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FOREWORD

*Outgoing Australian Ambassador to
Germany, Philip Green OAM*

Willkommen in Berlin – Welcome to Berlin. If you have travelled here before, there's surely a multitude of things bringing you back. If it is your first visit, you are in for a treat.

As you will see in Michael Reid Gallery's guide, there is no shortage of museums, galleries, restaurants and culture to engage visitors of all ages and interests.

I also encourage you to explore the area outside of the capital, where there's history and culture a-plenty. Try to see Potsdam, Weimar, Eberswalde, Oranienburg or, if you can go further, Dresden or Leipzig – Germany has so much to offer, and there are interesting Australian links everywhere you go.

It is no wonder Berlin has become an intellectual, cultural and social mecca for so many Australians and curious, interesting people from all over the world.

The art scene here is particularly vibrant, and the sense of the avant-garde is alive and well. Australian artists contribute to that, and we are proud that there are first class Australian works hanging in homes, offices, galleries and museums across the city – to which Michael Reid Gallery contributes a lot.

So get yourself a flat white (our cultural export has really taken off here!) and set off on your fascinating, unique journey through the German capital.

Left: Dr Christian Thompson AO's exhibition *Strange Flower* at the Australian Embassy in Berlin, 2020



CELEBRATING
10 YEARS OF
MICHAEL REID
BERLIN

Kathleen Nanima Rambler
'My Fathers Country' (261-22), 2022

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Here's To The Next Dekade

2022 represented a milestone for the galleries, Michael Reid, and indeed Australian art on the world stage – from our springboard creative space in Berlin and across Europe. We celebrated internationally a decade of championing the very best of contemporary Antipodean art. In acknowledging ten years of art and more than 90 exhibitions, our journey began with our inaugural Berlin presentation entitled *Murr-ma: Uncovering Aboriginal & Australian Contemporary Art* at Halle Am Wasser in 2012. We culminated 2022 with the exhibition *Dekade: 10 Years of Michael Reid Berlin*.

Using Berlin as a base, we have toured First Nations Art and Contemporary Australian photography, paintings and sculptures across Europe. We have celebrated Australian fine & decorative arts with gallery exhibitions, off-site exhibitions that have encompassed embassy spaces, numerous Art Fair booths, and cultural festivals across Europe.

Michael Reid Berlin has championed emerging Indigenous art on the world stage. We have undertaken numerous collaborative projects with the Australian Government and fellow Australian gallerists, while also working with European & Australian art museums to enrich their understanding and appreciation of Australia's most extraordinary creativity.

Detail image: Mr Wanambi,
Wawurritjpal (2371-22), 2022

Underpinning the amplification, projection and placement of Australian cultural heritage into many of the world's significant art collections, Michael Reid Berlin has consistently committed to Australian art education. Through artist talks, panel discussions, and our in-house art specialists being available in real time across Europe and North America, we strive to foster a deeper world understanding and engagement with Australian art.

Michael Reid Berlin has actively supported artists' career growth by providing an international creative space, coupled with professional mentoring, introductions to key figures and collaborations with art museums – all designed to showcase their works in solo and group exhibitions. These exhibitions not only provide a platform for artists to present their vision to a wider audience but also assist in establishing their reputation within the art world.

Our gallery's lessons have, in no way, been a one-way street to Europe & North America. Through our engagement with the international art market, the congregation of galleries that is Michael Reid has repatriated valuable insights into the global art market, which helps guide my colleagues, our artists, and our collectors to better navigate the entire art world.

The experience of exhibiting and positioning First Nations and contemporary Australian art in important art collections across Europe & North America has informed our tangible understanding of the exact support artists need to obtain a place on the international stage.

I believed ten years ago, as I do now, that Australian art needs an enduring presence on the world stage. And yet, after all these years, the congregation of art galleries that is Michael Reid remains the only Australia-based gallery to have a permanent, readily accessible exhibition space internationally. It is our honour, and to a degree my country's ignominy, that we have achieved such a success. We grow because we are bold.

What a decade it's been – and here's to the *dekade* to come.

Michael Reid OAM, 2024





Above: A toast by Outgoing Australian Ambassador to Germany, Philip Green OAM, at *Dekade*, 2022

Left: '*Dekade - 10 Years of Michael Reid Berlin*' exhibition, featuring 'Being Human Human Being', 2022 by Dr Christian Thompson AO



Detail image:
Nici Cumpston
'Great Grandmother Barka', 2021

MICHAEL REID AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD

For over a decade, Michael Reid Berlin has championed the best of contemporary Australian art from the bohemian, derelict and dynamic Deutsche capital.

In 2012, Michael Reid noticed that Berlin attracts the poor, the talented and the brave. Counting himself among their number, he decided that the city would be the perfect location for sharing and cultivating a current, contemporary view of Australian art, ‘beyond a post-colonial lens’.

Michael Reid Galleries staged *Murr-ma: Uncovering Aboriginal & Australian Contemporary Art*, a major Australian group exhibition, in the Hamburger Bahnhof, a prominent exhibition space behind the Museum of Contemporary Art (Museum für Gegenwart). The show presented the best of contemporary Australian artistic practice – Joseph McGlennon, Marian Drew, Adam Cullen and Deborah Paauwe; and indigenous Papunya Tula artists George Tjungurrayi, Johnny Yungut Tjupurrula and Ronnie Tjampitjinpa.

Shortly afterwards, Michael Reid Galleries dived further into the Berlin arts scene by presenting key Australian works at the Preview Berlin Art Fair.

The positive reception that greeted these two exhibitions led, in 2013, to the establishment of Michael

Reid Berlin in Ackerstraße, on the ground floor of an 1870s’ building that, miraculously, had survived the ravages of war, time and politics.

Ackerstraße lies in the central district of Mitte, home to significant landmarks such as the city Town Hall, Brandenburg Gate, Berlin Cathedral and Fernsehturm (Television Tower). For 28 years, from 1961 to 1989, Ackerstraße was divided by the wall. Today, at its corner with Bernauer Straße, a preserved portion of ‘no man’s land’ forms the outdoor Berlin Wall Memorial (Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer), a tourist hot spot offering a pervasive reminder of the once-divided city. Also within short walking distance of the gallery is the Protestant cemetery, Friedhof II der Sophiengemeinde Berlin, commemorating a host of notable composers and artists, singers, philosophers and historians.

Mitte is perhaps best known for its arts and cultural connections. During the 1990s, the Kunsthaus Tacheles (now closed), located on nearby Oranienburger Straße, was home to artists’ collectives, studios, workshops and a cinema. Today, tucked-away courtyards reveal architect-designed gallery spaces, while a former Jewish school in Auguststraße houses a multi-level arts precinct.

Close by, in a reclaimed factory, the Berlin Biennale headquarters shares premises with Kunst-Werke Institute for Contemporary Art. Known for its cutting-edge contemporary art exhibitions, KW Institute has collaborated with MoMA PS1, the Venice Biennale and Documenta.

Impressive private contemporary art collections – Sammlung Hoffmann and Sammlung Boros (in a converted bunker) – can be viewed by appointment. Located less than a kilometre away is Museums Island, home to museums of antiquity, archaeology and art – the Pergamon Museum, Alte Nationalgalerie and Altes Museum, and Bode Museum.

Rachael Vance
Curator & Writer



IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Coffee & Breakfast

Distrikt Coffee

The Barn

Frea Bakery

House of Small Wonder
- Dining

Katz Orange

Strandbad Mitte

Night Kitchen

Kopps

Frea

Clärchens Ballroom

CORDO
- Bars

Hackbarth's

Meine Bar

Mozzerella Bar & Bottega

Tor Bar
- Sweets

Hokey Pokey

Rosa Canina
- Shop

The Record Store Berlin

Hackescher Markt

Ocelot
- Art

Michael Reid Berlin

KW Berlin

Sammlung Hoffman

Sophiensæle
- Transit

U Rosenthaler Platz: U8

U Weinmeisterstraße: U8

S Oranienburger Straße: S1, S2, S25

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Once a divided city, Berlin has at least two of everything: two zoos (Tierpark and Zoologischer Garten); three opera houses (Deutsche Oper, Staatsoper Unter den Linden and Komische Oper); and seven orchestras. When the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, the city had an open ticket to reunite and re-create itself on its own terms. Abandoned venues – bunkers, hangars, power plants and underground stations – were taken over by young creatives. Essentially, 1989–1991 was a lawless period, with police from the former East and West unsure of what rules to apply. It saw the birth of Berlin's now famous techno music scene, through clubs including Tresor and WMF. Today, it is estimated that 50,000 people dance here every weekend.

By July 1990, over 100 buildings in Berlin were occupied by squatters. If you visited the city before September 2012, you may remember Kunsthaus Tacheles, a five-storey artist colony on Oranienburger Straße. Formerly a shopping complex, then a showroom for the German electronic company AEG, the venue housed the Schutzstaffel (the SS) and was hit by bombing raids during the Second World War. Three months after the wall fell, a creative group, Künstlerinitiative Tacheles, squatted on the site, transforming it into a hub for the arts.

Left: Betty Chimney
'Ngayuku Ngura (My Country)' (528-21), 2021

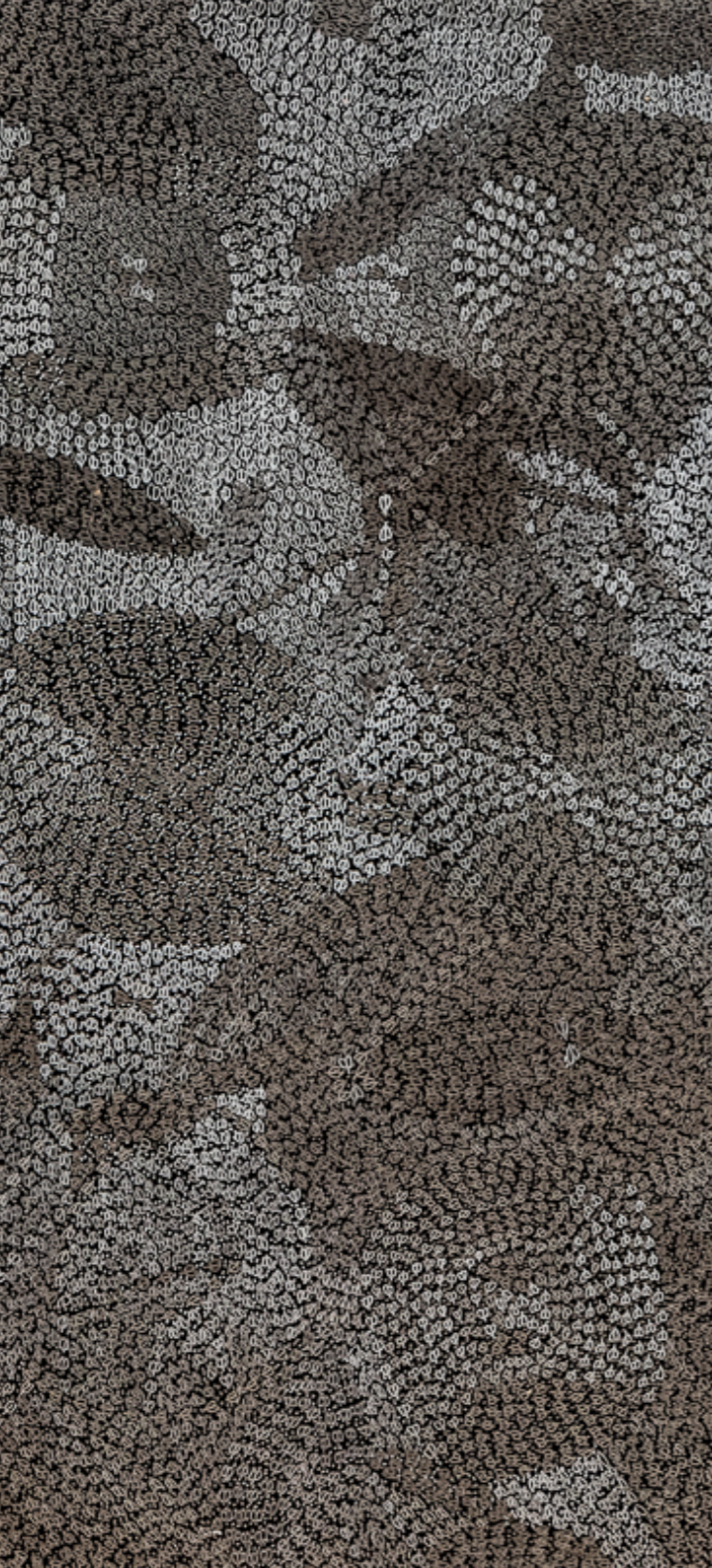
The building was covered in murals and graffiti, hosted performances and exhibitions, and boasted an open-air sculpture garden.

History is kept visible. Walking the streets of Berlin, you will discover *Stolperstein* under your feet, brass plates among the cobblestones that individually commemorate victims of the Nazi regime. The Berlin Wall is distinctively marked out, and the streets and architecture in former West Berlin vary greatly from those in the former East.

All cities have histories and sites of significance, but what remains uniquely Berlin is its adaptability and openness. Berlin stands apart from the art capitals of New York, London, Paris and Hong Kong in the presence of artists. A visa specifically for artists that is relatively simple to obtain attracts thousands of creatives to the city each year.

Berlin is certainly not immune to gentrification (construction sites and development are a constant), but the arts and artists are valued and embraced here. Berlin is a production base and a site of experimentation; it is a place that is open to exchange and to experiencing the new.

Laura Thompson
Former Gallery Director, Michael Reid Berlin



A first-time visitor in Berlin

Before visiting Berlin for the first time, I was told to expect two cities. The German capital’s divided past would still be legible in the distinct urban character of the former East and West – one leafy and quaint, the other stark, severe, appealing to brutalist sensibilities. But at first, the reality seemed more scrambled, even inverted, with orientation discernible in smaller clues.

