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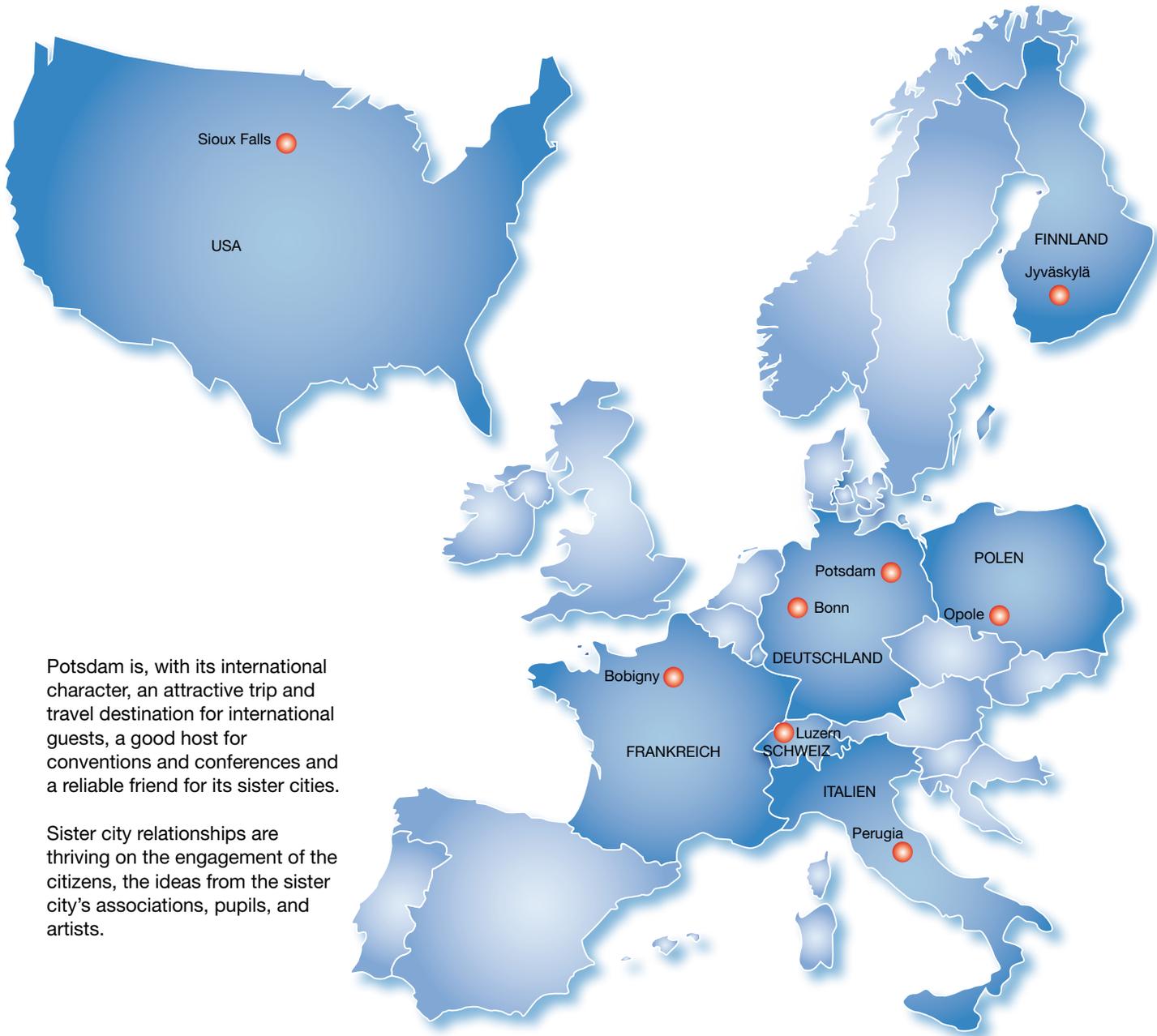
THE SISTER CITIES OF THE
STATE CAPITAL POTSDAM



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Seven sister cities are incorporated with Potsdam



Potsdam is, with its international character, an attractive trip and travel destination for international guests, a good host for conventions and conferences and a reliable friend for its sister cities.

Sister city relationships are thriving on the engagement of the citizens, the ideas from the sister city's associations, pupils, and artists.



