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Reproduction after Zacharias Gorceus, "The Marienberg", 19th century (original 1582).
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Old Town Rally for explorers

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Dear Explorer,

We are delighted that you have chosen to take part in the Old Town Rally!

Brandenburg's Old Town may not be particularly large (it is only a little over one kilometre long and 300 metres wide across at the widest point), but there's much to discover. The rally will take you past the most famous sites of the Old Town:

Length: 2 km
Duration: approx. 45 minutes

Don't have a map with you? No problem!
There is an overview on the last page.

By the way, it wouldn't be a rally without prizes!

Fill in the letters marked in red on the last page to find the solution word and then present it at the cash desk in the Frey-Haus. There is a little prize waiting for you!

For now, though, have fun and enjoy your discovery tour!

*Your team from
the Stadtmuseum*



The solution word is a very special attraction in the New Town!

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12

Altstadt market: Roland sculpture

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More than 5 metres high and dating from 1474, the sandstone sculpture of Roland used to stand in another part of the town, known as Neustadt (New Town). It has been in its present location since the end of the Second World War, i.e. for more than 70 years.

Roland statues in towns used to be symbol of their right to hold their own markets and decide their own court cases. In this context, the raised sword represents the sword of justice used to execute sentences and punishments.



Walter Garski, "In front of the Roland. View on the Electoral House and St. Catherine's Church", around 1925, lithography. Photo Stadtmuseum Brandenburg an der Havel

Plauer Straße 6: Mansion façade decoration

1

If your gaze doesn't drift up to the façade by chance, anyone unfamiliar with the city may well miss one of the most important historic buildings in Brandenburg an der Havel...

The former mansion of toy manufacturer Ernst Paul Lehmann was erected in purest Art Nouveau style, both inside and out. You can spot this by the fact that the decoration consists of stylised flowers and plants. The Berlin architect Bruno Möhring (1863-1929), famous for his Art Nouveau houses, designed the building in 1901/02. The mansion was directly attached to the toy factory. These former workshops and the house at Plauer Straße 6 now accommodate the city's administrative offices.

Can you see what animal adorns the façade?



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INFO: The animal with its carriage was one of the most popular toys made by Lehmann!



Gable of the house Plauer Straße 6. Photo Stadtmuseum Brandenburg an der Havel

But what is that tuft on Roland's head?

- A: **Houseleek** - to protect against lightning
- B: **A wig** - showing Roland as a duke of Brittany
- C: **A bird's nest** - a pair of hooded crows broods here every year



Head of the Roland sculpture. Photo Stadtmuseum Brandenburg an der Havel

Plauer Straße: Plauer Gate Tower

2

In the 19th century the Plauer Straße was called Plauer Torstraße (Plauer Gate road), because the Plauer gate protected by the tower was still existing in those days.

Guarded by soldiers and watchmen, the tower and the gate gave access to the Old Town.

But what was the side oriel used for?

A: as a toilet
2

B: as a place to store lances
2

C: as a dovecote
2



Unknown artist, "Plauer Gate Tower", around 1930, oil on canvas, 55 x 45 cm. Photo Stadtmuseum Brandenburg an der Havel.

Parduin: Façade of the Altstadt Town Hall

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Standing on "Parduin" street, do you see the coats of arms on the façade of the town hall? They may look very old, but were only inserted there at the beginning of the 20th century. If you use such forms as decoration, although they are completely out of date, this is known as "historicism".

Some of the coats of arms represent crafts.

What crafts do the two coats of arms on the left represent?

B _ _ _ _ **8** **A** **L** _ _ _ _
9



Façade of the Town Hall seen from Parduin. Photo Stadtmuseum Brandenburg an der Havel

Schusterstraße: Entrance to the Altstadt Town Hall

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Here, above the imposing entrance, are four stone relief portraits of four Brandenburg citizens. Their names are written underneath.

Can you read them? Two of them are called...

S _ _ _ _ R _ _ _ _
12 6

Mayor of the Altstadt (Old Town)

Johann von B _ _ _ _ _
1

Mayor of the Neustadt
(New Town)



Entrance to the Town Hall at Schusterstraße. Photo Stadtmuseum Brandenburg an der Havel

Rathenower Straße: Rathenow Gate Tower

3

The Rathenow Gate Tower was erected in the 14th century. The protective function of the tower during the Middle Ages was no longer required in the 17th century due to new weaponry that could reach beyond the city walls. Until 1875, the guards were responsible for collecting taxes on merchandise. These included animals or flour, for instance.

Where the footpath passes under the tower today, there used to be no door. Interesting, isn't it?

What was this room likely to have been used for?

A: Storage
4

B: Oubliette (prison cell)
4

C: Bakery
4



Copy Major Streich after Carl Alberti, "The Rathenow Gate Tower", 19th century, watercolour on paper, 19,6 x 29 cm. Photo Stadtmuseum Brandenburg an der Havel

