

World66's guide to Berlin

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Berlin

There is no city in Europe that parties harder than Berlin. The nightlife of most cities is tame (in some instances lame) in comparison to this city. There are lots of great clubs and dance parlors, just ask around for the best places.

The Berliners are often friendly and extremely helpful, although you may also encounter the famous "Berliner Schnauze," a certain brusqueness that can seem rude. Most of the usual good places to go are in West Berlin, but the eastern part of the city under many aspects is more fascinating than the western part. Berlin has an amazing number of sights, though it lacks the charm of Paris as a city. The citizens of Berlin more than make up for this, though.

Berlin – Things to do

Berlin is a big city. That means you will find here the leisure time activities that you would find in every big city all over the world. Let's have a look at some highlights ...

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Golf und Country Club Seddiner See

Situated 10 min. south of Potsdam (about 30 min. by car from Berlin city center) you can find a golf club with two 18 hole courses. The Southcourse was designed by the American star architect Robert Trent Jones Jr. – by the way his first course in Europe.

2 x 18 holes, Par 72, 6.200 m and 6.400 m

3 holes shortcourse

Greenfee: varying from 30–50 \$, the Northcourse is a little cheaper than the Southcourse, during the week cheaper than on weekends.

address:

Am Weiher 44

14552 Wildenbruch

T: +49–33205/73 20

F: +49–732 29

Golf–Club Prenden e. V.

Only 17km north of Berlin, the Golf Club Prenden can easily be reached by using the highway 11 (A 11) direction Prenzlau.

The 18 hole course is designed for those who love the difficult Scottish links courses, though it is fair to play for higher handicaps as well.

Further details:

additional 9-hole course, driving range, two chipping and three putting greens, three trainings bunker.

Courses: 18 hole course, Par 72, 6.465 m

9 hole course, Par 36, 3.025 m

Greenfee:

from 25–45\$, special offers on Thursday

Waldweg 3

16348 Prenden

Club Tel: +49–33396–820

Club Fax: +49–33396–487

Golf- und Countryclub Semlin am See e. V.

There is nothing missing at Semlin:

fitness and wellness programmms, anti–stress courses, relaxing programmms and and power golfing, kindergarden for parents that want to play, tennis, beautyfarm – anything forgotten??? To stay a few days there's a nice hotel, starting with only 70\$ for a single and about 100\$ for a double.

Course: 18 hole course, Par 72, 6.047 m and additional short course for exercises.

Greenfee: between 40 and 50\$, reduction for hotel guests.

Ferchesarer Straße

14715 Semlin

Tel.: +49–3385/554–0

Fax: +49–3385/554–400

e–mail: info@golfhotelsemlin.de

Golf und Country Club am Motzener See e.V.

This "golfing jewel" – as described by the newspaper Tagesspiegel – is situated only 15 km southwards of the city borders. Two course are available here, an extensive 18 hole course (Par 73!) and a 9 hole course that can

be played with Par 54.

Greenfee: between 40\$ and 50\$ (week/weekend) and 22 for the shortcourse.

Bestenseer Strasse 16 A

15741 Motzen

Tel.: +49-33769/501-30

Fax: +49-33769/501-3418

Potsdamer Golfclub e.V. – Golfpark Tremmen

18 hole course with 5758 m and Par 72. Hole 11 – 532 m for men – is considered one of the most difficult holes in Germany.

Potsdamer Golf-Club e.V.

Tremmener Landstraße

14641 Tremmen

tel +49-33233-705-0

fax +49-33233-80-956

info@pgc.de

www.pgc.de

Golfclub Stolper Heide e.V.

Stolper Heide can be reached within 25 min by car starting from Kudamm (city center). The course has been designed by Germany's Pro Nr. 1, Bernhard Langer.

Course: 18 hole, Par 72, 6.255 m

Greenfee: 30-40\$ (week-weekend), reductions for pupils and students

Am Golfplatz 1

16540 Stolpe

Tel.: +49-3303/549-214

Fax: +49-3303/549-222

Golfpark Schloss Wilkendorf e.V.

20 min North–East by car. Two 18 hole courses, one of those as a public course, and a 6 hole short course for beginners. Very elegant club house.

Greenfee: 30–40\$ for 18 holes (week–weekend)

Am Weiher 1

15345 Gielsdorf

Tel.: +49–3341/33 09 60

Fax: +49–3341/33 09 61

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Electricity

The voltage is 220 volts AC 50 cycles. US appliances wont work in Germany and UK plugs wont fit the sockets! EU standard sockets and voltage.

Newspapers

North American and British newspapers are available at kiosks in the centre of Berlin, at the airports, in the Europa Center and from specialist bookshops such as, for example, the British Bookshop near Checkpoint Charlie. EXBERLINER is the monthly English–language paper for Berlin, which offers intelligent journalism and up to date listings of events in the city. More information and sales points can be found at www.exberliner.com

Banks

Bank opening times in Berlin vary but most banks are open from 9am to 12.00 and from 2–4 in the afternoon, Mon–Fri. The bank at Tegel Airport is open daily from 6am to 10pm (9pm on Sun). The Reisebanks at Zoo Station and Ostbahnhof are open seven days a week from 7.30 in the morning.

Post offices

Most are open between 8am and 6pm. A normal weight letter sent within Europe costs DM1.10 and to North America DM 3.

Telephones

The local area code for Berlin is 030 and the international code for Germany is 49. If calling from abroad, the combined code is +49 30. Some public telephones are coin operated (min. charge is 20 pfennigs), but for most you need a telephone card (min. cost DM12) which you can buy from post offices or newspaper kiosks.

For collect calls to the US, dial: 01300010; or for the UK, dial: 0130800044.

Drugstores

Look for the big red A signs (for Apotheke). Its worth remembering that prescriptions and over the counter drugs can only be purchased at Apothekes; you cant, for example, buy aspirin at the supermarket. When the shops are closed, Apothekes display the address of the nearest open drugstore in their window. Note: a "Drogerie" does not sell medicines, but cosmetics, baby food etc.

Tourist Information

The main tourist information office is in the Europa Center in West Center on the Budapester Str. side of the building (tel 25 00 25), open Mon–Sat 8am–10pm, Sun 9am–9pm. There is also an office at the Brandenburg Gate, open daily 9.30am–6pm.

Tipping

Tipping is not obligatory but its the custom in Berlin and the rest of Germany to tip waiters and taxi drivers with a small amount, between 5 and 10%.

Emergencies

You can call an emergency doctor ("Notarzt") on 31 00 31. You will often find that doctors can talk to you in English. The emergency contact number for police is 110, and for ambulance and fire, 112. If you lose your passport, contact your embassy as well as the police. Pharmacy: 01141

BVG Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe

U Kleistpark

address: Potsdamer Str. 188, Schöneberg

tel: +49 (0)30 – 25627039

Wasserstadt GmbH

Wasserstadt (Water City) GmbH has attracted attention all over Europe with its major project in Rummelsburg Bay. Here an industrial site is being turned into an attractive housing and leisure centre. Theyre really taking off for EXPO 2000, with a solar boat shuttle, Germanys first leisure boat for young people, excursions, a film programme and much more...

address: Eiswerderstraße 18, Treptow

tel: +49 (0)30 – 3559010

Europäisches Informationszentrum

The borders are opening up more and more. Thats why the centre offers information on topics like: European Union politics, official specialist EU literature, and training and studying abroad. Groups and school classes are very welcome here and can attend lectures on topical themes of European politics and monetary union.

Connections: U Güntzelstraße

Opening: Mo–Fr 9am –6pm

address: Bundesallee 22, Wilmersdorf

tel: +49 (0)30 – 88412141

Goethe–Institut Berlin

The Goethe Institute represents German culture not only all over the world but also in Berlin. Here you can learn German or study it more intensively and ask any questions you may have about the past,

Connections: U Weinmeisterstr.

address: Neue Schönhauser Str. 20, Mitte,
tel: +49 (0)30 – 259063
openings: Mo 9am –6pm, Tu–Th 9am –5pm, Fr 9am
–2pm

Berlin Tourismus Marketing GmbH

Your first port of call for tourist inquiries of any kind. Information centres: Europa–Center (Budapester Straße entrance): Mo–Sa 8:30am –8:30pm, Su 10am –6:30pm, Brandenburger Gate (south wing): daily 9:30am –6pm, Lufthansa Tegel Airport (main hall): daily 5am –10:30pm, Infopoint KaDeWe (Travel Centre, ground floor) Mo–Fr 9.30am –8pm, Sa 9am –4pm, Call Centre (0190–754040): Mo–Fr 8am –7pm, Sa+Su 9am –6pm (2,42 DM perminute)

url: www.btm.de
tel: 0190–754040

Partner für Berlin. Gesellschaft für Hauptstadt–Marketing mbH

This is the main organisation responsible for Berlins public image. Partner für Berlin is legally constituted by more than 100 shareholders from the national and international business world. The organisational form is unique in the area of location marketing: a "private–public–partnership" in which firms and associations cooperate with the Berlin Senate.

Jugendkulturservice e.V.

In the summer months you can get a "super holiday pass" here which gives you acces to lots of great events. You can also get tickets for concerts and young peoples theatre here. U Möckernbrücke Mo–Fr 9am – 4pm.

address: Obentrautstr. 55, Kreuzberg
tel: +49 (0)30 – 2355620

Komitee Rettet die Ampelmännchen e.V.

The East german little traffic light man with his characteristic snub nose has always been much wittier than his sober counterpart from the west, whos almost managed to wipe out his eastern colleagues. The little traffic light man from the east has become a cult figure. You can also get him to take away: on shirts, cups, lamps etc. You can get the various cult objects at

address: Mondos Arts. Schreiner Str. 6, Friedrichshain
tel: +49 (0)30 – 42010778

InfoCenter Berlin–Adlershof

Adlershof was once the cradle of air and space travel. Since 1993 one of Europes most important locations for science and industry has been developed here.

Connections: S Adlershof

address: Rudower Chaussee 25, Treptow

tel: +49 (0)30 – 67044701

openings: daily 10am –4pm

Berlin – Eating Out

You don't have to walk a long way before you run into a Gaststätte (a combination diner and pub). You can find them on almost every street corner in Berlin (there are about 3000). A Gaststätte offers you traditional, but simple, German food. For some reasonable priced dishes, you'd better head a little way from the city. German restaurants are, generally speaking, rather expensive. Italian or Balkan restaurants offer the best bargains. For junkfood the Imbiss is the right place and also the cheapest way of eating out.

When you enter a restaurant, don't expect a waiter to come up to you to show you to your table. In Germany, people like to choose where they're going to sit, so you should do the same; don't feel you are being ignored! It's perfectly acceptable in Germany to share a table with complete strangers – and if a restaurant is full and there are spaces at your table, you can expect people to join you. If you're eating with a group of friends, the waiter/waitress won't mind at all if you all want to pay separately for your meal. He or she will ask if you want to pay "getrennt" (individually) or "zusammen" (together).

Popular local dishes include "Curry Wurst" (bratwurst in curry sauce), available at most fast food outlets (Imbiss), and the strange-looking but tasty "Eisbein" – knuckle of pork.

In bars and pubs you usually are NOT expected to pay in advance, as long as you sit on a table or the bar. The waiters mark your drinks on a piece of paper either with slashes or with the real sum. So is a small beer a slash and a big one a cross. You pay then when you leave.

To have a look at some of the most popular places, check our subsections of Berlin. In Kreuzberg, the melting-pot of Berlin, you will find lots of multi national and unexpensive restaurants and snack-inns. Charlottenburg is famous for popular and crowded spots for a bit more to pay – still cosy and really affordable. Berlin Mitte hosts some of the best first class restaurants but as well some charming places offering international cuisine. Friedrichshain is today known for its student beergardens in Volksgarten and snuggly restaurants. Prenzlauer Berg is another multi national heart of Berlin, here you will find everything: from a cheap but delicious Turkish kebab up to an expensive five-cours-menu. This is where nightlife pulsates and it is not a problem to get a warm meal early in the morning. Last but not least Schöneberg is a perfect Sunday morning brunch area with lots of nice cafes and (in the late evenings) cocktail bars.

Berlin – Accommodation

Although Berlin is full of hotels, it isn't easy to get a room at the last minute. It's essential to book at least three months in advance. In Eastern Berlin you particularly find very chic hotels around the historic city center. The hotels in the western area are mainly grouped within a few steps of the Kurfürstendamm. The more inexpensive hotels are in the outlying areas such as Charlottenburg or Schöneberg. As in the most cosmopolitan cities life distinguishes quite a lot from quarter to quarter. Therefore, you can find in each

sublocation, such as [Berlin Mitte](#), [Kreuzberg](#), [Friedrichshain](#) or [Prenzlauer Berg](#) a separate accommodation section.

To give you a short overview, we split our accommodation section into four subsections. For budget travellers, we recommend the Berlin/Sleep Cheap sections which offer hotels and hostels for favourable prices. Friends of camping and caravanning should visit our Berlin/Camping section. Pleasant hotel rooms with some more comfort and private bathrooms you will find on our Berlin/Mid_Range section. For those who want perfect comfort and first class service – and are willing and able to pay it – we made a Berlin/First_Class section.

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Hotel Transit

Hotel Transit is located in a converted warehouse (interesting loft architecture) in the district of Kreuzberg. Interesting neighbourhood (lots of cafes, international restaurants). Open 24hs. Good public transport connections. 49 rooms. Only one star but comfortable.

address: Hagelberger Strasse 53–54, Berlin

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Hotel Haus Morgenland

Haus Morgenland is conveniently placed as regards transport facilities in the south of Berlin (district Steglitz–Lichterfelde West). From here the Bundesarchiv, the Botanic Garden, the Benjamin–Franklin–Klinikum, the museums in Dahlem and the shopping area in the Schlossstrasse (Steglitz) are within easy reach. Beautiful garden around the house. You will love it.

address: Finkensteinallee 23–27, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) [BOOKINGS](#)

Hotel Pension Delta

Just around the corner Kurfürstendamm and Potsdamer Platz. 20 luxury bedrooms and 4 with terrace, all with shower/bath invite you to stay and relax in a friendly atmosphere. Nice architecture.

address: Belziger Strasse 1 / Ecke Hauptstraße, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) [BOOKINGS](#)

Hotel Savigny

The Hotel Savigny is located only 5 minutes walk from the very famous Kurfürstendamm. Shopping, museums and the wellknown Memorialchurch and Charlottenburg castle are within walking distance. The highway to the Tegel–airport is found after only 1 km. Railway station Zoologischer Garten is only 3 km away from the hotel. 52 rooms.

address: Brandenburgische Strasse 21, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) [BOOKINGS](#)

Castor–Scandotel Berlin

The Hotel Scandotel Castor is a delightful and well-run 3 star hotel located in a residential area but in the city centre. Only 5 minutes walk to KaDeWe and Kurfürstendamm. It is an ideal starting point to get around all the major sights as well as for shopping and nightlife. 78 rooms.

address: Fuggerstrasse 8, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Comfort Hotel Lichtenberg

New decorated 3 star hotel in north-east Berlin, a few minutes away from the historical city centre. The hotel offers several leisure time activities like bowling, billiard, tennis, darts. Nearby are located the 200 Tierpark Friedrichsfelde, the indoor cycling stadium Velodrom or the Sport forum. 120 rooms.

address: Rheinstrasse 159, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Comfort Hotel Weissensee

The hotel is situated in a district (north-east) of Berlin. Within 15 min. by car you get to the famous Alexanderplatz. Nearby the highway, direction to Hamburg. Restaurant and meeting-rooms. All 67 rooms are comfortable and quite large.

address: Rennbahnstrasse 87-88, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hotel Am Borsigturm

A new built hotel with a real good infrastructure (very close to highway and Tegel Airport). High level of architecture. A very special and charming atrium over all 5 stocks. All rooms are modern and comfortable equipped. Hotelbar. Rooms for conferences/meetings. Nearby many facilities for sport, shopping and dining. 105 rooms.

address: Am Borsigturm 1, Berlin

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Top Hotel Sylter Hof Berlin

Within the heart of Berlin and only a few minutes walking distance from the famous shopping boulevard Kurfürstendamm, the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Memorial-Church and Zoological garden you will find the Hotel Sylterhof Berlin at Kurfürstenstrasse 114-116, easy and quickly accessible from Berlin's International Airports. 161 rooms.

address: Kurfürstenstrasse 114-116, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Top Olivaer Apart Hotel

Berlin – a multicultural metropolis and Germany's fascinating capital. Right in the heart of the city, only a few meters away from Berlin's famous boulevard Kurfürstendamm, the Olivaer Apart Hotel expects your visit. This central location makes us the ideal starting point for all activities. 73 rooms.

address: Konstanzer Strasse 1, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hotel Tiergarten Berlin

Just 4 minutes by underground from Zoo–station, well located for access to all parts of Berlin. Very spacious rooms available, a comprehensive breakfast buffet with excellent value. Ancient building (over 100 years old) modern facilities. Privately owned and run by professionals. 40 rooms, cosy atmosphere.

address: Alt–Moabit 89, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hotel Achat

Modern charming hotel, newly built in 1993, on the green outskirts of the city. Great comfort in a pleasant atmosphere. Located in a very quiet neighbourhood, close to Spandau's old town. Distances to: city centre west 10 km, fair–ground 6,5 km, airport tegel 9 km, Olympic–Stadion 3 km, bus–stop 150 m, to city centre in 30 minutes. 69 rooms.

address: Heidereuterstrasse 37 – 38, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Blue Band Berlin Plaza Hotel

The Berlin Plaza Hotel is located in the heart of the city, on Berlin's famous street, the Kurfürstendamm. The Hotel's central location with easy access to all public transport facilities makes it an ideal place from which to discover Berlin. 131 rooms.

address: Knesebeckstrasse 63, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Andersen Hotel Birkenwerder

The Andersen Hotel Birkenwerder is a modern city–hotel which offers everything you may expect for a comfortable stay. Birkenwerder is a quiet village in the north of Berlin. The motorway to Berlin with exit Birkenwerder is just 2 minutes from the hotel. 40 rooms, nice summer garden.

address: Clara–Zetkin–Strasse 11, Birkenwerder

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Sorat Hotel & Office Berlin

Sorat Hotel & Office Berlin is the ideal solution for people who need a place to sleep, and a place to stay in Berlin. Enjoy the elegant atmosphere of an international hotel, and if you wish, work right next door with a fully equipped, modern office which includes comprehensive secretarial services. 96 rooms.

address: Rudower Strasse 90/94, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Sorat Art'otel Berlin

As a guest of the Sorat Art'otel, you'll be at the heart of city-center activity. The Ku'damm, the Berlin Zoo and the world-famous KaDeWe department store, theatres, cinemas and concert halls are all at your doorstep. The famous boulevard and its charming side streets, with their chic boutiques and galleries, street cafe's, bars and restaurants, invite you to stroll and browse.

address: Joachimstaler Strasse 29, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Sorat Hotel Stolper Heide

Elegant and modern business hotel with 96 rooms right by Berlin. Ideal transportation links to Tegel Airport, exhibition center / ICC and Berlin city center.

address: An der A111, Berlin – Stolpe

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

East Side Hotel

The East Side Hotel is a new art- and trend-hotel with a 24-hours service and bar. It's located in the centre of Berlin and directly on the EAST SIDE GALLERY, the longest Open-Air Gallery in the world. The completely new refurbished 38 hotel rooms provide all modern comfort.

address: Mühlenstrasse 6, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Upstalsboom Hotel Friedrichshain

The Upstalsboom Hotel Friedrichshain is centrally and quiet located in the heart of Berlin. Due to the good public transport just a few minutes by walk from the hotel you reach the boulevard Kurfürstendamm by underground in 15 minutes. The new boulevard Friedrichstrasse is just 3 km. fare away. The next shopping area is just 1 km. from the hotel. 169 rooms.

address: Gubener Strasse 42, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Estrel Convention & Entertainment & Hotel

The Estrel Hotel Berlin, with 1.125 rooms and suites, is Germany's largest hotel – directly adjoining the hotel are the Estrel Convention Center and Estrel Festival Center, which combine together to form Europe's largest convention – entertainment & hotel-complex.

address: Sonnenallee 225, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Blue Band Mark Apart Hotel

The Mark Aparthotel is the new standard-area of the Berlin Mark Hotel – It was opened in Autumn 1998. The Mark Aparthotel offers 95 new modern rooms just two blocks away from the main hotel building. The Lietzenburgerstrasse, the street where the hotel is located, runs parallel to the worldfamous Kurfürstendamm, where department stores, boutiques, cafés and many other attractions are within walking distance of the hotel.

address: Lietzenburger Strasse 82–84, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Blue Band Berlin Mark Hotel

The Blue Band Berlin Mark Hotel is in the heart of the city, just a few minutes walk from the famous Kurfürstendamm. The Hotel's central location, within easy reach of all modes of public transport, makes it an ideal starting point discovering Berlin, 233 rooms.

address: Meinekestrasse 18–19, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Alsterhof Berlin

An absolutely central, yet quiet location. Modern Design with an exclusive decor and colour concept, 200 rooms, 351 beds. 5 min. walk from KaDeWe, newly renovated Wertheim, Europa–Center, Kaiser–Wilhelm–Gedächtnis–Kirche, Tauentzien/Kurfürstendamm. 10 min. walk from/to Bahnhof Zoologischer Garten.

address: Augsburg Strasse 5, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Golden Tulip Hotel Park Consul

The Golden Tulip Hotel Park Consul is located in the Berlin–Tiergarten district, an excellent location in the government area of the capital. The underground line no. 9 stops next to the hotel and is only two stops from the famous Kurfürstendamm. The airport Berlin–Tegel can be reached by taxi within 15 minutes. The 52 hotel's guest rooms provide luxury and comfort.

address: Alt Moabit 86A, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Blue Band Berlin Excelsior Hotel

Located in the heart of the city with world–famous Kurfürstendamm just around the corner the Berlin Excelsior Hotel meets all the requirements of a first–class Hotel – Comfortable rooms, restaurants and a bar make you feel at home.

address: Hardenbergstrasse 14, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Concept Hotel

Hotel of upper standard in the heart of the city. Only a few minutes walking distance to the famous Kurfürstendamm. Parkinghouse, pub Alexander, restaurant with garden terrace, sauna, solarium, massage.

address: Grolmanstrasse 41–43, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Blue Band Hotel Berlin

You will find the Hotel Berlin in the heart of the city, in an area which will soon become the government and diplomatic quarter. The worldfamous Kurfürstendamm and the Brandenburg Gate are just minutes from the hotel.

address: Lützowplatz 17, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Avalon Hotel Berlin

Ideal starting point for any visit to Berlin – only a few minutes walking distance from the famous Kurfürstendamm but still very quietly situated. This personally run hotel with it's 94 rooms offers ample comfort including bath/shower and wc, hairdryer, cosmetic mirror, sat-TV with pay-TV, radio, minibar, desk and a notebook connection socket (analog or ISDN).

address: Emser Strasse 6, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Quality Hotel & Suites Wilhelmsberg

Modern 4 star hotel in north-east Berlin, located nearby the historical city centre of Berlin (Alexanderplatz, wellknown promenade "Unter den Linden"). Amongst 407 comfortable hotelrooms we offer a modern conference centre with lounge, bar and cloakroom. The hotel is a few minutes away from shopping areas like Ring-center or Allee-center.

address: Landsberger Allee 203, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Estrel Hotel Center

The Estrel Hotel Berlin, with 1.125 rooms and suites, is Germany's largest hotel – Directly adjoining the hotel are the Estrel Convention Center and Estrel Festival Center, which combine together to form Europe's largest convention – entertainment & hotel-complex.

address: Sonnenallee 225, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hecker's Hotel

Located directly to the Kurfürstendamm in the city of Berlin. With very quiet rooms and much service.

address: Grolmanstrasse 35, Berlin

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

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room with a loo is Berlin's English-speaking accommodation agency. **room with a loo** offers a friendly, easy and affordable service for those looking for a room or apartment in Berlin. Furnished or unfurnished from one month to a year, whatever your needs **room with a loo** is here to help. More details and an online form can be found at www.roomwithaloo.com

zipcode: 10405

email: flats@exberliner.com

address: Jablonskistr. 3

url: www.roomwithaloo.com

tel: 030-4737 2964

Camping Kohlhasenbrück

Located outside the city but closest of the Berlin sites. Take bus no. 118 towards Drewitz. Facilities include a restaurant, showers and laundry room. About 4 EURO per tent and 5 EURO per person and night.

address: Neue Kreiss Str. 36

tel: +49 (0)30 – 805 17 37

Odyssee Globetrotter Hostel

Crazy but pleasant boys opened a crazy but pleasant hostel. You will remember it. More ingredients you will find here or via email.

address: Grünberger Str. 23 (at the corner Warschauer Str.), 10243 Berlin

tel: (+49) – (0)30 – 29 0000 81

Hotel Azur

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Berlin – Sights

In fact, Berlin has not only one center but several, and sights are spread all over the area. In the western part, between the Kudamm (Kurfürstendamm) and Tegel Airport is Schloss Charlottenburg, the Baroque palace with English gardens that Frederick I built for his wife Sophie–Charlotte. Across the street is the fascinating Egyptian (Ägyptisches) Museum, which houses the famous 3000–year–old bust of Nefertiti.

Other cultural gems are concentrated in the Dahlem Museum complex and the Kulturforum. The Dahlem complex is located in a quiet southwest neighborhood near the Free University of Berlin, and has art museums with works by Old Masters and ethnographic museums displaying artifacts from all over the world. The Kulturforum in the district of Tiergarten encompasses the New National Gallery designed by Mies van der Rohe, the Museum of Decorative Arts (Kunstgewerbemuseum), Copper Engraving Museum (Kupferstichkabinett), New State Library, and the Philharmonie. The House of World Cultures (Haus der Kulturen der Welt) in the former Kongresshalle has contemporary art exhibits from all over the world, and is an architecturally interesting building as well.

Other art museums worth visiting are Martin Gropius Bau Museum of Contemporary Art in the Hamburger Bahnhof, the House of Contemporary Art, and the Brücke Museum.

The true historical center of the city is in the eastern half. Probably the most easily recognized monument is the Brandenburg Gate, which was the main gathering place for celebrations following the fall of the wall in 1989. On its eastern side is Pariser Platz. Plans are underway to fill in the gaps around the squares perimeter, primarily with new embassies for France, the U.S., and the U.K. The once majestic boulevard "Unter den Linden" is today an eight-block study in overstated imperial grandeur and Eastern Bloc drabness. The most notable buildings are found at the eastern end, such as the Staatsbibliothek (State Library), Humboldt University, Neue Wache (national memorial), the Zeughaus (Museum of German History), and the grand Staatsoper.

Across the Schlossbrücke (Palace Bridge) is the Berlin Cathedral, whose crypt contains the remains of German kaisers. The cathedral is located on an island, the northern end of which is better known as the Museuminsel. The Museuminsel is home to the famous Pergamon Museum, which contains the Pergamon altar as well as the Gate of Milet, as well as the Bode Museum, Altes Museum, Old National Gallery, and Neues Museum (undergoing reconstruction). This group of neoclassical buildings is the reason Berlin is sometimes called "Athens on the Spree."

Directly south of the cathedral is the spot where Berlins city palace once stood. The East German government razed the damaged structure after the war and built the present Palast der Republik in its place. If history repeats itself there are proponents of this structure will meet a similar fate. What to do with this central historic piece of real estate has been the subject of a longstanding debate at both the city and federal level.

Alexanderplatz, also known as Alex, is one of Berlins liveliest squares and public transportation hubs. Looming above it is a 1 200-ft-/365-m-high TV tower – the tallest structure in Berlin (you can go to the top for an excellent view of the city). Nearby is the Rotes Rathaus (Red Town Hall), and the Nikolaiviertel, a lovely "Old Town" that was built by East Germany to attract tourists. (Some buildings actually are old and have been moved there from elsewhere, and some are simply built to look old.) Within walking distance from the Alex is the Volksbühne, on the Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz, which hosts some of the most experimental theater in Berlin. To the north is the reconstructed, gold-domed Neue Synagoge, now home to the Centrum Judaicum museum. Back to the west is Gendarmenmarkt, one of the citys most attractive squares. The Schauspielhaus, which hosts concerts, is framed on both sides by almost identical domed churches (the Deutscher Dom and the Französischer Dom), giving the square a nice symmetrical feel. One block west of the square is Friedrichstrasse a bustling avenue with fashionable shops.

Berlin is justly proud of its unusual amount of undeveloped open natural space. The Tiergarten is the oldest and most popular park, stretching from the Zoologischer Garten (one of the largest zoos in the world) to the Brandenburg Gate. Treptower Park in the east stretches out along the Spree River and has the overwhelming Soviet Memorial dedicated to its fallen soldiers. Large lakes can be found at the citys eastern and western edges: Muggelsee and Wannsee, respectively. Many smaller lakes are scattered throughout the city and they are enjoyed by hordes of Berliners who flock to them for ice skating or swimming and sunbathing (often in the nude). The Grunewald and Tegeler Forst are large wooded areas with trails for hiking cross-country skiing or horseback riding.

Other sites in Berlin worth visiting are the Olympic Stadium, site of the 1936 Olympics (and Jesse Owens victories), and Rathaus Schöneberg, site of John F. Kennedys *Ich bin ein Berliner* speech. The Topography of Terror site is an impressive introduction to the history and geography of Berlin under the Nazis. Design enthusiasts wont want to miss the Bauhaus-Archiv, which traces the history of that famous movement. If time permits visit the Brecht House (home of the writer) or the Friseur Museum a museum dedicated to the history

of hairdressing! And after the sun sets in Berlin, the city offers, in addition to the dozens of nightclubs and cafes, a wide variety of concerts and other cultural events.

Full-day trips could be made to Potsdam or Cottbus. Allow at least three days to see Berlin, more if you wish to see area sights.