The Kreuzberg neighbourhood – where I stayed near the gritty hubbub and baroquely brutalist towers of the junction affectionately called Crazy Kotti – had once been in West Berlin, while more genteel Prenzlauer Berg and Mitte – the latter home to Michael Reid Berlin, Museum Island and many of the city’s most famous attractions – were, in fact, ex-GDR.

History can certainly be felt everywhere in Berlin. Its streetscapes are a kind of architectural palimpsest. But walking around these central districts unfurled social histories more complex than the East-West narrative I arrived with. Histories of punk music, squatter’s movements, Turkish culture and ‘chunky’ modernism; a subversive queer underground in the former GDR; the constant migrations and dizzying transformations that have shaped the city pre- and post-reunification.

Detail image: Mr Wanambi,
Wawurritjpal (2371-22), 2022

If there’s a lesson in my earlier discombobulation, it’s that Berlin undoes all expectations. Forever remaking itself, the city is completely alive as a cultural entrepôt where artists, writers, radicals, refugees, academics, techno-clubbers, students, naturalists and hedonists all converge in a spirit of total inclusivity.

Being in Berlin is like the best encounters with contemporary art in that it invites you to reckon with history and with the urgent concerns of our time. It offers a testing ground for new ideas and different ways of living. It pools a diverse array of experiences and perspectives. And it sees this diversity not just as an essential good but as a seed of cultural and creative efflorescence.

This sense of openness – of everything coming together in one raucous party – means that art feels totally enmeshed in the city’s social fabric and all types of lines tend to blur. Visiting an exhibition at one of Berlin’s countless art spaces – in a sea of industrial clubwear and Demeulemeester-esque gothic minimalism – the scene shifts seamlessly from cerebral to sybaritic: art show to street party, esoteric recital to deejay set, symposium to 24-hour rave.

If there was one place that distilled this for me and presented the city-as-palimpsest most plainly, it was Sammlung Boros – the labyrinthine art gallery inside a former air-raid shelter, now showing the private collection of Karen and Christian Boros (see p34).

Built by the Nazis ostentatiously above ground so it could be repurposed in Speer’s plan for a post-victory Germania, the concrete monolith was dubbed ‘banana bunker’ in the GDR years when it was used to cool tropical fruit.

Notorious during techno’s nascent decade as Europe’s hardest nightspot (photos show 90s club urchins emerging with their clothes hoicked up, having danced for entire weekends in waist-deep water), the bunker’s reimagining as an art museum sees works by Anne Imhof, Anna Uddenberg, Cyprien Gaillard, Louis Fratino and others from the Boroses’ personal cache play out through a sequence of enflating volumes that dramatically expand and contract. Most recently, the family’s private home – a vast ultramodern apartment on the bunker’s upper levels – had a memorable star turn as the setting for Cate Blanchett and Nina Hoss’s fraying marriage in the 2022 film *Tár*.

Revealing stories, characters and surprises layer upon layer – by turns harrowing or hedonic, steeped in history or startlingly new – the building has traces of its past lives quite literally etched in its walls. It all just seemed so quintessentially Berlin – because Berlin is so many cities in one.

Harry Roberts, 2023
Head of Marketing, Michael Reid



Exhibition install of Timothy Cook, 2021



ABORIGINAL ART IN EUROPE

Aboriginal art has in recent years firmly set foot in the European art world. The inclusion of work by western desert artists Doreen Reid Nakamarra and Warlimpirrnga Tjapaltjarri in dOCUMENTA (13) in 2012 and Emily Kame Kngwarreye in the central pavilion of the 2015 Venice Biennale are testimony to this. However, this appreciation could not always be taken for granted and Aboriginal art was only gradually allowed into the realm of contemporary art in the European sense. One only has to think of Gallery Gabriella Pizzi, one of the foremost Australian galleries for contemporary Aboriginal art at the time, being barred entry of the Cologne Art Fair in 1994. Yet, one year earlier, in 1993, one of the most important exhibitions of Aboriginal art ever to be held on the European continent opened its doors at the Sammlung Rheinland-Westphalen in Düsseldorf. Curated by Swiss artist and activist Bernhard Lüthi, *Aratjara: art of the first Australians* was devised as an exhibition of contemporary art in first instance and toured a number of Europe's capitals of high art - Düsseldorf, Copenhagen and London. It provided a comprehensive overview of contemporary currents in Aboriginal art and was pivotal in introducing European audiences to Australian Indigenous art.

The idea of *Aratjara* had started with *Magiciens de la Terre*, held in 1989 at the Centre Pompidou, Paris. Lüthi had been in charge with the Indigenous Australian artists for this almost legendary exhibition curated by Jean-Hubert Martin. John Mawurndjul, the acclaimed artist from Arnhem Land, received for the first time international attention. A ground painting made in situ at the Grande Halle de la Villette by twelve artists from the central desert community of Yuendumu positioned in dialogue with a work by Richard Long still is one of the most iconic installation views of this exhibition.

Often, the appreciation of Australian Indigenous art was brought about by European and North American artists, rather than curators, who perhaps had less theoretical reservations towards the art. The American Sol LeWitt saw work by Emily Kame Kngwarreye at the Venice Biennale in 1997, when this Aboriginal artist represented her country together with two other Indigenous Australian women (Yvonne Koolmatrie and Judy Watson). It prompted him to take a closer look at the art of the first Australians. Many years later, LeWitt's collection of Aboriginal art would provide the basis for another landmark exhibition of Aboriginal art in Germany, namely *Remembering Forward* organised by the Ludwig Museum in Cologne. This exhibition assembled some of the foremost Indigenous Australian

artists, including Rover Thomas, Emily Kame Kngwarreye and Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri.

Still in Germany, the Sprengel Museum in Hannover hosted no less than six exhibitions of Indigenous Australian art during the tenure of Ulrich Krempel as Director. Krempel had previously worked on *Aratjara*. Amongst these exhibition was *Rarrk*, which was subsequently taken over from the Museum Tinguely in Basel (2005). This exhibition was the first international retrospective of John Mawurndjul. Other exhibitions included *Opening Doors*, an exhibition on the art of Yuendumu produced by the Dutch Museum of Contemporary Aboriginal Art (AAMU).

In 2001, as an initiative by a Dutch private collector, the AAMU opened its doors in the Dutch city of Utrecht. This museum approached Aboriginal art from the onset as contemporary art, distinguishing it clearly from the many ethnographic institutions in Europe that hold Aboriginal art in their collections. While initial exhibitions were concerned on familiarising and educating European audiences on the rich diversity and different directions in Aboriginal art, later exhibitions penetrated this relative cultural isolation and consciously sought the



dialogue or confrontation with non-Indigenous art. In its sixteen years of existence it not only presented the work of individual artists in monographic exhibitions (Gordon Bennett, Brook Andrew, Paddy Bedford) to a European public, but also stimulated an intercultural artistic dialogue between Aboriginal and global art. Thus creating a cross-cultural exchange in art, the work of Marcel Broodthaers featured alongside that of four desert artists, including Kathleen Petyarre and Dorothy Napangardi, in one of its most cutting-edge exhibitions.

At the closure of AAMU in 2017, the entire collection became part of the National Museum of World Cultures in the Netherlands. With this transferral, the collection became probably the most important collection of Indigenous Australian art in a national institution outside Australia.

One year later, in 2018, the Fondation Opale in Lens, Switzerland, took the relay as main permanent platform for contemporary Indigenous Australian art in Europe. The Fondation Opale aims to provide an active and dynamic basis for the art through ground-breaking exhibitions, high quality catalogues and publications, artist-in-residence positions and scholarly research. It actively pursues an intercultural dialogue through art and in doing so it endeavours to provide new perspectives from which to interpret and reinterpret the participating artists' work.

Georges Petitjean
Art Historian & Curator at Fondation Opale

Laura Thompson: Particularly when it comes to Australian Indigenous art, the private collector has played a key role in bringing this to European audiences. The AAMU was established by private collectors in Utrecht. You are now Curator of Fondation Opale, also a private initiative. And Michael Reid Berlin is loaning works from leading Papunya Tula artists from the Peter and Alison Klein collection in early 2021. How do collectors play a role in positioning Indigenous Australian art in the global art market?

Georges Petitjean: Curators and art professionals were not that quick in taking up Aboriginal art. It was in first instance artists and collectors that sparked an interest and also opened the paths for many institutions to show the art. One only has to think of Sol LeWitt who saw the work of Emily Kame Kngwarreye at the Venice Biennale in 1997. His subsequent collection of Indigenous Australian art lay at the basis of the *Remembering Forward* exhibition at the Ludwig Museum.

Just as artists are at the cutting edge of things, so are sometimes collectors before the art is actually being taken up by the established art world. This definitely happened with Indigenous Australian art. Collectors were among the first to appreciate it, to see the relevance and give it a place in their collections. They could also promote the art in their networks. Collectors often have access to a large network of art galleries, curators, museums and so on. It is quite often the case that through their endeavours Indigenous Australian art found its way into many major art galleries and museums in Europe and continues to do so. Examples are manifold.

Former Gallery Director Laura Thompson
 in-conversation with Georges Petitjean
 ahead of our exhibition with the Peter & Alison Klein Collection in 2021

Image left: Paul Namarinjmak Nabulumo



SEEDS
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BEFORE TOUCHDOWN

So, you’re heading to Berlin? We’re not experts when it comes to advising what visa you need, but over the years we have picked up some tips that will make your stay a bit easier. We’ve also rounded up the best books, films and series to razzle your excitement.

Tip 1:

Take out some Euros and expect to pay in cash at corner shops and some taxis & restaurants. Whilst card payment is becoming more common, Germans generally dislike card payments.

Tip 2:

Rent a bike or pack your art fair sneakers, Berlin is one of the greenest & most bike friendly capital cities in Europe. Don’t plan your trip around landmarks alone; explore different neighbourhoods. There are many nearby lakes, and Berlin has more bridges over its canals than Venice.

Tip 3:

If you’re visiting during peak summer season (June–August), book ahead – and not just your accommodation; some museums and private collections have long waiting times.

Tip 4:

A *pfand* (deposit) will sometimes be added to your drinks at bars. Return your glasses/bottles to be reimbursed. You’ll often see people leaving their empty bottles on the street or near public bins, as the *pfand* can be redeemed from machines in most supermarkets.

Tip 5:

Sundays are a ‘day of rest’ in Berlin, and in most of Germany. More accurately, most businesses aren’t allowed to operate on Sundays. This rest is continued on Monday for cultural institutions, including all state museums. Be sure to factor in the more limited offerings on these days when planning your stay.

Recommended Films

- The Lives of Others* (2006)
- Next Door* (2021)
- Good Bye, Lenin!* (2003)
- Run Lola Run* (1998)
- Sonnenallee* (1999)
- Atomic Blonde* (2017)
- The Bourne Supremacy* (2004)
- Wings of Desire (Der Himmel über Berlin)* (1987)

Recommended Series

- Babylon Berlin*
- Deutschland 86*
- Dogs of Berlin*
- 4 Blocks*
- Unorthodox*
- Kleo*

Recommended Books

- The Shortest History of Germany*, by James Hawes
- A Guide to Berlin*, by Gail Jones (a novel)
- Walking in Berlin*, by Franz Hessel
- Stasiland: Stories from Behind the Berlin Wall*, by Anna Funder



Right: Berlin Cathedral (Berliner Dom)

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

The Boros Collection (Sammlung Boros)

Private collection of big-name contemporary art (think Ai Weiwei) collectors Karen & Christian Boros. Housed in a very stylishly converted Second World War bunker, with the Boros family's private, Bond villain-esque residence on the top floor.

Thurs–Sun

Visits possible only by booking guided tours in advance through the website. (Book approximately 6 weeks ahead of your planned visit)

Bunker, Reinhardtstraße 20, 10117 Berlin

sammlung-boros.de

Arthur de Ganay Collection

Large-format photography collection investigating landscape and architecture, housed in a former jam factory on the banks of the River Spree.