BONN

Twin town since: 1988
Population: 318,000
Area: 141.22 km²
Internet address: www.bonn.de



LUCERNE

Twin town since: 2002
Population: 57,000
Area: 37 km²
Internet address: www.luzern.ch



JYVÄSKYLÄ

Twin town since: 1985
Population: 133,000
Area: 1,171 km²
Internet address: www.jyvaskyla.fi



BOBIGNY

Twin town since: 1974
Population: 48,156
Area: 6.77 km²
Internet address: www.bobigny.fr



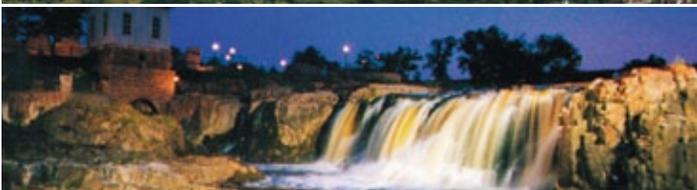
OPOLE

Twin town since: 1973
Population: 126,000
Area: 96 km²
Internet address: www.opole.pl



PERUGIA

Twin town since: 1990
Population: 170,000
Area: 449.92 km²
Internet address: www.comune.perugia.it



SIOUX FALLS

Sister city since: 1990
Population: 156,529
Area: 73.47 sq mi (190.03 km²)
Internet address: www.siouxfalls.com



POTSDAM

Population: 157,361
Total Area: 187.52 km²
Internet: www.potsdam.de



SIOUX FALLS



Sioux Falls is the biggest and one of the oldest cities in the US state South Dakota. The federal state in the Midwest of America, with its 77,000 square miles approximately half the size of Germany, has less than 800,000 inhabitants. Low unemployment rates and very generous tax policies ensure in continuing population growth. Sioux Falls has a high standard of living. The area around the waterfalls of the Big Sioux River has been turned into a beautiful park. The Sanford Hospital is the largest employer in the region and offers internationally renowned, very high standards of medical services that are applied in clinics throughout the world. Public and private schools as well as institutions of higher education (Augustana College, University of Sioux Falls, and University Centre) offer a wide variety of educational opportunities. The city is the banking, service, trading, and cultural centre of the region. Modern high-tech firms are present in the city, as are agricultural businesses.

The name “Sioux Falls” is derived from the waterfalls of the Big Sioux River. It was on these banks that European immigrants (among them Germans and Scandinavians) officially founded the city on 3 March 1883.

The official founding date was set on 20 March 1889. However, these immigrants were not the first to live in the region – long before them, the legendary Indian Sioux tribes built their nomadic houses here.

South Dakota is primarily an agricultural state. Banking and tourism are other important economic sectors. Visitors can experience the far reaches of the eternal prairie, the fascinating Badlands National Park and of course the Mount Rushmore National Monument. The memorial of the legendary chief of the Sioux Crazy Horse is just as exciting.

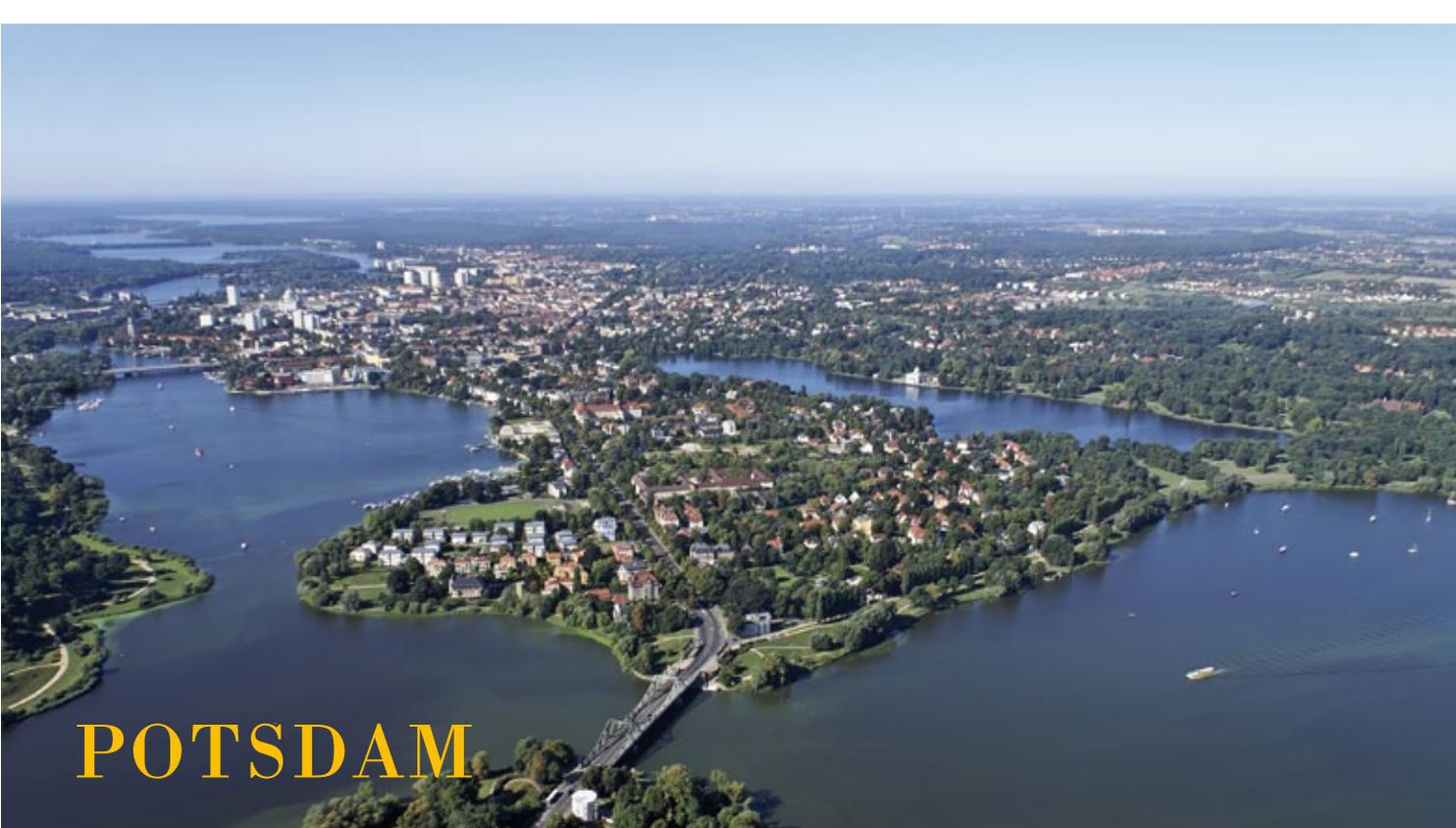
The sister city relationship with Potsdam started in 1990 and is the oldest sister city relationship between a city in the former German Democratic Republic and an American city.