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Nikolaikirche (St. Nicholas Church)

Berlin's oldest church building from the 13th century, ideally situated in Nikolai Quarter, which was rebuilt in 1987 with concrete slab pre-fab housing. The church contains a permanent exhibition on the history of Berlin. The original church dates from approximately 1230, but only the base of the facade survives from that period. The church was rebuilt over a roughly one hundred year period in the 14th and 15th centuries as a Gothic hall church. Restored in 1877, the church was destroyed in World War II and reconstructed by the East Germans in 1987.

Connections: U+S Alexanderplatz

address: Nikolaikirchplatz, Mitte

tel: +49 (0)30 240020

openings: Tu-Su 10am -6pm, Admission: 5DM, red. 2,50 DM

Bodemuseum

SMPK – Opened in 1904 and recognisable by its striking dome, the building has been closed since mid-1999, and will probably re-open in 2004. After restoration it will house the Coin Collection, the Sculpture Collection and the Museum for Byzantine Art.

Connections: U+S Friedrichstr, bus 100

address: Am Kupfergraben, Mitte

url: www.smpk.de

openings: Tue-Sun 10am -6pm

tel: +49 (0)30 - 20905555

KW (Kunst – Werke Berlin e.V.)

The first milestone on the Auguststraße art trail, situated in a very beautiful courtyard complex which is a listed historical site. Ideal for lazing around and taking a breather in summer – especially at Café Bravo, named after the teen-age magazine you find on every table. Kunst-Werke is worth visiting not just for changing exhibitions – try out the famous slide, the convenient way for visitors of all ages to get from one floor to the other.

Connections: S Oranienburger Str.

address: Auguststr. 69, Mitte

openings: Tu–Su noon –6pm, Café Bravo Fr+Sa till 3am, admission: 5DM, red.
4DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2817325

Viktoriapark

On a clear day you get a fantastic view of Kreuzberg from up here. A big city oasis with a waterfall, a beergarden in Golgatha, a zoo for small animals and lawns for lazing or sports. The multicultural festival in summer offers music and stage acts in the open air.

Main entance Kreuzbergstr.

Connections: U Mehringdamm

address: Kreuzbergstr.

Spreepark Berlin

This amusement park is located not far from the city centre in the harmonious surroundings of Plänterwald leisure area. It offers 30 carousels and other fairground rides, including the little Britzer train with its warning bell, big dippers and a big wheel with a fantastic view of Berlin. You can also visit the theme areas like "Las Vegas County" or see stage shows here.

Connections: S Plänterwald

Openings: Apr–Oct Mo–Fr 9am –6pm, Sat + Sun + public holidays 10am –7pm.

Admission: 28DM, school classes (with school pupil's identity cards) 19DM, children (under 12) 26 DM.

address: Kiehnwerderallee 1–3, Treptow

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Haus am Checkpoint Charlie

Permanent and special exhibition cover topics in German history after 1945, especially the division of Berlin, the building of the Wall and its influence on daily life. Documentary film shows and especially talks with eyewitnesses give a memorable picture of the relationship between the two parts of Germany during the Cold War. Admission: adults 8DM, school pupils and students 5DM, groups of 10 or more 4,50DM

Connections: U Kochstr., bus 129

address: Friedrichstr. 43–44, Kreuzberg

openings: daily 9am –10pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2537250

Sammlung Hoffmann

The Berlin exhibition of a larger collection owned by Mr. and Ms. Hoffmann, housed here since 1998 in its own specially restored building complex. The main focus is on West European and American art in various media.

Connection: U Weinmeisterstr.

address: Sophie–Gipshöfe (between Sophienstr. and Gipsstr.), Berlin–Mitte

url: www.sammlung-hoffmann-berlin.de

openings: Sat 11am –5pm, by appointment only

tel: +49 (0)30 – 28499121

Sowjetisches Ehrenmal

(Soviet War Memorial) Memorial centre for the soldiers of the "great patriotic war" who died in 1945 in the battle for Berlin In autumn and winter this is the ideal place to indulge in melancholy feelings. Impressive!

connections: S Treptower Park

address: Treptower Park

Jagdschloss Grunewald (Grunewald Hunting Palace)

In the middle of a popular recreational area at Grunewaldsee. The palace contains a collection of German and Dutch paintings and works by Cranach and Rubens. Close by is a bathing area for dogs – a unique meeting place for our four–legged friends. Admission: 4DM, red. 2DM

Connections: Bus 115 to Clayallee, then on foot.

address: Hüttenweg, Zehlendorf

url: www.jagdschloss-grunewald.de

openings: Tu–Fr 10am –5pm, Sa+Su and 1Nov –31March till 4pm,

tel: +49 (0)30 – 8133597

Museum für Ostasiatische Kunst (Museum of East Asian Art)

SMPK just being reopened in october 2000 the museum presents east Asian art and culture from the early beginnings until today in a really successfully renovated building.

Connections: U Dahlem–Dorf

address: Lansstr. 8, Dahlem

url: www.smpk.de

Gendarmenmarkt

Flanked by the German and French cathedrals, one of Berlin's few architecturally complete squares and one of the most beautiful in Europe. Berlin's "living room" looks particularly lovely when it's lit up at night.

connection: U Stadtmitte

address: Gendarmenmarkt

Knoblauchhaus

"Knoblauch" actually means garlic, but in this case the name of the building refers to an old noble family who

lived here. It contains a chronology of bourgeois life from the 18th to the beginning of the 20th century, Biedermeier and classicism. Special exhibitions combine culture and history, e.g. "The pleasure of a Vice. Tobacco in Old Berlin".

Admission: 5DM, red. 2,50DM (valid for Knoblauchhaus, Nikolaikirche, Ephraimpalais)

Connections: U+S Alexanderplatz, U Klosterstr.

email: Eva@Dunzendorfer.de

address: Poststr. 23, Mitte

url: www.knoblauchhaus.de

openings: Tu–Sa 10am –6pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 240020

Berlinische Galerie

A museum without its own premises that presents exhibitions at various venues – the latest in modern art, photography and architecture.

Connections: U Platz der Luftbrücke.

email: BerlinischeGalerie@t-online.de

address: Methfesselstr. 28–48, D–10965 Berlin Kreuzberg

url: www.berlinischegalerie.de

tel: +49 (0)30 – 78 90 26 00

Reichstagsgebäude (The Reichstag)

A symbol of German history. Pictures that went round the world: in 1945 the Soviet flag was hoisted on the Reichstag, in 1995 it was wrapped by Christo and Jeanne–Claude and since 1999 it has been the seat of the German Parliament. The dedication above the entrance reads: "To the German People". The dome built by Sir Norman Foster is not entirely in tune with this, because: anyone, if German or from abroad, can walk around freely inside it until midnight (admission till 10pm). Magnificent view of Berlin.

connection: S Unter den Linden, bus 100

address: Platz der Republik, Tiergarten

openings: daily till 10pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 39770

admission: free

Bröhan–Museum

Even an infantry barracks can be the epitome of beauty: the former military premises now houses an extensive private collection of art, handicrafts and household objects from the eras of art nouveau and art deco. Includes works by Max Liebermann, Lovis Corinth and the architect Henry van de Velde.

Admission: 6DM, red. 3DM, Special exhibitions 10DM, red. 5DM

Connections: U Richard–Wagner–Platz, bus 109, 110, 145.

address: Schloßstraße 1a, Charlottenburg
url: www.charlottenburg-wilmersdorf.de
openings: Tu–Su 10am –6pm
tel: +49 (0)30 – 326 906 00

Nikolaiviertel

Old city quarter restored in the mid 1980s for Berlin's 750th anniversary. The area is located around the city's oldest church, from which is taken its name. Parts of it seem just like any pedestrian precinct in a small West German town.

connection: U+S Alexanderplatz, U Klosterstr.

Anne Frank Zentrum

A small exhibition on Anne Franks life offers you the chance to explore themes like National Socialism, the Holocaust, racism and Jewish history. The Centre also runs the project "Blind Faith –In Hiding at Hackescher Markt". During the Nazi period the brushmaker Otto Weidt hid a Jewish family in the back room of his workshop for blind people, etc.

Connections: S Oranienburger Str.

address: OranienburgerStr. 26, Mitte
openings: Mo–Fr 9am –3pm, Admission: 3DM, red 1DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 30872988

Gedenkstätte, Deutscher Widerstand (Memorial of German Resistance)

In 1953 a memorial centre with a courtyard of honour was opened in the Bendlerblock, the former headquarters of the army high command. This was the centre of the attempt to overthrow Hitler on 20 July 1944. Since 1989 the building has housed a permanent exhibition documenting the many different kinds of resistance to National Socialism. You can go on guided tours free of charge here –please book in advance.

Connections: U Kurfürstenstr., bus 129.

address: Stauffenbergstr. 13–14, Tiergarten
openings: Mo–Fr 9am –6pm, Th 9am –8pm, Sa & Su 10am –6pm, admission free
tel: +49 (0)30 – 26995000

Gedenkstätte Berlin–Hohenschönhausen (Hohenschönhausen Memorial Centre)

From 1945 to 1989 this was the site of various institutions of the despotic justice system for punishing resistance and opposition in the Soviet occupied zone and the GDR. It was a prison, a detention centre, a centre for political prosecutions and a special Soviet prison camp, the central Soviet remand prison and the central secret police remand prison in the GDR. Today the memorial centre organises events, seminars and guided tours. Tours with eyewitnesses or former political prisoners should be booked in advance.

connections: S Landsberger Allee, tram 5, 6, 7, 15, 17,

address: Genslerstr. 66, Hohenschönhausen

openings: 8.30am –4.30pm, Sa till 3pm, guided tours Mo–Th 1pm, Fr+Sa 11am +1pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 98608230

Gedenkstätte Plötzensee (Plötzensee Memorial Centre)

A place of peace and remembrance. Victims of the Nazi terror regime were executed here at the former prison of Plötzensee. What's particularly impressive is the display of copies of death sentences.

Connections: U Mierendorffplatz, bus 123, 126

address: Hüttigpfad, Charlottenburg

openings: March–Oct daily 9am –5pm, Nov–Feb daily 9am –4pm,
admission free

tel: +49 (0)30 – 3443226

Museum für Kindheit und Jugend (Schulmuseum Berlin)

Exhibits from 100 years of childhood in Germany, right up to the present. Writing exercises with old materials, a Berlin school classroom from the time of the Empire, and a project room on the theme "Being A Child 1940 – 1948".

Connections: U Märkisches Museum, U Heinrich–Heine–Straße, S Jannowitzbrücke

address: Wallstr. 32, Mitte

url: www.stadtmuseum.de

openings: Tu–Fr 9am –4pm, admission: 3DM, red. 1,50DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2750383

Deutsch–russisches Museum Berlin–Karlshorst

The former officers mess of the pilots school. This was where the German army signed the document of unconditional surrender in 1945. Four years later the first government of the GDR was awarded full state powers here. From 1967 the Soviet military used this historic building as a "museum on the great patriotic war". Since 1990 it has been a museum on the history of the remarkable German–Soviet relationship.

Connections: S Karlshorst, bus 396

address: Zwieseler Str. 4

openings: Tu–Su 10am –6pm, admission free

tel: +49 (0)30 – 50150810

Domäne Dahlem

Beautiful farm closed Tu ing estate and museum showing history of agriculture in Berlin. Its regular markets with pottery and textiles and the Advent market are very popular. In the little shops you can buy handicrafts and culinary products.

Connections: U Dahlem–Dorf Museum

address: Königin–Luise–Str. 49, Dahlem

url: www.stadtmuseum.de

tel: +49 (0)30 – 8325000

Siegessäule (Victory Column)

The 70–metre–high column is crowned by the gilded victory goddess, nicknamed "Goldelse" –Golden Lizzie –by the Berliners. Among other things, she has decorated the cover of certain books. Since Love Parade has been held in the Tiergarten she's become its "landmark" –let love rule! Incidentally, the gun barrels around the column are genuine. Below are the Austrian, then the French and on top the Danish. Admission: 2DM, red. 1DM.

Connection: Bus 100, 187, 341

address: Straße des 17. Juni

openinghours: Mon 1pm –6pm, Tu–Su 9.30am –6pm

Hedwigs–Kathedrale (St. Hedwigs Cathedral)

The first big Catholic church built in Berlin after the Reformation was a gift from Frederick II and was dedicated in 1773. The design was by Georg Wenzelaus von Knobelsdorff. Damaged in World War II, the church was reconstructed from 1952–1963, but the interior was redone in a modern style. Organ concerts are held regularly in this classicist building.

Connections: U Französische Str., bus 100

address: Am Bebelplatz, Mitte

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2034810

openings: Mo–Sa 10am –5pm, Su 1pm –5pm

Pergamonmuseum

SMPK – The Pergamon Museum houses three collections: the Antiquity Collection, the Museum of the Near East and the Museum of Islamic Art. The museum was built by Alfred Messel and Ludwig Hoffmann between 1912 and 1930 and was specifically designed to hold large architectural displays. One of the most amazing pieces is the restored Pergamon Altar (c. 160 BC), but equally impressive in the Antiquity Collection are the restored entrance hall of the Nikephoros Athena Temple and the market gate from the Roman town of Miletus, both dating from the 2nd century BC. The Near Eastern Collection is dominated by the magnificent processional way and Ishtar Gate from Babylon, dating from roughly the 6th century BC. The biggest piece in the Islamic Art collection is the portion of the facade of the Mshatta Palace dating from the Omayyad Period (AD 661–750).

connections: U+S Friedrichstr. Bus 100

address: Am Kupfergraben, Mitte

url: www.smpk.de

openings: Tu–Su 10am –6pm, admission: 8DM, red.
4DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 20905566

Schloss Charlottenburg (Charlottenburg Palace)

Schloss Charlottenburg began life as a summer residence for Sophie Charlotte, wife of Elector Friedrich III. Johann Arnold Nehring began construction in 1695, but it was enlarged between 1701 and 1713 by Eosander von Goethe, who added the famous cupola. Friedrich the Great further enlarged the palace from 1740–1746 by adding an east wing designed by Georg Wenzeslaus. The palace was heavily restored following World War II and now provides lovely interiors in several styles. One can see the apartments of Sophie Charlotte, Friedrich Wilhelm II, Friedrich Wilhelm IV, and Friedrich II the Great. The palace park is ideal for a long walk. The grounds include several restored buildings including the Neo–Classical Neuer Pavillion, built in 1825 by Schinkel, the Belvedere, constructed in 1788 by Carl Langhans in a mixture of Baroque and Neo–Classical styles, and the Neo–Classical masoleum, also designed by Schinkel and housing the tombs of Karl Friedrich III and Kaiser Wilhelm I. Connection: U Sophie–Charlotte–Platz, U Richard–Wagner Platz,

address: Luisenplatz, Charlottenburg

url: www.charlottenburg-wilmersdorf.de

openings: Tue–Fri 9am –5pm, Sat & Sun 10am –5pm, admission: 8DM, red. 4DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 32091275

Gemäldegalerie am Kulturforum

The Gemaeldegalerie collection is housed in a modern building in the Kulturforum. Nearly every important school of European painting from the Middle Ages to the 19th century is represented. Italian painting is particularly well represented by the likes of Titian, Tintoretto, Giotto, Botticelli, Raphael, Tiepolo, and Caravaggio, among others. Early German painting is represented by Duerer, Altdorfer, Schongauer, Cranach, and Hans Baldung Grien, among others. The Flemish masters are well represented, with Memling, van der Weyden, Bosch, the Bruegels, and Rubens all present. One of the most fascinating paintings is *Dutch Proverbs* by Pieter Breugel the Elder. Three important Rembrandts are housed here: *Samson and Delilah*, *Susanna and the Two Elders*, and *Joseph and the Wife of Potiphar*. Hals, Vermeer, Chardin, Lorraine, Poussin, Velazquez, Reynolds and Gainsborough help round out the collection.

Connections: U Potsdamer Platz, U Mendelssohn–Bartholdy Park, bus 148, 129, 348

address: Matthäikirchplatz 8, Tiergarten

openings: Tu–Su 10am –6pm, admission: 8DM, red. 4DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 20905560

Hamburger Bahnhof– Museum für Gegenwart, Berlin

(Museum for Contemporary Art) SMPK – The Marx Collection forms the basis for this beautiful museum in an old railway station. Exhibits from other national museums and special exhibitions complete this extensive survey of contemporary art. The gallery features several paintings by Anselm Kiefer, and some famous portraits by Andy Warhol including his depiction of Chairman Mao.

Connections: S Lehrter Stadtbahnhof, bus 248, 340

address: Invalidenstr. 50–51, Tiergarten
url: www.smpk.de
openings: Tu–Fr 10am –6pm, admission: 8DM, red. 4DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 3978340

Brücke–Museum Berlin

The museum building was constructed to plans by some members of the Expressionist artists group "die Brücke" (The Bridge). They wanted to create their own personal monument. The central focus of the collection is an assortment of 80 Schmidt–Rottluff paintings left to the city of Dahlem in 1964, but all the members of the group are represented to some degree.

Connections: U Fehrbelliner Platz, then bus 115.

email: bruecke-museum@t-online.de
address: Bussardsteig 9, Zehlendorf
url: www.bruecke-museum.de
openings: daily except Tu 11am –5pm, admission: 7DM, red. 3DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 831 20 29

Kaiser–Wilhelms–Gedächtniskirche (Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church)

This church was built in the Neo–Romanesque style by Franz Schwechten. Completed in 1895, the church was reduced to ruins in a 1943 bombing raid. After the war, the ruins were cleared away with the exception of a small area around the front tower. A new modern church was built next to the tower ruins by Egon Eiermann in 1963 featuring an octagonal design and blue stained glass. Some mosaics from the original church, which glorify the Hohenzollerns, still survive and can be seen.

Connections: U+S Zoologischer Garten

address: Breitscheidplatz, Charlottenburg
tel: +49 (0)30 – 2185023
openings: daily 9am –7pm, exhibition in the tower: Mo–Sa 10am –4pm

Computer– u. Videospielemuseum (Computer and Video Games Museum)

A remarkable exhibition on the history of computers and video games in a private apartment – small, but unique in Europe. From black–and–white monitors to virtual reality, with electronic classics and exotic games that once delighted fans. Visitors can play here as long as they like.

Connections: S+U Jannowitzbrücke, U Märkisches Museum

address: Rungestr. 20, Mitte
url: www.cuvmb.de
openings: Sun noon – 6pm or by appointment admission
tel: +49 (0)30 – 2793351

Das Verborgene Museum (The Hidden Museum)

For centuries art was a male domain and women artists tended to remain hidden. The exhibition pays homage to the works of unconventional and courageous women.

Connections: U Ernst–Reuter–Platz, S Savignyplatz.

address: Schlüterstr. 70, Charlottenburg

url: www.charlottenburg-wilmersdorf.de

openings: Thu & Fri 3pm –7pm, Sat & Sun noon – 4pm and by appointment, admission free

tel: +49 (0)30 – 3133656

Historischer Hafen Berlin (Berlins Historical Harbour)

A collection of 32 seaworthy boats for inland waterways in a harbour with an exhibition on more than 200 years of inland shipping in Mark Brandenburg and a café on one of the boats. A special attraction in just the right place – after all, Berlin is a city by the waterside with more bridges than Venice. Zille revue trip every Friday, two hours with buffet meal. book in advance please, admission: 4DM, red. 2DM

Connections: U Märkisches Museum, S Jannowitzbrücke

address: Märkisches Ufer, Mitte

url: www.historischer-hafen-berlin.de

openings: Tu–Fr 2pm –6pm, Sa + Sun + public holidays 11am –6pm (1Apr –31Oct)

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2138041

Deutsches Technikmuseum Berlin (German Museum of Technology Berlin)

Technology museum with collections on the history of air travel, railways, cars, printing, and the science centre Spectrum more than 250 experiments in physics.

Admission: 5 DM, red. 2 DM, school groups 1 DM

Connections: U Gleisdreieck, U Möckernbrücke

address: Trebbiner Str. 9, Kreuzberg

url: www.dtmb.de

openings: Tue – Fri 9am – 5:30pm, Sat & Sun 10am –6pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 254840

Sammlung Berggruen – Picasso and seine Zeit

(The Berggruen Collection – Picasso and his Times) SMPK – Heinz Berggruens collection has only been open to the public for three years and is already one of the citys museum highlights. Apart from picassos work, it shows paintings, sculptures and drawings by the classical modernists – a total of around 100 exhibits.

Connections: U Sophie–Charlotte–Platz, U Richard–Wagner Platz

address: Schloßstr. 1, Charlottenburg

openings: Tu–Fr 10am –6pm, Sa+Su 11am –6pm, admission: 8DM, red.
4DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2090555

Museum für Indische Kunst (Museum of Indian Art)

SMPK – The museum shows art and handicrafts from central and southern Asia from the second century B.C. to the present. It has just been renovated.

Connections: U Dahlem–Dorf

address: Lansstr. 8, Dahlem

url: www.smpk.de

Martin–Gropius–Bau

Designed by Martin Gropius in 1881 and directly at the site of the Berlin Wall, the building has been renovated and is now open again. It contains the Werkbundarchiv (Museum of 20th–century Everyday Culture) and is also a major venue for changing exhibitions. From 14 May to 29 Oct. 2000 it will show the exhibition "Sieben Hügel. Bilder und Zeichen des 21. Jahrhunderts" (Seven Hills. Pictures and Signs of the 21st Century).

Connections: S Anhalter Bahnhof, bus 129

email: post@gropiusbau.berlinerfestspiele.de

address: Stresemannstr. 110, Kreuzberg

url: www.berlinerfestspiele.de

tel: +49 (0)30 – 254860

Museum der dinge – werkbundarchiv

The "museum of things" in Martin–Gropius–Bau with exhibitions on special themes.

Connections: U+S Potsdamer Platz, S Anhalter Bahnhof.

email: kontakt@museumderdinge.de

address: Martin–Gropius–Bau, Kreuzberg

url: www.werkbundarchiv-berlin.de

openings: Tu–Su 10am –8pm, admission: 12DM, red. 6DM

tel: +49 (0)30 / 254 86 900

Kunstgewerbemuseum Köpenick (Handicrafts Museum)

SMPK – This collection will be reopened in 2004. But its still worth paying a visit to the palace and the island its located on. Parts of the museum's collection can be seen in the Kulturforum, Berlin Tiergarten.

email: kgm@smb.spk-berlin.de

address: Schlossinsel Köpenick, Köpenick

url: www.smpk.de

openings: closed till 2004

Alliierten Museum (Allies Museum)

The Cold War from the viewpoint of the West: half a century of the western occupying powers in Berlin. The exhibition focuses on the magnificent logistic achievement of the "airlift" and how this helped save West Berlin for the free world.

Connections: U Oskar–Helene–Heim

email: info@AlliiertenMuseum.de

address: Clayallee 135, Zehlendorf

url: www.alliiertenmuseum.de

openings: daily 10am –6pm, closed We, admission free

tel: +49 (0)30 – 8181 990

Skulpturensammlung und Museum für Byzantinische Kunst (Sculpture Collection and Museum of Byzantine Art)

A SMPK museum – since this collection is housed in the Bode Museum, which is closed for renovation, it wont be open to the public till 2004. If you come back you can admisre medieval sculptures and Italian paintings from the late Middle Ages to classicism. Connections: U+S Friedrichstrasse, bus 100.

address: Am Kupfergraben, Berlin–Mitte

url: www.smpk.de

Story of Berlin GmbH & Co. Ausstellungs KG

This theme exhibition has developed into a popular time trip that brings alive Berlins history, which goes back almost 800 years. The 20 thematic spaces are arranged on four floors with a high–tech media presentation thats unique the world over. You can even visit a nuclear shelter which is still completely functioning. The panoramic view of the city from 80 metres up is the highlight of the show and simply shouldnt be missed!

Connections: U Uhlandstraße, U Kurfürstendamm

address: Kurfürstendamm 207–208, Charlottenburg

url: www.story-of-berlin.de

openings: daily 10am –8pm, admission: 18DM, red. 14DM, School groups 6DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 88720130

Vorderasiatische Museum im Pergamonmuseum

The famous heart of the collection is the Babylonian Processional Street with its blue tiles. The Museum of Near East History is located inside the Pergamon Museum. In the 1960s it was the setting for famous monumental films – in the movie "The Ten Commandments" the Egyptian Pharaoh alias Yul Brunner rode through the magnificent gate. Take a look at the collection live, its really worth seeing.

Connections: U+S Friedrichstrasse, bus 100.

address: Kupfergraben, Berlin–Mitte
url: www.smpk.de
openings: Tue–Sun 10am –6pm, admission: 8DM, red. 4DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 20905555

Märkisches Museum

The permanent exhibition "schaut auf diese Stadt" (... Look at this city) shows the central themes of Berlins history in the form of an essay. Themes include "the nobility and the military", "theatre city" and "in the Cold War". Admission: 8DM, ed. 4DM

Connections: U Märkisches Museum

address: Am Köllnischen Park 5, Mitte
url: www.stadtmuseum.de
openings: Tu–Su 10am –6pm, Automatophone demonstration Su 3pm
tel: +49 (0)30 – 308660

Egyptian Museum – Papyrus Collection

SMPK –Until the New Museum on Museum Island take her into its collection, you can still see her here –the world–famous bust of Nefertiti. The collection focuses on the art and culture during the reign of her husband Echnaton.

Connections: U Sophie–Charlotte–Platz, U Richard–Wagner Platz.

address: Schloßstr. 70, Charlottenburg
url: www.smpk.de
openings: Tue–Fri 10am –6pm, Sat & Sun 10am –6pm, admission: 8 DM, red. 4 DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 20905566

Medizinhistorisches Museum (Museum of Medical History)

Exhibition in the grounds of Charité hospital with ca. 1000 pathological and anatomical specimens and other historical objects collected since 1899. Not for nervous people.

Connections: Bus 147, 157, 245, 340

address: Schumannstr. 20/21, Mitte
url: www.charite.de
openings: Mo–Fr 1pm –4pm, We till 7pm, admission: 5DM, red. 2,50DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 28023147

Museum der Verbotenen Kunst (Museum of Forbidden Art)

Changing exhibitions in an old watchtower on a remaining patch of no–mans land. A forum for oppressed artists from the former east bloc.

Connections: U Schlesische Tor, S Treptower Park, bus 165

address: Puschkinallee, Treptow
openings: Sa+Su / public holidays noon –6pm
tel: +49 (0)30 – 2042049

Museum Europäischer Kulturen (Museum of European Cultures)

SMPK – Visitors can find out all about "Cultural Contacts in Europe" – that's the title of the permanent exhibition.

Connections: U Dahlem–Dorf

address: Im Winkel 6–8, Dahlem
url: www.smpk.de
openings: Tu–Fr 10am –6pm, Sa+Su 11am –8pm, admission: 4DM, red. 2DM

Altes Museum (Old Museum)

SMPK– Berlins oldest museum, designed by Schinkel and opened in 1830. The Antiquity Collection is on permanent display here, along with the Old Masters from the National Gallery until 2001.

Connections: U+S Friedrichstr, bus 100.

address: Bodenstr. 1–3, Mitte
url: www.smpk.de
openings: Tue–Sun 10am –6pm, admission: 8 DM, red. 4 DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 20905577

Antikensammlung im Pergamonmuseum

(Antiquity Collection in the Pergamon Museum) SMPK – The ground floor of the Pergamon Museum houses not only the famous Pergamon altar but also the Market Gate from Millet and other magnificent exhibits.

connections: U+S Friedrichstr, bus 100

address: Kupfergraben, Mitte
url: www.smpk.de
openings: Tu–Su 10am –6pm, admission: 8DM, red. 4DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 20905555

Ethnologisches Museum (Ethnological Museum, the former Museum für Völkerkunde)

SMPK – Collections from the Pacific, Africa, the Islamic Orient, South America and East Asia. You can also learn about American archaeology and native American tribes here. The department of musical ethnology can only be visited by appointment.

Connections: U Dahlem–Dorf

address: Lansstraße 8, Dahlem

url: www.smpk.de

openings: Tue – Fri 10am –6pm, Sat & Sun 11am –6pm, admission: 4DM, red. 2DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 8301438

Ephraim–Palais

Berlins "most beautiful corner". The only surviving Rococo palace with an exhibition of Berlin portraits from, Baroque to Biedermeier. The childrens gallery is very lovely.

Connections: U Klosterstr., bus 142, 257

address: Poststr. 16, Berlin – Mitte

url: www.ephraim-palais.de

openings: Tue – Sun 10am –6pm, admission: 3DM, red. 1DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 24002121

Museum im Wasserwerk (Museum in the Waterworks)

The history of Berlins water from the source to the tap and from the wastepipe to the sewage plant. It sounds technical, but its actually exciting. Untill Jly 2000 you can see the exhibition "Berlins sewers in the divided city – the underground Wall".

Admission: 4DM, red. 2DM, guided tour 20DM

Connections: S Friedrichshagen, tram 60

address: Müggelseedamm 307, Köpernick

openings: Apr–Oct: We–Fr 10am–4pm, Sa+Su 10am–5pm. Nov–March: We–Su 10am–3pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 86447695

Musikinstrumentenmuseum (Musical Instruments Museum)

The extensive collection contains european musical instruments from the 16th century to the present. Historically important instruments like Sophie Charlottes portable harpsichord are displayed here along with modern items like the big Wurlitzer music box which is demonstrated every Saturday at noon.

Connections: U+S Potsdamer Platz, bus 129, 148

address: Tiergartenstr. 1, Tiergarten

openings: Tu–Fr 9am –5pm, Sa+Su 10am –5pm, admission: 4DM, red. 2DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 254810

Labyrinth (Kinder– u. Jugendmuseum) (Museum for Children and Young People)

Various exhibitions and summer workshops.

Connections: U Osloer Str, U Pankstraße, S Bornholmer Straße

address: Osloer Str. 12, Wedding

url: www.b.shuttle.de

openings: Mo 9am –1pm, groups: Tu–Fr 2pm –6pm, Sa 1pm –6pm, So 11am –6pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 49308901

Neue Nationalgalerie (New National Gallery)

SMPK – Sometimes the special exhibitions here are so big that the permanent exhibitions have to be temporarily dismantled. But there's always exciting art on display, from the classical modernists to the present.