Sat 2pm (guided tour only)

Register through the website

Köpenicker Straße 10A, 10997 Berlin

collectionarthurdeganay.com

The Feuerle Collection

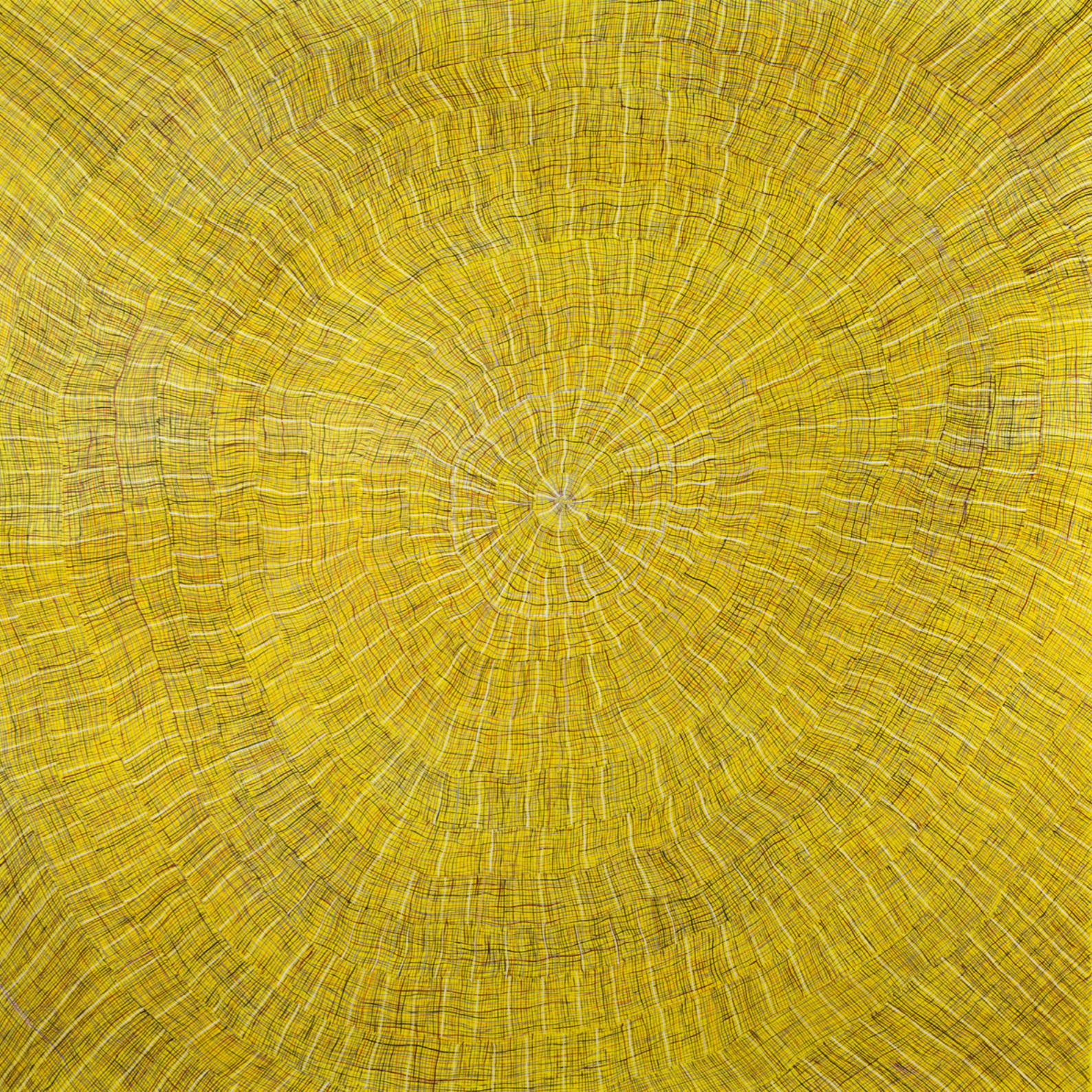
Immersed in the complete darkness of a former Second World War telecommunications bunker, the Feuerle Collection showcases Imperial Chinese stone and lacquer furniture and Chinese scholar furniture. These pieces from the Han and early Qing dynasties are exhibited alongside contemporary works from the likes of Anish Kapoor and Adam Fuss. Founded by Désiré Feuerle and Sara Puig in 2016. A viewing experience like no other in Berlin.

Book an appointment online

Hallesches Ufer 70, 10963 Berlin

thefeuerlecollection.org

Right: Regina Wilson, *Wupun (Sun Mat)*, 2022





Hoffmann Collection

Contemporary art collection started in 1968 by Erika and Rolf Hoffmann and on display in Erika Hoffmann's home.

Sat 11am–4pm.

Register for guided tours through the website a few days in advance

Sammlung Hoffmann, Sophienstraße 21, 10178 Berlin

sammlung-hoffmann.de

Fluentum Collection

A collection with a strong focus on time-based media art, the Fluentum Collection was started by Markus Hannebauer in 2010 following a visit to LOOP Barcelona.

Check the website for updates and events

Clayallee 174, 14195 Berlin

fluentum.org

Previous Page: Djirrirra Wunurmurra Yukuwa, *Yukuwa* (4769-22), 2022 (detail)

Right: Pergamon Museum





from Tamara Dean's series, *The Suspended Moment*, 2023

ART FAIRS AND EVENTS

Gallery Weekend Berlin

Started in 2004, Gallery Weekend Berlin is a key event, with dozens of commercial galleries across the city opening their doors all weekend long. Pick up a map and take a walking tour of some of the best art available to view in Berlin.

April, 2024

gallery-weekend-berlin.de

Berlin Biennale

Curated by Zasha Colah, the 13th Berlin Biennale will take place in summer 2025. Since its founding in 1996, the Berlin Biennale for Contemporary Art has become one of the most important international forums for contemporary art. Bringing together artists, theorists and practitioners from a variety of fields in one of the most culturally progressive cities in Europe.

Summer, 2025

berlinbiennale.de/en/

Berlin Art Week

This is the annual art-focused week of the year. Galleries and institutions alike present key exhibitions at this time. Coinciding art fairs, including POSITIONS Berlin Art Fair, will be held at Flughafen Tempelhof (Tempelhof Airport).

13–17 September, 2024

berlinartweek.de
positions.de

Berlinale

The Berlin International Film Festival was founded in 1951 at the start of the Cold War. To this day, it is considered one of the most political of film festivals and attracts thousands of guests from around the globe.

15–25 February, 2024

berlinale.de

Tanz im August

Translating to ‘Dance in August’, this is an annual festival of all things contemporary and classical dance.

9–26 August, 2023

tanzimaugust.de

Right: Petrina Hicks, *Heiroyglyph II*, 2023





Wall Power: Contemporary Australian Photography, 2017-19. Presented by Michael Reid Sydney + Berlin.

Installation view, Australia House, The High Commission of Australian in London.

Photo: James Gifford Mead

ART FAIRS AND EVENTS: OUTSIDE BERLIN

Art Düsseldorf

art-dus.de

12–14 April, 2024

Germany

Documenta 16

documenta.de

12 June – 19 September, 2027

Germany

Venice Biennale

labiennale.org

20 April – 24 November, 2024 [60th edition]

Italy

Art Basel

artbasel.com

13–16 June, 2024

Photo London

photolondon.org

May, 2024

England

Frieze London

frieze.com/fairs

11–15 October, 2023

England

Art Paris

artparis.fr

4–7 April, 2024

France

TEFAF

tefaf.com/fairs

9–14 March, 2024

Netherlands

Right: Paris Photo at the Grand Palais



MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Museumsinsel (Museum Island)

Unique, World Heritage-listed ensemble of five museums built on a small island in Berlin’s Spree River. Encompassing art and history spanning Ice Ages, these monumental institutions are built on the site of Berlin’s earliest beginnings in the 12th and 13th centuries.

(Note: Bode Museum, Alte Nationalgalerie and Altes Museum are closed on Mondays)

Mon–Fri 10am–6pm

Thurs 10am–8pm

Sat–Sun 10am–6pm

Bodestraße, 10178 Berlin

smb.museum

Pergamon Museum – get lost among the gleaming marble temples and palace fortifications relocated from Greece, Rome and Mesopotamia *en masse* during the height of Germany’s Enlightenment archaeological frenzy.

Altes Museum – classical sculptures and objects spanning antiquity in a fantastic Karl Friedrich Schinkel building exemplifying Prussia’s strident neoclassical period.

Neues Museum – encapsulating human creativity from pre-history to the height of Frederick the Great’s court, presented in a 19th-century palace stunningly restored by David Chipperfield following the fall of the Wall in the 1990s.

Alte Nationalgalerie – exploring high art from Germany and its vassals from the 16th to the 19th century. A dignified, suitably phlegmatic, affair.

Bode Museum – championing nudes from nubile to Neanderthalic, there’s a marble for all in this gorgeous river-side museum, as well as a delightful cafe overlooking the Spree.

Also within walking distance are Schlossbrücke (the Palace Bridge), Lustgarten (for a delightful stroll), and Berliner Dom (Berlin Cathedral).



Museum Portal website

Museumsportal is a one-stop shop for researching stops on your Berlin adventure. It features over 200 museums, memorials and galleries, with information on events, tours and access for every type of visitor.

museumsportal-berlin.de

Museums Sonntag

At dozens of locations across the city, admission is free on the first *Sunday* of every month.

Many museums and events require you to book a free ticket in advance.. The tickets are available via the online shop.

museumssonntag.berlin/en

Top: Neues Museum
Bottom: Alte Nationalgalerie

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES



Hamburger Bahnhof

This Museum for Contemporary Art (Museum für Gegenwart) is housed in Berlin’s former central station. One of the largest public collections of contemporary art in Berlin, it has a regularly changing exhibition program (pictured left).

Tues–Fri 10am–6pm
Thurs 10am–8pm
Sat–Sun 11am–6pm
Free entry every first Thursday of the month, 4–8pm

Invalidenstraße 50–51, 10557 Berlin

smb.museum

Neue Nationalgalerie

After several years of restoration, the iconic Mies van der Rohe designed Neue Nationalgalerie re-opened its doors in 2021. With permanent exhibitions from their extensive 20th century collection, as well as temporary offerings, the building, originally designed and constructed in the 60’s, is once again delighting art & architecture enthusiasts alike.

Tues–Mon 10am–6pm
Thurs 10am–8pm

Potsdamer Straße 50, 10785 Berlin

smb.museum

C/O Berlin Foundation

An exhibition centre for photography. Founded in 2000, it moved to Amerika Haus – the former US culture and information centre – in 2014, conveniently located right next to Zoologischer Garten train station.

Mon–Sun 11am–8pm

Amerika Haus,
Hardenbergstraße 22–24, 10623 Berlin

co-berlin.org

TOBY’S PICK

Berlinische Galerie

The Berlinische Galerie is a centre for modern art, photography and architecture, with a strong focus on art from Berlin. Founded in 1975 in Charlottenburg, the museum now calls Kreuzberg home in a refurbished industrial warehouse. The permanent collection dates back to 1870 and is shown alongside temporary exhibitions.

Wed–Mon 10am–6pm

Alte Jakobstraße 124–128, 10969 Berlin

berlinischegalerie.de



Humboldt Forum

After several setbacks, the Humboldt Forum, part of the reconstructed Berlin Palace, was reopened in 2022. This large-scale museum brings together the Ethnological Museum of Berlin and the Museum of Asian Art, alongside spaces for lectures, cinemas and restaurants. Named after Alexander and Wilhelm von Humboldt, the Humboldt Forum showcases non-Western art, with the intention of creating a world centre for culture.

Weds–Mon 10:30am–6:30pm

Schloßplatz, 10178 Berlin

humboldtforum.org

Neuer Berliner Kunstverein (n.b.k.)

The Neuer Berliner Kunstverein was founded in 1969 and is one of the best places to explore contemporary art with a strong political discourse for free. The space is within walking distance of Michael Reid Berlin.

Tues–Sun noon–6pm

Thurs noon–8pm

Chausseestraße 128–129, 10115 Berlin

nbk.org

MOLT

Located near Hallesches Tor on the Landwehr Canal, MOLT's ambition is to provide a versatile platform for art in all its forms. The result of this expansive, interdisciplinary remit is that no two visits feel the same, with experimental music, immersive performances and visual art all colliding amid a wild and fabulous party atmosphere.

Tempelhofer Ufer 1A, 10961 Berlin

molt.berlin

Julia Stoschek Foundation

A private gallery focused on time-based art, the Julia Stoschek Foundation presents and conserves new media and performance art through large-scale exhibitions staged alongside Stoschek's own collection of more than 900 works of video, sound and virtual reality, as well as multimedia environments and moving-image installations from the 1960s to the present day.

Sat–Sun, 12–6pm

Leipzigerstraße 60, 10117 Berlin

jsfoundation.art

Left: Humboldt Forum

KW Institute
for Contemporary Art

A former margarine factory, KW (short for Kunst-Werk, ‘artwork’) has played an important role in the Berlin art scene. Founded by Klaus Biesenbach and a group of young art enthusiasts, this institution is one of the more progressive. It is often the centre point of the Berlin Biennale and hosts various events. Catch some rays in the courtyard if you’re visiting in summer.

Wed–Mon 11am–7pm
Thurs 11am–9pm

Auguststraße 69, 10117 Berlin

kw-berlin.de

DANIEL’S PICK

KINDL
– Centre for Contemporary Art

Head south to Neukölln to view contemporary art in the former Kindl brewery’s unique exhibition spaces. The six large copper kettles at Café Kosmetiksalon Babette were once the biggest of their kind in Europe.

Wed noon–8pm
Thurs–Sun noon–6pm

Am Sudhaus 3, 12053 Berlin

kindl-berlin.com



Above: KINDL

KVOST

Located across the road from the Julia Stoschek Foundation’s Berlin home is another excellent art space, KVOST, which exhibits work by artists who come from Eastern Europe or whose lives and work have been informed by their ties to the former Eastern bloc.

Wed–Sat 2–6pm
Leipzigerstraße 47, 10117 Berlin

kvost.de

KÖNIG GALERIE

Another key stop on Berlin’s seemingly endless trail of privately owned art spaces, KÖNIG GALERIE is joined by locations in Mexico City and Seoul as the home of Lena and Johann König’s private collection. The gallery is set within the former St. Agnes church – a monumental feat of stark 1960s brutalist asceticism designed by Werner Düttmann.

Tues–Sat, 11am–6pm
Alexandrinestraße 118-121, 10969 Berlin

koeniggalerie.com

Haus am Waldsee

A visit to the Haus am Waldsee, located near Grönewald forest in Berlin’s west is the perfect way to escape the busy city. An unsuspecting English style country house showcases works by Berlin-based & international contemporary artists and features a 10,000 sqm sculpture garden.

Tues–Sun 11am–6pm

Argentinische Allee 30, 14163 Berlin

hausamwaldsee.de

LILY’S PICK

Kunsthaus Dahlem

This controversial building in the city’s west, located next to the Brücke Museum, was built to house works from Hitler’s Germania project. Once artist studios, today the exhibition spaces spotlight post-war modernism, and the garden is home to over 20 sculptures by renowned West German sculptor Bernhard Heiliger, who worked in the space for almost 5 decades.

