

Northern Germany in March – inside its a tropical world, outside its cold European winter.



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Weda keeps things clean in Germany's tropical waters

The ideal conditions for any pool-cleaning machine is a square-sided pool that is closed for the night. Tropical Island in Germany is exactly the opposite: a recreation centre that is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and a pool with soft shorelines and even some islands! But Weda's machines have been working hard there every day of the past five years, and they have been doing a great job.

TROPICAL ISLAND IS a perfectly mad idea, but also a wonderful one. A huge former airship hangar has been converted into a giant entertainment and recreation centre that attracts thousands of visitors every day.

It's a place where you can sunbathe, take a walk on the beach or go for a swim in tropical waters.

And if the beach isn't hot enough you can visit a sauna or a treatment area that offers massage and oil treatments of various kinds. You can take a hike through the rain forest, or just chill out on the verandah of a cabin you've rented for the

evening. There are plenty of bars and restaurants, so you can stay as long as you like until the rain outside stops falling.

Tropical Island is located 60 km south west of Berlin, Germany, which makes it much closer than Thailand or the Canary Islands for north Europeans.

Visitor numbers have been consistently high since the resort opened for business five years ago.

"IT WAS A CHALLENGE for us to find the right cleaner robot for this type of facility," says Norbert Kanmann, one of five Weda employees working at the Delmenhorst office near

pools. But normal swimming pools have straight edges and the pool is closed at night."

Norbert Kanmann therefore recommended two Weda B600s and a Weda B680. Both of these models are fully automated, but they can also be controlled manually using remote control units. This means that large parts of the pool can be cleaned in automated mode, while the remaining bits can be controlled manually by an operator.

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"Supplying a site such as Tropical Island requires a very high level of service," explains Norbert Kanmann. "First off we have to train the customer's own staff to use our machines. But then we have to take responsibility for maintenance and service. You can't have any long stoppages at a place like Tropical Island which has so many visitors all day." ■

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