Connections: U+S Potsdamer Platz, U Mendelssohn Bartholdy Park, bus 129, 148, 348

address: Potsdamer Str 50, Tiergarten

url: www.smpk.de

openings: Tu–Fr 10am –6pm, Sa+Su 11am –6pm, admission: 8DM, red. 4DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2662651

Neue Synagoge – Centrum Judaicum (New Synagogue – Centrum Judaicum)

Easily recognisable from the distance by its golden dome, the synagogue was destroyed by bombs in 1943. Today it's partly restored and shows changing exhibitions as well as permanent display "The gates shall open".

Connections: S Oranienburger Str.

address: Oranienburger Str. 28–30, Mitte

url: www.berlin.de

openings: Su–Th 10am –6pm, Fr 10am –2pm, closed Sa, admission: 5DM, red. 3DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 28401316

Filmmuseum Berlin im Filmhaus

The new museum at Potsdamer Platz just opened in summer 2000. The permanent exhibition "Berlin–Hollywood–Germany" takes you on an outing to the various stations of German film history. Along with detours to the USA, the museum shows exhibits from the German Cinematheque and the permanent exhibition "Artificial Worlds".

Connections: S Potsdamer Platz.

email: info@filmmuseum-berlin.de

address: Potsdamerstr. 2, Tiergarten

url: www.filmmuseum-berlin.de

tel: + 49 (0)30 – 300 903 – 0

Marlene Dietrich Collection Berlin

From summer in the Filmmuseum in the Sony Centre you can see the collection from Marlene Dietrich's estate: documents, clothes, jewelry and lots more. Opening times and admission prices not available yet.

Connections: Bus 131, 231, 311

address: Streitstr. 15–17, Spandau

tel: +49 (0)30 – 30090312

Deutsches Historisches Museum (DHM)

Currently closed for renovation; will re–open in 2003 at the earliest. Until then the museum is showing small exhibitions in Kronprinzenpalais opposite. Admission free.

Connections: S Hackescher Markt, U+S Friedricherstr., bus 100

address: Unter den Linden 2, Mitte

url: www.dhm.de

tel: +49 (0)30 – 203040

Friedrichswerdersche Kirche

SMPK – The church houses Berlin sculpture from the 19th –century Schinkel period. The gallery contains an exhibition on Schinkels life and work.

connections: U Hausvogteiplatz, bus 100

address: Werderscher Markt, Mitte

openings: Tu–Su 10am –6pm, admission: 4DM, red
2DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 20905577

Hanfmuseum (Hemp Museum)

The history and cultivation of hemp from way back when till the present. From planting and processing to its many uses in medicine, agriculture, building, nutrition and culture – as well as the legal implications.

Admission: 5DM, children under 10 free, groups of 6 or more 3,50DM

Connections: U Klosterstr., bus 142, 147.

address: Mühlendamm 5, Mitte

url: www.hanfmuseum.de

openings: Tu–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa+Su noon –8pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2424827

Messe Berlin GmbH

Berlin's expanding trade fair complex includes two of the city's landmarks. Conferences and major events are held at the International Conference Centre (ICC). The Funkturm (Radio Tower) welcomes Berliners coming

home on the Avus motorway. In January the highlight here is "Grüne Woche" (the agricultural trade fair Green Week) where you can eat your way round the globe.

connection: U Kaiserdamm or Theodor–Heuss–Platz, S Westkreuz

address: Messedamm 22

tel: 030 30380

Reichsluftfahrtministerium (ehem.)

In East Germany this was the "House of Ministries" and was at the centre of the uprising on 17th June 1953. Now the German Ministry of Finance has moved in here.

connection: U+S Potsdamer Platz

address: Leipziger Str. 5–7/ corner of Wilhelmstr.

tel:

Olympiastadion

(Olympic Stadium) Built by Werner March on the Maifeld for the 1936 Olympic Games, the stadium holds around 76,000 spectators. In 1936 the black runner Jesse Owens won the 100–metre race here (a complete, un–Aryan result); Berliners hope the local football team Hertha will soon win the cup here. Plenty to see around here for history fans.

connection: U Olympiastadion

address: Olympischer Platz.

openings: In summer 8am –8pm

tel: 030 300633

admission: 2DM, red. 1DM

Karl–Marx–Allee

More than 2,5 km long, this avenue was built as a showcase for the GDR in the Stalinist "pastrycook" style. The wide, imposing street was used for parades and isn't only interesting for architectural fans.

connection: U Strausberger Platz, U Weberwiese

Museum für Islamische Kunst im Pergamonmuseum (Museum for Islamic Art)

SMPK – The Aleppo room is one of the highlights of this collection. You can also follow the track of Islamic art from its beginnings to the 19th century. A voyage of discovery – really worthwhile!

connections: U+S Friedrichstr, bus 100

address: Kupfergraben, Mitte

url: www.smpk.de

openings: Tu–Su 10am –6pm, admission: 8DM, red. 4DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 20905566

Palast der Republik (Palace of the Republic)

Opposite the Lustgarten the "Show-off Palace" stands there waiting for a face-lift. Since the reunification of Germany in 1990, Berlin's city planners have been wracking their brains about its future. At the moment the building is being cleared of asbestos, even though it will probably be demolished.

connection: U+S Alexanderplatz

address: Schloßplatz, Berlin-Mitte

Kronprinzenpalais (Crown Prince's Palace)

The palace was completely destroyed in the war and entirely rebuilt in 1968 – 1969 using the old plans. Unfortunately it is not open to the public.

address: Unter den Linden, at Bebelplatz

connection: U Französische Str., bus 100

Alte Nationalgalerie (Old National Gallery)

SMPK – closed till 2 dec 2001. Until its reopened the Old Masters of the 19th century are on display in the Altes Museum.

Connections: U+S Friedrichstr, bus 100.

address: Bodenstr. 1–3, Mitte

url: www.smpk.de

Haus des Lehrers

(House of education) When it was built, this teacher's centre in East Berlin was regarded as something special architecturally. Today it still stands as a good example of architecture from the communist era in East Germany.

connection: U+S Alexanderplatz

address: Alexanderplatz 4

tel: 030 243410

Schloss Bellevue

(Bellevue Palace) A beautiful classicist palace built in 1785 with an elegant English landscaped park. This is the official residence of the Federal President. When the flag is fluttering on the roof, Johannes Rau is at home.

connection: S Bellevue, bus 100

address: Spreeweg 1

tel: 030 390840

Brandenburger Tor (Brandenburg Gate)

Built 1788–1791 as a victory gate by Carl Gustav Langhans. Berlin once had 18 city gates – this is the only one remaining. Badly damaged in the war, it was rebuilt in 1957 and a new casting of the Quadriga statue on top was made in West Berlin. After the wall was built the Gate became a landmark and symbol of the division

and reunification of Germany.

address: Pariser Platz

connection: S Unter den Linden, bus 100

Friedrichstadtpassagen

Above the ground, the building complex comprising Quartiers 205, 206 and 207 displays very different kinds of architecture. Why this variety? When the building owners applied for the sites here they had to promise to build in different styles to set an example of how to give the city a varied look. Underground the buildings are connected by interlinked passages. You can spend days here.

address: Friedrichstraße

connection: U Französische Str

Käthe–Kollwitz–Museum

Prints, drawings, posters and the complete sculptural works of the Expressionist artist Käthe Kollwitz, who was known for her committed, socially critical works. On display in the late classicist Villa Grisebach.

Connections: U Uhlandstrasse, bus 109, 119, 129, 219

email: info@kaethe-kollwitz.de

address: Fasanenstr. 24, Charlottenburg

url: www.kaethe-kollwitz.de

openings: We–Mo 11am –6pm, admission: 8DM, red. 4DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 88 252 10

Berliner Rathaus (Rotes Rathaus)

Since 1991 this has once again been the seat of the governing mayor of Berlin. Berliners call it the "Red Town Hall" – which refers not to Berlin's politics but the building's red bricks. If you follow the red carpet at the main entrance you get to the interactive terminal at the first floor. Here you can click through a programme of information on Berlin.

connection: U+S Alexanderplatz

address: Jüdenstr. 1–9

openings: Mo–Fr 8am –6pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 90260

admission: free

Schloss Glienicke mit Park

(Glienicke Palace and Park) The classicist building by Schinkel (built 1825–28) houses artworks from this period. The Italian inspired park at Jungfernsee is ideal for a romantic stroll.

connection: Bus 116

address: Königstr. 36

openings: 15May –15Oct, Tu–Su 10am –5pm

tel: 030 8053041

admission: 3DM, red. 2DM

Museumsinsel (Museum Island)

Concentrated art and culture are united on this island –one of Europe's real treasures in terms of art history and cultural history. Altes Museum (Old Museum), Pergamon Museum, Alte Nationalgalerie (Old National Gallery), Bode Museum. When you've had your fill of art the best place for a quiet rest is the Lustgarten. It's all wonderfully impressive.

connection: S Hackescher Markt, bus 100

Preußischer Landtag

(Prussian Parliament) This magnificent building in the Roman High Renaissance style has an eventful history. In communist East Germany it was the minister president's office for a while. Since the reunification of Germany it's been the seat of Berlin's parliament. Here you can see the permanent exhibition "100 years of Prussian Parliament" on the ground floor.

connection: S Anhalter Bahnhof, bus 129

address: Niederkirchner Str. 3

openings: Mo–Fr 9am –3pm

tel: 030 23251064

admission: free.

Kunstgewerbemuseum (Handicrafts Museum)

SMPK – Delicate and finely chiselled, archetypes and avantgarde creations: handicrafts from the Middle Ages to the present, from rococo to art deco.

Connections: U+S Potsdamer Platz, U Mendelssohn Batholdy Park, bus 129, 148, 348

address: Matthäikirchplatz, Tiergarten

url: www.smpk.de

openings: Tu–Fr 10am –6pm, Sa+Su 11am –6pm, admission: 4DM,
red. 2DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2662951

Schwules Museum (Homosexual Museum)

Male culture with that special difference. The history of homosexuality in photos and posters. The museum has a library, a periodicals archive and changing exhibitions.

Connection: U Mehringdamm, bus 119, 140.

address: Mehringdamm 61, Kreuzberg

url: www.geocities.com

openings: Wed–Sun 2pm –6pm, Thu till 9pm, guided tour Sat 5pm.

tel: +49 (0)30 – 6931172

East Side Gallery

The longest remaining section of the Berlin Wall (1,3 km long) is an open-air gallery. Artists have painted and scratched this part of the Wall with graffiti and countless other artworks on the theme "environment, tolerance and freedom".

address: Oberbaumbrücke /Mühlenstr

connection: U+S Warschauer Str., bus 123

Schloss Tegel

(Tegel Palace) This palace was built by Schinkel for the Humboldt family. Its elegant neo-classical style made it a model for a whole generation of Berlin villas. It also has a garden designed by Lenné, Berlin's most famous garden architect.

connection: U Alt–Tegel, bus 124, 133, 222

address: Adelheidallee 19–20

openings: May to Sep Mo 10am –noon and 3pm –5pm

tel: 030 4343156

admission: 10DM, red. 8DM

Carillon

Located next to the House of World Cultures, this is the biggest glockenspiel of its type in Europe. There are regular performances of new compositions written exclusively for this huge instrument.

Chimes daily at noon und 6pm; May–Sep: live concerts Su 3pm

address: John–Foster–Dulles–Allee

connection: Tiergarten Bus 100

Glienicker Brücke

(Glienicker Bridge) During the Cold war the great powers exchanged spies on this world famous bridge on the border to Potsdam..., Zehlendorf

connection: S Wannsee, then bus 116

address: Königsstr./Berliner Str.

ICC (Internationales Congress Centrum / Messe Berlin GmbH)

(International Conference Centre/Berlin Trade Fairs) This complex hosts trade fairs and conferences, sporting events and entertainment. Public guided tours every first Sunday of the month.

connection: U Theodor Heuss Platz, S Westkreuz

address: Messedamm 22

openings: Variable
tel: 030 30380
admission: Variable

Grunewaldturm

William II had this tower built in 1897 in memory of his predecessor. Today it offers a beautiful view over the Grunewald, The Havel and sometimes even as far as Potsdam.

connection: U Theodor–Heuss–Platz, S Wannsee, then bus 218
address: Havelchaussee
openings: daily 10am –5.30pm
tel: 030 3041203
admission: 1,50DM, red. 1DM

Fernsehturm am Alexanderplatz

(TV Tower at Alexanderplatz) Berlin's tallest building. So that everybody could see the heights socialist building could achieve, GDR communist party boss Walter Ulbrich demanded that the tower have as many metres height as the days of the year –an easy number to remember. Today it's three meters taller with a new (western) tip. Since Berlin lies on the North German plain it's worth going up the tower to see the view over the city from the platform at 203 metres or the revolving café at 207 metres. On the horizon you can imagine the city limits even if you can't see them.

connection: U+S Alexanderplatz
address: Panoramastr. 1a
openings: May–Oct daily from 9am to 1am, Nov–Apr 10am –midnight
tel: 030 2423333
admission: 8DM, red. 4DM, groups of 20 or more 7DM

Königliche Bibliothek (Alte Bibliothek)

(Royal Library –Old Library) Today students swot for the state examination in Baroque rooms of the library with it's reading room. The building is also called "chest of drawers, " because of its semi–circular façade.

connection: U Französischer Str., bus 100
address: Unter den Linden /Bebelplatz

Jugendmuseum Schöneberg (Schöneberg Young Peoples Museum)

This museum in an old villa that once belonged to the railways contains exhibition rooms and workshops. It also offers magical opportunities with its ongoing projects for research and experimentation. The first step to the Nobel Prize.

Connections: U Eisenacher Strasse, S Schöneberg

address: Hauptstr. 40–42, Schöneberg
url: www.jugendmuseum.de

openings: We–Th 3pm –6pm, Su 2pm –6pm, admission free

tel: +49 (0)30 – 78762234

Museumsdorf Düppel

A reconstructed village as an open–air museum and centre for archeological experiments. Demonstrations of medieval handicrafts techniques and various events like market festivals, an ecological market, exhibitions and literary readings.

Connections: S Mexikoplatz, bus 211

address: Clausterstr. 11, Zehlendorf

url: www.dueppel.de

openings: only Thu 3pm –7pm and Sun 10am –5pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 8026671

Reichsbank (ehem.)

(Former Reichsbank) The new seat of the Foreign Ministry was the seat of the GDR Finance Ministry from 1949 –1959 and then the seat of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party.

connection: U Hausvogteiplatz

address: Werderscher Markt

Staatsratgebäude

(Former Council of State building) At the moment His Eminence the Chancellor is based in the former Council of State building with his retinue and is controlling the destiny of German politics. Everybody's looking forward to the day when the new Federal Chancellor's Office at Spreebogen in Tiergarten will be ready. The government officials are well–versed in packing and unpacking –they got plenty of practice last year with the move from Bonn to Berlin. Unfortunately the interior of the building is not open to the public.

connection: U+S Alexanderplatz

address: Schloßplatz 1

tel: 030 40002116

Humbolt–Universität

(Humbolts University) Built in 1810 at the instigation of the humanist Wilhelm von Humbolt. A place steeped in history, perfect for escaping from the city crowds. In fine weather there's a book market in the forecourt.

connection: S Friedrichstr., bus 100

address: Unter den Linden 6

Berliner Gruselkabinett (Berlin Chamber of Horrors)

Today this former air–raid shelter houses other kinds of nightmares: under cover of authenticity the "gooseflesh gallery and chamber of horrors" offers the dubious pleasures of horror voyeurism. The history of the air–raid shelter is documented on the ground floor.

Admission: 12DM, students 10DM, children 9DM, group rates on request

Connections: S Anhalter Bahnhof, U Gleisdreieck Potsdamer Platz, bus 129.

address: Schöneberger Str. 23A, Kreuzberg

url: www.gruselkabinett-berlin.de

openings: Mon, Tue, Thu, Sun 10am –7pm, Fri 10am –8pm, Sat noon –8pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 26555546

Hugenottenmuseum

(Huguenot Museum) The history of the Huguenots, their persecution in France and their persecution to Berlin and Brandenburg.

Connections: U Französische Str.

address: Gendarmenmarkt 5 (in the French Cathedral), Mitte

url: www.hugenottenmuseum.de

openings: Tu–Sa noon –5pm, Su 11am –5pm, admission: 3DM, red. 2DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2291760

Volkspark Friedrichshain

A green breathing–space in the eastern part of Berlin with a big variety of sports activities and lots of performances on the open–air stage in summer. The imposing Cemetery of Honour for Fallen revolutionaries is worth seeing. The charming fairytale fountain is the landmark of the district. In summer it's a hunting ground for wet dreamers –but not for girls.

Connections: Tram 2,3,4

address: Am Friedrichshain/Friedenstr. Berlin–Friedrichshain

Mauerpark (Wall Park)

It's pretty young for a park, but the site has a turbulent history and you can see this from the lawns – they look rather bare, and the kind of embankment at the foot of Jahn Stadium with the view of Wedding district has a rather strange feel. The park was created in 1993 on the site of a former freight depot which the Wall ran through. It's proximity to Wedding makes it a bit of a melting pot and lots of people come here to chat, drink, read and doze. More energetic types go skating and jogging at the Jahn Stadium.

Connections: U Eberswalder Str.

address: entrance: Schwedter Str./ Eberswalder Str./ Gleimstr., Prenzlauer Berg

Jüdischer Friedhof Weißensee (Jewish Cemetery)

Europe's biggest Jewish cemetery. Take bus no. 255. Openings: Mon – Thu 8am – 4pm, Fri + Sun 8am – 3pm, admission free.

address: Herbert–Baum–Str. 45, Weißensee

tel: +49 (0)30 – 39787156

Sowjetisches Ehrenmal (Soviet War Memorial)

Memorial centre for the soldiers of the "great patriotic war" who died in 1945 in the battle for Berlin – Stalinism in its most petrified form. In autumn and winter this is the ideal place to indulge those melancholy feelings. Impressive!

Connections: S Treptower Park

address: Treptower Park, Treptow

Pfaueninsel (Peacock Island)

On this romantic island in the Havel you'll meet peacocks walking around in the "wilds", you can admire the castle built as a ruin in 1796, or simply go for a nice stroll. Note the smoking ban. You get there on the ferry.

Connections: S Wannsee, bus 216, 316, then ferry.

Openings: Nov–Feb 10am –4pm. March+Oct 9am –5pm. Apr+Sep 8am –6pm. May–Aug 8am –8pm.

Admission: 2DM, red. 1DM, palace: 4DM, red. 2DM

address: Pfaueninselchaussee, Zehlendorf

tel: +49 (0)30 – 8053042

Englischer Garten im Tiergarten (English Garden)

Summer concerts are held in this part of the Tiergarten, to the north of the Victory Column between Spreeweg and Altonaer Straße. At Neuer See you can hire boats or take a break at the nice café.

Connections: U Hansaplatz, S Bellevue

address: Tiergarten

Georg–Kolbe–Museum

Display of works by the sculptor Georg Kolbe and his artist friends. Changing exhibitions and a nice café.

Connections: U Theodor–Heuss–Platz, bus 149

address: Sensburger Allee 25, Charlottenburg

url: www.georg-kolbe-museum.de

openings: Tu–Su 10am –5pm, admission: 8DM, red. 5DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 3042144

Zoologischer Garten

In 1844 Germany's first zoo opened its gates here at Hardenbergplatz. Today the zoo houses more than 14000 animals in its buildings and enclosures. The aviary, aquarium, hippo house and brand-new shark house are especially worth seeing. Hardenbergplatz 8, Tiergarten, +49 (0)30 – 254010, U+S Zoologischer Garten, daily 9am till dusk, 6,30pm at the latest; aquarium daily 9a –6pm, admission 14DM, red. 7,50DM; combined ticket for zoo+aquarium: 22,50DM, red.17DM, reductions for groups of 20 or more.

<http://www.zoo-berlin.de/>

E-mail: info@zoo-berlin.de

address: Hardenbergplatz 8, 10787 Berlin

email: E-mail: info@zoo-berlin.de

tel: (030) 25 40 12 55

Jüdischer Friedhof (Jewish Cemetary)

If you're looking for traces of vanished Jewish life in Berlin, this is the place for you. Here you can find the tombs of some of Berlin's great Jewish founding families like those of Liebermann, Ullstein, Meyerbeer. In the north-east corner a small white stele commemorates an unknown Jewish girl who was hidden in the neighbourhood. She was killed by a shell splinter just before the Liberation and was buried here.

Connections: U Senefelderplatz

Openings: Mo–Th 8am –4pm, Fr till 1pm.

address: Schönhauser Allee 22, Prenzlauer Berg

Volkspark Hasenheide

The Hasenheide is one of Berlin's oldest and biggest inner-city parks. The name Hasenheide ("hare heath") says it all –the parks was once a royal hare enclosure. This was the birthplace of the gymnastic movement in the 19th century. Along with lawns for relaxing and open spaces for sports, in summer there's a wonderful open-air cinema, a rose garden and lots more. Between Hasenheide and Columbiadamm, Neukölln.

Connections: U Südsterne + U Hermannplatz

address: between Hasenheide and Columbiadamm, Neukölln

Tierpark Friedrichsfelde (Zoo)

More than 8000 animals live in the palace park, a spacious area of 160 hectares where you can admire all the different species – a real alternative to the Zoo in Charlottenburg.

Openings: daily 9am –6pm (summer), 9am –5pm (winter), admission: 13DM, red. 6,50 DM.

address: Am Tierpark, Friedrichsfelde

Botanischer Garten (Botanical Garden)

One of the world's most important botanical gardens, a collection of more than 18,000 plant species arranged according to their geographical origins. Next door is the Botanical Museum with the herbarium. A beautiful complex laid out according to scientific principles.

Connections: U Dahlem–Dorf, S Botanischer Garten, U+S Rathaus Steglitz

Openings: Nov–Jan, 9am –4pm. March+Oct 9am –6pm, Apr. Aug+Sept 9am –7pm. May–Jul 9am –9pm. Feb 9am –5pm.

Admission: 6DM, red. 3DM, family ticket 12DM.

<http://www.bgbm.fu-berlin.de/bgbm>

address: Königin–Luise–Str. 6–8, Dahlem

tel: +49 (0)30 – 830060

Alter Jüdischer Friedhof (Old Jewish Cemetery)

Moses Mendelssohn is buried here. A memorial stone, a few plaques on the wall and Mendelssohn's grave are the only reminders of this burial ground and the Jewish old people's home which once stood here. In 1942 the Nazis set up an assembly point here for deportations to concentration camps.

Connections: U Weinmeisterstr. S Hackescher Markt

Openings: Su–Th 8am –5pm, Fr 8am –noon, admission free.

address: Große Hamburger Str. Mitte

Matthäikirche (St. Matthews Church)

A beautiful church at the end Cultural Forum. The church was built in a Neo–Romanesque style by Friedrich August Stueler and Herbert Wentzel in 1844–1846 and was restored after the war. Concerts and art exhibitions are regularly held here. Phone for opening times and dates of events: 2621202.

Connections: S Potsdamer Platz, U Mendelssohn Bartholdy Park, bus 148.

address: Matthäikirchplatz, Tiergarten

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2613676

openings: We–Su noon –6pm, admission: tower 1DM

Bundeskanzler–Willy–Brandt–Stiftung (Federal Chancellor–Willy Brandt Foundation)

The permanent exhibition in Schöneberg Town Hall, "Fighting for freedom –Willy Brandt 1913–1992" shows life and work of the politician Willy Brandt. Regular guided tours: Th, Sa and Su 2pm and 4pm or by appointment.

Connections: U Rathaus Schöneberg

address: Rathaus Schöneberg, John–F.–Kennedy–Platz, Schöneberg

url: www.willy-brandt.org
openings: Daily 10am –6pm, admission free
tel: +49 (0)30 – 78770711

Berliner Dom (Berlin Cathedral)

Berlin's most impressive church building with a bigger floor area than Cologne Cathedral. It was severely damaged in the war and restoration work went on into the 1990s. The magnificent dome gives the building its character. In the Hohenzollern Crypt the Prussian kings and Kaisers lie in dust and ashes.

Connections: U+S Alexanderplatz, bus 100

address: Lustgarten, Mitte
openings: Mo–Sa 9am –7pm, Su noon –7pm, dome till 5pm, Admission: 8DM, red. 5DM

Deutscher Dom (German Cathedral)

The southern part of the magnificent ensemble at Gendarmenmarkt. But take note –the beautiful impressive dome construction on pillars is only the church tower, which was actually built in 1785. The actual church is almost hidden behind it. Since 1996 the building has housed the exhibition "Questions on German History".

Connections: U Stadtmitte

address: Am Gendarmenmarkt, Mitte
tel: +49 (0)30 – 2022690
openings: Tu–Fr 10am –6pm, admission free

Französischer Dom (French Cathedral)

Built for the Huguenots who settled in Berlin at the beginning of the 18th century. The French Cathedral, the German Cathedral and the Schauspielhaus opposite create the unique architectural ensemble on Gendarmenmarkt. The building houses the Huguenot Museum. Admission: museum 3DM, church free of charge.

Connections: U Stadtmitte

address: Gendarmenmarkt 5, Mitte
tel: +49 (0)30 – 2291307
openings: Tu–Sa noon –5pm, Su 11am –5pm

Gipsformerei (Plaster Moulding Workshop)

SMPK – Here you can't make plaster of Paris masks but learn about the history of masks and other plaster artworks. Guided tours for individuals on the first Wednesday of the month. Group tours by appointment.

Connections: U Sophie–Charlotte–Platz, U Richard–Wagner Platz

address: Sophie–Charlotten–Str. 17, Charlottenburg
url: www.smpk.de

openings: Mo–Fr 9am –4pm, We 9am –6pm, admission free

tel: +49 (0)30 – 3217011

Denkmal zur Bücherverbrennung

(Memorial of the Book–Burning) The memorial commemorates the public burning of books by the Nazis on 10 May 1933. In the middle of Bebelplatz, a glass window in the ground with glaring white empty shelves beneath it symbolises the limitation of every kind of intellectual freedom under National Socialism.

Connections: U Französische Str. / Bus 100

address: Bebelplatz, Mitte

Deportations–Mahnmal

(Deportations Monument) A goods wagon on this site commemorates the deportation of 55.000 Berlin Jews between 1941 and 1945.

Connections: Tiergarten U Hansaplatz

address: Levetzowstr. 7–8

Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer (Berlin Wall Memorial)

Very little is left of the original Wall, most of the wall segments are given to museums all over the world or sold. Bernauer Straße separates the districts Wedding and Mitte. Until 1989 the Wall ran along here. The documentation centre on the history of the division of Berlin was opened in November 1999. It shows the political background and peoples individual experience of being permanently faced with the wall in the daily life.

Connections: U Bernauerstr., S Nordbahnhof, bus 328.

address: Bernauer Str., Wedding

openings: We–Su 10am –5pm, admission free

tel: +49 (0)30 – 4635106

Royal Porcelain Factory Berlin

This historical firm has been making its famous porcelain in Berlin since 1763. Along with contemporary works you can see magnificent showpieces from the past 300 years. Guided tours for individuals every first Thursday of the month, group tours by appointment, admission: 5DM

Connections: S Tiergarten, bus 123.

address: Wegelystr. 1, Charlottenburg

tel: +49 (0)30 – 39009241

Neue Wache (New Royal Guardhouse)

In 1958 the GDR set up a "memorial for the victims of fascism and militarism", in this Schinkel building.

Since 1993 it has been the central German memorial for "the victims of war and tyranny". But much more impressive than any memorial name is the unlit interior with its open ceiling and the pieta by Käthe Kollwitz.

address: Unter den Linden 4

Gedenkstätte Haus der Wannsee-Konferenz (Memorial House of the Wannsee Conference)

This villa in its idyllic setting at Wannsee was the place where the organisational details of the deportation and murder of the Jews of Europe were worked out. (The basic decision to eliminate the Jews had already been taken) An exhibition documents the conference, its historical background and its consequences. The educational section of the memorial centre offers daylong study courses on National Socialism and Jewish history. Take bus 114.

address: Am Großen Wannsee 56–58, Zehlendorf

tel: +49 (0)30 – 8050010

openings: Mo–Fr 10am –6pm, Sa+Su 2pm –6pm, admission free

Brecht–Weigel–Gedenkstätte

(Brecht–Weigel memorial Centre) The last living and working quarters of Bertolt Brecht and Helene Weigel.

Connections: U Oranienburger Tor

address: Chausseestr. 125, Mitte

openings: Tu–Fr 10am –noon, Th 5pm –7pm, Sa 9.30am –2pm, Su 11am –6pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2829916

Jüdisches Museum (Jewish Museum)

Architecture as a museum: Daniel Libeskind's design represents the most intellectual challenge a building can pose in relation to its function. Due to open in 2001 as a museum of Jewish history and culture.

Connections: U Kochstr.

address: Lindenstraße 9–14, Kreuzberg

url: www.jmberlin.de

tel: +49 (0)30 – 25993410

Galerie der Romantik

(Gallery of the Romantic Period) SMPk –A collection in royal surroundings: in the right-hand wing of Charlottenburg Palace, the home and seat of Elector Frederick III. The gallery shows masterpieces of Romantic painting with works by C.D.Friedrich, K.Blechen, K.F.Schinkel and C.Spitzweg.

connections: U Sophie–Charlotte–Platz, U Richard–Wagner Platz

address: Luisenplatz, Charlottenburg

openings:

Tu–Fr 10am –6pm, Sa+Su 11 am –6pm, admission: 4DM, red.
2DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 20905560

Museum für Naturkunde der Humbolt–Universität (Humbolt University Natural History Museum)

Permanent exhibitions on the development of the earth on the development of the earth and life on earth: minerals, meteorites, plant and animal fossils, the archeopteryx and the original skeleton of Brachiosaurus brancai.