Weds–Mon 11am–5pm
Käuzchensteig 8, 14195 Berlin

kunsthaus-dahlem.de



Berlin Kulturforum

Collection of cultural buildings in a neighbourhood otherwise famed for the irrepressibly underwhelming Checkpoint Charlie. This locus of cultural heavyweights brings life to the area and includes the Neue Nationalgalerie, Philharmonie and Chamber Music Hall (home to the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra), Neue Staatsbibliothek (New State Library), Kupferstichkabinett (graphic collection), Kunstgewerbemuseum (Museum of Decorative Arts), and the Gemäldegalerie (one of the world's most important collections of Old Master works).

Tues–Fri 10am–6pm

Sat–Sun 11am–6pm

Matthäikirchplatz 4–6, 10785 Berlin

smb.museum



Left: Andrea Huelin, *Mum's vase and pears*, 2021
 Above: Narelle Autio, *Changeling XIII*, 2020

MEMORIALS

The Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe (Holocaust Memorial)

No visitor to Berlin should miss this understated, and yet remarkably powerful, public memorial. How can public art begin to articulate such unspeakable losses? Somehow, these gridded slabs of concrete come close. This memorable space for contemplation is a stone's throw from the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate, Tiergarten and the Memorial to Homosexuals Persecuted Under Nazism.

Field of Stelae accessible 24h a day
 Exhibition at the Information Centre open:
 Tues–Sun 10am–6pm (last admission 5.15pm)
 Cora-Berliner-Straße 1, 10117 Berlin
stiftung-denkmal.de



Memorial to Homosexuals Persecuted Under Nazism

In the park opposite the Holocaust Memorial is a lone pillar designed by artist duo Michael Elmgreen and Ingar Dragset, in honour of the ‘forgotten victims’ of the Nazi regime who weren’t officially recognised until the 1980’s.

Ebertstraße, 10785 Berlin

stiftung-denkmal.de

Stasi Museum

A huge complex that once housed the Ministry of State Security, or Staatssicherheit (Stasi). The building was stormed by protesters after the fall of the wall, halting the destruction of 30 years of files and so preserving the records of a dark chapter in Berlin’s history. The building is now also home to the organisation that made the Stasi’s unfathomably dense archives available to those on whom it spied.

Mon–Fri 10am–6pm

Sat–Sun 11am–6pm

Normannenstraße 20, Haus 1, 10365 Berlin

stasimuseum.de

Berlin Hohenschönhausen Prison Memorial

Concrete and barbed wire surround this infamous GDR processing facility for political dissidents. Its detainees were kidnapped without charge in non-descript delivery vans, isolated and ‘corrected’ (read: psychologically tortured and humiliated). The kitsch and mundane 1960s’ interiors of the interrogation offices are terrifying in their bureaucratic simplicity. Tours are often led by former inmates.

Daily 9am–6pm

Genslerstraße 66, 13055 Berlin

museumsportal-berlin.de





Berlin Wall Memorial

A mixture of parkland, memorial and museum, and the best site to take in the history of the wall. It has none of the commercial tackiness of Checkpoint Charlie, and is much more enlightening than the East Side Gallery for the historically interested. Visitors can follow the line of the wall (Mauerweg), reading tales of escape while tracking the history of a divided city. A 70m-long section of the original wall is maintained in its late 1980s' state, with a guard tower and the barbaric trip wires and traps of 'no-man's land'.

Open daily.

Bernauer Straße

berliner-mauer-gedenkstaette.de

East Side Gallery

A great location for a walk along the Spree on a sunny Berlin day. Iconic graffiti and messages of hope cover a section of the former boundary between East and West Berlin.

Open all year round.

Mühlenstraße, 10243 Berlin

eastsidegallery-berlin.de

Stolpersteine Project

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Look down and you will find engraved brass plates among Berlin's cobblestones. A project initiated by artist Gunter Demnig, Stolpersteine ('stumbling stones') commemorates those who were persecuted by the Nazis between 1933 and 1945.

stolpersteine-berlin.de

Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp

This Nazi concentration camp is only a short trip north of Berlin. Used from 1936 until the end of the Third Reich in 1945, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp held primarily political prisoners – those wanted dead because of their political views. Some 200,000 people were imprisoned here. Entrance is free, but you can book a tour to discover the site and its history in depth.

Daily 8.30am–6pm

Visitor centre: Mon–Fri 8:30am–5pm

Straße der Nationen 22, D-16515 Oranienburg

sachsenhausen-sbg.de

GETTING AROUND

Posh

Germans aren't typically fond of Airbnb or Uber. Whilst their prevalence has grown in recent years, you could also download the app FREENOW or Bolt. These are Uber equivalents, with registered taxis and free drivers alike, which also allows for payment by cash.

Sporty

Biking around Berlin is a great idea! The city is mostly flat, and bike paths dominate the city and are easy to navigate. Hire a bike from a local *späti*, or bike shop, for a decent daily or weekly rate. Otherwise you can try one of the many electric scooter or bike options that have popped up in the city in the last five years.

Savvy

The BVG is Berlin's far-reaching public transport system. Tickets will get you on trams, buses, the U-Bahn (mostly underground train) and the S-Bahn (mostly overground train). You'll likely spend most of your time in zones A and B. For ventures out of the city centre, or to the airport, check if you need a zone C ticket.

It's best to buy tickets in bulk. (Select the four-trip ticket option on ticket machines in subways.) A two-hour ticket is only valid in one direction, and don't forget to validate your ticket by stamping it in a yellow validation machine on the platform. You can also try their app: BVG Fahrinfo.





WALK

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Tiergarten

Straße des 17. Juni 100, 10557 Berlin

Berlin's oldest, largest and most popular public park is the perfect place for a walk or a picnic. There are numerous monuments to explore, and Brandenburg Gate is at its eastern edge.

Körnerpark

Schierker Straße 8, 12051 Berlin

A small, but very beautiful, palace garden in an unsuspecting corner of Neukölln in the city's southeast. Unlike Tiergarten, this space usually avoids heavy tourist traffic and features a gallery & cafe.

Victory Column at Tiergarten

Volkspark Humboldthain

Brunnenstraße, 13355 Berlin

A large ‘Bunker-berg’ (a Nazi anti-aircraft bunker/ man-made hill) just north of Mitte in the ‘wild’ Wedding locality that offers great views back over Berlin. A lovely park for a quiet morning run, as well as a swim in the 50 metre swimming pool, Sommerbad Humboldthain - only open in the summer.

At Gesundbrunnen train station (Brunnenstraße105), you can book underground tours of the Bunker: Berliner Unterwelten from 10am-4pm daily.

Tempelhofer Feld

Tempelhofer Damm, 12101 Berlin

The former Tempelhof Airport is a colossal, contemporary public park. You’ll find a broad mix here – people skating and bicycling alongside kite flyers and yoga enthusiasts.

Berlin Zoo

Hardenbergplatz 8, 10787 Berlin

Berlin Zoo, or Zoologischer Garten Berlin, is home to over 20,000 animals. Housed in Tiergarten, it covers over 86 acres and is renowned for having one of the most comprehensive collections of animal species in the world.

Daily 9am–6:30pm. Reduced hours in winter.

zoo-berlin.de

Right: Volkspark Humboldthain



STAY

Hotel Adlon Kempinski

Unter den Linden 77, 10117 Berlin

Tel: +49 30 22610
hotel.adlon@kempinski.com
kempinski.com

Lux 11

Rosa-Luxemburg-Straße 11, 10178 Berlin

Tel: +49 30 936 2800
info@lux-eleven.com
lux-eleven.com

Hotel de Rome

Behrenstraße 37, 10117 Berlin

Tel: +49 30 460 6090
info@deromeroccofortehotels.com
roccofortehotels.com/hotels-and-resorts/hotel-de-rome

Cosmo Hotel

Spittelmarkt 13, 10117 Berlin

Tel: +49 30 5858 2222
info@cosmo-hotel.de
cosmo-hotel.de



Bleibtreu

Bleibtreustraße 32, 10707 Berlin

+49 30 884 740
info@goldentulipbleibtreuberlin.com
bleibtreu-berlin.goldentulip.com/en-us/

Michelberger Hotel

Warschauer Straße 39–40, 10243 Berlin

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reservations@michelbergerhotel.com
michelbergerhotel.com

Bob W Mitte

Köpenicker Straße 92, 10179 Berlin

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hello@bobw.co
bobw.com

Soho House Berlin

Torstraße 1, 10119 Berlin

+49 30 405 0440
sohohouseberlin.com

Hüttenpalast

Hobrechtstraße 66, 12047 Berlin

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info@huettenpalast.de
huettenpalast.de

Arte Luise ArtHotel

Luisenstraße 19, 10117 Berlin

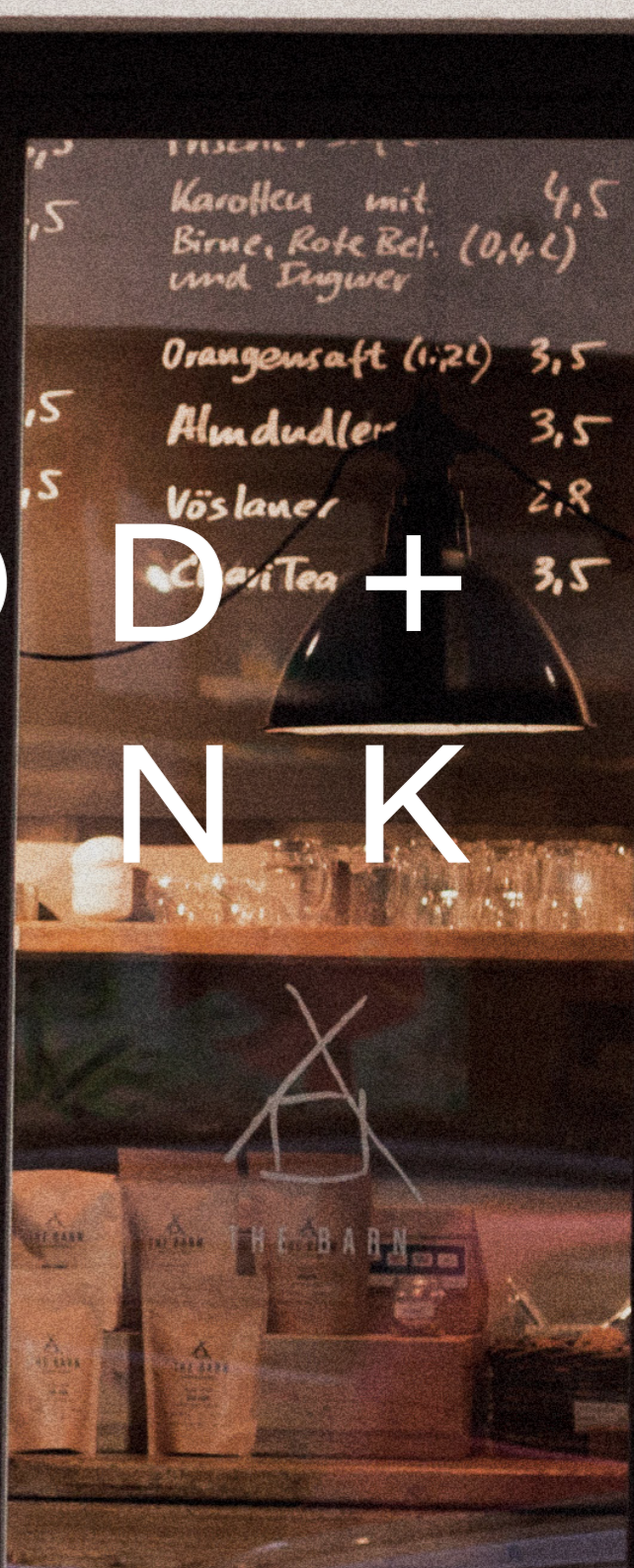
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FOOD + DRINK



EAT

Katz Orange

With a focus on regional, organic cuisine. and two bars accompanying the restaurant, this eclectic and ornately decorated dining experience in an old villa is not to be missed.

Bergstraße 22, 10115 Berlin
Daily 6pm-1am
+ 49 30 983208430
reservation@katzorange.com
katzorange.com

Borchardt

High-quality German and French cuisine. The first Borchardt was opened next door at number 48, but was destroyed in the Second World War. Dine in this 19th-century replica that is frequented by bankers, politicians and world travellers.

Französische Straße 47, 10117 Berlin
Daily 11.30am-midnight
+49 30 8188 6262
borchardt-restaurant.de

Cocolo Ramen

Cocolo Ramen is the undisputed ramen haven in central Berlin. Get there early unless you don't mind waiting in line for this hole-in-the-wall gem. Their Kreuzberg location is much larger, located on Graefestraße.

Gippstraße 3, 10119 Berlin
Tues-Sun 6-11pm
kuchi.de/restaurant/cocolo-ramen

Remi

From the duo behind one of Berlin's hottest restaurants, Lode & Stijn in Kreuzberg, comes their "small big sister" cafe, Remi. The a la carte menus focuses on uncomplicated modern European dishes against the sleek, light-filled interior.

Torstraße 48, 10119 Berlin
Tues-Sat 6pm-midnight
+49 30 2759 3090
remi-berlin.de

Right: Catherine Nelson, *TerraNostra*, 2020



CHARLOTTENBURG

KaDeWe

The Harrod's of Berlin. Take time out from shopping to indulge in the many offerings of the food court. We recommend a seafood platter accompanied by a champagne tasting, followed by a taxi home.

Tauentzienstraße 21-24, 10789 Berlin
Mon-Sat 10am-8pm

kadewe.de

Focaccino

This place is renowned for its relaxed atmosphere and exceptional service – and the food is nothing to ignore either. At this no-nonsense Italian hub, expect classic dishes with a twist, such as the risotto with a hint of orange.

