire tropical garden is transformed into a colorful sea of the most beautiful orchids. For all school holidays, the tropical adventure world offers exciting holiday programs with interactive content for the whole family. The flashlight adventure takes all visitors on selected dates in the darker seasons into the jungle at night and shows the tropical rainforest from a completely different side.

All current events and special exhibitions can be found on the website [www.biosphaere-potsdam.de/en](http://www.biosphaere-potsdam.de/en).

## GASTRONOMIC OFFER: RESTAURANT „URWALDBLICK“ AND CAFÉ „TROPENCAMP“

Visitors can also indulge in culinary delights at the Biosphäre Potsdam.

The cafe “Tropencamp” offers small tasty snacks as well as coffee and cake every day from 10 am to 5:45 pm (on weekends from 10:30 am to 6:45 pm).

If you are really hungry, the restaurant „Urwaldblick“ invites you to enjoy lunch every day from 11 am to 3 pm (on weekends until 5 pm) with a unique view over the tropical rainforest.



### **Breakfast buffet**

On weekends, visitors can book a place for the coveted breakfast buffet. The restaurant „Urwaldblick“ offers a breakfast with a large selection of the finest and homemade delicacies for every taste. Individual breakfast offers can be booked during the week.

### **Tropical brunch**

On selected dates, the Biosphäre Potsdam offers tropical brunches in a wonderfully tropical setting. Guests are invited to enjoy the homemade delicacies of the Biosphäre kitchen in summer temperatures.

## THE TROPICAL EVENT LOCATION

The Biosphäre Potsdam is a tourist attraction and can also be used all year round as a location for various major and small-scale events. Whether incorporated into a complete package or just as an event location, the Biosphäre Potsdam is perfect for private and corporate events.

Our professional F&B management team completes the picture. Our catering team will provide you and your guests with indulgent culinary highlights and can fulfil all your requirements up to 1,200 guests.



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### The five different event locations of the Biosphäre Potsdam:

- The **Event Hall „Orangery“** - the largest event area with 720 m<sup>2</sup>, impressive glass fronts and magnificent palm trees
- The **cafe „Tropencamp“** is located in the middle of the jungle at the jungle pond
- The **restaurant „Urwaldblick“** - offers an air-conditioned indoor area and an interior terrace with a tropical view
- The **Underwater World Lounge** - the underwater world with a total area of 60 m<sup>2</sup>
- The **Jungle Room** - the perfect place for workshops and presentations

Detailed information on the event location can be found at [www.eventlocation-potsdam.de/en](http://www.eventlocation-potsdam.de/en)

## OFFERS FOR SCHOOL CLASSES AND DAY CARE GROUPS

In the tropical world, workshops and guided tours are also specially tailored to school classes and daycare groups.



### The following topics are available for selection at the workshops:

- „Water to live“
- „Rainforest Treasure Chest“
- „From Cocoa Fruit to Delicacy - make your own Chocolate“
- „Butterflies: the Jewels among Insects“
- „Rainforest Protector“
- „The Tropical Rainforest - A Unique Ecosystem“
- „Climate Change & Sustainability“
- „Tropics - Use and Protection of an Ecosystem“

*As of right now, our school programs are available in German only. It is possible to bring your own translator. We apologize for any inconvenience caused.*

The tropical garden with its many plants, animals and hands-on stations is ideal as an extra-curricular learning place. Gastronomic offers can be booked in addition to the guided tours.

## OUR SERVICE

### Opening Hours

All year round and daily  
Monday to Friday  
9 am to 6 pm (last admission 4:30 pm)  
Saturday, Sunday, Bank Holidays  
10 am to 7 pm (last admission 5:30 pm)

Our changed opening times for Christmas and New Year's can be found on our website.

### Prices

Adults 11,50 €  
Reduced 9,80 €  
Children (age 6-13) 7,80 €  
Small children (age 3-5) 4,50 €  
Family ticket (2 adults, 3 children) 33,50 €  
Small family ticket (1 adult, 2 children) 22,00 €  
Groups from 15 persons 9,80 € per persons

### Accessibility

The Biosphäre Potsdam is barrier-free.

### Arrival and Parking

The Biosphäre Potsdam recommends traveling by public transport. Means of transport: The „Volkspark“ tram stop is right in front the entrance to the Biosphäre Potsdam. Arriving from Potsdam main station you take tram line 96 towards the Jungfernstieg campus directly to Biosphäre Potsdam (Volkspark stop). If you are arriving by car, please follow the traffic control system in Potsdam's city center with the signs „Biosphäre“ or „BUGA-Park“. Free car and bus parking spaces are available in front of the house.

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**The Biosphäre Potsdam can also be found on social networks and shows behind-the-scenes impressions:**

 <https://www.facebook.com/biosphaere.potsdam>

 [https://www.instagram.com/biosphaere\\_potsdam/](https://www.instagram.com/biosphaere_potsdam/)

 [https://www.pinterest.de/biosphaere\\_potsdam/](https://www.pinterest.de/biosphaere_potsdam/)

 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIRIZzJG0wxJyfJGrSrrSVg>

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