Connections: U Zinnowitzer Str. Tram 6,8,50

address: Invalidenstraße 43, Mitte

openings: Tu–Su 9.30am –5pm, admission: 5DM, red. 2,50DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 20938917

Kupferstichkabinett

SMPK – The collection of the Engravings Cabinet – Collection of Drawings and Prints contains 30.000 drawings and more than 500.000 prints. Changing special exhibitions.

Connections: U+S Potsdamer Platz, U Mendelssohn Bartholdy Park, bus 129, 148, 348.

Openings Study room: Tu–Fr 9am –4pm

address: Matthäikirchplatz, Tiergarten

url: www.smpk.de

openings: Tu–Fr 10am –6pm, admission: 4DM, red. 2DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2662951

Zitadelle Spandau

(Spandau Citadel) Today the once–proud water castle of the Askanians houses a museum on the history of the fortress and the citadel. After you've seen the exhibition you can dine here in medieval style or browse in the local history museum. In winter at 7pm and 8pm you can take a guided tour to the place where lots of bats go into hibernation in the citadel.

connection: U Zitadelle, bus 133

address: Am Juliusturm 1

openings: Tu–Fr 9am –5pm, Sa+Su 10am –5pm

tel: 030 3549440

admission: 4DM, red. 2DM

Museum für Vor – und Frühgeschichte (Museum of Prehistory and Early History)

SMPK – The delopment of the cultures of ancient Europe and the early Orient from their beginnings to the Middle Ages.

Connections: U Sophie–Charlotte–Platz, U Richard–Wagner Platz

address: Spandauer Damm 22, Charlottenburg
url: www.smpk.de
openings: Tu–Fr 10am –6pm, Sa+Su 11am –6pm, admission: 4DM, red
2DM

Bauhaus Archiv / Museum für Gestaltung

A remarkable building, constructed to a modified design by Bauhaus founder Walter Gropius. Contains collections on the history of the Bauhaus (Dessau, Weimar, Berlin 1919–1933, Chicago). Changing exhibitions, specialist library, cafeteria.

Connections: bus, 100, 187, 341, 129 (Lützowplatz stop), U Nollendorfplatz

address: Klingelhöferstr. 14, 10785 Berlin – Tiergarten
url: www.bauhaus-archiv.de
openings: Wed–Mon 10am –5pm, admission: 5DM, red. 2,50DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 254 00 20

Forschungs– und Gedenkstätte Normannenstraße

(Normannenstraße Research and Memorial Centre) The former headquarters of the Stasi, the East German secret police, it is now a centre for examining the history of the GDR's political system and the organisations that oppressed its citizens. The centre is also called the "Stasi Museum". Along with the office of former Stasi boss Erich Mielke, various items of political interest are on display. Admission: 5DM, groups of 11 or more 4DM, red. 2,50DM.

Connections: U+S Frankfurter Allee, U Magdalenenstr., S Lichtenberg

Deutsche Guggenheim Berlin

This famous museum for 20th century avant–garde art has had a branch in Berlin since 1997. First–class exhibitions three or four times a year. Guided tours daily at 6pm; Sundays at 11:30am tours on specific topics followed by brunch, Wednesdays tours at 1pm with lunch.

Connections: U Friedrichstr., U Französische Str., Bus 100

address: Unter den Linden 13–15, Mitte
url: www.deutsche-guggenheim-berlin.de
openings: daily 11am –8pm, admission: 8DM, red. 5DM, Mo free of charge.
tel: +49 (0)30 – 20209313

Rathaus Schöneberg

(Schöneberg Town Hall) From 1948 to 1991 Rathaus Schöneberg was the seat of West Berlin's regional parliament and government. The bell tower houses the famous Freedom Bell, a gift from the American people to mark the end of the Soviet blockade of West Berlin. The Town Hall also contains the permanent exhibition "Fighting for Freedom" –Willy Brandt 1913 –1992"

exhibition daily, 10am –6pm,

guided tours Th, Sa and Su 2pm, –4pm

connection: U Rathaus Schöneberg

address: John–F.–Kennedy–Platz

openings: Mo–Fr 9am –4pm

tel: 030 7877070

admission: free

Topographie des Terrors (Topography of Terror)

The Prince Albert Site was once the location of the headquarters of the Gestapo, the SS and the main Office for the Security of the Reich. The exhibition shows the history of these Nazi institutions and of the site. A new "international documentation and meeting centre" is due to open here at the end of 2001. Until then the exhibition is being displayed in the open air on the site.

Connections: U+S Potsdamer Platz, U Kochstr., S Anhalter Bahnhof

address: Niederkirchnerstr. 8, next to Martin–Gropius–Bau, Kreuzberg

openings: daily 10am –6pm, admission free

tel: +49 (0)30 – 24846703

Sony Center am Potsdamer Platz

A big complex of buildings with the Filmhaus, which houses the German Film and TV Academy, the Marlene Dietrich Collection and the German Mediatheque. The Multiplex Cinema Centre and IMAX 3–D Cinema hold 2800 seats. The Forum in the middle is a covered area. The entertainment , area has opened at the end of January 2000 and from mid June the entire area will be open as a new meeting–place and venue for all kinds of activities and experiences. The musicbox presents music in an informative, interactive way that brings it to life for all your senses not just your ears.

connections: U/S Potsdamer Platz

address: Kemperplatz 1

tel: 030 25755777

Fragen an die deutsche Geschichte

Cathedral at Gendarmenmarkt (Questions on German History) A trip through German history on three floors. The development of East and West Germany is shown chronologically in a lively, interesting way.

connection: U Stadtmitte

address: German

openings: Tu–Su 10am –6pm

admission: free

Münzkabinett im Bodemuseum (Coin Collection in Bode Museum)

SMPK – Closed for renovation till further notice. At the moment theres a permanent exhibition "Coins from Antiquity" in the Pergamon Museum.

Connections: U+S Friedrichstr. Bus 100

address: Bodestr. 1–3, Mitte

url: www.smpk.de

tel: +49 (0)30 – 20905555

Museum für Kommunikation Berlin (Museum for Communication)

This magnificent building in Leipziger Straße has been extensively renovated and has re–opened in 2000. It contains the united collections from east and west. In the basement you can admire the Blue Mauritius and Bells first telephone. The architecture of this builing is worth a visit alone. Admission free

Connections: U Stadtmitte

address: Leipziger Straße, Mitte

url: www.museumsstiftung.de

Berlin – Getting Around

Orientation

Since 1990, Berlin has been one city, but we still have 2 centers (West Center and Mitte, or East Center). Most accommodation is still in the former West and most international flights will land you at Tegel Airport, which is also on the west side. The quickest link into West Center from Tegel by public transport is a 15 minute bus ride (the X9 bus), which will drop you at Zoo Station in West Center; for info. on "Taxis", see below. Since most of the historic sights are in East Center (Mitte), you can join sight–seeing tours which start in West Center and will take you to Mitte. For walking tours in English, join a Berlin Walks "Discover Berlin" tour which start daily from the taxi stand at Zoo Station (call (030) 301 9194 for up–to–date start times).

Public Transport

Berlins excellent public transport system comprises: U–Bahn (subway), S–Bahn (city rail), buses and trams. Buy tickets from ticket offices or from machines on station platforms. Bus drivers also sell tickets. Ticket machines give info. in English and you can pay the exact amount or get change from DM 10 or DM 20 notes . You must validate your ticket in the red or yellow ticket–stampers on the platform before you get on the train or tram! Tickets sold by bus drivers are automatically validated.

Tickets

All tickets can be used on any part of the system (see notes about rail passes below). Once validated, the ticket can be put away; you dont need to show it to anyone, apart from bus drivers after 8pm at night, to use the system. If you are caught without a ticket by plain clothes inspectors, you will be liable for an on–the–spot EUR 40 fine (and a lot of embarrassment!). Watch out, there is a lot of ticket inspection!

The following tickets are most suitable for visitors: *day passes* for individuals or for groups up to 5 people are excellent value for money and are valid until 3am the following day. If you are only making one or two journeys, buy a *single fare ticket*, good for up to 2 hours travel after validation in any direction. There is also a short trip ticket *Kurzstrecke* costing which is good for up to 3 stops on the U- or S-Bahn, or up to 6 stops on buses or trams. There is also a special offer for tourists, called the *WelcomeCard*. It is valid through 72 hours and costs 21 EUR. Get more Info on www.bvg.de.

Trains

EurAide sells train tickets on behalf of Deutsche Bahn and provides a free train travel information service in English, tel:(030) 297 49241. You'll find their office at the back of Bahnhof Zoologischer Garten. Rail passes: Eurail, Euro- and Inter-Rail passes are all valid on the S-Bahn, so long as they are validated for the day of travel (open passes are, of course, valid at any time).

Trams

Trams run in east Berlin and there is a ferry from Kladow to Wannsee.

Taxis

If you'd rather have someone else drive you there are taxi stands with 'call columns' throughout the city – it costs more to call than to flag one down. Taxis are always cream-coloured and metered; the minimum fare is about DM 4 and a cab from Tegel Airport to West Center will, for example, cost approx. DM25. Taxis are easy to find in the center of Berlin, in the inner city there are also some pedicabs called Velotaxis.

By Bike

Berlin is very cycle friendly and it's a good way to get to know the city – there are specially marked bike lanes everywhere. There are also plenty of bike rental shops.

By Car

Berlin is probably easier to drive around than many other big cities in Europe with roadworks being the biggest hassle. Parking isn't too difficult and is reasonably cheap.

Berlin – Getting There

When to go

Berlin's climate is continental: winters are biting cold, summers hot. Given the climatic changes of recent years, it's hard to be very precise about weather patterns. One thing you can count on is that it can be bitterly cold between December and February (often below freezing) and hot in the summer in July and August. Winter is a very romantic time to visit Berlin, especially in the 4 weeks before Christmas when the Christmas street markets are in full swing. Even in the bleakness of January and February, it's easier to evoke the cold war history of the city; and imagine you are being tailed as you walk down deserted streets! Then again, the city blossoms in spring as Berliners emerge from winter hibernation; Berlin is an amazingly green city with

many streets tree-lined and lots of forest to explore. The fact is: don't let the weather influence your timing too much – Berlin has attractions at all times of year!

Airports

There are three airports near Berlin; Tegel, 8 km northwest of Berlin, Tempelhof (a real monument) is about 8 km from Berlin and the former eastern Berlin airport Schönefeld you find 22 km southeast from Berlin.

Berlin's three airports can all be reached by train or bus which will save you stacks on taxi fares. Berlin has an efficient network of suburban trains and buses reaching every corner of the city and the surrounding areas.

Trainstations

The central station in Berlin is the well-known Bahnhof Zoologischer Garten, or just Bahnhof Zoo in the western part of the city.

Berlin – Nightlife and Entertainment

It is impossible to walk through Berlin without finding a pub, a bar, a theatre, a cinema or a disco, where people meet to spend their leisure time and evenings. Live is buzzing in every single quarter of this fantastic capital. Because of the variety of spots it is a Sisyphean task to name them all. We decided to divide our nightlife section by districts, and even then it is a hard piece of work to give you quite a good overview.

Summarized western Berlin has four focal points for pubs and bars: Savignyplatz in Charlottenburg is for conspicuous goodtimers, Kreuzberg drinkers normally include political activists and punks, the area around Nollendorfplatz (northwestern part of Schöneberg) and Winterfeldtplatz is the territory of sped-out all-nighters and the pushing-on-forty crew. Central Schöneberg bars are on the whole more mixed and more relaxed.

In the eastern part of the city there is also a number of real cosy and even exciting new cafes and bars. Check out both Berlin Mitte and Friedrichshain Section. In Prenzlauer Berg quarter you will find a lot of nice pubs in and around Knaackstrasse. And at last but not least the area around Oranienburger Strasse, where you also will find the "Tacheless" is paved with nice cafes and pubs.

To find out what's on when, buy one of the listings magazines *tip*, *Zitty* or *Prinz*.

Berlin – Day Trips

»Berlin: open city« sets the stage for a nascent »New Berlin« by presenting ten suggested routes. These routes were deliberately selected for their wealth of themes; it is the aim of each route and of all of them collectively to show the diversity of the city and the people who live in it and with it. The variety of architectural styles, squares and city districts, ranging from the realisation of an entirely new urban centre from scratch to the restoration of neglected historical buildings. Planning was based on the latest technology in the field of ecological building and the buildings which have been constructed are intended to satisfy the requirements of

sustainable urban planning for the 21st century. But visible scars also remain for the time being. Far from being complete, the development of Berlin will continue to progress towards a future which can only be seen in outline at present. Certainly not a task to be completed in ten years, rather one which will take a number of generations.

The »New Berlin« also remains a city of contradictions: sophisticated innovative architecture of the 21st century interspersed with buildings of no significance, socially deprived areas bordering luxury shopping streets, ugly roadways in close proximity to inviting parks, seemingly derelict areas suddenly giving way to districts full of vital, urban life – a fascinating juxtaposition concealing nothing and, instead, revealing the specific character of the metropolis of Berlin.

A juxtaposition which makes the city what it is, gives it a distinctive character. And it is this intricate jumble itself which can provide the breeding-ground for creativity, innovation and unconventional ways of life.

During 1999 and 2000 the projects dating from the last ten years to restore or convert buildings and construct new ones will be marked and briefly explained by means of special signs along the routes. A route map is posted at the starting point of each route – close to an underground or S-Bahn (city railway) station. Signs relating to the individual building ensembles have been installed along the way and provide explanatory information in the form of ground plans and brief descriptions. In addition, there are signs on individual buildings and structures. However, this guide does much more than marking points of interest in the city. It not only provides further information on the individual buildings included in the routes, but also draws attention to places of historical significance which lie along these routes. In this way, the routes through the »New Berlin« are also a brief outline of the history of the city.

The following sections provide some nice ideas for walking tours.

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Velotaxi

Breathe in a bit of Berlin air – without polluting the environment with stinking exhaust fumes! Rickshaw bicycle taxis have become quite a familiar sight in Berlin's streets and are especially popular in summer. U Senefelderplatz, Apr–Oct 1pm –8pm, Cost: 2–15DM, depending on the length of the route.

address: Saarbrücker Str. 20–21, Prezlauer Berg

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The government and parliament district. (ca. 8,4 km)

In and around the government district: Route 1 follows the transformation of Berlin into the capital of the Federal Republic of Germany. It takes us through the new government and parliament district and through the three very different districts of Moabit, Tiergarten and Mitte. As we follow the tour, we pass through approximately 400 years of city history.

Moabit, on the northern side of the Spreebogen (a deep curve traced by the River Spree), is among the oldest districts outside the historical city. For a long time, the character of the district was shaped by the presence of the armed forces and industry. Thus, for example, up to the early 19th century, powder magazines and a hospital for plague victims were located here on the outskirts. The urban development of the adjacent

residential area with its population of small and medium-sized craft enterprises made it »respectable«. It went into decline in the decades when Berlin was divided by the Wall. The prison used to be the most striking feature of Moabit. Since the mid '80s, however, it has undergone carefully planned redevelopment, with vacant and under-utilised industrial and trading sites being transformed into service and trading enterprises. Owing to the changes that have taken place, its proximity to the River Spree, the Tiergarten Park and the new Government district within the Spreebogen Moabit has been upgraded to an unforeseen extent.

The route passes the apartments for Federal Government employees in Moabit Werder and continues to nearby Bellevue Palace, the main residence of the Federal President, and the newly constructed Federal President's Office. The route then continues along the Spree to the former Congress Hall and traverses the Tiergarten to the government and parliament district within the Spreebogen. With the »Band des Bundes« a large scale urban-development project is being completed to establish a home for both parliament and the government in Berlin. Connecting the Chancellor's Park in the west with the Federal Chancellery and the deputies' offices in the Alsen and Luise Blocks (Paul Löbe and Marie Elisabeth Lüders House) in the east, it symbolises the unity of East and West Berlin after they were divided for forty years.

With the construction of the government and administration buildings, the century-long history of planning and construction within the Spreebogen – from a prestigious residential quarter and forum during the Wilhelminian Empire and the Weimar Republic – has come to a happy end. For the first time in the history of German democracy, both the parliament and the government will have direct contact with one another at one place. With the conversion of the Reichstag into the new German Bundestag (the Federal Parliament), the Platz der Republik (Square of the Republic) will regain its former significance. As a result the Spreebogen has thus become the country's political centre, whilst the Soviet Monument in the centre of the capital city stands as a reminder of the history of Berlin, Germany, Europe and the world.

The newly constructed Kronprinzen Bridge re-establishes the link between the Tiergarten and Berlin Mitte districts. The Bundes-Preseamt (Federal Press Office) and the German public television company (the ARD's capital studio) have chosen to locate themselves between parliament and Friedrichstrasse S-Bahn station. Route 1 crosses the renovated Marschall Bridge and traverses an old district with heterogeneously designed buildings dating from the early 19th century as well as streets lined by »slab buildings« from the 1970s. It continues past the Charité University Clinic, whose surrounding grounds are idyllic in places, and the renowned Deutsches Theater. At the newly designed square before the Neues Tor (New Gate), our route encounters the old northern border of Berlin's historical city centre. There it takes us into Invalidenstrasse and past the ministries of economics, building and transport which are located in old buildings and new extensions. After crossing the reconstructed Sandkrug Bridge, which served as Invalidenstrasse Checkpoint for many years, the route passes the Museum for Contemporary Art at Hamburger Bahnhof station and ends at the construction site of Lehrter Bahnhof railway station. Europe's largest interchange station for Inter-City Express routes in all directions is under construction here. The station will link the European railway network with the city railway and underground lines. In the year 2004, Berlin will have a central station for the very first time.

Berlin courtyards and the »city of stone« (ca. 7,3 km)

In and around the Hackesche Höfe: Route 2 begins at Hackescher Markt, Berlin's bustling new pleasure centre, taking us through the oldest surviving residential area and centre of craft enterprises and into the heart of the densely built-up 19th century »city of stone«.

Spandauer Vorstadt in the north of the vast S-Bahn (city railway) network is bordered by Friedrichstrasse in

the west, Torstrasse in the north and Prenzlauer Allee in the east. Its name is a geographical reference to the town of Spandau to the west of Berlin. Most of the old street network has been preserved in its original form, as one of the surviving testimonies to the historical city centre of Berlin dating from the 17th century. Consequently, in 1993, Spandauer Vorstadt was officially declared a development area worthy of preservation.

In contrast to the once splendid area in the south between the S-Bahn and Alexanderplatz, Spandauer Vorstadt and the Sophienviertel, in particular, were always conspicuously poor areas. This was the home of small craftsmen and workers employed in the wool and silk industries as well as, from 1671 on, the so-called Schutzjuden (Jews granted protection by the Prussian ruler). Auguststrasse was popularly known as the »Armengasse« (Poor Lane), whilst Grosse Hamburger Strasse was called »Toleranzstrasse« (Tolerance Street) because of the diverse religions which coexisted peacefully there. The former Jewish Cemetery, the Protestant Church of Sophia and the Catholic hospital of St. Hedwig as well as the former »Volkskaffeehaus« (People's Coffee House) and the older residential houses still suggest something of the atmosphere once prevailing in this district. The former Wertheim Department Store and the mail transport office building in Oranienburger Strasse, in contrast, testify to Berlin's evolution into a 20th-century city.

Route 2 takes us through countless inner-courtyards containing many new buildings and conversions. Trade, culture and dwellings form an urbane unity here. Many of the courtyards are extremely well executed instances of the revival of what is now frequently regarded as a prime example of urban mixed-use of the past. The noisy small and large machines of old have meanwhile given way to environmentally compatible handicraft and cultural enterprises. Galleries have been set up in the floors that used to accommodate warehouses and production halls. The Hackesche Höfe and Sophie Gips Höfe are merely the best-known and most splendid among the numerous courtyards that will be traversed on route 2. A glance at the stairwells and court facades is certainly worthwhile, since it gives one an opportunity to see the exemplary results achieved through the cooperation between Berlin preservationists and investors.

The urban character of this district has also been shaped by the recent alternative culture, which was beginning to create its own scene even before the Wall was opened up: in empty and derelict old houses such as the Kunsthaus Tacheles in Oranienburger Strasse and the Hackesche Höfe. Furthermore, Jewish life, which has traditionally been an essential part of the district, has also undergone a mild renaissance around the New Synagogue and the Centrum Judaicum with cafés, restaurants, shops and museums. However, the continuing trend towards ever more pubs and restaurants is a challenge to urban planners to ensure that the district is not paralysed by monoculture. Now in the process of a social transformation, Spandauer Vorstadt as a whole provides an example of gentrification. The ennoblement of both properties and their use is putting pressure on indigenous social classes and tending to force them out of the area.

Route 2 leaves Spandauer Vorstadt at Oranienburger Tor and traverses an old quarter that played a significant role in the industrial history of the city. Chausseestrasse was the cradle of the mechanical-engineering industry (Egells and Borsig) in Berlin. The route takes us on to the Berlin Wall Memorial Site at Bernauer Strasse and continues along Anklamer Strasse, Brunnenstrasse and Ackerstrasse, which are among the longest and oldest streets in Berlin. These streets once went beyond the city limits. The route comes to an end in the middle of the 19th century »city of stone« at Rosenthaler Platz.

Between myth and future (ca. 6,6 km)

Potsdamer Platz and the surrounding area: Route 3 takes in three phases of the more recent history of urban design and development in Berlin. It begins at the principal event of the nineties in Berlin, the development

of Potsdamer Platz following the opening of the Berlin Wall. From there, it goes back in time to the Cultural Forum, which documents the urban design ideals of the '50s and '60s, namely the idea of an open-plan city, the »urban landscape«. Following this excursion into the past, it once again touches on the '90s in the vicinity of Potsdamer Platz and then moves on to the attempts of the IBA 87, the International Building Exhibition held in Berlin in 1987, to reintroduce architecture to the principles of planning adopted in block developments. The route ends at Mehringplatz in the municipal district of Kreuzberg; this square is an excellent example of the way in which inspired Baroque architecture was replaced by crude and massive structures.

The controversy in 1991 surrounding the development of Potsdamer Platz marked the beginning of the reconstruction of the centre of Berlin. Under discussion were all fundamental parameters of significance in the urban development project of the century with which Berlin has been faced over the last ten years. One of the most controversial issues was the question as to whether the city of Berlin would succeed in asserting public interests against the interests of the investors. Consideration had to be given to matters of road planning such as a north-south tunnel under the Tiergarten park as well as to reducing the ratio of private cars to local public transport to 20:80 per cent in the entire city centre for ecological reasons. Potsdamer Platz was also to be made easily accessible by rail. Another point of dispute was whether Berlin was to have a new high-rise district here, which would be a counterpart to Alexanderplatz, which is the eastern boundary of the city centre, or whether it might be possible to set history aside and make a new start with radically avant-garde visions. The development at Potsdamer Platz is a compromise between these differing proposals. The homogenous development of buildings with glass facades at the Sony site is reminiscent of an »American« plaza. In contrast, the streets and buildings around the public square named after Marlene Dietrich are in keeping with the traditional conception of a »European« city. The Potsdamer Platz Arcades are a compromise between a public street and a shopping mall. And Potsdamer Platz itself is to become the focal point of the new high-rises.

The Cultural Forum is in sharp contrast. Its design reflects the efforts of the post-war generation in the '50s and '60s to replace the historical city of the 19th century, where very different forms of use were in close proximity to each other, by spatially separate »function bands« for living, working, shopping, politics and culture and to create function centres to form a new »urban landscape«. The Cultural Forum in Berlin documents this approach to modern urban design, which was echoed nationally and internationally, and includes such outstanding examples of architecture as the Philharmonie, the New National Gallery and the new Picture Gallery, which was completed in 1998.

The route includes cultural and historical monuments located to the east of Stresemannstraße. The Foundation Topography of Terror and the German Museum of Technology are, in addition to the German Museum of History and the Museum of Post and Communications, the most important new museum buildings in the city. This is where the route encounters the architecture and urban designs of the IBA Berlin 87, which were intended to start a process of urban revitalisation in an area which had suffered neglect and decline due to its proximity to the Wall. Mehringplatz is a prime example of architecture and urban design which is largely discredited today. 30 years ago the circular, Baroque plaza was built up in order to cut the residential buildings and the square off from a motorway which was planned parallel to the Landwehr Canal.

From the »Octagon« to the »Rondelle« (ca. 5 km)

From Leipziger Platz to Hallesches Tor: Route 4 covers the part of Berlin that used to be the old town of Friedrichstadt, which was created during a period of Baroque-style urban expansion during the 17th century under the Elector Friedrich III, who gave his name to the town. The area is bounded by the ingenious

application of three ideas of the time on spatial division – the square, in the shape of Pariser Platz, the octagon, formed by Leipziger Platz, and the circle, at Mehringplatz (formerly Belle–Alliance–Platz) – which arose when the city was extended in 1732. Leipziger Platz is being recreated in its old form as a junction interface in the New Berlin where the octagon will once again be an elegant and distinguished gate and city square, complete with commercial buildings and the Canadian Embassy. The development at Mehringplatz, on the other hand, from the 1960s and 70s reflects the suspension of urban through traffic. The city traffic flow within Friedrichstadt towards the southern city districts of Schöneberg and Kreuzberg is now interrupted by contemporary urban development.

Route 4 begins by following Leipziger Strasse, which, prior to the Second World War, formed the industrious, well-to-do middle class backbone of Berlin's inner city area. It was a main artery for inner city life, pulsating with the flow of people from the railway station at Potsdamer Platz, in its day the busiest station in Berlin. Here could be found both the first and largest department stores of their time as well as innumerable small shops and stores. In contrast to Unter den Linden – the prestigious boulevard running parallel to the north, divided between royal residences and civic buildings – the line of Leipziger Strasse between the octagon and Spittelmarkt was a centre for middle-class business life.

At Mauerstrasse, route 4 passes traces of the old Baroque city boundary from 1688. Mauerstrasse runs diagonally across the geometrical pattern of Friedrichstadt. In recent history – here, on the Baroque city boundary – was what used to be Checkpoint Charlie, the Allied border control point, the political frontier between the two major powers in the Cold War period. It has now been reborn as the »Checkpoint Charlie Business Centre« with offices and business premises. This is directly next to the old newspaper publishing centre of Berlin, which has regained part of its former glory through being the location of such well-known German publishers' offices as the Springer Publishing House, the Mosse Centre and the German Government Printing Office. Once you reach the eastern edge of Friedrichstadt, route 4 then follows the efforts made during the 1980s for Berlin's International Building Exhibition in 1987 (IBA 87) to reconstruct this partially destroyed historical city area. The sites had not been systematically developed after the war, and newer architectural styles were employed without attempting to recreate the shapes of the original buildings; there are examples ranging from the old streets of Alte Jakobstrasse and Feilnerstrasse, to the blocks of houses bordering the streets around the Berlin Museum, to the spectacular architecture of the new Jewish Museum, with its avant-garde style reacting to the traditional city plan.

While on route 4, you will come across two particular locations reflecting political problems characteristic of the reunified Germany. At the very start of the route, you will cross the former »Ministergärten« (the Ministers' Gardens) and Wilhelmstrasse – both of which, up until the Second World War, were the main centres of power in the German Empire. Now, the centre of government has moved to the Spreebogen and a suitable use has been found for the »Ministergärten«, thanks to the majority of Germany's Länder representations taking offices in this part of the city; in addition, there are roads and paths allowing public access to it. A little further on is the second place worth mentioning in this context: the vast complex of buildings which today houses the Bundesministerium für Finanzen (the Federal Ministry of Finance), a complex burdened by its historical associations, since the Nazis used it to house their Reich Ministry of Aviation (Reichsluftfahrtministerium). After reunification, Germany had to meet the challenge, through the confrontation with such buildings, of coming to terms with its own past and the role National Socialism played in it.

Berlin Mitte – the new centre (ca. 7,3 km)

From Pariser Platz to Friedrichstrasse: Route 5 traverses the area where the »New Berlin« is taking shape.

From Potsdamer and Leipziger Platz to Pariser Platz, it takes us along that magnificent, wide boulevard Unter den Linden and then up and down Friedrichstrasse as far as Schlossplatz and the Lustgarten. In the process, we shall encounter the new centres of political power and the culture of the past, Berlin's splendid new shopping street as well as centres of science and religion. The route provides an excellent panorama of all that has been planned, excavated and realised in Berlin's inner-city over the past ten years.

Route 5 closely passes behind the former centre of political power in Wilhelmstrasse. This area used to be closed to the city's inhabitants. Today, with its scattered villas housing the diplomatic representations of the German Laender, the area is accessible to the public for the first time thanks to public rights of way. Just before we reach Pariser Platz, route 5 takes us to the site of the planned »Monument for the Murdered European Jews«, which has been the subject of impassioned public debate for more than ten years.

At Pariser Platz we encounter a notable feature in the architectural renewal of Berlin. The quadrangular square forms a brilliantly executed Baroque figure and was, for a long time, the bourgeois counterweight to the royal Prussian palace in the centre of the city. Following the war and the construction of the Wall it remained a barren area, where the Brandenburg Gate came to symbolise the fate of Berlin, a city caught between division and unification. There was a heated debate over the redevelopment of Pariser Platz with palatial buildings in modern architectural style. It was supposed to do justice to the image of a fashionable »salon of Berlin«.

Route 5 follows Unter den Linden up to the intersection of Friedrichstrasse, providing a glimpse of its growing use again by shops and businesses, cafés and the media. At Friedrichstrasse, our journey takes us north towards Friedrichstrasse railway station, which gained notoriety as a border-crossing between East and West Berlin. It also conjures up memories of the legendary 1920s, when the immediate surroundings were filled with the hustle and bustle of urban life, with brothels and musical theatres, business and entertainment.

From here it is but a stone's throw to the Museum Island, which is listed as one of UNESCO's world cultural heritage sites. With its ensemble of diverse, important museums, the island testifies to the incredible cultural potential of the city. Following a long period of lethargy, it will now be given a new lease of life when the extensive reconstruction work has been completed.