Stuttgarter Platz 16, 10627 Berlin
Mon-Sat 6pm-midnight
+49 30 324 8838

focaccino.eu

Paris Bar

You might recognise the exterior of Paris Bar from the film *The Monuments Men*, with George Clooney. Renowned as a legendary restaurant for the rich and famous, particularly the Berlin art scene of the 1990s.

Kantstraße 152, 10623 Berlin
Daily noon-10pm
+49 30 313 8052

parisbar.net

PRENZLAUER BERG

Wen Cheng

Now with three spaces across the city, Wen Cheng is a beacon of hope for noodle lovers. Serving traditional Chinese hand-pulled noodles, the restaurant only accepts walk-ins, so be sure to get there early.

Schönhauser Allee 10, 10119 Berlin
Tues-Sun 5pm-10pm
+ Sat-Sun 12pm-3pm

wenchengnoodles.de

LILY'S PICK

Otto

Located in the heart of leafy Prenzlauer Berg is a renowned, sleek concrete cube - a 20 seat dining room. The open kitchen serves up farm-to-table meals on natural stoneware and hand thrown ceramics with a fabulous natural wine menu.

Oderberger Straße 56, 10435 Berlin
Thur-Mon 6-11pm
+49 30 5870 5176



Right: Morris Gibson Tjapaltjarri

KREUZBERG & FRIEDRICHSHAIN

VOLT

Set in an old substation in the heart of trendy Kreuzberg, Volt serves contemporary cuisine and boasts an exceptional wine list. The set menu is wonderful. Perfect before sampling some great bars in the vicinity.

Paul-Lincke-Ufer 21, 10999 Berlin
Tue-Sat 7-11pm
+49 30 3384 02320
restaurant-volt.de

Zola Pizza

Zola's extensive array of indoor and outdoor seating is often at capacity, with lines stretching down the street. A refined menu of unique favourites, mouth-watering wood-fired pizzas and a laidback feel make it easy to understand why. Indulge and try their Spianata; you won't be disappointed.

Paul-Lincke-Ufer 39-40, 10999 Berlin
Daily noon-10pm
+49 30 2769 5938
facebook.com/zolakreuzberg

St Bart

This bar and kitchen, opened by Australian chef Lee Thompson, is a Kreuzberg gem, serving up traditional pub dishes and oysters.

Graefestraße 71, 10967 Berlin
Thurs-Mon 6pm-11.30pm
Sundays from 4pm
+49 30 4075 1175
stbartpub.com

Jolesch

A beautiful dining room with traditional Austrian cuisine, if you only eat one schnitzel while you're in the city, it better be this one. Don't forget to order Presiselbeeren (delicious lingonberry jam).

Muskauer Straße 1, 10997 Berlin
Daily 5pm-10pm
jolesch.de



NEUKÖLLN

Eins44

The lofty tiled interior adds a real taste of Art Nouveau glamour to Eins44. Have a classic cocktail at the stylised bar before a leisurely, refined dinner.

Elbestraße 28–29, 12045 Berlin

Daily 5–10pm

+49 30 6298 1212

eins44.com

Barra

Offers a thoughtful, contemporary dining experience. Seasonal smaller dishes to share using the highest-quality products and accompanied by a serious natural wine list.

Okerstraße 2, 10249 Berlin

Fri–Mon 6–9.45pm

+49 30 8186 0757

barraberlin.com

Sorrel

A laid-back neighbourhood cafe by day that keeps its casual mood after dark, Sorrel’s seasonal menu serves up light, fresh and piquant fare alongside a selection of delicious natural wines. Its location on a particularly pleasant corner of Neukölln makes one of the curbside tables a perfect meeting place – whether for brunch or a light weekend dinner.

Pannierstraße 40, 12047 Berlin

Fri–Sat, 10am–11pm

Sun–Thurs, 10am–5pm

sorrel.berlin

WEDDING

MARS

A great outdoor cafe and restaurant that runs alongside the Silent Green, a cultural quarter in Wedding’s old Crematorium. Check their program of events for an evening of entertainment in these unique, historical premises.

+49 30 1208 22131

Gerichtstraße 35, Seiteneingang, 13347 Berlin

mars-berlin.net

Julius

The younger sibling of Berlin powerhouse restaurant Ernst, also located in Wedding. Creative dishes are served all day, available as a tasting menu in the evening (on reservation) and for breakfast and brunch.

Gerichtstraße 31, 13347 Berlin

Thurs–Sun 10am–11pm

juliusberlin.de



Right: Marc Etherington

PLANT-BASED DELIGHTS

Without a doubt, Berlin has been ahead of the game when it comes to vegan food. There are meat- and dairy-free options available just about everywhere throughout the city.

Cookies Cream

Featured on Rick Stein’s Berlin visit, Cookies Cream is located near Museum Island and serves only organic, locally sourced vegetarian cuisine. Deservedly awarded one Michelin star. Head to Crackers for drinks afterwards.

Behrenstraße 55, 10117 Berlin
Tues–Sat 5pm–midnight
+49 30 6807 30448

cookiescream.com

Frea

Berlin’s first zero waste restaurant, where you can dine guilt-free. They offer three-, four- and five-course options for an affordable price at lunch and dinner. Book ahead; this new addition to Berlin has quickly become a crowd favourite.

Kleine Hamburger Straße 2,
10115 Berlin
Daily 5.30pm–midnight

frea.de

Kopps

Alongside Cookies Cream, Kopps has talent when it comes to vegan fine dining. Open for weekend brunch, the first Sunday of the month from 11.30am.

Linienstraße 94, 10115 Berlin
Weds–Sat 5.30–midnight

kopps-berlin.de

Ryong

This vegetarian Vietnamese and Japanese fusion restaurant is fully adaptable for our vegan friends.

Torstraße 59, 10119 Berlin
Mon–Fri noon–10pm
Sat 5–10:30pm
+49 30 3030 7047

ryong.de

Sotto

Sans competition in the neighbourhood near Humboldthain, Sotto has become a hit. Delicious pizzas. Run by an Italian–Finnish couple.

Neue Hochstraße 25, 13347 Berlin
Weds–Sun 5–10pm
+49 151 7478 3419

1990 Vegan Living

This establishment has been working its magic on vegan cuisine since 1990.

Krossener Straße 19, 10245 Berlin
Sun–Thurs noon–11pm
Fri–Sat noon–11.30pm
+49 30 8561 4761

restaurant-1990.de



Right: Kaspar Kägi





KAFFEE & FRÜHSTÜCK

If you're craving good strong coffee, these locations are part of the city's hip 'third wave' of coffee shops, taking their espresso very seriously and bucking the trend of bad coffee in Berlin.

Distrikt Coffee

Most of the staff here hails from Australia or New Zealand, so you won't be disappointed for a great classic flat white. If you're dining in, be prepared to wait in line, especially on a sunny weekend.

Bergstraße 68, 10115 Berlin
Mon-Fri 8.30am-3.30pm
Sat-Sun 9am-4pm
distriktcoffee.de

The Barn

Coffee specialists and roasters with locations across the city. Check out the one closest to the gallery below.

Auguststraße 58, 10119 Berlin
Mon-Sat 8am-6pm
Sun 10am-6pm
thebarn.de

CODOS Coffee

With their own roastery and several locations across Germany, CODOS is the perfect brunch stop, opposite Volkspark am Weinberg.

Invalidenstraße 1, 10115 Berlin
Mon-Fri 8am-6pm
Sat-Sun 9am-6pm
codos.com

House of Small Wonder

Located in a protected historical building, a former Jewish Girl's School, this Japanese inspired cafe is open for all-day brunch, lunch & cocktails.

Auguststraße 11-13, 10117 Berlin
Daily 9am-5pm
houseofsmallwonder.de

Right: The Barn coffee roasters



Bonanza Coffee Heroes

Best coffee in Prenzlauer Berg.

Oderberger Straße 35, 10435 Berlin
Mon–Fri from 8.30am
Sat–Sun from 10am
bonanzacoffee.de



Reeham Coffee

Schlüterstraße 2, 10625 Berlin
Daily 8am-5pm
reehamcoffee.com

Brot und Butter

Set in the historically significant Haus Herdenberg, this deli-style place serves great coffee along with a variety of boutique organic groceries and counter food.

Hardenbergstraße 4–5, 10623 Berlin
Mon–Sat from 8am

manufactum.de

Cafe im Literatushaus

Cafe by day, restaurant by night, all in a charming conservatory & terrace.

Kurfürstenstraße 58, 10785 Berlin
Daily 9am–midnight
cafe-im-literaturhaus.de

Isla Coffee

Hermannstraße 37, 12049 Berlin
Mon–Fri from 8am
Sat–Sun from 9am
facebook.com/islacoffeeberlin

Companion Tea & Coffee

Weserstraße 166, 12045 Berlin
Mon–Fri from 8.30am
Sat–Sun from 10am
companioncoffee.com

Five Elephant

A modern and warm interior, Five Elephant roasts their own beans and it shows in the flavour profile.

Reichenberger Straße 101, 10999 Berlin
Mon–Fri from 8am
Sat–Sun from 9am
fiveelephant.com

Chapter One

An experience for both coffee connoisseurs as well as those just after a caffeine hit. Knowledgeable staff and a cool, eclectic interior design.

Mittenwalder Straße 30, 10961 Berlin
Mon–Sat from 9am
Sun from 10am
chapter-one-coffee.com

Concierge Coffee

Grab a coffee by the canal at this hole-in-the-wall café.

Paul-Lincke-Ufer 39–40, 10999 Berlin
Mon–Fri from 8am
Sat–Sun from 9am

conciergecoffee.de

Hallesches Haus

A decked-out hipster cafe in Kreuzberg with a general store full of unique gifts to take home.

Tempelhofer Ufer 1, 10961 Berlin
Wed–Sun from 9.30am

hallescheshaus.com

Albatross Bakery

Graefestraße 66/67, 10967 Berlin
Daily 8am–6pm

albatrossberlin.com

Café Pförtner

Dine in an old bus next to the Panke canal.

Uferstraße 8, 13357 Berlin
Mon–Fri 9am–midnight
Sat 11am–midnight

pfoertner.co



SÜßES

Ice cream is a beloved pastime for Berliners, so don't be afraid to treat yourself! Here are some of the coolest spots in town.

Hokey Pokey

Beautifully presented, hand-made ice cream.
 Stargarder Straße 73, 10437 Berlin
 Daily noon-7pm

Torstraße 141, 10119 Berlin
 Daily noon-10pm

Eislabor

Ice creamery and cakes.
 Raumerstraße 31, 10437 Berlin
 April-October: daily 2-8pm

Balaram Eis

All vegan.
 Gabriel-Max-Straße 17, 10245 Berlin
 Daily 12.30pm-10pm
 Sat & Sun from 11.30am

Right: Derek Henderson, *Rosa*, 2021





Berliners certainly don't mind a drink, and some of the best watering holes are found by accident. When summer rolls around, don't be afraid to grab a take-away bier from a local *Späti* (corner shop) and sit on the grass or by the canal in the sun.

PRENZLAUER BERG

Marietta Cafe-Bar

Stargarder Straße 13, 10437 Berlin

Daily from 2pm

Sat & Sun from noon

marietta-bar.de

Tipsy Bear

A fantastic and lively no-frills bar in the heart of Prenzlauer Berg with weekly drag performances, karaoke, burlesque and trivia events.

Eberswalderstraße 21, 10437 Berlin

Daily from 6pm

facebook.com/tipsybear

KREUZBERG & FRIEDRICHSHAIN

Mano Cafe

Cosy, casual bar with vintage furniture and upcycled wooden interiors.

Skalitzer Straße 46A, 10997 Berlin

Daily from 2pm

facebook.com/mano.cafe

Café Luzia

Throngs of the intimidatingly stylish spill onto busy Oranienstraße from Café Luzia – a bar from the team behind nearby fashion mecca Voo Store (see p122), which also has a gallery-like space for archival clothing across the road. Here among the fashion pack, you will want to (discreetly) Shazam everything while taking in the street theatre that streams up towards Kottbusser Tor – home to the slightly more divey but equally fun and fabulous Café Kotti.

Mon–Thurs, 4pm–5am

Fri–Sun, 12pm–5am

Oranienstraße 34, 10999 Berlin

luzia.tc

Filmkunstbar Fitzcarraldo

Berlin is a certainly great place for fans of physical media. A cinéaste's dream, the teeming *tanzbar* Fitzcarraldo is boasts a sprawling basement DVD rental library with a vast selection of movies – including the Herzog epic that gives the venue its name and other classics of New German Cinema from Fassbinder, von Trotta, Wenders and more. At some point, all the chairs and tables disappear from upstairs and the whole bar turns into one big discotheque.

Reichenberger Straße 133, 10999 Berlin

Daily from 5pm

[@filmkunstbarfitzcarraldo](https://twitter.com/filmkunstbarfitzcarraldo)

Ankerklause

Perched over Landwehr Canal between Kreuzberg and Neukölln in what was once a ticketing booth for local boat tours, Ankerklause is a buzzy, all-hours maritime bar that feels like being in a grittier *Life Aquatic* with its mix of nautical kitsch and bohemian desuetude. As with Roter Rabe on the canal's opposite side, this is a perfect place to anchor at the juncture of two great neighbourhoods. The Kreuzberg side culminates in the craziness of Kotti, while a more salubrious stroll along Maybachufer takes you further into Neukölln, with plenty of dining spots, canalside greenspace and pedestrian bridges used as makeshift beer gardens along the way.

Daily from 10am

Kottbusser Damm 104, 10967 Berlin

ankerklause.de

Holzmarkt 25

A sprawling riverside location with a bar, bakery and unique retail offerings underneath modern office, studio and production spaces.