Friends of Potsdam-Sioux Falls:

The Friends of Potsdam-Sioux Falls have been in close cooperation with the Sister Cities Association Sioux Falls since 1992. Interested citizens are welcome to join. You may reach the Friends of Potsdam-Sioux Falls via email at marketing@rathaus.potsdam.de or telephone +49 (0) 331 289 1270.

During their European Tour 2013, the Augustana College Sioux Falls Choir gave a very successful guest performance at St Nicholas Church in Potsdam.





Citizens and visitors alike are enchanted by the beauty of Potsdam, the palaces, parks and gardens, the unique location by the water and in close proximity to Berlin. The international reputation and appeal of the city originated in the UNESCO World Heritage created by brilliant architects and garden designers. More than a thousand years of history were shaped by Prussian Electors and Kings and German Emperors. In 1945, the heads of the allied states determined the German and European political post-war development in the Potsdam Agreement at Cecilienhof Palace.

The friendly attitude and metropolitan views of its people as well as a consequent urban orientation towards the future explain the amazing success story of science and the film and media economy in Potsdam. Potsdam-Babelsberg gained its international reputation as the cradle of film in Germany as early as in the years following 1911. Today, national as well as international film and TV productions and a booming multimedia industry are an inseparable part of Potsdam.

The large number of scientists working in Potsdam and the close ties between the various academic and non-academic institutions and businesses are important conditions for the success of the science location Potsdam. Renowned institutes explore the structure of our society, the coherencies on earth, and the secrets of outer space. Many students are drawn to the universities in Potsdam. Modern hotels in charming locations create the ideal conditions for conferences and conventions.

The capital of Brandenburg is an attractive place of residence and benefits from a continuously growing population. New citizens of Potsdam feel welcome here and enjoy the unique atmosphere in the city. This flair is also due to close relations between people of different heritages. Impulses from France, Switzerland, Holland, Russia, or Bohemia continue to shape architecture, crafts and culture in Potsdam.

In cooperation with numerous associations and circles of friends, the state capital Potsdam maintains close relations with its twin cities Bonn, Bobigny, Lucerne, Perugia, Opole, Jyväskylä and Sioux Falls.

For more information on the sister cities of Potsdam and associated clubs and groups in Potsdam dedicated to enhancing the relations, visit www.potsdam.de.

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The path of the running event „ProPotsdam Schlösserlauf“ leads through the UNESCO World Heritage Russian Colony Alexandrovka (upper left)

The Dutch Quarter (upper right)

The new building of the Hans Otto Theatre at Schiffbauergasse on lake „Tiefer See“ (bottom)



Information can also be obtained from the Public Relations/Marketing Department in the City Hall, reachable by email: marketing@rathaus.potsdam.de or by telephone (+49 331 289 1274).

More information about Potsdam's twin towns and the related clubs and associations can be found online at

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