At the Museum Island, and on the rest of the Spree Island, route 5 also traces Berlin's more recent political past. Schlossplatz is not only one of the oldest and politically most important places in the city, but also one of the most controversial anywhere in Germany. The Palast der Republik (Palace of the Republic) was erected here by the East German state in place of the old Stadtschloss (City Palace), which was demolished in 1950 to create the political centre of Socialism that included the State Council Building and the Marx Engels Forum. The current debate indecisively drifts back and forth between demolishing the Palast der Republik and reconstructing the original building, or completely redesigning the area. The old Lustgarten, which is being redesigned in the forms of the late 19th century, has set a signal. And within view, the Foreign Ministry of a united Germany has established its residence at the Werderscher Markt in the extension to the former Reichsbank dating from the Nazi period.

From there, route 5 takes us on to the Gendarmenmarkt, via the former Berlin fashion centre and Hausvogteiplatz, which is now becoming a centre for television stations. Being the site of the Französicher and Deutscher Dom (French and German Cathedrals) and Schinkel's Konzerthaus, it is one of the most beautiful squares in the entire city. Route 5 then takes us to the Forum Fridericianum, just behind the square. The Forum is probably the most important urban development executed under Friedrich II.

Route 5 ends at the section of Friedrichstrasse between Unter den Linden and Leipziger Strasse. Here we arrive at the centre of what was referred to as the »new age of empire builders« in the early 1990s. With its new offices and commercial buildings, whose development has been closely followed and discussed internationally, the legend of the lively, diversified commercial street is being brought back to life.

The surroundings of the Spree Island (ca. 8,6 km)

From Alexanderplatz to Jannowitzbrigde: Route 6 takes in the medieval and Baroque old city of Berlin and Luisenstadt, which dates from the 19th century. It passes the »Rotes Rathaus«, today the seat of the government of Berlin and the Stadthaus, a prestigious building which was once the seat of the former Berlin City Parliament. The route passes the Nikolaiviertel district to come to the oldest parts of the city at Molkenmarkt and Spittelmarkt.

Route 6 begins at Alexanderplatz. It was once a cattle market outside the gates to the old town; from the 19th century on it developed into a traffic and business centre in the eastern part of Berlin. As Berlin became industrialised, it became the lower middle–class and working class counter–balance to the prestigious and elegant middle–class west of Friedrichstadt. At the beginning of the 20th century, it became the centre of gravity of the »cosmopolitan city« described by Alfred Döblin in his novel entitled »Berlin Alexanderplatz«. As the first large square in Berlin, »Alex« was to be modernised and adapted to accommodate road traffic in 1930. Numerous public buildings were added by the GDR to make it the »social centre« of the German capital of socialism. After the Wall was opened, it once again came under the scrutiny of planners. With its large numbers of high–rises it is intended to be a counterpart to Potsdamer Platz in terms of urban vitality and dynamism.

Route 6 passes the Television Tower, the tallest structure in Berlin, and the remains of medieval and Baroque Berlin in Klosterstrasse, the location of the impressive Podewils Palace and the Parochial Church. After passing Molkenmarkt, the route comes to the building on Mühlendamm which houses the three leading associations representing German business and industry and can be seen as the beginnings of a new administrative centre of national significance. The foundations of the old city lie beneath the multiple–lane roads Gertraudenstrasse and Mühlendamm and in the undeveloped parts of Fisher Island. The Senate's »Masterplan for the inner city« envisages reconstructing this area in terms of its urban design. It is to be rebuilt as an intricate network of roads in accordance with historical plans and the area is to be structured by numerous residential buildings. The Berlin Senate has been pursuing this urban planning goal since 1995, which is ambitious from the cultural point of view and in terms of urban development history. In particular Spittelmarkt is to regain its significance as a square which has spatial dimensions and can be used by pedestrians.

The route once again encounters structures of the old city at Köllnischer Park and the city museum »Märkisches Museum«. However, as the sites of the embassies of Australia, Brazil and the Netherlands as well as of the Senate Department of Urban Development and the Environment are located here, the appeal of the area is gradually growing. An impression which is confirmed in Alte Jakobstrasse and Wallstrasse by the exemplary redevelopment of industrial and residential buildings dating from the turn of the century.

Route 6 then proceeds to Luisenstadt, an extension of the city dating from the 19th century. Its development is heterogeneous and marked by the decades of the division of the city. On the one hand, the GDR housing developments of the '60s and '70s. They are now undergoing extensive renovation and new buildings are being added in the form of the Annen Courts and the Heinrich Heine Forum. On the other hand, wasteland where the Wall once separated East and West Berlin is to be replaced by a new belt of green. A striking

feature is the former Luisenstädtischer Canal, which was built around 1850 to link the River Spree and the Landwehr Canal and filled in in the '20s.

The old Luisenstadt industrial estate, which now has modern functions, is in the immediate vicinity. The breathtaking architecture of the Trias office building on the north bank of the Spree is a new addition, a former machinery factory now houses architecture offices, artists' studios and the German Architecture Centre. The new Mitte combined heat and power plant, which lies next to it, provides many parts of the inner city – including Potsdamer Platz – with energy and is the most modern inner-city combined heat and power plant in Europe.

Route 6 ends at Jannowitzbrücke urban railway station, one of the oldest urban railway stations in Berlin. Its arches, which have been restored and now contain shops of different kinds, are a good example of the different and attractive uses to which technical structures can be put.

Things are changing in the east (ca. 7,3 km)

From Karl-Marx-Allee to Rummelsburger Bucht: Route 9 passes through the eastern inner city districts of Friedrichshain and Kreuzberg and Treptow in the south-east of the city. It takes in traditional industrial areas of Berlin and in many places reveals the dramatic changes which the city is undergoing at the end of the industrial age. At the same time, the enormous development potential in Berlin is also apparent.

Route 9 starts at the Weberwiese high-rise, which was built in 1951, marking the beginning of the National Reconstruction Programme in East Berlin. Stalinallee, now Karl-Marx-Allee, between Frankfurter Tor and Strausberger Platz was in sharp contrast to the Western modernist architecture of the Hansaviertel – The luxuriously fitted "residential palaces for workers" were in Soviet architectural style with ornaments and reliefs. The building site on Stalinallee was the starting point of the uprising on 17 June 1953. Today, the buildings, which recently underwent extensive restoration, are again considered to be model examples of urban residential architecture.

Route 9 initially turns south to the Ostbahnhof railway station. The station, which was built in 1842 and known as Frankfurter Bahnhof, has been rebuilt and renamed a number of times since then. In the plans for the railway system in New Berlin it is to be the eastern terminus of the ICEs and a mainline station for routes to the east. The surrounding areas to the north and south of the railway lines are being restructured. The banks of the River Spree, which so far have been cut off from public access by industrial sites are to be opened up for public use in a number of planning stages. Riverbank paths and green areas as well as passages leading between public buildings are to provide a link between the river and the residential and business areas.

Route 9 then passes by the East Side Gallery, which was once a section of the Berlin Wall and separated Friedrichshain from Kreuzberg until 1989. Paintings done by international artists in 1990 have made it the longest open-air gallery in the world. The paintings are comments on the division and reunification of Berlin and Germany. The adjacent Oberbaumbrücke bridge has been restored and since 1995 has again provided a link between the municipal districts on either side of the river.

The Oberbaum-City serves as an example of the conversion of former industrial sites into service centres. Light bulbs were manufactured here from 1908 to 1992. The interiors of some of the old buildings, which have been classified as protected buildings on account of their interesting historical architecture, had to be entirely removed before they could be converted. The tower which once bore the NARVA logo and to which five stories have been added remains as a landmark. Similar measures have been planned for the old

warehouse building and the egg cold-storage depot at the east docks.

On the other side of Oberbaumbrücke bridge route 9 enters Kreuzberg, the most important exhibition area of the "socially committed" part of the 1987 International Building Exhibition in Berlin (IBA-Alt). Its aim was a model development of the legendary "SO 36" district of the squatters' movement. The IBA worked together with citizens action groups to preserve existing building structures which provided cheap residential accommodation; new buildings were built on a number of empty lots.

Route 9 takes in the Treptower, the highest office building in Berlin, and an example of the new strategy of developing service industry centres along the circular urban railway line Stadtbahn. Further office tower buildings and the Twin Towers are located on the site of the former electrical appliances company EAW in the vicinity of Treptower Park. The River Spree and the circular urban railway line provide easy access to the city centre. Investors on the Stralau peninsula on the north side of the Spree and the Rummelsburg bay also plan to take advantage of this newly discovered locational advantage. This will be the site of an exhibition which, as part of EXPO 2000, will show cutting-edge technologies and projects which have water as their theme. Model "waterside residential developments" are to be built here as an alternative to residential areas located on the city outskirts.

Route 9 ends at Ostkreuz railway station. This is where two lines of the urban railway system intersect at one of the busiest rail interchanges in Berlin. The area surrounding Ostkreuz is being developed into a major new office location in the city.

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Berlin – Shopping

Berlin is very suitable for those who like markets and second-handshops. For others, Berlin isn't a real shopper's paradise. When you go shopping, you can easily notice the difference between the former western and former eastern area of the German capital. The western site is still far ahead in size, scope and quality of its stores and the merchandise they offer. This area also claims to be the Germany's leading fashion centre.

The main shopping districts are the Kurfürstendamm, Breitscheidplatz and for some bargains stroll the Budapeststrasse and Tauenzienstrasse. Most of the big stores are open 9.30am – 8pm Mon–Fri and between 9am and 4pm on Saturdays. All stores are closed on Sundays, except for small stores in main train stations. In the eastern part of Berlin Unter den Linden and Friedrichstrasse are the main shopping–areas.

Some of the nicest shops and markets are listed under the sublocations of Berlin, where they can be found.

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Stilbruch Antiquitäten & Schmuck

It's far from being the largest antiques store in Berlin, but something about its dense inventories of Biedermeier–era furniture, tableware, and jewelry might appeal to your sense of schmaltz and nostalgia. Owner Margareta Wojcieszak makes sure that objects are waxed and polished to a high sheen. Everything seems to evoke a story about other places, other priorities, and other eras.

zipcode: 10623

email: info@antik-stilbruch.de

address: Uhlandstrasse 20–25

url: www.antik-stilbruch.de

tel: ++49 30 312 83 04

Galerie Wohnmaschine

A driving force of the new Berlin art scene. Videos, installations and a special highlight –young contemporary Japanese photography.

Connections: S Oranienburger Str.

address: Tucholskystr. 36, Mitte

openings: Tu–Fr 2pm –7pm, Sa noon –5pm

Schipper & Krome

Concept art gallery previously based in Cologne which has now joined the booming scene in Mitte. Angela Bullock is among the artists represented by the innovative gallery owners.

Connections: U Weinmeisterstr.

address: Augustusstr. 91, Mitte

openings: Tu–Fr 10am –6pm, Sa 1pm –5pm

Raab Galerie

One of Berlins most important galleries from the old West–Berlin era. Here you can snap drawings for the price of a family house.

Connections: U Kurfürstenstr.

address: Potsdamer Str. 58, Tiergarten

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Connections: U Oranienburger Tor

address: Liniestr. 160, Mitte

openings: Tu–Sa 11am –6pm

Galerie, neugerriemschneider

One of the driving forces of the new aspiring Berlin gallery scene. Very high quality contemporary art.

Connections: U Oranienburger Tor

address: Liniestr. 155, Mitte

openings: Tu–Sa 11am –6pm

Loop

Young up–to–date contemporary art from Berlin. Exhibition openings –rounded off with hot rhythms and club evenings – even tempt people whose not into art to come out of their shell.

Connections: S Nordbahnhof, U Oranienburger Tor

address: Schegelstraße 26/27

openings: only during exhibitions: We–Sa 2pm –6pm

Eigen + Art

International works mainly by young artists.

Connections: U Oranienburger Tor

address: Auguststr. 26, Mitte

openings: Tu–Fr 2pm –7pm, Sa 11am –5pm

Galerie Waszkowiak

Concrete, associative contemporary art by well-known artists like Phillip King.

Connections: U Oranienburger Tor

address: Friedrichstr. 127, Mitte

openings: Tu-Fr 2pm -7pm, Sa 11am -2pm

Galerie Neu

A wide range, from painting and photography to video installations. There are no narrow categories here –but the art has to be international and contemporary.

Connections: U Oranienburger Tor, S+U Friedrichstraße

address: Philippstraße 13, Mitte

openings: Tu-Sa 11am -6pm

Arndt & Partner

One of the most important addresses for contemporary art in Berlin.

Connections: U Weinmeisterstr.

address: Auguststr. 35, Mitte

openings: Tu-Sa noon -6pm

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Berlin Mitte

You can take a stroll through Mitte at almost any time of day or night. Whether shoe shops or designer stores, cafés or bars, restaurants or theatres, you will always find scene meeting–places that are open. And when it comes to nightlife entertainment, Mitte is quite clearly the No. 1 Berlin district at the moment. Oranienburger Straße, now well known from radio and TV, is actually out of fashion again and rather too full of tourist buses. But there are still quite a few places on this street worth a visit. Top of the list are long–established pubs and party locations like Tacheles, Café Silberstein and Obst&Gemuese. WMF (lots of house, drum & bass), is just behind Friedrichstadtpalast. Across the street is Kalkscheune, which offers cabaret, concerts and standard dance evenings as well as special events.

Café Orange has very beautiful interior decor. Opulent chandeliers light the high–ceilinged rooms and the floor and doors are painted ox–blood colour (this is the rust–red colour on old Berlin wooden floors). Italian food is one specialty on the menu. The gallery and pub Assel has a student atmosphere. You can sit in the basement and look at pictures or at the pavement tables outside where you can watch people strolling by.

If you have got sore feet at this point in Oranienburger Straße you can rent a bike at Famos. It costs all of 3 DM per hour. You can also find bikes round the next corner, at Fahrradstation in the Hackesche Höfe. The shop also organises guided bike tours. Places to shop in this area include Riccardo Cartillone, and Barfuß oder Lackschuh, which offer Italian and other quality shoes. Keep your eyes peeled for bargains during the sales! You can also find clubwear in this street, for instance at Stoffwechsel, which sells clubby handbags too.

No matter from which direction you go towards the Hackesche Höfe, you immediately notice the rapid concentration of cafés, restaurants, designer stores and other shops. One of the nicest newer shops is Atemlos, an interior design gallery that sells furniture and lights by international artists. It is packed full of colourful, ornamental things. You may not be able to afford these (yet), but there are also accessories like coloured mats adorned with hearts for people with smaller purses. One pub that's a real institution and a relaxing change from the daily bustle of tourism and commerce in this area is Café Cinema in Rosenthaler Straße. You should also take a look at the eight courtyards of the Hackesche Höfe – particularly because of the fine architecture by the art nouveau architect August Endell.

Meanwhile the scene has shifted a bit further on to the triangle between Hackescher Markt, Rosenthaler Platz and Rosa–Luxemburg–Platz. Oxymoron offers house nights, electro and drum & bass. It's pretty mainstream in Sophienclub – from Brit–pop to funk. A classic route takes you down Neue Schönhauser Straße where you find all kinds of way–out shops and restaurants and some unbelievable waiter service – for instance, in Schwarzenrabben (apologize for simply saying what you want). At Frida's Schwester right next door the service and atmosphere are both good. Close by is espresso l'una, just the place for fans of Italian bruscettas and similar delicacies.

Further on, in Alte Schönhauser Straße, you find cosy places like Offers or Café Döblin. Sisal and Cantamaggio are also good for satisfying the appetite you work up walking round this area. Recently quite a few shops selling furnishings and bric–à–brac from the 50s to the 70s have opened up around here. Take a look into Schönhauser, Tenderloin Stoffrausch (which sells clothes too) and Stue (a bit more elegant). And nearby in Mitte you can find the Volksbühne, which is not only a very lively theatre but also an excellent place to enjoy yourself generally – for instance, in the Grüner and Roter Salon.

Berlin Mitte – Eating Out

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Amrit 2

Branch of Kreuzberg's most popular Indian restaurant –for anyone who wants to taste the food of half a subcontinent (north India) or just needs a tip for eating in Oranienburgerstr.

connections: U Oranienburger Tor

openings: Daily noon 1am, Fr+Sa open end

address: Oranienburgerstraße 45

Monsieur Vuong

Mr. Vuong is utterly charming and his Indonesian food attracts the scene like a magnet. Is this due to the expansion of Gipsstr., the atmospheric summer courtyard or the delicious treats for the stomach and eyes?

connections: U Weinmeisterstr

openings: Mo–Fr noon–midnight, Sa 2pm –1am

address: Gipsstr. 3

Skales

The Greek restaurant for the scene in Mitte, always packed till late at night –you can still eat here after midnight. Try the big platter of hot hors d'oeuvres, 22 DM for 2 people.

connections: U Weinmeisterstr

openings: Daily 5pm –open end, Su–Th till 1am, Fr+Sa till 3am

address: Rosenthaler Str.13

Tuans Hütte

Grilled Thai food and Sushi – the Thai basil on the crispy duck is specially tasty. Sushi–free zone 3pm –6pm and Sundays.

connections: U+S Alexanderplatz

openings: Mo–Th noon –11pm, Fr noon –midnight, Sa+Su 5pm –1am

address: Dirksenstr. 40

Oren

Eat good kosher and vegetarian food here, meals till midnight

connections: U Oranienburger Tor, S Oranienburger Str.

openings: Daily 10am –1am, Fr+Sa till 2am,

address: Oranienburger Str. 28

Beth–Café

This Jewish café is a scene meetingplace with kosher coffee and cakes and fabulous ice-cream.

connections: U Oranienburger Tor

openings: Daily 9am –10pm

address: Tucholskystr. 40

Espresso-Bar & Paninoteca l'una

If you're gripped by that yearning for Italy, this stand-up café is the authentic place for espressi from manaresi caffè and delicious panini – really nice and lively.

connections: U Weinmeisterstr

openings: Mo–Fr 10am –7pm, Sa 11am –3pm

address: Neue Schönhauserstr. 15

Ossena

Very tastefully designed restaurant on two floors with big windows, great for watching the bustle at Hackescher Markt and enjoying Italian food –at reasonable prices.

connections: S Hackescher Markt

openings: Daily 1pm –2am

address: Rosenthaler Str.42

Offers

Home-made pasta and other Italian delicacies to make you happy and the right wine to bless your pleasure. Could there be anything nicer?

connections: U Weinmeisterstr.

openings: Daily from 5pm, open end

address: Alte-Schönhauser-Str. 12

Cantamaggio

Lively up/market Italian restaurant where you can enjoy the dolce vita fortissimo after the theatre.

connections: U Weinmeisterstr.

openings: Mo–Fr noon –3pm, lunch menu; daily from 6pm –1am

address: Alte Schönhauser Str. 4

Bar-Celona

Enjoy Spanish temptations like spicy tapas and tortillas with wine to match –in a long, deliberately sparsely-decorated room. No longer a tip for insiders.

connections: U Oranienburger Tor

openings: Daily noon–midnight

address: Hannoversche Str. 2

Café Silberstein

One of the first cafés in Oranienburgerstr. and still one of the best, because the chairs aren't only good to look at, your needs are well catered for –musically (often live DJs), gastronomically (sushi and good miso soup), and we hardly have to mention the drinks.

connections: U Oranienburger Tor, S Oranienburger Str.

openings: Daily 10am –4am (in winter from noon), meals till midnight

address: Oranienburger Str. 27

Marcann's

Pioneer of the new sandwich and baguette movement (cheap and lavish) in a wonderful atmosphere. A bit off the beaten track but still a meeting–point for tourists from abroad.

connections: U Zinnowitzer Str

openings: Mo–Fr 7am –6pm, Sa 10am –4pm, Su 10am –1pm

address: Invalidenstr. 112

McBride's Restaurant

Restaurant in Queen Sophie Charlotte's old coach–house, now beautifully restored in the newly renovated Heckmann Höfe right next to the synagogue. Attracts a mixed crowd, from scene people to solid citizens. This jewel is still an insider tip.

connections: S Oranienburger Tor

openings: Daily 11.30am –1am

address: Oranienburger Str. 32

Goa

Good breakfasts, good food generally booking recommended.

connections: U Oranienburger Tor, S Oranienburger Str

openings: Daily 10am –open end

address: Oranienburger Str. 50

Delicious Doughnuts

It's back again, good old Doughnuts, with a new look. Now only one big room, dominated by a lovely big bar and boasting a pepped–up cocktail selection. Especially at the weekends, parties are still the big events with modern danceable bog city music,.

connections: U Weinmeisterstr.,

openings: Daily 9pm –open end

address: Rosenthaler Str. 9

Die Weltbühne Berlin

This big new café restaurant is named after the socially–critical magazine edited by Tucholsky and Ossietzky that was published during the Weimar Republic till it was banned by the Nazis. The international press café with its 50 seats is a vivid reminder of this. Test out its progressive aim and its commitment to tradition –at one of the events in the Weltbar (world bar), for instance.

connections: U Rosenthaler Platz, U Weinmeisterstr

openings: Daily 9am –4am

address: Gormannstr. 14

Honigmond

The best food in Mitte, hearty, solid and cheap. If the moonlight revelling gets too late maybe you can find a bed in the attached guesthouse. Breakfast Mo–Fr 8am –10am, Sa+Su 8am –2pm and on weekdays from noon you can get meals from max. 10DM.

connections: U Oranienburger Tor, S Nordbahnhof

openings: Mo–Fr noon –2am, Sa 3pm –2am, Su 10am –2am

address: Borsigstr. 28

Opernpalais, Unter den Linden

Tourists and Berliners enjoy first class cakes here in elegant surroundings. The big tasty buffet brunch till noon for 23,50DM will fill you up nicely.

connections: U Hausvogteiplatz, bus 100

openings: Daily 9am –midnight, restaurant noon –midnight

address: Unter den Linden 5

Schwarzenraben

Good service, but a bit expensive.

connections: U Weinmeisterstr.

openings: Café 10am –ca. 2am, restaurant 6.30pm –2am, bar from 10pm –open end

address: Neue–Schönhauser–Str. 13

Astor

Serves English food.

connections: S Hackescher Markt

openings: Mo–Fr+Su 10am –1am, Sa 10am –2am

address: Oranienburger Str. 84

Frida's Schwester

Good atmosphere, delicious food and nice staff so book ahead.

connections: U Weinmeisterstr., S Hackescher Markt

openings: Su–Th 10am –2am, meals till midnight, Sa+Su longer
address: Neue Schönhauser Str. 11

Barcomi's Deli

An oasis in the Sophie–Gips–Höfe for American coffee and tea with muffins, cakes, and brownies as well as bagels, salads and other delicacies. Ideal fro stoking up before you continue the tourist round.

connections: U Weinmeisterstr., S Hackescher Markt,
openings: Mo–Sa 9am –10pm, Su 10am –10pm
address: Sophiestr. 21 (2nd courtyard)

Bagels & Bialys

Opposite the Hackesche Höfe – homemade shawarma, bagels, sweet things and more.

connections: S Hackescher Markt
openings: Daily 9am –4am
address: Rosenthaler Str. 46/48

Brazil

Latin American food and authentic style... meals till midnight

connections: U Weinmeisterstr.
openings: daily 6pm –2am
address: Gormannstr 22

Escados

A good cheap steakhouse at Alexanderplatz where you can also sample Mediterranean food. The Brazilian specialty "Rodizio" is unique –just the thing for meat lovers.

connections: U+S Alexanderplatz
openings: Su–Th 11.30am–midnight, Fr+Sa 11.30 –12.30
address: Karl–Liebknecht–Str.29

Berlin Mitte – Accommodation

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Mitte's Backpacker Hostel

Accommodation: 2–8–bed rooms; you can also make your own breakfast. Guests: International students and freestyle travellers, average age 20–30. Price per person per night: 13 EURO – 19 EURO.

address: Chausseestr. 102, 10115 Berlin

email: info@backpacker.de

tel: 030 – 28 39 09 65

url: www.backpacker.de

Four Seasons Hotel Berlin

204 rooms with bathroom/shower/lavatory. Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T., breakfast incl.: Single: from 360,- to 560,- DM. Double: from 445,- to 645,-DM Tegel: 10 km, Zoo: 5 km.

address: Charlottenstraße 49, 10117 Berlin–Mitte

Adlon Hotel Kempinski Berlin

337 Rooms with Bath/Toilet; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB

Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast excl.

Single:from 390,-to 590,-DM

Double:from 460,-to 660,-DM

Tegel: 9 km, Zoologischer Garten: 5 km

address: Unter den Linden 77, 10117 Berlin–Mitte

The Westin Grand Hotel

358 rooms with bathroom/lavatory. Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T., breakfast incl.:Single: from 327,- to 522,- DM, Double: from 397,- to 592,-DM

address: Friedrichstraße 158–164, 10117 Berlin–Mitte

Maritim ProArte

403 rooms with bathroom/shower/lavatory. Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. , breakfast incl.: Single: from 288,- to 488,- DM, Double: from 346,- to 576,-DM. Distances: Tempelhof: 5km, Zoo: 4 km

address: Friedrichstraße 151, 10117 Berlin Mitte

Hilton Hotel Berlin

354 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory. Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast incl.: Single: from 270,- to 350,- DM . Double: from 295,- to 390,- DM . Distances: Tempelhof:5 km, Zoolog.Garten: 5 km,

address: Mohrenstraße 30, 10117 Berlin–Mitte

Radisson SAS Hotel Berlin

540 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa

Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast incl.

Single: from 280,- to 490,- DM

Double: from 310,- to 520,- DM

Tempelhof: 7 km Ostbahnhof: 2 km 8 km

address: Karl-Liebknecht-Straße 5, 10178 Berlin-Mitte

Alexander Plaza Berlin

92 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash

Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast incl.

Single: from 255,- to 355,- DM Tegel: 11 km

Double: from 285,- to 385,- DM

Ostbahnhof: 2 km 100, 157, 348 7 km,

address: Rosenstraße 1, 10187 Berlin-Mitte

Hotel Unter den Linden

331 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB, Electronic Cash

Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast incl.

Single: from 99,- to 175,- DM

Double: from 149,- to 225,- DM

Tempelhof: 6 km Ostbahnhof: 5 km 10 km

address: Unter den Linden 14, 10117 Berlin-Mitte

Hotel Kastanienhof

35 rooms with shower/lavatory. Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast incl.: Single: from 130,- to 190,- DM, Double: from 160,- to 265,- DM.

address: Kastanienallee 65, 10119 Berlin-Mitte

Boardinghouse Mitte

21 apartments, credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Visa, Electronic Cash

Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast excl.

Single: from 115,- to 230,- DM Tempelhof: 8km Ostbahnhof: 3km

Double: from 130,- to 270,- DM

8 km Rosenthaler Platz

address: Mulackstraße 1, 10119 Berlin-Mitte

Derag Hotel Großer Kurfürst

144 rooms with bathroom/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash

Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast incl.

Single: from 220,- to 295,- DM

Double: from 270,- to 330,- DM

Tegel: 17km Ostbahnhof: 2km

address: Neue Roßstraße 11-12, 10179 Berlin-Mitte

Hotel Luisenhof

27 rooms with bathroom/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB, Electronic Cash prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single: from 210,- to 290,- DM Double: from 250,- to 390,- DM Tegel: 12 km Ostbahnhof: 2 km, breakfast incl.

address: Köpenicker Straße 92, 10179 Berlin-Mitte

Artist Wellness Hotel Die Loge Berlin Mitte

35 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash

Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast DM 10 to DM 20

Single: from 205,- to 305,- DM

Double: from 250,- to 370,- DM

Tegel: 10 km Zoo: 5km 17km 108

address: Oranienburger Straße 44, 10117 Berlin-Mitte

Forum Hotel Berlin

1006 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB, Electronic Cash

rices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast incl.

Single: from 207,- to 319,- DM

Double: from 227,- to 393,- DM

Tegel: 15 km Ostbahnhof: 3 km,

address: Alexanderplatz, 10178 Berlin-Mitte

Hotel Taunus

18 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory

Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast incl.

Single: from 150,- to 180,- DM

Double: from 180,- to 210,- DM

10 km Weinmeisterstraße Tegel: 15kmOstbahnhof: 5 km

address: Monbijouplatz 1, 10178 Berlin-Mitte

Hotel Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Haus

45 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash

Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast incl.

Single: from 115,- to 190,- DM

Double: from 180,- to 290,- DM

Tempelhof: 6 km Zoolog.Garten: 4 km

address: Ziegelstraße 30, 10117 Berlin-Mitte

Artist Hotelpension Die Loge Berlin Mitte

7 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower on floor

Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast 10 DM

Single: from 60,- to 90,-DM

Double: from 100,-to 130,- DM

Tegel: 10km Zoolog.Garten: 5km 17 km +Friedrichstraße

address: Friedrichstraße 115, 10117 Berlin-Mitte

NH Berlin Mitte

392 rooms with bathroom/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB, Electronic Cash

Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast incl.

Single: from 248,- to 408,- DM

Double: from 276,- to 436,- DM

Tegel: 10 km Zoo: 5 km 10 km

Art'otel Ermelerhaus Berlin

109 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash breakfast incl.

Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single: from 235,- to 315,- DM 240,265

Double:from 275,- to 355,- DM

Tempelh: 20 km Ostbahnhof: 2,5 km

address: Wallstraße 70-73, 10179 Berlin-Mitte

Hotel Allegra

79 rooms with shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB, Electronic Cash

Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast incl.

Single: from 180,- to 280,- DM

Double: from 220,- to 320,- DM

Tegel: 10 km Zoolog. Garten: 5 km

address: Albrechtstraße 17, 10117 Berlin-Mitte

Hotel Jurine

50 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash

Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast incl.

Single: from 150,- to 190,- DM Tegel: 20 km

Double: from 190,- to 240,- DM

Ostbahnhof: 2 km 10 km 157

address: Schwedter Straße 15, 10119 Berlin-Mitte

Pension Adler

24 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory or running water/shower on floor, Visa

Prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. breakfast excl.