Holzmarktstraße 25, 10243 Berlin

Check the website for opening times.

holzmarkt.com

Right: Boxhagener Straße



MITTE

Meine BarMICHAEL'S PICK

The perfect Berlin bar. Effortlessly cool, smoke-stained walls, relaxed atmosphere and one of the best record collections in town. A Michael Reid favourite.

Auguststraße 61, 10117 Berlin
Daily from 3pm

Clärchens Ballroom

A short walk from Michael Reid Berlin, this bar and restaurant is set within one of the city's last remaining ball houses. Its leafy front courtyard is a pleasant spot to enjoy aperitifs and light morsels on a summer afternoon.

Auguststraße 61, 10117 Berlin
Tue–Fri, 5–11pm; Sat–Sun, 12–11pm

claerchensball.haus

Brasserie Torbar

A classy recent addition to our neighbourhood.

Torstraße 183, 10115 Berlin
Mon–Sat from 6pm

torbar.berlin

Buck & Breck

A nondescript door hides this small and intimate cocktail bar that appears on many lists of the best cocktail bars in the world.

Brunnenstraße 177, 10119 Berlin
Sun–Fri from 7pm

buckandbreck.com

Mein Haus Am SeeDANIEL'S PICK

Previously open 24 hours/7 days a week, this charming place is difficult to categorise. Part bar, part restaurant, part coffee shop and part DJ venue, it is inviting, friendly and filled with the best retro furniture. The venue's website says 'not a bar, not a club ... something sexier in between' – very correct!

Brunnenstraße 197–198, 10119 Berlin
Daily 10am–6am

NEUKÖLLN

Klunkerkranich

Catch some remarkable skyline views from the top of an unsuspecting shopping centre car park in Neukölln.

Karl-Marx-Straße 66, 12043 Berlin
Daily from 4pm
Double-check opening times during the colder months

klunkerkranich.org

Arkaoda Berlin

Do as the locals do. Enjoy a cocktail and try and catch an event happening in the large downstairs dancefloor.

16-18 Karl-Marx-Platz, 12043 Berlin
Tues–Sun from 5pm

arkaoda.com

CHARLOTTENBURG

Monkey Bar

Perched atop Bikini Berlin and offering terraces with views across the city, Monkey Bar feels like an upmarket Melbourne rooftop bar. Ideal for a pre-dinner drink.

Budapester Straße 40, 10787 Berlin
Daily from 1pm

monkeybarberlin.de

Rum Trader

Budapester Straße 40, 10787 Berlin
Tues–Sat from 8.15pm
Saturdays from 3pm

rumtrader.com



BEER GARDENS

Prater Garten

Seasonal, self-service beer garden – the oldest in Berlin – shaded by beautiful large chestnut trees.

Kastanienallee 7–9, 10435 Berlin
Daily from 12pm

pratergarten.de

Café am Neuen See

A must-do if you’re strolling through Tiergarten in the summer.

Lichtensteinallee 2, 10787 Berlin
Daily from 9am

cafeamneuensee.de

Zenner Biergarten und Weingarten

Alt-Treptow 15, 12345 Berlin
Daily from noon
Sat & Sun from 11am

zenner.berlin

LILY’S PICK

Fischerhütte am Schlachtensee

Fischerhüttenstraße 136, 14163 Berlin
Daily from noon

fischerhuette-berlin.de



Above: John Honeywill



SHOPPING

FOOD & FLEA MARKETS

Markets are a huge part of Berlin culture. Some of these only operate in the warmer months so do double check in advance.

Mauerpark Flea Market

The largest and most well known market in Berlin. Clothes, records, antiques and lots to eat. Hundreds watch karaoke and buskers during the summer. Neighbouring Mauerpark was once the no-man’s land separating East and West Berlin.

Bernauer Straße 63–64, 13355 Berlin
Sun 10am–6pm
flohmarktimmerpark.de

Street Food Thursday at Markthalle 9

Bustling indoor market with great food and wine. The market is open daily from noon and Saturday from 10am, closed Sundays.

Eisenbahnstraße 42–43, 10997 Berlin-Kreuzberg
Thurs 5–10pm
markthalleneun.de/street-food-thursday

Food & Farmers’ Market

Arminiusmarkthalle, Moabit
Arminiusstraße 2–4, 10551 Berlin
Mon–Sat 8am–10pm
arminiusmarkthalle.com

Weekly Produce & Flea Market

Winterfeldtmarkt, Winterfeldtplatz, 10781 Berlin
Wed 8am–4pm
Sat 8am–4pm

Farmers’ Market

Seasonal fruit and vegetables, flowers, deli food, hand-made arts and crafts. Organic market on Thursdays.

Kollwitzplatz, 10405 Berlin
Thurs noon–7pm

Right: Markthalle Neun, Berlin-Kreuzberg

Arkonaplatz Flea Market

Really fantastic little Sunday market. Books, records, second-hand clothing, GDR trinkets, household goods and furniture.

Arkonaplatz, 10435 Berlin
Sun 10am–4pm

troedelmarkt-arkonaplatz.de

Turkish Market

Street food, fresh produce and textiles in the centre of Berlin’s Turkish community.

Maybachufer, 12047 Berlin
Tue & Fri 11am–6.30pm
tuerkenmarkt.de





FASHION

KaDeWe

A Berlin institution and one of the largest department stores in Europe

Kaufhaus des Westens,
Tauentzienstraße 21-24, 10789 Berlin
Daily from 10am
+49 30 21210

kadewe.de

Hackescher Markt

Explore the streets around the station (S-Bahn Hackescher Markt) and step into Hackesche Höfe and Heckmann-Höfe – courtyards full of connected alleyways with hidden cafés, designer labels and local boutiques.

Mitte District, 10117 Berlin

hackeschermarktberlin.de

Bikini Berlin

A concept shopping mall with designated spaces for up-and-coming designers as well as a rooftop garden modelled on the New York Highline. The central hall boasts a panoramic window onto the monkey enclosure in the Berlin Zoo. Who’s watching whom?

Budapester Straße 38–50, 10787 Berlin

Mon-Sat 10am–8pm

+49 30 5549 6454

bikiniberlin.de

Mientus

High-end fashion from top international designers.

Wilmerdorfer Straße 73, 10629 Berlin

Kurfürstendamm 52, 10707 Berlin

mientus.com

Mall of Berlin

Leipziger Platz 12, 10117 Berlin

Mon-Sat 10am–8pm

+49 30 2062 1770

mallofberlin.de

HUMANA

Humana is Germany’s ‘op-shop’ equivalent. The green Humana logo can be found in every *Kiez* (suburb) of Berlin, and these stores offer second-hand clothing and goods of a considerable variety for reasonable prices.

humana-second-hand.de



BERLIN BRANDS & BOUTIQUES

Andreas Murkudis

Following 15 years spent directing Berlin's Museum of Things (Museum der Dinge), Andreas Murkudis opened an independent store. Demonstrating a truly talented understanding of objects, fashion and design, Andreas Murkudis is well worth a visit. There are three stores along Potsdamer Straße to explore. The largest (#81) is located in the former printing workshop of the daily newspaper *Tagesspiegel*, which is also home to a number of high-end commercial galleries.

Potsdamer Straße 77
(interior products and design)

Potsdamer Straße 81
(fashion, perfume and boutique objects)

Potsdamer Straße 98
(a fully furnished apartment)

andreasmurkudis.com

Voo Store

Voo has earned its reputation as a creatively driven high fashion and design concept space. A new cafe allows for some of the best people watching, located in the heart of Berlin

Oranienstraße 24, 10999 Berlin
vooberlin.com

Rundholz

If you have a taste for Zambesi, Rick Owens or Thom Krom, head to Rundholz. Made in Germany by a power couple.

Oberwallstraße 16, 10117 Berlin
studiorundholz.de

DSTM

High quality body-wear, loungewear, lingerie and swimwear designed in Berlin and made in Europe.

Torstraße 161, 10115 Berlin

dstm.co

Brillenschatz

Tucked inside the courtyard at the entry to Andreas Murkudis, Brillenschatz is the most brilliant treasure trove with drawer after drawer of extraordinary vintage eyewear: from the windshield-like Porsche Design shades once favoured by Yoko Ono and a pair of playfully postmodern Gaultier ‘fork’ frames to the kind of Christian Dior aviators one can imagine being worn in the 1970s by oil-rich despots and Hollywood idols.

Kleine Hamburger Straße 15, 10117 Berlin

konk-berlin.de

Konk

This is the home of independent fashion in Berlin. Konk creates a platform for Berlin-based designers to explore their creativity.

Kleine Hamburger Straße 15, 10117 Berlin
konk-berlin.de

Lala Berlin

Well-stocked worldwide, you may already know the designs of Berlin-based Leyla Piedayesh. Each piece is shaped by Piedayesh’s Iranian heritage, German home base and world citizenship.

Alte Schönhauser Straße 3, D-10119 Berlin
lalaberlin.com

Ryoko

Ryoko is a beautifully curated store full of sensual delights. They offer massage therapy (book well in advance) and a Saturday tearoom.

Friedelstraße 11, 12047 Berlin
ryoko-berlin.com

Right: Rundholz





BOOKSHOPS

Do you read me?!

A small book and magazine store with a focus on art, design and architecture.

Auguststraße 28, 10117 Berlin
Mon-Sat 11am-7pm

Buchhandlung Walther König an der Museumsinsel

One of the largest art/design/architecture bookstores I have ever seen, located just off Museum Island. I visit every time I'm in Berlin, without fail.

Burgstraße 27, 10178 Berlin
Mon-Sat 11am-6pm

DANIEL'S PICK

Curious Fox

A cosy new and second-hand bookshop in Neukölln. They stock largely English-language books, and serve tea, coffee and cake.

Lausitzer Platz 17, 10997 Berlin
Tues-Sat 11am-6pm
Mon 2pm-7pm

Ocelot

A stone's throw from Michael Reid Berlin. This bookstore has a small cafe with great hot chocolate.

Brunnenstraße 181, 10119 Berlin
Mon-Sat 10am-8pm

Shakespeare & Sons

An English-language bookstore that also serves up fresh bagels. Grab a book, a coffee and a bagel, and watch the passing parade.

Warschauer Straße 74, 10243 Berlin
Daily 8am-7pm



Right: Carly Le Cerf

RECORD SHOPS

Coretex Records

Oranienstraße 3, 10997 Berlin
 Mon–Sat 11am–8pm
coretexrecords.com

Jazz Dreams

Hermann-Hesse-Straße 25, 13156 Berlin
 Tue–Fri 1–6pm
 Sat 11am–4pm
jazz-dreams-hifi-berlin.de

Space Hall

Zossener Straße 33, 10961 Berlin
 Mon–Sat 11am–8pm
spacehall.de

The Record Store Berlin

Invalidenstraße 148, 10115 Berlin
 Mon–Sat noon–8pm
facebook.com/TheRecordStoreBerlin

60waves

Herrfurthstraße 8, 12049 Berlin
 Tues, Thurs–Sat 2pm–8pm
60waves.com

Sound Metaphors

Reichenberger Straße 152, 10999 Berlin
 Mon–Sat 1pm–8pm
soundmetaphors.com

Right: Trevor Smith, *Record Player*, 2018-19





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ENTERTAINMENT

Silent films at Babylon

Step back in time at Babylon Cinema, with midnight screenings of silent films every Saturday. Admission is currently free, and the films are accompanied by live organist Anna Vavilkina.

Rosa-Luxemburg-Straße 30, 10178 Berlin

babylonberlin.eu

Hebbel am Ufer (HAU)

With three venues – HAU1, HAU2 and HAU3 – along the Ufer, HAU is the artistic hub for theatre, dance and performance.

Hallesches Ufer, 10963 Berlin

hebbel-am-ufer.de

Sophiensæle

Similar to HAU, Sophiensæle showcases local and international performance artists, including dance, theatre and music. It is one of the oldest performance venues in Berlin.

Sophienstraße 18, 10178 Berlin

sophiensaele.com

Silent Green Kulturquartier

Catch a variety of events in Berlin's old Wedding Crematorium. There are concerts, art installations, talks and 'dinner events on MARS'. This privately owned cultural quarter also hosts Savvy Contemporary – a gallery exploring the notions and constructs of the West and non-West.

Gerichtstraße 35, 13347 Berlin

silent-green.net

Schaubühne

This is the place for classical and contemporary theatre in Berlin. Performances often have English surtitles.

Kurfürstendamm 153, 10709 Berlin

schaubuehne.de



Above: Babylon Cinema

HEAR

Columbiahalle

Built in 1951, the Columbiahalle was a former sports hall for US soldiers. Since 1998, it hosts music, industry and sports events for international names.

Columbiadamm 13–21, 10965 Berlin

columbiahalle.berlin

Berghain

It’s Berlin’s most notorious club, but Berghain and Kantine am Berghain host some key events and with a ticket, which means you don’t have to be filtered by the team at the door.

Am Wriezener Bahnhof, 10243 Berlin

berghain.berlin

Waldbühne

Top stars such as Björk, The Rolling Stones and the Berlin Philharmonic perform at this open-air amphitheatre in Olympia Park during the warmer months.

Glockenturmstraße 1, 14053 Berlin

waldbuehne-berlin.de

A-Trane

Bleibtreustraße 1, 10625, Berlin

Daily 7.30pm–midnight

a-trane.de

Quasimodo

Kantstraße 12a, 10623, Berlin

Restaurant:

Weds-Sat 5pm-2am

Doors open for concerts at 9pm

quasimodo.de



Right: Berlin Philharmonie

CLASSICAL

Pianosalon Christophori

Concerts take place in a former boat factory, *Uferhallen*, which is now a dusty piano workshop. Very casual. Very Berlin.

Uferhallen, Uferstraße 8–11, 13357 Berlin

konzertfluegel.com

Berlin Philharmonie

The home of classical music in Berlin. Check the website for tickets and times.

