

Transport / mobility

There are various ways in which you can get around the district Dahme-Spreewald and the surrounding area:

By bike

If you are staying in a city or municipality for a longer period of time, it is worth buying your own bike. It is cheaper in the long run than travelling by bus or train.

Purchase and repairs

When purchasing a bike, make sure that it is safe to ride. Otherwise, you will have to pay a fine when subject to a police check.

A bicycle needs to have:


Front and rear lights

Reflectors at the front and rear

2 reflectors per tyre at the front and rear

Bell

Two independent brakes

Important traffic rules for cyclists can be found  [here](#) (in various languages).


By train or the S-Bahn

If you'd like to travel to another city, you can take a train there. You often have to take the bus or another train first and then change to a train.

You need to buy a ticket. You can buy a ticket at a machine at the railway station or ask an employee at the station.

Keep in mind that there are different train lines. Not every ticket allows you to take any train. You can often recognise the different trains by their different numbers. Ask someone if you are not sure!

Your ticket will be checked on the train by a guard. If you have no ticket or the wrong kind, you will have to pay a €60 fine.

 [Here](#) you will find an explanation of how to buy tickets at the ticket machine (in different languages).


By bus

In the district Dahme-Spreewald there are many bus routes. You can use them to travel almost anywhere in the district at low cost.

You get on a bus at a bus stop. You can recognise a bus stop from the sign with a yellow-and-green "H".

You need to buy a bus ticket on the bus. You must always validate (stamp) the ticket. You do this on the bus at a ticket machine. If you do not stamp your ticket, it is not valid for travel.

You may have your ticket checked on the bus. If this happens, please show the checker your stamped bus ticket. If you have no ticket, you will have to pay a €60 fine.

Here you can find the  [journey planner](#).

By long-distance coach

If you want to travel to another city or country, you can travel by train or long-distance coach. The long-distance bus departs from the central bus station (ZOB) in Berlin, for example.

You can buy tickets online at  [here](#).

You can also buy a ticket from the bus driver, but only if there is still a seat available on the bus. If you buy your tickets online in advance, they are usually cheaper.

By car

To be allowed to drive a car in Germany, you need a driver's licence. You must be at least 18 years old to drive a car by yourself. You must get a driving licence from a driving school. At driving school, you will complete a number of practice hours and take an exam at the end. The exam consists of a written part and a practical part (driving). You have to pay for the driving licence yourself. A driving licence usually costs between €1,500 and €2,000. The number of practice hours you will need to complete depends on you. Even if you have already obtained a driving licence in your home country, you will have to take another test in Germany.

Driving schools in the county of Dahme-Spreewald can be found at  [here](#).