Single: from 40,- to 149,- DM Tegel: 10 km Zoo: 5 km 7 km

Double: from 60,- to 169,- DM

157,340,N84,N6 Oranienburger Tor,

address: Friedrichstraße 124, 10117 Berlin-Mitte

Circus – The Hostel

Accommodation: 1–6–bed rooms, buffet breakfast. Guests: International rucksack tourists, also from outside Europe, average age 20–30. Price per person per night: 25 DM – 45 DM

address: Rosa-Luxemburg-Str. 39–41, 10118 Berlin

tel: 030 – 28 39 14 33

Sophienhof

Accommodation: 1–4–bed rooms, buffet breakfast. Guests: Individual tourists and groups, families, all ages. Price per person per night: 45 DM – 120 DM.

address: Sophienstr. 19, 10178 Berlin

tel: 030 – 2 84 97 77 7

Hotel Künstlerheim Luise

Accommodation: 1–2–bed rooms, incl. breakfast, communal cooking facilities available Guests: People interested in art from all over the world (each room is designed by a different artist).

Price per person per night: 55 DM – 240 DM (single or double rooms)

address: Luisenstr. 19, 10117 Berlin
tel: 030 – 2 84 48 0

Berlin Mitte – Shopping

Across the border from Kreuzberg in the green district of Treptow is Germany's biggest covered antique market. Next door is Europe's largest hall with cantilevered iron beams, the Arena, with lots of different kinds of events. At the end of Puschkinallee you come to Treptower Park. Here you find the Insel – not to be missed. It really is an island in the River Spree. Parties, cinema screenings and concerts are held in and around the clubhouse. On the terrace you can just relax and have a drink.

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DNKY – Donna Karan N.Y.

The label speaks for itself.

address: Friedrichstr. 71
connection: U Französischer Str., U Stadtmitte
openings: Closed since 2001/02

Lisa D

Individual fashion in the Hackesche Höfe. In courtyard you'll find her experimental outfits and pieces from shows.

connections: S Hackescher Markt, U Weinmeisterstr
openings: Mo–Sa noon –6:30pm
address: Rosenthaler Str. 40–41

Mango

This Spanish company sells stylish modern ladies fashions at reasonable prices. Other branches at Tauentzienstr. 11 in Charlottenburg and in the Schönhauser Alle Arcades.

connections: S+U Potsdamer Platz, U Mendelssohn–Bartholdy Platz
openings: Mo–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa 9:30am –4pm
address: Alte Potsdamer Str. 7

Mexx

Brand name clothes between classic and sporty. Lovely, highquality men's suits.

connections: U+S Potsdamer Platz, U Mendelssohn–Bartholdy Platz
openings: Mo–Fr 9:30am –8pm, Sa 9am –4pm
address: Alte Potsdamer Str. 7

NIX Mode–Design

The right wrappings for big city inhabitants (children, men, women). Barbara Gebhardt's collection is produced here.

connections: S Oranienburger Str.

openings: Tu–Fr noon –8pm, Sa noon –6pm

address: Oranienburger Str. 32/ in the Hec, kmann Höfe

quasi moda

Avant–garde Berlin fashions for women in the Fountain Courtyard in the Hackescher Markt.

connections: U Weinmeisterstr.

openings: Mo–Fr 11am –8pm, Sa 11am –5pm

address: Hackescher Markt.

Strenesse blue

In Quartier 206, the place for fashionable understatement. Clear lines and high–quality fabrics that can be well–combined.

connections: U Französische Str., U Stadtmitte

openings: Mo–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa 10am –8pm

address: Friedrichstr. 71

Yoshiharu Ito Shop

Wonderful shop with clothes by the Japanese designer, who translates technical perfection into purist–minimalist men's fashions.

connections: S Hackescher Markt

openings: Ma–Sa noon –8pm

address: Sophienstr. 7 (in den Hackeschen Höfen)

Stoffwechsel

Trendy goods.

connections: U Weinmeisterstr, S Hackescher Markt

address: Oranienburger Str. 3, Alte Schönhauser Str. 48

Atemlos

Fashion shopping!

connections: S Hackescher Markt

address: Oranienburger Str.

Tenderloin Stoffrausch

connections: U Weinmeisterstr.

address: Alte Schönhauser Str. 30

Jean-Paul Gaultier

Gaultier junior in the Galeries Lafayette building: almost affordable pret a porter fashions and haute couture for daddy's darling.

address: Französische Str. 23

connection: U Französische Str.

openings: Mo-Fr 10am -8pm, Sa 10am -5pm

agent 666

"The headquarters for combating the slopy look". The clubwear is wickedly good, as the three 6's suggest - some items are also really cheap and so damned tiny that gogos coma and go here.

address: Alte Schönhauser Str. 38

connection: U Weinmeisterstr.

openings: Mo-Fr noon -7pm

facon

Clothing gallery dedicated to the new generation of innovative European designers of clothes and objects. Top-quality clothes. The shop also organises occasional exhibitions and cultural events. The revolving clothes carousel after 8pm is sight worth seeing.

address: Gipsstr. 5

connection: U Weinmeisterstr.

openings: Tu-Sa 1pm -8pm

deeroy's dub store

The shop for reggae freaks and a treasure trove for trip hop and groovers.

address: Brunnenstr. 6

connection: U Rosenthaler Platz

openings: Tu-Fr 2pm -8pm, Sa noon -3pm

melting point rec. & Flex

Fashionable club clothes along with records for the techno, house and hiphop scene. Here you can also get some flyers that tell you what's going on in the city.

address: Neue Schönhauserstr

connection: S Hackescher Markt

openings: Mo-Fr noon -8pm, Sa 11am -4pm

Orlando

You're guaranteed to stand out in the crowd with modern sevenleague boots and high heels.

address: Oranienburger Str. 7
connection: U Oranienburger Tor, S Oranienburger Str
openings: Mo–Fr 11am –8pm, Sa 11am –4pm

Kostümhaus Jane Garber

Collection 2000: High-quality fabrics and washable paper clothes for woman who don't want to seem too fragile.

connections: S Hackescher Markt, U Weinmeisterstr
openings: Mo–We 11am –6:30pm, Th–Sa 11am –8pm
address: Rosenthaler Str. 40–41

Respectless

Designer fashions for men and women – the slightly cheaper alternative to the branch opposite, Respecmen.

connections: U Weinmeisterstr, S Hackescher Markt
openings: Mo–Fr noon –8pm, Sa 11am –4pm
address: Neue Schönhauser Str. 6–7

Dussmann das Kulturkaufhaus

This media department store has the longest opening hours in the city and a big stock of books, CDs, videos and software.

connections: S Friedrichstr
openings: Mo–Sa 10am –10pm
address: Friedrichstr. 90

Juliette's Literatursalon

This lovely bookshop is also a gallery and events venue. European salon culture is celebrated with "open salons" every 2 weeks on Tuesdays from 8:30pm.

connections: U Weinmeisterstr.
openings: Mo–Sa 11am –10pm
address: Gormannstr. 25

Starick Buchhandlung

A small bookshop with a wide selection in a good location.

connections: U Rosenthaler Platz
openings: Mo–Fr 10am –7pm, Sa 10am –2pm
address: Torstr. 125

DNS

Full of records and hot beats that you can take home pressed on vinyl.

address: Alte Schönhauser Str., 39/40
connection: S Hackescher Markt, U Weinmeisterstr
openings: Mo–Fr 11am –8pm, Sa 11am –4pm

The British Bookshop

English–language books, fiction and non–fiction, also from America.

connections: U Kochstr.
openings: Mo–Fr 10am –7pm, Sa 10am –4pm
address: Mauerstr. 83–84

PSG Bahnhofsbuchhandlung

International newspapers, magazines and books – open till late evening.

connections: U+S Alexanderplatz
openings: Mo–Fr 5am –10pm, Sa+Su 6am –10pm
address: Alexanderplatz 2

Berlin Story

On one of Berlin's most famous boulevards, the bookstore Berlin Story offers books that delve into everything from Prussian and Third Reich history to the latest modern architecture and where to party the latest.

Palm–size maps trace the course of where the Wall once stood and oversize posters capture images of the cold war, expressionist film history, and the city's 45–mile east–west expanse. For a whirlwind introduction to Berlin's dramatic past and ongoing evolution, take a seat in front of the on–going 25–minute film.

The friendly, English–speaking staff includes owner Wieland Giebel, author and editor of several books on Berlin. Of the 2.500 titles in stock, 250 are in English, many other languages are available.

Berlin Story is open daily, 10am–7pm

address: Unter den Linden 10, Berlin
url: www.BerlinStory.de
zipcode: 10117

Berlin Art and Nostalgia Market

This market exudes a solid atmosphere and the pomp of past ages. In the background is a view of the River Spree that can be proudly compared with the Seine or Danube, and the imposing facades of the Bode Museum and Pergamon Museum create just the right backdrop for the antiques on sale. Along with lots of professional dealers offering nice but not always cheap goods – and incidentally, not always old ones – there are also private sellers with their secondhand possessions. This is a good market for book lovers and fans of precious things – and it's well worth a visit if only because you can see Berlin from its most beautiful aspect here.

address: Museum Island, at Zeughaus and at Kupfergraben
connections: U and S Friedrichstraße, bus 100
openings: Sa and Su 11 am–5 pm.
tel: 03341 – 309411

Schönhauser

1970s kitsch, useful and useless things from secondhand design furniture to living accessories and clothes. Witty!

connections: U Weinmeisterstr., S Hackescher Markt,
openings: Mo–Fr noon –8pm, Sa 11am –4pm
address: Neue Schönhauser Str. 18

Flea Market

One of the nicest flea markets is held every Sunday at Arkonaplatz in Mitte district. Old tenement houses with their working–class history surround the square. In the middle are several rows of market stands under the chestnut trees with their autumn colours. The selection ranges from bizarre household objects to gladden the hearts of people nostalgic for bygone East Germany, to a large assortment of books and the objects of 60s and 70s design that are so popular right now and cost three times as much in other places. Mostly young people come here, showing the effects of last night's long haul through the clubs, which means you can snap up real bargains if you get here early enough. Afterwards you can have a long relaxed breakfast at one of the cafés in the neighbouring square, Zionskirchplatz (e.g. Kapelle, Zionskirchplatz).

address: Arkonaplatz
openings: U Bernauer Str., Su 10 am–5 pm
tel: 03393 798755

Riccardo Cartillone

Fashion Shoes

connections: S Hackescher Markt
address: Oranienburger Str.

Barfuß oder Lackschuh

Shoe shopping!

connections: S Hackescher Markt
address: Oranienburger Str

Luccio

Shoes till death – that's the motto here. Unusually beautiful examples, a long way from mass production. Also branches at Goltstr. 34 in Schöneberg and at Bergmannstr. 97 and Zossener Str. 32 in Kreuzberg.

address: Neue Schönhauser Str. 18

connection: U Weinmeisterstr

openings: Mo–Fr noon –8pm, Sa 11am –4pm

Trippen

Unusual shoes by Berlin designers from garish to comfortable in the Fountain Courtyard in the Hackesche Höfe.

address: Rosenthaler Str. 40–41 (Hackesche Höfe, Fountain Court)

connection: S Hackescher Markt

openings: Mo–Fr 12am– 7pm, Sa 10am –5pm

soma clothing

The place to get clubwear, shoes, secondhand clothes, jewelry and accessories.

connections: U Rosa–Luxemburg–Platz

openings: Mo–Fr noon –8pm, Sa 11am –4pm

address: Alte Schönhauser Str. 27,

Tukadu

Lovely beads and fun jewelry opposite the Hackesche Höfe.

connections: U Weinmeisterstr.

openings: Mo–Fr 11am –7pm, Sa 11am –3pm

address: Rosenthaler Str. 46/47

GURU

Hare Krishna loves post–hippies! Flower power robes and everything to match.

connections: U Weinmeisterstr.

openings: Mo–Fr noon –7pm, Sa 11am –4pm

address: Münzstr. 21

Irish Berlin

A touch of Ireland in Berlin: quality clothes made of sheeps wool, tweed or linen, music (CDs and instruments) and Celtic jewelry. Things to give you that friendly Irish feeling.

connections: S Hackescher Markt, U Weinmeisterstr

openings: Tu–Fr 1pm –7:30pm, Sa 10am –4pm

address: Gipsstr. 14

Grober Unfug

The comic shop with a huge selection and witty accessories. Changing exhibitions by well–known artists. Also a branch in at: Zossener Str. 32–33.

connections: U Gneisenaustr.

openings: Mo–Fr 11am –7pm, Sa 11am –4pm

address: Weinmeisterstr. 9b

Berlin Mitte – Nightlife and Entertainment

Nightlife usually starts very late in Berlin. While some people are already dreaming, others are just getting moving and the cafés and bars are slowly starting to fill up. Even in many ordinary pubs it's pretty dead before 10 pm. Nightlife is very much a thing of the moment. The 'in' clubs change as often as the trends, even if there don't seem to be any. What's mega-in today can be mega-out tomorrow.

There's a lot going on at night in the new centre of the city. You only have to be mobile enough to get from one place to another. The techno movement really got started in Tresor / Globus in Leipziger Straße, in the cellar of an old department store, Wertheim. International guest DJs are a regular feature here. The sweat simply pours. You can also work up a good lather in wmf, which is supposed to have the loudest dance floor in the city. If you stand near the loudspeakers you're literally deafened.

When it comes to music events Berlin has a lot to offer. Almost everyone knows the Love Parade by now, but there are other events too. Every year at the Carnival of Cultures hundreds of thousands of people marvel at how colourful life can be if we can just let people be as they are. On Christopher Street Day lesbians and gay men parade through the streets, many decked out in fantastic make-up and costumes. Then there's also the Fête de la Musique, where your outfit, sexual preference or nationality aren't so important – what counts is the "fête" and the "musique". There's a more elevated atmosphere at the Classic Open Air concerts at Gendarmenmarkt. This square between the Concert House and the German and French Cathedrals is simply one of the most beautiful places in Berlin. It also attracts lots of street entertainers. And the Berliner Gauklerfest (Jugglers' Festival) conjures up the atmosphere of a medieval fairground. These and other festivals are sure to be held again next year.

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Wintergarten – Das Varieté

Entertainment of the Twenties in the outfit of the 2000s Theatrical and musical vaudeville with a lascivious past. Admission: Su–Th 35–80DM, Fr–Sa 59–98DM, students 30% red. at the box office

address: Potsdamer Str. 96, Schöneberg

connections: U Kurfürstenstr.

openings: Mo–Fr 8pm, Sa 6pm +10pm, Su 6pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2500880

Literaturhaus Berlin

Close to Kudamm, this beautiful house offers literary readings and occasional exhibitions. The garden is an oasis.

address: Fasanenstr. 23, Charlottenburg

connections: U Kurfürstendamm

openings: Mo–Su 9:30am –1am, meals noon –midnight, breakfast 9:30am –2pm

Theater am Halleschen Ufer

One of Germany's most important theatres for modern dance. Its first-run productions fill the printed programmes of the most important dance festivals. A must for anybody who thinks they've got further than aerobics. Admission: 18–25DM, red. 15–18DM

address: Hallesches Ufer 32, Kreuzberg

connections: U Hallesches Tor, U Möckernbrücke

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2510655

Grips Theater

Berlin wouldn't be the same without this theatre for young people. A permanent hit and megasuccess with Berlin's young crowd.

address: Altonaer Str. 22, Tiergarten

connections: U Hansaplatz, S Bellevue, bus 341, 123

openings: 10am, 3pm, 7:30pm, admission: 10–26DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 3974740

Hackesches Hof Theater

Yiddish musical theatre at this historical location in Scheunenviertel. Vanished worlds of Berlin life are revived and live on here.

address: Rosenthaler Str. 40–41, Mitte

connections: S Hackescher Markt, U Weinmeisterstr.

openings: 9pm, Sa also 11pm, admission: 12/20/25DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2832587

Komödie

Audiences pack out this theatre for comedies like "Ping Pong" or "Eifersucht. Drama für drie Faxmaschinen" (Jealousy. Drama for three fax machines). The production of "Comedian Hatmonists" was definitely a big highlight for many people. Admission: Fr+Sa 25,49,69DM, Su–Th 19,39,59DM, 50% reduction (only at the evening box office).

address: Kurfürstendamm 206–209, Charlottenburg

connections: U Uhlandstraße, bus 119, 129

openings: Mo 10am –6pm, Tu–Sa 10am –7pm, Su+public holidays 3pm –6pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 47997440

Maxim Gorki Theater

Has moved to the Schiller Theater until summer 2000 when renovation of its own theatre building will be completed.

address: Am Festungsgraben 2, Mitte
connections: U+S Friedrichstr., bus 100
openings: Mo–Sa 1pm –6:30pm, Su 3pm –6:30pm, admission: 22–45DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 20221129

Mehringhof–Theater

Cabaret and comedy, topical and political shows in an institution for culture and education.

address: Gneisenastr. 2a, Kreuzberg
connections: U Mehringdamm
openings: Tu–Sa from 8:30pm, admission: 25DM, red. 20DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 6915099

Musical–Theater Potsdamer Platz

Since June 1999 the theatre has been in full swing with one single show: The Hunchback of Notre Dame. At the Berlin Film Festival it will also boast a screen as big as a tennis court.

address: Marlene–Dietrich–Platz 1, Mitte
connections: U Potsdamer Platz
openings: 8am –8pm, admission: 80 –195DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 82871

Renaissance–Theater

A nice small theatre with very lovely art nouveau decor. On stage: Light plays with big–name actors often performing in front of young audiences.

address: Knesebeckstr. 100, Charlottenburg
connections: U Ernst–Reuter–Platz
openings: Th–Sa 8pm, Su 6pm, admission: 16 – 48DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 31597316

Schaubühne am Lehniner Platz

At the beginning of 2000 the directors Sasha Waltz and Thomas Ostermeier and the dramaturgs Jochen Sandig and Jens Hillje took over the artistic direction of the Schaubühne. The new directors are harking back to the theatres founding tradition as a venue for international contemporary theatre with a permanent ensemble at the heart of the concept. But the team is also providing scope for new theatrical forms by bringing in young playwrights and choreographers and combining dance and drama in a way that dissolves the borders between these two genres.

address: Kurfürstendamm 153, Charlottenburg
connections: U Adenauerplatz, S Charlottenburg
openings: Mo–Sa 11am –6:30pm, Su +public holidays 3pm –6:30pm
tel: +49 (0)30 – 890020

Schlosspark-Theater

Attractive small theatre which often staged first runs or premiere productions of German versions of plays. Always good for a nice night out.

address: Schloßstr. 48, Steglitz
 connections: U Rathaus Steglitz
 openings: Mo–Fr 9am –7pm, Sa 11am –7pm, Su 5pm –7pm
 tel: +49 (0)30 – 79083612

Staatsoper Unter den Linden

Berlins oldest opera opened in 1742 as the royal opera house. Over the centuries it has staged hugely successful premiere productions, from Webers "Freischütz" to Bergs "Wozzek", and illustrious stars have made guest appearances here. Until 1945 Carusos voice still echoed very softly through the corridor. Today Daniel Barenboim carries on the tradition with memorable productions that keep ringing in your ears.

address: Unter den Linden 5–7, Mitte
 connections: U+S Friedrichstr., U Französische Str.
 openings: Mo–Fr 10am –6pm, Sa+Su 2pm –6pm
 tel: +49 (0)30 – 20354555

Teatr Kreatur & Theater am Ufer

A free interpretation of the motto: seven days of Canossa. Admission: 25DM, children 15DM, red. 18DM

address: Tempelhofer Ufer 10, Charlottenburg
 connections: U Möckernbrücke
 openings: On performance days from 7pm
 tel: +49 (0)30 – 2513116

Theater am Kurfürstendamm

Plays like "Der keusche Lebemann" (The Chaste Rake) ith Wolfgang Spier, "Der Raub der Sabinerinnen" (The Rape of the Sabine Women) with Alfred Müller and Hans Tauscher, and various guest productions breathe life into theatre or vice versa almost every day. Admission: Fr + Sa 25, 39, 49, 69DM, Su–Th 19, 29, 39, 59DM, 50% reduction at the evening box office

address: Kurfürstendamm 206–209, Charlottenburg
 connections: U Uhlandstraße, bus 119, 129
 openings: Mo 10am –6pm, Tu–Sa 10am –7pm, Su+public holidays 3pm –6pm
 tel: +49 (0)30 – 47997440

Theater des Westens

One of Europes best-known musical stages in a beautiful old building from the turn of the century in the heart of the west side of town. Specialises in traditional musicals with more dance and less show – and thats a big hint for you.

address: Kantstr. 12, Charlottenburg
connections: U+S Zoologischer Garten
openings: Mo–Su 10am –6pm, admission: 32–118DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 8822888

Theater zum westlichen Stadthirschen

The Schaubühne of the fringe scene: founded in 1982 by graduates of the Berlin art college, the HDK. The artistic directors aren't trying to specialise in a particular direction – they're looking for new narrative forms for a kind of theatre related to present-day life. The idea is to achieve productive unpredictability in the best sense of the term. Admission: 23DM, red. 15DM.

address: Kreuzbergstr. 37, Kreuzberg
connections: U+S Yorckstr., bus 140, 119, 219
tel: +49 (0)30 – 7857033

Vaganten Bühne

In its eventful history the theatre has produced almost 250 plays. It has always been a venue mainly for young actors, and about half the audience are school pupils and student. Admission: 16–32DM, red 12DM.

address: Kantstr. 12a, Charlottenburg
connections: U+S Zoologischer Garten, bus 149
tel: +49 (0)30 – 3124529

Literature – Literarisches Colloquium

A laboratory for new literature with a fixed programme of events like the monthly "Studio LCB" and exciting theme evenings with guest authors as well as symposia and readings. You can find the programme on the net. Admission: 7DM, red. 3DM.

address: Am Sandwerder 5, Zehlendorf
connections: S Wannsee
url: www.Icb.de
tel: +49 (0)30 – 8169960

Literaturforum im Brechthaus

Where do the "real" adventures happen? In the literary imagination. That means here.

address: Chausseestr. 125, Mitte
connections: U Zinnowitzer Str.
tel: +49 (0)30 – 2822003

Tribüne

Plays directed by the young guard – quality productions with a lively approach to life and its minor disasters. Admission: 25–43DM, red. 50%

address: Otto–Suhr–Alle 18, Charlottenburg
connections: U Ernst–Reuter–Platz, bus 101, 145, 245
openings: Mo–Fr 10am –7pm, Sa 11am –7pm, public holidays 3pm –8pm
tel: +49 (0)30 – 3412600

Variété Chamäleon

Famous, atmospheric vaudeville theatre in the Hackesche Höfe with comedy, slapstick, juggling and the like. "Theatersport" on Monday nights is a big hit, and on the first Saturday in the month theres an open casting session.

address: Rosenthaler Str. 40–41, Mitte
connections: U Weinmeisterstr., S Hackescher Markt
openings: Main performance 8:30pm, daytime programme, admission: 27–43DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 2827118

Volksbühne am Rosa–Luxemburg–Platz

The Volksbühne is a place for meeting people, for inspiration and excitement, for argument. In their productions, big–name directors like Castorf and Kresnik ensure that the old inscription "art for the people" is followed literally. The Red Salon and Green Salon create a ballroom atmosphere with their dance floors.

address: Rosa–Luxemburg–Platz, Mitte
connections: U Rosa–Luxemburg–Platz
openings: daily noon –6pm, admission: 18–30DM, red. 12DM
tel: +49 (0)30 – 2476772

Deutsches Theater and Kammerspiele

The deutsches Theater presents respectable classical theatre productions. Unfortunately Die Baracke, the workshop theatre that recently brought big succes to the Deutsches Theater, has been closed down. But the smaller stage, the Kammerspiele, is to be developed as an experimental venue for contemporary productions. Admission: 10–52DM

address: Schumannstr. 13 a, Mitte
connections: U+S Friedrichstr., U Oranienburger Tor, bus 147
openings: Mo–Sa noon –6pm, Su 3pm –6pm
tel: +49 (0)30 – 28441225

Die Wühlmäuse (The Voles)

Dieter Hallervordens Berlin cabaret theatre at a new adress. Performances all year round by guest artists – well–know comedians, cabaret stars and jazz musicians.

address: Pommernallee 1, Charlottenbug
connections: U Theodor–Heuss–Platz
openings: Tu–Sa 10am –8pm, admission: 25–40DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 80602929

Distel – Das Berliner Kabaret (The Thistle)

Back in the days of communist East Germany this cabaret went to the limits of what the Stasi (secret police) allowed – then it turned out that the artistic director was a Stasi informer. Since then Distel has put on satire that really bites. Worth seeing to help understand "the Wall in peoples heads".

address: Friedrichstr. 101, Mitte

connections: U+S Friedrichstr., bus 100, tram 50

openings: Mo–Fr 8pm, Sa 6pm + 9pm, admission: 12 –35DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2044704

Fliegendes Theater (Flying theatre)

Theatre for children and young people, often with guest productions.

address: Hasenheide 54, Kreuzberg

connections: U Südsterne

openings: varying opening times and admission prices

tel: +49 (0)30 – 6922100

Friedrichstadtpalast

One of the few theatrical venues from former East Germany with an international reputation. Currently Germany's only revue theatre. Specially renowned for its revue ballet, one of the biggest and most professional of its kind.

email: .

address: Friedrichstr. 107, Mitte

connections: U+S Friedrichstr

openings: Mo 1pm –6pm, Tu–Fr 1pm –7pm, Sa+Su 11am –5pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 23262474

Schiller–Theater

It's actually been closed since 1993 but now it's being used again more often: for one-off trial runs of musicals, for the Berlin Theatre Festival, and from the beginning of 2000 as a temporary home for the Maxim–Gorki–Theatre which is being renovated.

address: Bismarckstr. 110, Charlottenburg

connections: U Ernst–Reuter–Platz

tel: +49 (0)30 – 3135031

sophiesaele

The building from 1905 was once the headquarters of the artisans association, where Karl Liebknecht made his call for revolution in 1918. Dance theatre is staged here in the picturesque, decaying atmosphere of the festival hall. Some of the productions only really take shape during rehearsals. In its field this is regarded as

more modern than Potsdamer Platz.

address: Sophiestr. 18, Mitte
connections: U Weinmeisterstr.
tel: +49 (0)30 – 2835266

Tanzfabrik

(Dance Factory) The catchword here is creative work. The Tanzfabrik offers dance fans every opportunity for expression, from weekend workshops to courses on modern dance lasting several years. Performances staged by wellknown choreographers round off the programme.

address: Möckernstr. 68, Kreuzberg
connections: U Mehringdamm
openings: Mo–Fr 10am –noon, Mo–Th 5pm –8pm
tel: +49 (0)30 – 7865861

Kabarett Die Kneifzange (The Pincers)

A wide range of entertainment. The theatres own company has a lot to offer – from comedy to political satire. Admission: 25/27/35DM, red. 15DM (except Sa+Su)

address: Friedrichstr. 176–197, Mitte
connections: U Stadtmitte, U Französische Str.
openings: Daily from 8pm, (admission 6pm) except Su 6pm
tel: +49 (0)30 – 23262338

Kabarett Die Stachelschweine

(The Porcupines) Political cabaret thats so typical that politics seems to take its cue from the performances.

address: Europa–Center, Breitscheidplatz, Charlottenburg
connections: U+S Zoologischer Garten
openings: daily 3pm –6pm
tel: +49 (0)30 – 2614795

Komischer Oper

The name comic Opera may suggest otherwise, but this is a serious opera house where all operas and operettas are performed in German. The auditorium from 1891–92 is very beautiful and rare for Berlin. Admission: 15–95DM

address: Behrenstr. 55–57, Mitte
connections: U Französische Str., S Unter den Linden, bus 100
openings: Mo 1pm –6pm, Tu–Fr 1pm –7pm, Sa+Su 2pm –7pm
tel: +49 (0)30 – 20260360

bat–Studiotheater der Hochschule für Schauspielkunst "Ernst Busch"

Wolf Biermann founded his theatre for workers and students in the 1960s in an old backyard cinema. Today professional actors and directors work with students on successful productions and performances of work in progress. Its worth looking in on a rehearsal and watching the professional interchange between the director and actors. Admission: 12DM, red. 5DM

address: Belforter Str. 15, Prenzlauer Berg

connections: U Senefelderplatz

tel: +49 (0)30 – 4427996

BKA–Theater

A lively privately–run cultural institution above the roofs of Kreuzberg with a unique atmosphere. Here you can enjoy theatre, cabaret, chansons, vaudeville, literary events, concerts and parties. Admission: theatre 22–36DM, parties 10–15DM

connections: Mehringdamm, bus 119, 247, 219

carrousel

Germany's biggest theatre for children and young people is celebrating its 50th birthday this year with the show "History in Stories – five decades of German history in five productions". Apart from this, carrousel offers a repertoire of around 25 productions from almost all areas of theatre on its two stages. The second stage is in the Schiller–Theatre Workshop in Charlottenburg. Admission: 13 –22DM, children 8 –10DM, red. 12 –15DM

address: Parkaue 29, Lichtenberg

connections: U+S Frankfurter Allee, tram 17, 23

tel: +49 (0)30 – 55775252

Deutsche Oper Berlin

Fortunately the buildings exterior doesn't reflect what's going on inside. Quite the opposite – this opera house makes a key contribution to the world–class quality of opera in Berlin.

address: Bismarckstr. 35, Charlottenburg

connections: U Deutsche Oper

openings: Mo–Sa 11am –6pm, Su 11am –2pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 3438401

Estrel Festival Center

Elvis lives! The doubles show "Stars in Concert" brings back to life some musical icons you thought were dead. But doubles of present–day stars like Tina Turner, Elton John and Celine Dion also take turns at the mike and belt out the big numbers – first–class shows. Ticket service: daily 9am –8pm, admission: 35–77DM, children under 14: 50% reduction

address: Sonnenallee 225/ Ziegrastr. 21–29, Neukölln

connections: S Sonnenallee, bus 241

tel: +49 (0)30 – 68316831

Friends of Italian Opera

The name says it: pure English language theatre that presents plays which simply sound better in English or are untranslatable or so new that there isn't a German version yet. The theatre's own productions and guest shows from the USA, England and Ireland have an international flair. Plays and performances from classical to avant-garde. Admission: 20–25DM

address: Fidicinstr. 40, Kreuzberg

connections: U Platz der Luftbrücke, bus 114

tel: +49 (0)30 – 6935692

Puppentheater Berlin

(Berlin Puppet Theatre) Musical and literary plays with "dumb" actors.