Herbert-von-Karajan-Straße 1, 10785 Berlin

berlin-philharmoniker.de

Komische Oper

The Komische Oper stages opera, operettas and musicals, and since 2012 has been directed by Australian Barrie Kosky. The building will be under construction until 2024.

Behrenstraße 55–57, 10117 Berlin

komische-oper-berlin.de



CLUBS

Berlin attracts people from all walks of life. Many of them are drawn to the electricity and connectedness that typify Berlin’s clubbing scene. There is a certain code to the way partygoers engage here, with door policies & sometimes hours-long queues for entry. With venue options as diverse as the genres of music on offer, there is something for everybody in the party capital of Germany, and arguably of all of Europe.

Sameheads

Every surface in this street-level bar in the city’s south-east is covered in kitsch and colourful artefacts. The chaotic aesthetic matches the variety of offerings. With regular quiz nights, an underground dancefloor, gallery openings and more, you never quite know what you’re going to get. All part of the fun.

Richardstraße 10, 12043 Berlin

sameheads.com

Berghain

A Berlin institution located in a massive former power plant, Berghain has a reputation for exclusivity and world-class techno. Often open all the way from Friday through to the early hours of Monday, depending on your timing you could join the darkly dressed masses for a three-hour wait or walk straight in. Be sure to pay attention to the crowd and explore all the nooks and crannies within Berghain’s walls.

Am Wriezener Bahnhof, 10243 Berlin

berghain.berlin

ELSE

A sprawling outdoor club nestled next to the River Spree, featuring food trucks and an open-air dancefloor. After dark, the party moves inside and carries on until the early hours, until only the most devoted partygoers remain.

An den Treptowers 10, 12435 Berlin

facebook.com/elseklub

OHM

Conveniently located among a selection of other noteworthy Berlin nightlife establishments (Tresor, KitKat), OHM offers a more familiar clubbing experience with a slick low-ceiling dancefloor, remarkable electronic music events, and consistently friendly crowds in a disused power station.

Köpenicker Straße 70, 10179 Berlin

ohmberlin.com

Club der Visionäre

Situated right on the canal, Club der Visionäre is definitely worth a visit. Whether you’re enjoying the terrace for an afternoon drink, or the sun has set and the more modest dancefloor is in full swing, it’s a perfect spot to get a sense of the waterways of Berlin and to watch an evening go by.

Am Flutgraben, 12435 Berlin

clubdervisionaere.com



Club der Visionäre





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LAKES

If you fancy a dip, Berlin is surrounded by a variety of lakes, most of which are accessible via public transport or bike.

Wannsee

The S-Bahn will take you directly to Wannsee. This is one of the most popular lakes, dotted with yachts. There are designated beach areas at Strandbad Wannsee, a gay-friendly FKK (nude area, accessible from Nikolassee S-Bahn station) and a beer garden, Loretta am Wannsee. If you want to make a day of it, you can also stop by the House of the Wannsee Conference (Haus der Wannsee-Konferenz).

Krumme Lanke

Just on the edge of the Grunewald Forest, Krumme Lanke is a lush spot if you want to head south of Berlin. Ride out, or walk 1 km from U-Bahn Krumme Lanke station.

Plötzensee

Located closer to the city in the suburb of Wedding, this glacial lake has a free bathing area as well a ‘Strandbad’ in the summer months. For a small entry fee, here you can find weekly dance events, a sandy beach, restaurant and bar.

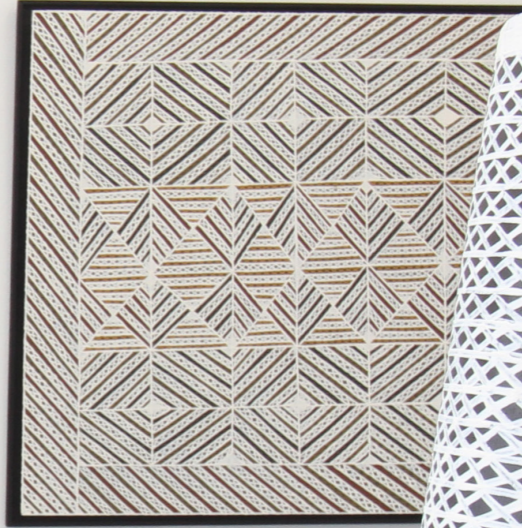
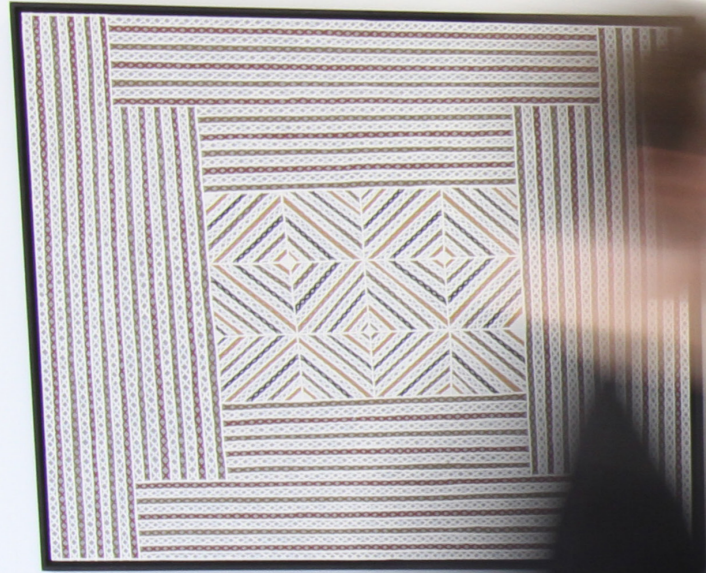
Schlachtensee

Between Wannsee and Krumme Lanke is Schlachtensee. There’s no motorboat traffic on the eastern bank, so this is the perfect spot to hire a rowboat or enjoy the quiet. Accessible from S-Bahn Schlachtensee.

Weißensee

If you don’t feel like travelling too far, Weißensee is the closest lake to central Berlin. Popular on weekends, and there’s a beer garden, of course. If you want to make your trip in this direction extra worthwhile, stop by Haus Lemke – the last house designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe before he emigrated to the United States in 1938. Situated on Obersee.





installation view of Djirrirra Wunungmurra Yukuwa, Berlin, 2022



OUTDOOR POOLS

Prinzenbad
(Sommerbad Kreuzberg)
Prinzenstraße 113, 10969 Berlin

Olympiabad
(Sommerbad Olympiastadion)
Olympischer Platz 3, 14053 Berlin

Columbiabad
(Sommerbad Neukölln)
Columbiadamm 160, 10965 Berlin

Sommerbad Wilmersdorf
Forckenbeckstraße 14, 14199 Berlin

Buy a ticket in advance
shop.berlinerbaeder.de/de/sommerbaeder

Badeschiff
Constructed from an old container ship, this pool lies atop the River Spree (pictured right).
Eichenstraße 4, 12435 Berlin

Haubentaucher
If you're after a beach-bar vibe, look no further than this open-air club. It's also equipped with an open-air cinema.
Revaler Straße 99, 10245 Berlin





FREILUFTKINO
(OPEN-AIR CINEMAS)

DRINKS

Freiluftkino im Volkspark
Friedrichshain
Landsberger Allee 15, 10249 Berlin
freiluftkino-berlin.de

Island in Cassiopeia
Revaler Straße 99, 10245 Berlin
freiluftkino-insel.de

Freiluftkino Hasenheide
Hasenheide, 10967 Berlin
freiluftkino-hasenheide.de

Radler
Radler is a mix of lemonade and beer, and is particularly refreshing in summer.

Weinschorle
That’s wine and fizzy water. (It’s a fair guess that anything ending with ‘*schorle*’ on a drinks menu is mixed with sparkling water.)

Sekt
Prosecco, the slightly less-fancy version of champagne. Get it on ice to look like a real Berliner.

Club Mate
A non-alcoholic (unless you mix it) Berlin favourite, containing South American Mate tea.

Holundersirup
Made from elderberry flowers, which you will

A DAY IN SUMMER

Neu Venedig (New Venice)

If you're looking for a day trip out of the city, this journey will take you through some quaint canals. You'll feel like you're on a mini-holiday, and it's a perfect day trip for families, too. Take the S-Bahn to Rahnsdorf station, hop on bus 161 S-Ekner for two stops to Waldschützpfad. Now you'll meander down to the S-Bahn ferry (included in your BVG ticket).

Hop off at Neu Helgoland and grab some lunch at the restaurant on the canal. Back onto the S-Bahn boat for one stop to Kruggasse-Müggelheim. Here you can hire a canoe (*Kanuverleih*) and head into the canals of New Venice. There are different routes, tours and accommodation options available to make the day trip your own.

neu-venedig.de

Pfaueninsel (Peacock Island)

You can visit Pfaueninsel easily from Berlin. Take the S-Bahn to Wannsee, and then bus 218 to Pfaueninsel. From here, take the ferry across to the island. Pack a picnic lunch and explore the island, which is home to the former summer house of King Frederick William II. Do also spot some peacocks.



Teufelsberg

Visit the former American listening station in Grunewald. Teufelsberg is German for *Devil's Mountain*. The Americans used antennas and radomes erected on the hilltops to intercept communications.

The site was intended to be a Nazi military college, but plans changed and it became a dumping ground for rubble. Occasionally, concerts are held here. Check the website to book events and tours, or explore the site alone.

teufelsberg-berlin.de

Wilhelmshagen

If you hop on a train in almost any direction from the city centre, you will likely find a beautiful forest or lake along the way. The south-east is no exception, with Müggelsee (a huge lake with multiple swimming options), Köpenick (a riverside town with a waterside art museum) and Erkner (a small town on the edge of Dämeritzsee) all accessible by public transport.

Particularly beautiful in this area is a walk through Wilhelmshagen Nature Reserve. Hop off the S-Bahn 3 at Wilhelmshagen, just one stop before the end of the line, and head to the eastern side of the charming train station towards Wilhelmshagen-Woltersdorfer Dünenzug for a beautiful walk towards the Berlin–Brandenburg border.

Right: Teufelsberg





BERLIN
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SAUNAS

Liquidrom

Equipped with a floating and sound pool, Finnish, Kelo Herbal and Himalayan Salt saunas, Liquidrom is the place to go when you need to unwind. Located near Potsdamer Platz, Liquidrom also hosts unique music events with DJs.

Möckernstraße 10, 10963 Berlin
liquidrom-berlin.de

Vabali

Forget you're in Berlin, or Europe for that matter, with a striking Bali-style spa facility boasting 11 saunas and several indoor and outdoor pools throughout the 20,000-square-metre complex. There are treatments on offer, as well as a beautiful restaurant, but do note that like many of the listings here, the entire facility is sans clothing.

Seydlitzstraße 6, 10557 Berlin
vabali.de

SAUNABAD

Rykestraße 10, 10405 Berlin
saunabad-berlin.de

Olivin

Schönhauser Allee 177, 10119
olivin-berlin.com

Gewölbe-Sauna

Fröbelstraße 17, 10405 Berlin
gewoelbe-sauna.de





INDOOR POOLS

Schwimmhalle, Hotel Stadtbad Oderberger

Oderberger Straße 57, 10435 Berlin
hotel-oderberger.berlin/bad

Stadtbad Neukölln

Ganghoferstraße 3, 12043 Berlin
berlinerbaeder.de

Stadtbad Mitte ‘James Simon’

Gartenstraße 5, 10115 Berlin
berlinerbaeder.de

Stadtbad Charlottenburg

Krumme Straße 9, 10585 Berlin
berlinerbaeder.de

CINEMAS

Babylon Berlin

Rosa-Luxemburg-Straße 30, 10178 Berlin
babylonberlin.eu

b-ware! Ladenkino

Gärtnerstraße 19, 10245 Berlin
ladenkino.de

Astor Filmlounge

Kurfürstendamm 225, 10719 Berlin
berlin.premiumkino.de

Wolf Kino

Weserstraße 59, 12045 Berlin
wolfkino.org

Kino International

Karl-Marx-Allee 33, 10178 Berlin
kino-international.com

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Charlottenburg Palace

Schloss Charlottenburg,
Spandauer Damm 22, 14059 Berlin

Alt-Rixdorf, Neukölln

Richardplatz 28, 12055 Berlin

Natur-Park Schöneberger Südgelände

Rückwärtiger (S-Bahnhof Priesterweg), 10829 Berlin

Gendarmenmarkt (Bebelplatz)

Bebelplatz, 10117 Berlin

Kulturbrauerei

Schönhauser Allee 36, 10435 Berlin

Medieval Market at RAW

Revaler Straße 99, 10245 Berlin

DRINKS

Glühwein

German mulled wine.

Feuerzangenbowl

Similar to *Glühwein*, but with rum-soaked sugar that is set ablaze.

Berliner Luft

This translates to ‘Berlin Air’ and is fondly called ‘*Pfeffi*’ by the locals. If you need an alcoholic hit that’s a bit like mouthwash, order a *Pfeffi*. Look out for the bottle shaped like the Brandenburg Gate.

Warm Holunderbeeren

A warm, rich drink made from elderberries.





Marc Etherington, *A Little House I liked So I Painted It*, 2019



A DAY IN WINTER

The maze of museums and galleries that you will find across Berlin will keep you warm and entertained during the cooler months. If you're up for something different, here are some additional options.

Airport Tempelhof

Take a tour of the former Tempelhof airport. The site was where many of the world's first aircraft were tested before it was renovated by the Nazis between 1936 and 1941. The scale and design speak to the monumental nature of Nazi architecture and the Nazi mentality.

During the Second World War, the airport was used as a weapons production site through forced labour. These days, in the summer months, rollerbladers, cyclists and yoga enthusiasts enjoy the expanse of what were previously runways. The hangars are used for large events (such as art fairs) and, when needed, to house refugees. Book in advance for various tours.