address: Haubachstr. 26, Charlottenburg

connections: U Richard–Wagner–Platz

openings: daily 4pm

tel: +49 (0)30 – 3421950

Scheinbar

In Scheinbar the boards that symbolise the world are open to anyone who dares – and who simply enjoys theatre. Newcomers and established artists perform here together.

address: Monumentenstr. 9, Schöneberg

connections: U Kleistpark

openings: We–Sa 8:30pm, admission: 12DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 7845539

Hebbel–Theater

This wonderful, very atmospheric theatre is one of Berlin's cultural highlights. It's one of the few places where in-house productions and coproductions achieve the same high level as the international guest productions and the top-quality dance performers.

address: Stresemannstr. 29, Kreuzberg

connections: U Hallesches Tor, S Anhalter Bahnhof

openings: daily 4pm – 7pm, admission: 15–45 DM

tel: +49 (0)30 – 2590040

Bar jeder Vernunft

First-class cabaret in all its many shapes and forms. One of Germany's most famous venues for this kind of entertainment. Beautiful old Dutch mirrored tent. Big names, high prices – but don't miss it. Admission: 25–50DM

address: Schaperstr. 24, Wilmersdorf
connections: U Spichernstr.
openings: 7pm, Sa+So also at midnight
tel: +49 (0)30 – 8831582

Berliner Ensemble

Since 1954 the theatre has been the home of the Berliner Ensemble, which was led by Bertolt Brecht and Helene Weigel. Now its one of the city's most famous theatres, concentrating on plays by Brecht, Shakespeare and Heiner Müller. Literary readings, exhibitions and film shows are also part of the programme. Admission: 13 56 DM.

address: Bertolt–Brecht–Platz 1, Mitte
connections: U+S Friedrichstr
openings: Mo–Sa 11am –6pm, Su 3pm –6pm
tel: +49 (0)30 – 2823160

BKA–Luftschloss

A mirrored tent and a dome tent from BKAs "castle in the air" – a place for heavenly cabaret performances, classy midnight shows and mega parties.

address: Schlossplatz, Mitte
connections: U+S Alexanderplatz, bus 100
openings: daily from 8pm
tel: +49 (0)30 – 2510112

B–Flat

Jazz club and cocktail bar in a big long room with a high ceiling. This venue features mostly local and regional musicians on stage. The happy hour goes on till 10pm and from 1am –2am. On Wednesdays there's open session, on Sundays tango.

address: Rosenthaler Str.13
connections: U Weinmeisterstr
openings: Daily from 9pm, Mo from 8pm, open end (concerts from 10pm)
tel: +30–280–6349
admission: 5–15 DM

Lore Berlin

Go down to the dark, discreetly lighted bar of this lovely elegant club where DJs play house and jazz Th–Sa. Twice a month on Wednesdays there's live music, e.g. from "Screaming meat" –a Berlin band.

address: Neue Schönhauserstr. 20
connections: U Weinmeisterstr.
openings: Mo–Fr 5pm –4am, Sa+Su 9pm –4am

admission: Usually free

Podewil

Podewil is located in a historic building that once housed the headquarters of the Communist youth organization and the German Democratic Republic's music center. Its now a center for avant-garde and experimental jazz.

address: Klosterstrasse 68–70

connections: B 257, 142

openings: Tue–Fri 2pm–6pm

tel: +30–247–496

admission: Variable

Quasimodo

Classic smoke filled dark jazz bar, where the greats of the earth make their (sometimes unannounced) appearance. Not a straight jazz venue, but also featuring blues and classical rock.

address: Kantstrasse 12a

connections: U Bahnhof Zoo

openings: Tue–Sat 9pm–2am

tel: +30–312–8086

admission: 20DM

Tränenplast

Entertainment venue featuring standup comedy and cabaret, next to their well-known jazz events. Sometimes there are spontaneous jam sessions in a relaxed atmosphere.

address: Reichstagsufer 17

openings: Daily 7pm –open end

tel: , +30–2061–0011

Café Döblin

If you want to get away from the crowds, this café with its artistic aspirations offers changing exhibitions and a halfway intimate jazz performance or chanson soirée almost every evening. Excellent breakfast brunch on Sundays.

address: Alte Schönhauser Str. 46

connections: U Weinmeisterstr.

openings: Mo–Sa 4pm, Su 10am –open end

rotheamplen

Student disco with its own history and prices like 10 years ago. In the basement of the Humbolt University you can eat, drink and sweat it out at parties.

We,Fr,Sa dancing from 10pm, live music now and then.

Mo,Tu,Th noon –midnight, We 10pm –4am, Fr+Sa 10pm –5am

connection: U+S Friedrichstr.

address: Universitätsstr. 4/ Dorotheenstr

openings: Fr+Sa 10pm –5am

Oxymoron

The place with a taste of Berlin in the 1920s...Music!

connection: S Hackescher Markt

address: Rosenthaler Str. 40/41, Hackesche Höfe, 1st courtyard

openings: Daily 1pm –2am

Sage Club

Unusually designed rooms in an U–Bahn station –a sacred scene haunt. Club junkies and disco freaks have been joining forces here for years to dance away the night at parties. The complex contains up to 3 dancefloors, 5 bars and a summer garden. Different sounds belt out every night:

Th: Rock'n big beat Fr: Funk'n soul, Sa: house/events, Su: hardcore/trance.

Th from 10pm, Fr–Su from 11pm

connection: U Heinrich–Heine–Str

address: Köpenicker Str. 78, in the U–Bahn station U Heinrich–Heine–Str

openings: Fr–Su from 11pm

admission: 10–25DM

Café Bar Mitte

Probably the only fun place at the lower end of Oranienburger Straße. Meeting–point for young people who're really into flirting. Drinking, dancing and more at low/budget prices. It can be very crowded in the weekend.

connection: U Oranienburger Tor

address: Oranienburgerstr. 46

openings: Daily 10am –open end

Cox Orange

Tuesdays are for jazz fans, Wednesdays for soul, funk and R'n'B. From Thursdays to Saturdays you can dance to the hits of the '70s, '80s and '90s. Tu+We from 9pm+11pm jam session,

connection: S Hackescher Markt

address: Dircksenstr. 40

openings: Th–Sa from 10pm

WMF

Nightlife highspot about to move for the fifth time into as yet unspecified premises. Then its present base in Johannisstr. can finally become a legend.

address: Johannisstr. 20
connection: U Oranienburger Tor, S Friedrichstr

Barist

Restaurant, Cafe and Cocktailbar in a nice environment. Usually some artists perform live jazz at 9 pm.

email: service@barist.de
address: Am Zwirngraben 13–14 (near Hackesche Hoefe)
url: www.barist.de
openinghours: daily
tel: (0)30–247226–13/–14

Kapelle Cafe Bar

Cafe and great breakfast location amongst the locals.

address: Zionskirchplatz 22–24
connections: S–Bahn Rosenthaler Platz, Tram 53, 13, 50 Zionskirchplatz

Acud

With the motto "we're here to stay", this lively socio–culture centre is battling for its existence. You should definitely look in at the centre with its club, café, theatre, cinema, gallery, club for girls and special events. It deserves your solidarity.

address: Veteranenstr. 21
connections: U Rosenthaler Platz, S Nordbahnhof
openings: Gallery We–Fr 3pm –6pm, Sa noon –7pm,
admission: 5–10DM

Mittedrin

This café restaurant run by CVJM (YMCA) is the place for the total health trip. Big selection of teas, hot alcoholic drinks, cakes, big non–smoking area –lovely and peaceful in beautiful Sophienstr. round the corner from the tourist crush.

address: Sophienstr. 9
connections: U Weinmeisterstr.
openings: Tu–Su noon –11pm, Fr+Sa till 1am, Su till 5pm

Tacheles

address: Oranienburger Str. 53

connections: U Oranienburger Tor, S Oranienburger Str., night bus N6

url: www.tacheles.de

Café Orange

Beautiful interior, also nice breakfast.

address: Oranienburger Str. 32

connections: U Oranienburger Tor, S Oranienburger Str.

openings: Daily 9am –midnight, Fr+Sa longer

Assel

Pub and Gallery; watch people and art here.

address: Oranienburger Str. 21

connections: S Hackescher Markt

Café Cinema

address: Rosenthaler Str.

connections: S Hackescher Markt

berlintokyo

Gallery and meeting place.

address: Rosenthaler Str. 38

connections: U Weinmeisterstr., S Hackescher Markt

Eimer

Punk scene meeting place.

address: Rosenthaler Str. 68

connections: U Rosenthaler Platz

admission: 10–12 DM

Sophienclub

Mainstream music, Billiards, everyone can see for himself.

address: Sophienstr. 6

connections: U Weinmeisterstr., S Hackescher Markt

openings: Tu–Sa 10am –open

admission: 5–10DM

Goldmine

Small exclusive club, currently very popular, with parties under various mottos. The seats fill up quickly but

you can console yourself at the bar on the ground floor. A highlight is the rather trashy travesty show "Chantal's house of fame".

address: Dircksenstr. 37
connections: S Hackscher Markt
openings: Bar daily from 8pm, club We–Sa from 10pm, open end

Hackbarths

A nightly contact place for years and simply a good pub with a great atmosphere, super people and "bread variations" from early morning till deep into the night.

address: Auguststr. 49a
connections: U Weinmeisterstr.
openings: Daily 9am –3am (Fr+Sa longer)

Roberta Bar

Sadly, no longer an inside tip, but still definately worth a visit for the wonderfully red decor and the twilight atmosphere. Very nice!

address: Zionskirchstr. 7
connections: U Rosenthaler Platz
openings: Mo–Fr from 6pm, Sa+Su 10am, open end

Volksbühne am Rosa–Luxemburg–Platz

Lively theatre, concerts, music evenings, literary reading....

address: Rosa–Luxemburg–Platz
connections: U Rosa–Luxemburg–Platz
openings: Mo 11pm Tu+We 9.30pm, Fr 10.30pm, Sa 11pm –open end
admission: 5–15DM

Keyser soze

The big hit at the moment on a patch that's packed with popular drinking places. You can while away the evening here, seeing and being seen.

address: Tucholskystr. 33
connections: U Oranienburger Tor
openings: Daily 10am –3am

kopier–Bar

Newly–opened Internet café with PC shop at Rosenthaler Platz –lots of computer games, beer and soft drinks at normal prices. PC shop opens Mo–Fr 10am –6pm

address: Linienstr. 74

connections: U Rosenthaler Platz

openings: Fr+Sa 2pm –4am, Su+We 2pm –2am

admission:

Kurvenstar

Totally stylish club –the staff is often arrogant and it attracts a colourful crowd of people out for a good time. But that's what makes this place in hectic Mitte so cool. Maybe the burgers, sandwiches or trendy sushi will tempt you. If you happen to hit lucky at the door you can test it out for yourself.

address: Kleine Präsidentenstr. 3

connections: S Hackescher Markt

openings: Daily from 8pm, happy hour till 10pm

Schankwirtschaft Gebr. Katz

A relaxed atmosphere, ideal for drinking a glass of wine and blithely ignoring the hustle and bustle of the scene only a couple of streets away.

address: Gormannstr. 25

connections: U Weinmeisterstr.

openings: Daily from 6pm –open end, meals till midnight

Schmalzwald BHG

This forest of living room kitsch –an insult to the eyes of aesthetes but uplifting for real artists –is a Disney–like Elysium, complete with off–beat hits belted out for all they're worth. The right style of drink here is a Jägermeister –preferably mixed with Coca Cola.

address: Schlegelstr. 26–27

connections: S Nordbahnhof, U Oranienburger Tor

openings: Fr+Sa from 9pm

Schokoladen

Not to be missed –here you can still find the unsullied spirit of the era after the fall of the Wall: offbeat, committed and irrepressably lively. Schoko–laden is not only popular with the punks round the corner but with all kinds of people. Tu+Th cocktails with DJ. Fr+Sa live music.

address: Ackerstr. 169

connections: U Rosenthaler Platz

openings: Mo–Th 8pm –open end, Fr+Sa 9pm –5am, Su 7pm– open end

Sky Club

The fusion with the old Lime Club has released incredible energy in the field of hard electronic dance music, but also has given rise to confusion.

address: Dircksenstr. 98–100

connections: U+S Alexanderplatz,

openings: Variable

admission: 10–15DM

Tresor/Globus

One of the last remaining clubs from the nursery days of the world economic power called techno. Dance to your heart's delight on two floors –you can chill out in the beergarden. Hard to imagine that a few years ago the GDR'S gold bars were still stored here.

address: LeipzigerStr. 126a

connections: U+S Potsdamer Platz

openings: We,Fr,Sa 11pm –4am

admission: We 5DM, FR 10DM, Sa 15–20DM

Aktionsgalerie

This creative and pleasantly unpretentious institution at Hackescher Markt, always good for a drink, is staying open despite the renovation of the building that houses it. Don't let the building works put you off –there are good DJs (at weekends), various actions and parties to enjoy. But if the detours really can't be avoided..

address: Große Präsidentenstr. 10

connections: S Hackscher Markt

openings: Daily 2pm –open end

Baal

Very lovely super–cosy little cocktail bar in a basement –ask about the special house recipes, they're very drinkable.

address: Mulackstr 13

connections: U Weinmeisterstr

openings: Daily 9pm –5am

Ici

Friendly, cosy atmospheric café whether you like tea or cocktails. The hostess Irena is always present even when she's not there –she looks down from all the walls and takes you in her arms.

address: Auguststr. 61

connections: S Oranienburger Str

openings: Daily 2am –open end

Kalkscheune

One of Berlin's liveliest venues in an old fire extinguisher factory, now a listed building. –from a big range of quality parties to concerts, cabaret, theatre shows and chanson evenings. On Saturdays from 11pm there's a club and dance evening in the basement. If you want to cool off, pop out to the cosy backyard where things crackle nicely of their own accord in summer., varying opening times and admission prices

address: Johannisstr. 2
connections: U Oranienburger Tor, S Oranienburger Str.
openings: Variable
admission: Variable

Mitte-Bar

address: Oranienburger Str.
connections: U Oranienburger Tor, S Oranienburger Str.

Zosch

As its logo implies, Zosch is divided in two. Upstairs is the café where you can eat well and cheaply (5–15DM). Downstairs in the vaulted room you find events and parties: Fr+Sa rock/pop, Tu trash poetry, We open jazz session and Th relaxed light musical fun.

address: Tucholskystr. 30
connections: U+S Oranienburgerstr
openings: Daily from 4pm –open end
admission: Free Tu+Th 5DM

Obst & Gemüse

If you're looking for traces of the Oranienburgerstr. flair from the early '90s, this is the place –nowhere else. Communicative and comfortable, simply right for looking out at Tacheles opposite or watching the jostling crowds on the street in search of entertainment.

address: Oranienburger Str. 48
connections: U Oranienburger Tor, S Oranienburger Str.
openings: Daily 8.30am –3am
url: [ja ja](#)

Berlin Mitte – Getting Around

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Fahrradstation

Bike rental.

address: Rosenthaler Str. 40/41, Hackesche Höfe, 1st courtyard
connections: S Hackescher Markt

Bike rental Famos

Bike rental

address: Oranienburger Str.
connections: S Hackescher Markt

Berlin Mitte – Things to do

Berlin Mitte – Tours and Excursions

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Notes:

Charlottenburg

If you arrive at Zoo train station and don't want to plunge into the city right away, turn directly into the Tiergarten, where you can get refreshment and a nice taste of green at Schleusenkrug or the Cafe am Neuen See. Most tourists head straight for Kurfürstendamm – and not only for shopping. Later at night people will meet here in the numerous bars, pubs and clubs. Three areas around here are specially popular: the streets bordering elegant Savignyplatz, and Ludwigkirchplatz and Olivaer Platz, which are linked by Pariser Straße, where the Twens have taken over.

Only a stone's throw away from the glitter of Ku'damm, between Olivaer Platz and Ludwigkirchplatz, is where the rather more chic young scene hangs out. The guests in the currently fashionable drinking places are pretty stylish. There's a tough battle for parking spaces in front of Checker at Olivaer Platz. It's a matter of esteem to try and park your convertible in the front row. Walking down Pariser Straße, you pass the disco Madow, an institution for the past 20 years. Regardless of passing trends, on weekends pop, soul and rock are played here. A few steps further on, Jimmy's Diner and Poco Loco do a roaring trade in hamburgers, Mexican food and margaritas. If you can't find a table here, you can always get a take-away hot dog from Mike's American Deli in Ludwigkirchstraße. Afterwards you can quench your thirst in Cafe Solo – also good for breakfast – or in Weyer's on Ludwigkirchplatz, which is great for sitting outside under the trees in summer. If you are wilting by now, we recommend Berlin Bar in Uhlandstraße – tiny, but good. In the smart bar Zur Weißen Maus you can savor the atmosphere of the '20s. An outfit to match isn't a bad idea. Fans of far Eastern cooking can tuck into Korean delicacies at Kwang-Ju in Emser Straße. At the end of Pariser Straße, at Spichernstraße U-Bahn station, is Hui Qin, a cheap Asian snack bar with big delicious portions. There's a lot going on in this part of West Berlin – just take a look for yourself.

Charlottenburg – Eating Out

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Tapas

Spanish bodega, tapas till you burst, pata negra, salads. Reasonable prices despite the smart location.

address: Grolmanstr. 52
connections: S Savignyplatz
openings: Mo–Th from 11am, open end

Udagawa

Japanese food from noodle soup and various dishes or tofu to exotic desserts –reasonable prices!

address: Kantstr. 118
connections: U Wilmersdorfer Str.
openings: daily 12.30 pm – midnight

Satyam

A really lovely restaurant for cheap Indian vegetarian food.

address: Goethestr. 5
connections: U Ernst–Reuter–Platz
openings: daily noon – 2am
tel:

Ali Baba

The classic mini–pizza: Its lways fresh, always good.

address: Beibtrüestr. 45
connections: S Savignyplatz,
openings: Daily 11.30 am – 3 am

Biers Kudamm 195

One of the city's best–known snack bars, famous all over Germany for its combination of champagne and currywurst.

address: Kurfürstendamm 195
connections: U Uhlandstr., S Savignyplatz
openings: Daily 11 am – 5 am, Su from noon

Dalo's Sandwich Bar

Never heard of tunnbrödrullar? Then it's high time you try out Swedish flat bread rolls. Irish sandwiches, fresh fruit juices and salads are also on the menu.,

address: Nürnbergerstr. 21
connections: U Wittenbergplatz,
openings: Mo –Fr 9am – 5pm, Sa 10 am – 3pm

Dicke Wirtin

Where a pub is still a pub and the age barrier isn't 30 and the food doesn't suffer from the spirit of the times.

address: Carmerstr. 9
connections: S Savignyplatz
openings: Daily noon – 4 am

Engelbecken

Food from the Alps at the Lietzensee. Regional and seasonal dishes with high–quality organic meat. Meals till 11.30 pm.

address: Witzlebenstr. 31
connections: U Sophie–Charlotte–Platz

openings: Mo–Sa 4pm –1am, Su noon–1am

Florian

A popular place for people from the film and theatre scenes. Classically simple decor and traditional coking.

address: Grolmanstr. 52

connections: S Savignyplatz

openings: Daily 6pm –3am, meals till 1am

Francucci's

The name has a long tradition in Berlin's restaurant scene, but don't worry – this is an uncomplicated, young and quite trendy Mediterranean restaurant, a highlight in the middle section of the Ku'damm.,

address: Kurfürstendamm 90

connections: U Adenauerplatz, Bus 119, 129

openings: Daily 11.30 am –1am

Häagen–Dazs

Cult ice–cream in a nice light shop with very friendly staff. Quality has it's price.

address: Kurfürstendamm 224

openings: Su–Th noon –11pm, Fr+Sa 11 am –11pm, longer in summer

Salomon Bagel

Bagels, e.g. with leek cream, delicious muffins and platters of mixed delicacies – the bagel shop in Potsdamer Platz Arcades.

address: Joachimstaler Str. 13

connections: U Kurfürstendamm

openings: Mo–Fr 9am –9pm, Sa 10am –6pm

Soup Kultur

Cult soup bar, Whether light or hearty, vegetarian, fruity, German or exotic –the 0,41 litre bowl costs from 4,90 to 9,40. Now you can also find this modern kind of fast food at Hackescher Markt in the EAT–Passagen (Dircksenstr. 147).

address: Kurfürstendamm 224/ corner of Meinekestr.

connections: U Kurfürstendamm

openings: Mo–Fr noon–8pm, Sa till 4pm

Zwiebfisch

This solid German restaurant has been here 32 years and hasn't quietened down at all. Late at night it becomes an inescapable hell full of demons happily downing their drinks.

address: Savignyplatz 7–8
connections: S Savignyplatz
openings: Daily noon –6am

Terzomondo

One of Berlin's oldest fringe pub–restaurants, run by the Greek publican "Mr. Sarikakis" from the TV serial "Lindenstraße". Students, artists and intellectuals gather here to dream of Hellas, eat good Greek food and listen to rembetiko music. **Sabine Jacobs:** Really delicious salads and meat dishes, cosy atmosphere, empty at 6pm, overcrowded at 8pm, so come early or make a reservation.

address: Grolmanstr. 28
connections: S Savignyplatz
openings: Daily from 6pm, open end

Ty Breizh

The Breton restaurant with the cheerful host. Why go to France when you can find the best of France in Berlin.

address: Kantstr. 75
connections: S Charlottenburg, U Wilmersdorfer Str.
openings: Mo–Fr 5pm–3am, Sa 6pm–3am, closed Su

Charlottenburg – Accommodation

all

Hotel Steigenberger Berlin *****

397 Zimmer mit Bad/WC, 397 rooms with bathroom/lavatory; Kreditkarten/credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single:from 310,- to 360,-DEM

Double:from 490,- to 540,-DEM

Tegel: 10km, Zoo: 0,5km

breakfast buffet DM 32

address: Los–Angeles–Platz 1

Hotel Seehof am Lietzensee

77 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single:from 252,-to 377,-DEM

Double:from 329,-to 504,-DEM

Tegel: 5km Zoolog.Garten: 3 km

breakfast incl.

address: Lietzenseeufer 11

Kempinski Hotel Bristol Berlin *****

301 rooms with bathroom/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single:from 411,- to 561,-DEM

Double:from 507,- to 657,-DEM

Tempelhof: 8 km, Zoo:0,5km 3km

breakfast incl.

address: Kurfürstendamm 27

Savoy Hotel

125 Zimmer mit Bad/WC oder Dusche/WC, 125 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single:from 249,-to 349,-DEM

Double:from 289,-to 389,-DEM

Tegel: 8km Zoolog. Garten:5km

breakfast buffet DM 28

address: Fasanenstraße 9-10

Hotel Domicil Berlin

70 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Visa

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single:from 210,- to 250,-DEM

Double:from 280,- to 300,-DEM

Tegel:5km Zool.Garten:1km

breakfast incl.

address: Kantstraße 111a

Hotel Kurfürstendamm am Adenauerplatz

34 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single: from 180,- to 234,-DEM Double: from 270,- to 368,-DEM

Tegel: 20 km Zoologischer Garten: 5km

breakfast incl.

address: Kurfürstendamm 68

Hotel Residenz Berlin

80 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single:from 198,- to 260,-DEM

Double:from 266,- to 370,-DEM

Tegel: 8 km Zoologischer Garten: 1km

breakfast incl.

address: Meinekestraße
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Concept Hotel

106 rooms with bathroom/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB, Electronic Cash

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single: from 180,- to 240,- DEM Double: from 250,- to 350,- DEM

Tegel: 7 km Zoo: 3 km

breakfast incl.

address: Grolmannstraße 41/43

Pension Waizenegger

8 rooms with running water, shower or shower/lavatory

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single: from 100,- to 135,- DEM

Double: from 129,- to 180,- DEM

Tegel: 8 km Zoolog. Garten: 1 km

breakfast incl.

address: Mommsenstraße 6

Blue Band Hotel Berlin Excelsior

317 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB, Electronic Cash

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single: from 195,- to 375,- DEM Double: from 255,- to 400,- DEM
Tempelhof: 7 km Zoolog. Garten: 0,5 km

breakfast incl.

address: Hardenbergstraße 14

Akzenthotel Avantgarde Berlin

27 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single: from 190,- to 250,- DEM Double: from 240,- to 350,- DEM

Tegel: 8 km Zoologischer Garten: 5 km

breakfast incl.

address: Kurfürstendamm 15

Best Western Kanthotel

70 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; Kreditkarten/credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single: from 229,- to 280,- DEM Double: from 249,- to 350,- DEM

Tegel: 8 km Zoo: 2 km

breakfast incl.

address: Kantstraße 111

Hotel Berliner Hof

40 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single: from 195,- to 225,- DEM

Double: from 240,- to 280,- DEM

Tegel: 8km Zoolog. Garten: 0,5 km

breakfast incl.

address: Tauentzienstraße 8

Holiday Inn Garden Court Berlin-Kurfürstendamm ***

73 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB, Electronic Cash

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single: from 150,- to 230,- DEM

Double: from 200,- to 280,- DEM

Tempelhof: 8 km Zoolog. Garten: 1 km

breakfast incl.

address: Bleibtreustraße 25

Hotel Atlanta

30 rooms with bathroom/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single:from 155,-to 175,- DEM

Double:from 185,-to 205,- DEM

Tegel: 6 km Zoolog. Garten: 0,2 km 2,5 km

breakfast incl.

address: Fasanenstraße 74

Comfort-Hotel Frühling am Zoo

66 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB, Electronic Cash

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single:from 150,- to 220,- DEM

Double:from 180,- to 320,- DEM

Tegel: 20 km Ostbahnhof: 5 km

breakfast incl.

address: Kurfürstendamm 17

Hotel Arizona

25 Zimmer mit Dusche/WC, 25 rooms with shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Visa

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single: from 110,- to 190,- DEM

Double: from 145,- to 225,- DEM

Tegel: 3,5 km Zoolog.Garten: 5 km 1,5 km

breakfast incl.

address: Königin-Elisabeth-Straße 47a

Pension Fischer

8 rooms with shower/lavatory; Kreditkarten/credit cards: Eurocard/Mastercard, Visa

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single:from 80,- to 100,-DEM

Double:from 130,- to 160,- DEM

Tegel: 5 km Zoolog.Garten: 1 km

breakfast incl. **Veronica:** It's a great place to stay if you want to sleep fairly cheap. Like most Hotel Pensions in Berlin it's well worth the money. It's clean, has nice rooms and is situated pretty much downtown. Compared to e.g. London, the standard of these types of hotels in Germany is very high.

address: Nürnberger Straße 24a

Hollywood Media Hotel Berlin

185 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single:from 250,-to 350,- DEM

Double:from 310,-to 410,- DEM

Tegel:6 kmZoolog.Garten: 5 km

breakfast incl.

address: Kurfürstendamm 202

Hecker's Hotel

72 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single: from 225,- to 375,- DEM

Double: from 300,- to 400,- DEM

Tegel: 5 km, Zoo: 1 km,

breakfast incl.

connection: S Savignyplatz

address: Grolmannstraße 35

Hotel Bleibtreu

60 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single: from 249,- to 349,- DEM Double: from 289,- to 389,- DEM

Tegel: 7,5 km Zoolog. Garten: 1 km

breakfast buffet DM 26

address: Bleibtreustraße 31

ART-Hotel

address: Stuttgarter Platz 14, Charlottenburg

tel: +49 (0)30 – 329070

Econtel Berlin

address: Sömmeringstr. 24

tel: +49 (0)30 – 346810

Hotel-Pension Cortina

address: Kantstr. 140

tel: +49 (0)30 – 3139059

Hotel-Pension Uhland

address: Uhlandstr. 142

tel: +49 (0)30 – 8611627

Hotel Spreewitz7

28 rooms with shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single:from 80,- to 110,-DEM

Double:from 120,- to 170,-DEM

Tegel: 6km Zoolog.Garten: 2km,

breakfast incl.

address: Kantstraße 104

Pension Rotdorn

9 rooms with running water or bath/lavatory

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single: from 50,- to 110,- DEM Double: from 70,- to 130,- DEM

Tegel: 5 km, Zoolog.Garten: 5 km,

breakfast incl.

address: Heerstraße
36

Hotel am Olivaer Platz

11 rooms with shower or shower/lavatory

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single:from 80,-to 110,- DEM

Double:from 120,-to 150,- DEM

Tegel: 9km Zoolog.Garten: 2 km

breakfast incl.

address: Leibnizstraße 57

Jugendhotel Berlin

address: Kaiserdamm 3

tel: +49 (0)30 – 3221011

Jugendhotel Vier Jahreszeiten

address: Bundesallee 31a

tel: +49 (0)30 – 8732014

Pension Brinn

address: Schillerstr. 10

tel: +49 (0)30 – 3121605

St.-Michaels-Heim

address: Bismarckallee 23

tel: +49 (0)30 – 896880

Studentenwohnheim Hubertusallee

address: Delbrückstr. 24

tel: +49 (0)30 – 8919718

Albatros Hotel

address: Rudolstadter Str. 42
tel: +49 (0)30 – 897830

Charlottenburg – Nightlife and Entertainment

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Schell

Cafe in a former petrol station, popular with casually elegant types, not only for Sunday brunch (from 10am for 28,50 DM). In summer you sit outside on the terrace –the place to see and e seen.

connection: S Savignyplatz
address: Knesebeckstr. 22
openings: Daily 9am –1am

Schwarzes Cafe

Cult cafe close to Zoo station – for many people the first or the last stop on their Berlin trip. Open round the clock, so you can spend the whole night here if you've got nowhere to sleep, and you won't get bored unless you're boring yourself. Weird dishes as well as good food. In the daytime you can eat outside in the courtyard.

connection: S Savignyplatz
address: Kantstr. 148
openings: open round the clock

Quasimodo

Famous jazz club that varies its established programme with blues, pop etc. Berlin bands play on Tu +We (admission free).

connection: U+S Zoologischer Garten
address: Kantstr. 12a
openings: Cafe daily 5pm, concerts from 10pm

Paris Bar

Important personalities from film, radio and TV come here for the French atmosphere and up market food. Maybe you'll meet your patron or film producer here.

connection: U Uhlandstr., S Savignyplatz
address: Kantstr. 152
openings: Daily noon –1am

Picker's Sportsbar

Who can resist it? –sit with your mates and watch the World Cup Final in the right location while sipping your cocktail. Berlin's no. 1 sports bar.

connection: U Uhlandstr.

address: Uhlandstr. 185–186

openings: Daily 11am –open end

Hard Rock Cafe

American burger & co., record release parties, and all that in the midst of sacred objects from Hollywood stars or big names in the music scene. Souvenir T–Shirts make your visit unforgettable.

connection: U Kurfürstendamm

address: Meinekestr. 21

openings: Daily noon –1am

Dralle's

Round the corner from Grolmanstr. with it's posh restaurants you find a nice cafe restaurant with a lot going on e.g. happy hour 5 pm to 9 pm, live hiphop (admission free) on Tuesday and Thursdays or literary readings in the three salon rooms where you can sit in an armchair by the fireplace or simply play the part of the social lion.

connection: U Ernst–Reuter–Platz, S Savignyplatz,

address: Schlüterstr. 69

openings: Daily 11 am –1 am

Cafe AEDES WEST

Lovely cafe with snacks (tramezzini) and the spirit of architecture close at hand. The adjoining gallery of the same name is one of the best of its kind in Berlin.

connection: S Savignyplatz, S–Bahnbogen 595,

openings: Mo –Fr 8 am– midnight, Sa + Su 9am –midnight

Cafe Hegel

Small, cosy and full. Russian food and often piano and violin music, not only to gladden he heart of the charismatic lady publican.

connection: S Savignyplatz

address: Kantstr. 146

openings: Daily 6pm – 3am.