Platz der Luftbrücke 5, C2 near the main entrance,
12101 Berlin
thf-berlin.de

Deutscher Bundestag

When parliament isn't sitting, you can tour the Bundestag (Reichstag). The Bundestag was first built to house the Imperial Diet of the German Empire, which function it performed from 1894 to 1933. One month after Adolf Hitler was sworn in as the Chancellor of Germany, fire damaged the building and it thereafter lay disused, sustaining additional damage from Allied bombing during the Second World War.

After the reunification of East and West Germany at the end of the 1980s, the building was renovated, including its unique glass dome. The seat of government was moved from Bonn to Berlin and the inaugural parliament session was held there in September 1999.

Book a tour online (be sure to do this well in advance) and bring ID. You can head to the rooftop restaurant, Käfer Dachgarten, for dinner with a fine view.

Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin
bundestag.de/besuch/anmeldung





Botanischer Garten (Botanic Gardens)

If the chills are multiplying, head to the Botanic Gardens to warm up in their array of impressive and warm greenhouses.

Königin-Luise-Straße 6–8, 14195 Berlin
bo.berlin

TV Tower

Every first Sunday of the month you can zoom up the iconic TV Tower for a buffet breakfast. It's a revolving restaurant that also hosts a bar, has options for dinner and lunch, and provides panoramic views over the city.

Panoramastraße 1A, 10178 Berlin
tv-turm.de





POTSDAM

The River Havel runs neatly through the town of Potsdam, which is easily accessible from Berlin by train or car, making it a perfect weekend getaway from the bustling city. As with many journeys in and around Berlin, public transport is often the best option.

From Berlin Hauptbahnhof (central station), it's an easy ride. The S-Bahn 7 takes about 40 minutes, or a regional train can get you there in 30 minutes. Be sure to purchase an ABC zone ticket. If you're driving, head due west through Tiergarten and follow the signs for the 115.

The undisputed best way to explore Potsdam is by bike. The remarkably level city is surrounded by lakes and dotted with extensive parks and palaces, perfect for leisurely cycling. You can rent a bike from any of the main train stations at hourly or daily rates.



DO

Begin your day at Brandenburger Tor, the slightly smaller, yet notably older, cousin of the Berlin landmark. Wander around the surrounding streets to get a sense of the town centre.

Make your way north-east to Park Sanssouci, the grounds, gardens and palaces of which make up the largest World Heritage site in Germany. The park was the favoured summer home of Frederick the Great in the 18th century, and you can purchase a day ticket that gives you access to all the Prussian palaces in Potsdam. The gardens can be enjoyed in the space of a few hours and feature some buildings that are now part of the University of Potsdam.

In the summer months, there are plenty of spots to stop off for a swim. Both Heiliger and Tiefer lakes are an easy ride from the city centre, with certain areas set aside for nude bathing. The rest of your time in Potsdam can be spent cycling around the city and surrounding parklands, specifically Park Babelsberg, as well as visiting some of the museums on offer.

Museum Barberini

Rebuilt between 2013 and 2016 on the site of the Barberini Palace, which was destroyed by Allied bombing in 1945, the Museum Barberini is one of the most highly anticipated new museums in Europe. The museum is home to the collection of philanthropist and software magnate Hasso Plattner. The temporary exhibition programme focuses on Impressionism, as well as Rodin, Monet and Munch.

Alter Markt, Humboldtstraße 5–6, 14467 Potsdam
Wed–Sun 10am–7pm
museum-barberini.com

FilmMuseum Potsdam

Studio Babelsberg, located in Potsdam, is the oldest film studio in the world. The FilmMuseum Potsdam, located in a remarkable 17th-century baroque building, explores the long history of the studio as well as providing insights into the world of German film and TV. With permanent and special exhibits, a cinema hall and cafe, it’s a unique opportunity to learn about the studio responsible for such films as *Inglourious Basterds* and *Grand Budapest Hotel*.

Breite Straße 1A, 14467 Potsdam
Closed Monday
Tues–Sun 10am–6pm
filmmuseum-potsdam.de

Right: Museum Barberini



EAT

Brauerei Meierei

A quick cycle north of the town centre, this microbrewery is a classic *Biergarten* with an outdoor ‘*Wurst*’ window in the summer months and an indoor seated à la carte menu (pictured right). Serving wonderful local beers and located right on the water, it’s a great spot to rest and recharge or to spend an afternoon in the sun.

Im Neuen Garten 10, 14469 Potsdam
meierei-potsdam.de

Rosenberg

Potsdam’s go-to vegan cafe.

Dortustraße 15, 14467 Potsdam
rosenberg-potsdam.de

Maison Charlotte

A French bistro with indoor and outdoor seating.

Mittelstraße 20, 14467 Potsdam
maison-charlotte.de

The Flying Dutchman
(Zum Fliegenden Holländer)

Benkertstraße 5, 14467Potsdam
zumfliegendenhollaender.com

STAY

Hotel Brandenburger Tor
Potsdam

Located in Potsdam’s historic town centre and with a remarkable baroque façade, the hotel has spacious rooms, a sun terrace, breakfast room and street-side Voltaire Bar.

Brandenburger Straße 1, Innenstadt, 14467
Potsdam

hotel-brandenburger-tor.de

Apartment am Neuen Garten

Serviced apartments with free private parking, kitchen and dining area, and a terrace, situated slightly north of the town centre, close to New Garden and the Dutch Quarter.

Am Neuen Garten 1A Erdgeschoss (First Floor),
vv14469 Potsdam
apartment-am-neuen-garten.potsdamhotel.net





SPREEWALD

Spreewald is a UNESCO-protected reserve to the south-east of Berlin boasting lush forests, wetlands and canals that stem from the Spree River. If you're a nature lover and keen to learn more about the culture and traditions of the Sorbs and Wends (descendants of Slavic tribes), add Spreewald to your list.

The main town, Lübbenau, just 1.5 hours by train from central Berlin, is the perfect starting base for your journey. You can hire kayaks, and book tours and accommodation.

DO

Spreewald is famous for its gherkins. You can take a bike tour along the Gurkenradweg (pickel bike path); however, the best way to explore is by kayak. For those less adventurous but still keen to get on the waterways, you can hire a gondolier known as a ‘*Kahn* Captain’. Boat trips in a traditional wooden hand-propelled boat, or *Kahnfahrt*, are a Spreewald tradition. Post is still delivered by *Kahn* to this day. In winter, you can book a *Kahnfahrt* with *Glühwein* to keep you warm and charmed. There are small museums scattered throughout the region. Visit the open-air Freilandmuseum in Lehde.

EAT

Kräutermühle

Translating to ‘herbal mill’, Kräutermühle serves up a seasonal menu flavoured with herbs from the in-house garden. They have extensive outdoor seating during summer and an indoor garden for the cooler months.

Kurparkstraße 7B, 03096 Burg

Kaupen No. 6

Located on an island in the Spree, Kaupen No. 6 is also a guesthouse that serves up a delightful local feast. *Babben* is the local beer and *Grützwurst* is blood sausage.

Kaupen 6A, 03222 Lübbenau

LINARI

If you’re on the hunt for some healthy and alternative options, Linari, part of the Schloss Lübbenau, should have something for you.

Schloßbezirk 6, 03222 Lübbenau

STAY

STRANDHAUS
Boutique Resort & Spa

This is a deluxe sustainable hotel with large rooms and a wellness spa. The terrace offers great views of the surrounding area and the Spree.

Ernst-von-Houwald-Damm 16, 15907 Lübben
strandhaus-spreewald.de

Bio-Hotel Kolonieschänke Burg

Like many hotels in the area, Kolonieschänke includes its own restaurant and pub, and offers bike and boat hire for guests.

Ringchaussee 136, 03096 Burg
kolonieschaenke.de

Schloss Lübbenau

Stay in the local castle in the Spree Forest. It’s only a five-minute walk to the large harbour.

Schlossbezirk 6, D-03222 Lübbenau
schloss-luebbenau.de



LEIPZIG

The ICE high-speed trains travel at up to 300 kph, meaning you can reach Leipzig in just over an hour from Berlin’s central station.

The trip by car will take two hours, and a little longer by bus (Flixbus or Omio). Leipzig, home to over half a million people, is the largest city in Saxony.

The city sits on the Via Imperii and Via Regia, two medieval trade routes, making it a trade city since the time of the Holy Roman Empire.

In 1989, the Monday Prayers which started at St Nicholas Church began a peace movement against the East German government that led to the fall of the Berlin Wall.



DO

If you can, align your visit with the Spinnerei Rundgang, a quarterly event when artists and galleries in the Spinnerei open their doors for the full weekend. The Spinnerei is an old cotton factory that is now a cultural hub. If you miss the Rundgang, you can still explore the galleries in this area or book a private tour.

Leipzig Oper

Leipzig is home to the third-oldest opera house in the world. You can also view the ballet and musical comedy here.

Augustusplatz 12, 04109 Leipzig
oper-leipzig.de

Galerie für Zeitgenössische Kunst (GfZK)

Karl-Tauchnitz-Straße 9–11, 04107 Leipzig
gfzk.de

Museum der Bildenden Künste (MdbK)

The Museum der Bildenden Künste Leipzig was founded in 1848 by local merchants, publishers, traders and bankers who wanted to share their passion for art. Over the years, the collection has grown with contributions from others who followed in their footsteps. The museum features impressive works from the late Middle Ages to the present day.

Katharinenstraße 10, 04109 Leipzig
mdbk.de

The Mädler Passage

Explore the beautiful arcades and stores of the Mädler Passage. The complex was built between 1530 and 1911.

Grimmaische Straße 2–4, 04109 Leipzig
maedlerpassage.de

Panorama Tower

Head up Leipzig’s tallest skyscraper, a ‘whopping’ 36-storey, 142-metre building. Jokes aside, it offers a great view over the city and has a wonderful restaurant from where you can soak it all in.

Augustusplatz 9, D-04109 Leipzig
panorama-leipzig.de

Right: The Spinnerei



EAT

If you’re searching for a good coffee during your stay, step back in time at Kafeehaus Riquet; or for something more upbeat, head to Franz Morish or Dankbar Kaffee.

Gasthaus Barthels Hof

Tucked away in a courtyard with indoor and outdoor seating, Gasthaus Barthels Hof offers classic and seasonal food from Saxony. They are open every day of the year.

Hainstraße 1, 04109 Leipzig

Auerbachs Keller

Auerbachs Keller is one of the oldest restaurants in Leipzig and was known for its wine as long ago as the 16th century. Featured in Goethe’s play *Faust*, it is located in a cellar with murals of Faustian tales.

Grimmaische Straße,
Mädler Passage 2–4, 04109 Leipzig

IMPERRI

A casual, yet modern, setting awaits you at IMPERRI. Be sure to try the cocktails.

Brühl 72, 04109 Leipzig

Bayerischer Bahnhof

This is Germany’s oldest preserved railway station, dating to 1842. Now you can enjoy meals and home-brewed beers.

Bayrischer Platz 1, 04103 Leipzig

STAY

Hotel Fregehaus

This grand 16th-century merchant’s house is well located in the centre of Leipzig. You can book a room or a complete apartment.

Katharinenstraße 11, 04109 Leipzig
hotel-fregehaus.de

Motel One

Located next to St Nicholas Church and Leipzig University. Modern rooms with a fashionable approach.

Nikolaistraße 23, 04109 Leipzig
motel-one.com

Arthotel ANA Symphonie

A great location and an affordable option with soundproofed windows.

Hainstraße 21, 04109 Leipzig
ana-hotels.com/symphonie-leipzig





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Stil in Berlin

A guide to the best places to eat, drink and visit in Berlin.

stilinberlin.de

Slow Travel Berlin

A guide to Berlin that offers very good, not so touristy, tours.

slowtravelberlin.com

INDEX Berlin

A guide to Berlin's contemporary art galleries, openings and events.

indexberlin.de

Cee Cee

These guys are onto the latest bars, cafes and cakes. They also list some great shops, day trips and events.

ceecee.cc

Visit Berlin

visitberlin.de



BEST APPS

BVG Fahrinfo-App

Up-to-date schedules and trip plans for Berlin's public transport systems.

Duolingo

Learn German for free – ‘far and away the best language-learning app’, *The Wall Street Journal*.

Linguee

A supportive translating app that includes helpful examples and phrases.

Lieferando / Wolt / Uber Eats / Gorillas

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LONG-TERM

Ex-Rotaprint Guest Apartments in Wedding

exrotaprint.de

Home Yet Away

sites.google.com/site/homeyetaway

WG-gesucht

wg-gesucht.de

Immobilien Scout 24

immobilienscout24.de

RESOURCES

The Field Guide Berlin

If you're an artist heading to Berlin for a while, order a copy of *The Field Guide*, which lists all the resources you'll require during your stay. Made *by* artists, *for* artists.

fieldguideberlin.bigcartel.com

Post Offices

Many post offices have been bought out and are operated through your local *Späti*. Look out for the yellow trumpet-like Deutsche Post symbol.

deutschepost.de

Museums Pass

One pass. 30 museums. 3 days. For 32 EUR you can access over thirty museums across three consecutive days on a single ticket.

smb.museum/besuch-planen/museumspass-berlin-3-tage-karte/

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Hilfe! = Help!

Not = Emergency

Es ist dringend = It is urgent

Artzt = Doctor

Zahnartzt = Dentist

Augenarzt = Eye doctor

Emergency number: 112

Take out travel insurance before your trip to assist in the event of a medical emergency.

Find a doctor on the Berlin database
www.aerzte-berlin.de

Find the type of doctor you need with the help of Google Translate. Enter the type (GP, physio, etc.) in 'Fachrichtung', select the district where you are staying, and under 'Sprache' select 'Englisch'.

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