A–Trane

High–quality jazz club with wideranging live programme. Offers relaxed entertainment and a big selection of cocktails mixed to match the evening's entertainment. Monthly programme.

connection: S Savignyplatz

address: Bleibtreustr. 1

openings: Daily from 9 pm

admission: free – 30DM

Cafe Hardenberg

An institution and information exchange for Technical University students since the end of the 1960s. Cheap breakfast.

connection: U Ernst–Reuter–Platz

address: Hardenbergstr. 10

openings: Daily 9am –1am.

Cafe Kranzler

Newly renovated classical café.

connection: U + S Zoologischer Garten

address: Kurfürstendamm 18–19

openings: Daily 8am –midnight.

Carpe Diem

Enjoy the day: but especially in the evening this is the place for tempting Mediterranean food, just right for fans of Spanish tapas, good wine and cocktails. You sit in an elegant atmosphere under the S–Bahn arches.

connection: U Uhlandstr

address: Savignypassage 57

openings: Daily 5 pm– 1 am

Cafe Savigny

Nice small light cafe, one of the more relaxed places in Grolmannstr., a very busy street in the evenings. Good even if you've got your silk suit on and plan to go eating afterwards in one of the posh restaurants around. Breakfast till 4 pm.

connection: S Savignyplatz

address: Grolmanstr. 53–54

openings: Daily 9am –1am.

Checker

Fast cars, yuppie types with stylish gals slurping their drinks in a cool ambience –if that's your scene, you've hit lucky here.

connection: U Adenaurplatz

address: Olivaer Platz 15

openings: Daily 9am –2am

Far Out

Barefooted Sanyassins used to seek ecstasy here, but today it's a place for relaxed dancing with or without Osho. Mondays admission free for everybody over 30! At full moon a percussion ensemble plays here, followed by a party with DJs.

connection: U Adenauerplatz
address: Kurfürstendamm 156
openings: Daily 10pm till the early hours, We from 9pm

Abraxas

Here young and old swing their hips to modern sound. Different DJs play hiphop, salsa, Latin or soul.

connection: S Savignyplatz
address: Kantstr. 134
openings: Tu –Su 10 pm to open end
admission: 5 DM, Fr + Sa 10 DM

Big Eden

Big, long-established Ku'damm disco with hit sounds. Run by nightlife fossil Rolf Eden and sometimes courted by big names. The right thing for school classes especially between 9 pm and 10 pm when you get a free drink token along with your 5 DM entry ticket.

connection: U Uhlandstr.
address: Kufürstendamm 202
openings: Daily from 9 pm–open end admission:
admission: Su –Th 6DM, Fr –Sa 12 DM

Pupasch

Hit music from the charts –admission 10 DM including drink token for 5 DM. Singles party every Friday.

connection: U Uhlandstr
address: Lietzenburgerstr. 89

Charlottenburg – Shopping

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S–Bahnbögen Savignyplatz

Smart boutiques, galleries and restaurants under the S–Bahn arches between Uhlandstr. and Bleibtreustr. Scout around for what takes your fancy.

connection: S
Savignyplatz
address: Savignyplatz

Stilwerk

Close to Kurfürstendamm on the corner of Uhlandstr. is a new complex specialising in interior decor and design, with 48 shops on 5 floors covering an area of 19,000m². The restaurant Stil, the bar Remington and the sushi bar Heiku offer culinary delights and "The Forum" is open for events and exhibitions.

connection: U+S Zoologischer Garten, S Savignyplatz,
address: Kantstr. 17
openings: Mo–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa 10am –4pm, Su noon –6pm

Wassily Depot

Fans of classic furniture, lamps and living accessories feel at home here.

connection: U Uhlandstr., S Savignyplatz, bus 129
address: Bleibtreustr. 48
openings: Mo–We 11am –7pm, Th+Fr 11am –8pm, Sa 11am –4pm

GAP

Basic fashions for young and old.

connection: U Kurfürstendamm, U Zoologischer Garten,
address: Taentzienstr. 13
openings: Mo–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa 9:30am –4pm

Cartillone

Fantastic Italian footwear in every imaginable colour and form.,

connection: S Savignyplatz
address: Savignyplatz 5
openings: Mo–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa 10am –4pm

Hallhuber

Trendy young fashions– from medium priced to designer hype.

connection: U Kurfürstendamm
address: Kurfürstendamm 13
openings: Mo–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa 9:30am –4pm

Canzone

The whole world of music – you can hear samples in peace and get information on world music in Berlin. Simply good!

connection: S Savignyplatz, S Bahnbogen
address: Savignyplatz, 583

openings: Mo–Th 10:30am –7pm, Fr 10:30am –8pm, Sa 10:30 am –4pm

Bücherbogen

Beautiful illustrated books, specialised on architecture, visual arts, film, design and fashion. The secondhand bookshop around the corner at Knesebeckstr. 27 is a treasure trove.

connection: S Savignyplatz

address: S–Bahnbogen 593

openings: Mo–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa 10am –4pm

Kiepert

Academic bookshop with a good selection and lots of specialised departments on 3 floors. Essential for students.

connection: U Ernst–Reuter–Platz

address: Hardenbergstr. 4–5

openings: Mo–Fr 9am –8pm, Sa 9am –4pm

Romanische Buchhandlung

Original works and translations from Latin–based languages and material for learning the languages.

connection: U Uhlandstr., S Savignyplatz,

address: Knesebeckstr. 20–21

openings: Mo–We 10am –7pm, Th–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa 10am –4pm

Arno Objekt

Modern lights in all shapes and sizes shine out here.

connection: S Savignyplatz,

address: Savignyplatz 590

openings: Mo–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa 10am –4pm

Gucci

Elegant clubwear and essential accessories for big spenders. There's also a branch at Friedrichstr. 71 in Mitte.

connection: U Kurfürstendamm

address: Fasanenstr. 73

openings: Mo–Fr 10am –7pm, Sa 10am –4pm

Autorenbuchhandlung

Good literature and poetry. Authors browse and give readings here.

connection: S Savignyplatz,

address: Carmenstr. 10
openings: Mo–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa 10am –4pm

Hugendubel

Wide selection of books on 4 floors and a big space for a quiet read. Other branches at Friedrichstr. 83 in Mitte und in the Arcades at Potsdamer Platz.

connection: U Kurfürstendamm
address: Tauentzienstr. 13
openings: Mo–Fr 9:30am –8pm, Sa 9:30am –4pm

Marga Schoeller

Very good selection, including English–language books and books on film. Readings are often held here.

connection: U Uhlandstr., S Savignyplatz,
address: Knesebeckstr. 33
openings: Mo–We 9:30am –7pm, Th+Fr 9:30am –8pm, Sa 9:30am –4pm

Afro Beauty Shop

Out of Africa but stocked with everything a desert mouse need: cosmetics, wigs, hairpieces, fabrics – not all produced in Africa but very authentic–looking.

connection: U+S Zoologischer Garten
address: Stadtbahnbogen 550
openings: Mo–Fr 10am –6:30pm, Sa 10am –2:30pm

Europa Center

110m high building with restaurants, pubs, boutiques on two floors around a big water clock. Nike Town for sports freaks is next door.

connection: U+S Zoologischer Garten
address: Breitscheidplatz
openings: open round the clock

Hennes & Mauritz (H&M)

H&M has several branches in Berlin; the biggest is at Ku'damm 237. For years the shop has been a must for every young Berlin visitor in tune with the times, for the H&M collection is different in every country.

connection: U Kurfürstendamm
address: Kurfürstendamm 237
openings: Mo–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa 9am –4pm

Jil Sanders

Not only the ladies of Charlottenburg dream of that little black number from the grande dame of the German fashion scene. Also young trendy fashions.

connection: U Adenauerplatz

address: Kurfürstendamm 185

openings: Mo–Fr 10am –7pm, Sa 10am –4pm

Kaufhaus Schrill

Loud accessories, jewelry, body decoration – for the stage and for people who like dolling themselves up. Definitely not for everyday wear!

connection: S Savignyplatz

address: Bleibtreustr. 46

openings: Mo–Fr 11am –7pm, Sa 11am –4pm

kookai

Trendy fashions at affordable prices for young ladies from all walks of life.

connection: U Uhlandstr.

address: Kurfürstendamm 203

openings: Mo–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa 9:30am –4pm

Veronika Pohle – Atelier

Designer fashions by Moschino, Anna olinari, Lacroix, Gaultier, Westwood.....

connection: U Uhlandstr.

address: Kurfürstendamm 190–192

openings: Mo–Fr 11am –8pm, Sa 11am –8pm

Versace Boutique

Body coverings by the master and also Casa – The Home Collection.

connection: U Uhlandstr.

address: Kurfürstendamm 185

openings: Mo–Fr 10am 7pm, Sa 10am –4pm

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Friedrichshain

In the old working-class district south of Karl-Marx-Allee you can discover a nice neighbourhood. Lots of students have moved in here since 1991 or simply transferred over the Spree from Kreuzberg because rents in the old houses were quite low. If you like places with rather austere charm where style isn't so important and prices are rock bottom, Friedrichshain is just the right district for you.

Right by the Oberbaumbrücke, which offers a wonderful view across the Spree on both sides, is East Side Gallery, the longest remaining section of the Berlin Wall (more than 1 km long). The artworks were created immediately after German unification – this is a piece of wall that was never painted in communist times. Here on Spreeufer is Speicher, an American-inspired amusement complex with discos and bars on 4 floors. A bit further to the east, directly under Warschauer Straße S-Bahn station, dance fans can swing a leg in Matrix.

Around the corner you can relax wonderfully after all that running around in the living-room atmosphere of Karel Duba. Just a few steps away is Non Tox, where the weekend parties are full of subversive musical contrasts. Sounds of another kind – hits – are on offer at the indestructible Busche, a haunt for gay men and lesbians. Further on in the heart of the neighbourhood there are lots of interesting shops in Simon-Dach-Straße and Wühlischstraße. Conmux is renowned for its Sunday buffet breakfast – though the jokey sculptures here are not edible.

The best places to get a new outfit are Seven Sisters and No Naked – perfect for loud gear and club wear. Around Boxhagener Platz are pubs, record shops and health food shops. Things really get going here in the evening! The cinema on the corner of Boxhagener Straße, Intimes, is over 70 years old; the café of the same name next door with its light friendly atmosphere attracts an international crowd.

After a look at peaceful Knorrpromenade, which is delightful when the trees are in blossom, pop into Knorre, a events centre with a varied programme and a medieval Round Table. A nice café is Übereck, with cheap cocktails and a good buffet breakfast. If you like music beyond mainstream, the place to go is Nevergreen, where you find international music magazines and second-hand rarities along with the usual CDs and vinyl.

When the sun comes out, you shouldn't miss the big attraction in quite another part of the district – the big park, Volkspark Friedrichshain, with lots of sports and outdoor activities. The waterworks in the fountains are another outdoor treat for free. Take your pick! Far from the glamorous shopping streets you can enjoy a very personal atmosphere here – so off to Friedrichshain!

Friedrichshain – Eating Out

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Dachkammer

Already full of young people and lovestruck couples in the early evening – either eating hearty home-cooked meals in the barnlike atmosphere downstairs or sitting sipping cocktails on sofas in the cosy living-room ambience upstairs. Lovely!

address: Simon-Dach-Str.37
connections: U Frankfurter Tor, S+U Warschauer Str.
openings: Mo-Fr from 2pm, Sa +Su 10am, open end

Leander

Big light friendly café with a very popular breakfast menu. The buffet brunch on Sa and Su runs out quickly because of the crowds.

address: Jungstr. 29
connections: U+S Warschauerstr., U Frankfurter Tor
openings: daily 10am –open end

Speicher

An old warehouse at the Oberbaumbrücke, now with American food and music on several floors. The "Black music bar" in the basement, American food in "Wheels", disco and cocktails in "Pitcarn". Brunch from 10am to 3pm for 20DM.

address: Mühlenstr. 70-80
connections: U+S Warschauer Str.
openings: Mo-Th 9am –2am, Fr+Sa 9am –open end, Su 10am –2am

Friedrichshain – Accommodation

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Astron Hotel Berlin–Alexanderplatz

225 rooms with bathroom/shower, lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB, Electronic Cash

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single: from 190,- to 320,- DEM

Double: from 213,- to 343,- DEM

Tegel: 12 km, Ostbahnhof: 1,5 km,

breakfast incl.

address: Landsberger Allee 26-32

Upstalsboom Hotel Friedrichshain

169 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB, Electronic Cash

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single: from 135,- to 225,- DEM

Double: from 165,- to 280,- DEM

Tempelhof: 6,7 km Ostbahnhof: 1,2 km 13,2 km 108,

breakfast incl.

address: Gubener Straße 42

Tulip Inn Berlin–Friedrichshain

60 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single: from 155,- to 195,- DEM

Double: from 185,- to 245,- DEM

Tegel: 20 km Ostbahnhof: 3 km 15 km 240

breakfast incl.

address: Gürtelstraße 41

Gold Hotel am Wismarplatz

35 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: Eurocard, Visa

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single: from 135,- to 225,- DEM

Double: from 165,- to 280,- DEM

Tegel: 20 km Ostbahnhof: 3 km 18 km 240

breakfast incl.

address: Weserstraße 24

East–Side–City Hotel

35 rooms with shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash

prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T.

Single: from 139,- to 166,- DEM

Double: from 188,- to 235,- DEM

Tegel: 20 km Ostbahnhof: 0,3 km,

breakfast incl.

address: Mühlenstraße 6

A & O Backpackers

address: Boxhagener Str. 73

tel: +49 (0)30 – 74687211

Frederik's Hostel GmbH

Accommodation: 1–7–bed rooms, buffet breakfast, you can also organise your own catering

Guests: Groups, families, rucksack tourists, average age 20–30

Price per person per night: 22 DM – 59 DM

address: Straße der Pariser Kommune 35

tel: +49 (0)30 – 29669450

Globetrotter Hostel Odyssee

Accommodation: 2–8–bed rooms, buffet breakfast

Guests: Groups, international young people, rucksack tourists, average age 20–25

Price per person per night: 24 DM – 36 DM

address: Grünberger Str. 23

tel: +49 (0)30 – 29000081

Friedrichshain – Shopping

On Sundays in the Friedrichshain district there's a small flea market just in front of Ostbahnhof railway station. The scenery takes a bit of getting used to: pre-fab concrete apartment blocks all around and travellers taking a quick look at the market stands before going into the grey station, which is surrounded by building works. The environment is bleak here, the architecture dominates the atmosphere. As compensation, you can buy mainly books and records here – from shellac to vinyl – nourishment for heart and soul.

Apart from the mentioned flea market, Friedrichshain also offers the visitor some more specialised shops.

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Flea Market

connections: S and U Ostbahnhof.
openings: Su 9 am–4 pm.
address: Flea Market at Ostbahnhof,

No Naked

Club'n Future Wear. Smoking!

connections: U Samariterstr.
address: Boxhagener Str. 21

Nevergreen

For all your music shopping, this is the hottest shop

connections: U Samariterstr.
address: Mainzerstr. 5

Seven Sisters

Second Hand Stuff

connections: U Frankfurter Tor
address: Simon–Dach–Str. 12

Friedrichshain – Nightlife and Entertainment

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Astro–Bar

Warmly recommended! Jet yourself in this hazy Barbarella atmosphere at warp 10 speed with the help of "beam me up Scotty".

address: Simon–Dach–Str. 40
connections: U Frankfurter Tor, tram 20,23
openings: daily 6pm –open end

Café Übereck

Cosy atmosphere with wooden furniture and relaxed company –leave that stress outside. Music beyond the 5 decibl zone. Ideal place for eating brunch, chatting, watching the world go by and having a good time.

address: Sonntagstr. 31

connections: S Ostkreuz,
openings: daily 10am –2am
Connux

Known for Sunday buffet.

address: Simon–Dach–Str.–Wühlischstr
connections: S Warschauer Str., U Frankfurter Tor
Karel Duba

Cosy small pub.

address: Warschauer Str. 80
connections: U+S Warschauer Str
Daneben

This cafe may seem a bit out of place right next door to all those smartly–decorated pubs, but it's nice and cosy with a small cheap menu (pizzas) and secondhand books for sale which you can also browse through on the spot.

address: Simon–Dach–Str.36
connections: U+S Warschauer Str., U Frankfurter Tor, tram 20, 23
openings: daily 6pm –open end
Die Tagung

The Central Committee of the East German Socialist Unity Party still meets here – well not quite, but this is a lovely rustic pub full of relics from communist times. The Cube Club (Th–Sa from 11pm) is located in the basement – the ghost of the former party boss Erich Honecker dances here mainly to reggae and drum 'n bass.

address: Wühlischstr.29
connections: U+S Warschauer Str., U Frankfurter Tor, tram 20, 23
openings: daily 7pm–open end
Intimes–Cafe–Restaurant

Light, friendly cafe–restaurant with an atmosphere of sunny southern countries. Mixed crowd.

We, films and food from 6pm –midnight for 7DM. Su brunch from 10am –4pm, for 12,50DM.

address: Boxhagener Str. 107
connections: U Frankfurter Tor
openings: daily 10am –open end
Pentascop

Located on a patch of street that prides itself on space and grace, you can still feel a touch of nostalgia for communist times in this pub with its tough types and drinks to match. Get someone to explain the ideas behind the interior decor on the spot. Maybe you'll stumble on a party in the back room, which can be rented by outside organizers.

address: Simon-Dach-Str. 37

connections: U Frankfurter Tor

openings: Variable

Filmriss

Cheap on principle and totally dedicated to the spirit of the Paris Commune along with artistically exploitable junk. A sigh of relief that something like this still exists! Cinema We+Su from 9pm free of charge. Su from 11pm good buffet breakfast for 10DM.

address: Rigaer Str. 103

connections: U Frankfurter Tor., tram 20

openings: daily from 8p, Su from 11am

Cube Club

It's amazing how much fun you can have in such a small club. Always full but you never get that sardine feeling. Here you can dance to alternative music and drum 'n bass.

address: Wühlichstr. 29

connections: U Frankfurter Tor, U+S Warschauer Str., tram 20, 23

openings: from 11pm–open end, admission

admission: 5 DM

Non Tox

Alternative music, underground lives in style with gothic, dark electronics and other not quite so dismal sounds. Meanwhile in this neighbourhood one disco after another with a trendy concept is going bust.

address: Mühlenstr. 12

connections: U+S Warschauer Str

openings: We+Fr from 10pm, Sa from 11pm, Su from 1pm

admission: 7–15 DM

Matrix

Swing on good music. On Saturdays there is techno and the like, on Fridays different kinds of parties (every 2nd Friday "Babes on trips" disco–house) and on Tuesdays and Thursdays "Rock it", the classic for young people.

Open on Fr from 11pm Sa lounge from 10pm +the rest from midnight

address: Warschauer Platz 18

connections: U+S Warschauer Str.

openings: Fr from 11pm, Sa from 10pm

admission: 5DM Babes on trips, Sa 20DM

Maria am Ostbahnhof

A must for nightclubbers and sound maniacs and a big attraction way beyond Berlin's borders for fans of electro and experimental music (concerts and live DJs). You can relax in the post-socialist atmosphere here –on Wednesdays at the floosy bar of the legendary Lassie Singers you can look out at Ostbahnhof train station and be filled with yearning for fraraway places.

address: Straße der Pariser Kommune / corner of Mühlenstr

connections: S Ostbahnhof

openings: We–Sa from 10pm

admission: 5–15 DM

Tempodrom am Ostbahnhof

Club events and parties play a big role in its wide programme. Still only for 5 DM varying opening times and admission prices.

address: Straße der Pariser Kommune 8–12

connections: S Ostbahnhof, bus 140, 240, 340

openings: Variable

Stellwerk

Built years ago as a waste depot for the railways and converted by creative types into a ravey hightech cellar, Stelwerk has set the tone for the turn of the millenium.

varying opening times and admission prices

address: Danneckerstr.1

connections: U Warschauer Str

openings: Variable

Knorre

address: Knorrpromenade 2

connections: S Ostkreuz

Die Busche

Gay meeting place, already famous in communist times for it's exuberant evenings it attracts a huge crowd of young homosexuals from Berlin's outskirts and Brandenburg, often dressed in style, bad tempered lesbians etc...

address: Mühlenstr.11–12

connections: U+S Warschauer Str.

openings: We, Fr+Sa from early evening
Aché

Popular café for students and artists. Lavish evening buffet on Thursdays and equally lavish buffet breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays.

address: Wühlischstr. 29
connections: U+S Warschauer Str
openings: daily 10am –open end
Apotheke

Newly opened healthy alternative to the surrounding alcoholic landscape. Tea and vegetarian food in an old chemist's shop that's been lovingly restored with decor like the original. You can learn a lot about some kinds of herbs here.

address: Wühlischstr. 32
connections: U+S Warschauerstr., U Frankfurter Tor, tram 20,23

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Kreuzberg

If you mention Kreuzberg and the old SO 36 postal district, the clichés come automatically: squatters, punks, street riots, flat-sharing communities, Turks and, of course, the famous long nights. But this refuge of multicultural and alternative lifestyles hasn't been left untouched by the fall of the Wall. In the years since, elegant eating and drinking places have opened up alongside the countless döner stalls and restaurants. Today SO 36 stands for a mixture of posh things and things that live up to the rather tatty image of the Kreuzberg cliché.

In Oranienstraße, the neighbourhood's main street, you cannot only sample every variety of international cuisine, you can also get a totally new outfit. You can buy fun T-shirts, club wear, military gear or clothes made of hemp in the shops around Heinrichplatz and then show them off a bit further down the street in Schnabelbar (steel decor) or Bierhimmel (intellectual beers and trashy cocktails in the back room). But you can also stay on Heinrichplatz and savour this neighbourhood's special mix of people in Bateau Ivre. Or have a cut at Kaiserschnitt. Don't worry – despite the name (Caesarian), this hairdresser works quite normally with hair, comb and scissors. Going towards Oranienplatz, the big windows of the pub Flammende Herzen invite you in for a drink – often very atmospheric.

Going from Heinrichplatz towards Görlitzer Bahnhof, you come to several very popular and reasonably priced eating-places, like the Indian restaurant Amrit. Kafka is definitely one of the more expensive places to dine in the area, but the food is incredibly good, and in April 1999 it received an award from the Berliner Morgenpost newspaper for the friendliest waiter service in Kreuzberg. Here you don't have to apologise when you order your meal. On the other side of the overhead railtrack, in Wiener Straße, the pubs Wiener Blut and Madonna are both worth a visit. If you like sitting on the floor, you can eat great falafel round the corner on Spreewaldplatz.

As an alternative to the Oranienplatz neighbourhood, along the bank of the Landwehr Canal are several very beautiful and spacious cafés with terraces (such as Übersee). Opposite, and highly popular at the moment, is Ankerklause at Kottbusser Bridge, a scene meeting-place that also fulfils your gastronomic dreams. If you follow the canal westwards from here, along the lovely riverbank (Planufer) you come to the big café restaurant Vienna Art near Admiralbrücke. On the riverbank opposite the theatre boat Theaterschiff TAU is Statthaus Böcklerpark with interesting events for young people and a halfpipe next door. The open-air swimming pool Prinzenbad (open in summer) is close by. If you fancy a bit more green space now, walk down Grimmstraße and Körtestraße and you'll reach the big park, the Hasenheide. Now you're already in Neukölln – but that would be another chapter.

Every year there is a big festival in Kreuzberg called carnival of cultures (www.Karneval-der-Kulturen.de). More than 900.000 visitors came to celebrate it in 2004!

Kreuzberg – Nightlife and Entertainment

Although the beating heart of the nightlife scene changed to Mitte when the wall came down, Kreuzberg still has a sparkling nightlife. Whatever type of bar or dancing you're looking for, there is a fair chance that you'll find it in this area. Punk, rock n roll, mainstream music, live performances, arty cafes, gay and lesbian bars. Kreuzberg still has its own scene. West of Oranienstrasse, Tacheles offers cultural life in all its facets.

Hackeschen Hofen is where the modern metropolitan heart beats. Oranienburgerstrasse is also better known as a red light and hard drugs district.

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Walzerlinksgestrickt

Just the place for fans of pair dancing –in a relaxed atmosphere in this beautiful building you can really step out to the rhythms. If you haven't yet mastered the art you can learn it here, varying opening times and admission prices

connection: U Mehringdamm

address: Am Tempelhofer Berg 7

Wild at Heart

This club is the place to get rid of excess energy at its parties, concerts or with a magnificent frozen margarita. Or vice versa, daily from 8pm, open end

connection: U Görlitzer Bahnhof

address: WienerStr 20

tel: +49 (0)30 – 611 70 10

Roses Bar

Still the nightlife highlight for gender benders and good–humoured people who like kitsch, trash and crowds that screech on occasions –but also for the lone wolf who wants a bit of pack warmth now and again. Don't miss it! In summer you can spot it a long way off from the crowds on the pavement and in the street in front. Daily from 11pm, open end.

connection: U Kottbusser

address: Oranienstr. 187

tel: +49 (0)30 – 615 65 70

Privat Club

Good place to go to when you want to have an excellent evening out in the town with good danceable music and an interesting crowd.

connection: U Görlitzer Bahnhof

address: Markthalle, Pücklerstr. 34

tel: +49 (0)30 – 611 33 30

Schwuz

The oldest Gay Club in Berlin. Often theme nights.

connection: U Mehringdamm

address: Mehringdamm 61

tel: +49 (0)30 – 693 70 25

Theaterschiff TAU

Special events and happenings for young people. Mo–Fr noon –1am, Sa+Su 10.30 am –1am.

connection: U Prinzenstr.

address: Planufer 77

SO 36

What would Kreuzberg be without SO 36? Considerably worse off. The regular programme ranges from "Electric Ballroom" on Mondays for techno fans to the standard dance events on Sundays for gays and friends. In tune with the old fringe politics, nobody's excluded. Varying opening times (usually from 10pm or 11pm) admission: 7–10DM, more for special events.

connection: U Kottbusser Tor.

address: Oranienstr. 190

tel: +49 (0)30 – 615 26 01

Junction Bar

Live music every day and DJ. Specialises in funk, soul, jazz. Awful decor but good jazzy sound, daily 8pm –5am.

address: Gneisenastr. 18

Niagara

Cult pub for musicians, friends and locals who wax lyrical about the fabulous evenings here. Music: independent, grunge and just about everything that's fun. Live concerts at weekends. daily 5pm –3am, Fr+Sa longer.

connection: U Südsterne

address: Gneisenastr. 58

Milchbar

The best times are over but it's still worth a visit, especially late at night when you can find good company for chatting, drinking and pinball. A new feature is the motto parties and the Saturday DJ. daily 5pm –4am, Fr+Sa till 6am.

connection: U Görlitzer Bahnhof

address: Manteuffelstr. 40

Cafe Anfall

The name means "accident". For more than ten years the cafe has been the ideal for weird accidents in the best sense of the word, including gentle drinks to make you sink on unforgettable evenings. parties on Thursdays, changing DJs at weekends. Daily 4pm –4am (in winter from 6pm), Mo from 9pm.

connection: U Südstern
address: Gneisenaustr. 64
Bergmann 103

Spacious cafe on two floors with food from all continents. At the pavement tables you can watch the realities of local life. Daily 9.30 am – 1 am.

connection: U Mehringdamm
address: Bergmannstr. 103
Die Rote Harfe

Cafe on two floors where long-time residents and tourists sit peacefully, enjoying beer and spirits, coffee and cakes from the neighbourhood "village green". Live music on Thursdays, Mo–Fr from noon, Sa+Su from 10am, open end.

connection: U Görlitzer Bahnhof
address: Oranienstr. 13
Mokka Bar

Lively, very beautiful and spacious café bar with an Oriental touch and a very mixed crowd. Good at night for that necessary booster shot of espresso. Daily 10am – 2am.

address: Gneisenaustr. 93
Madonna

Pub definitely worth visiting. About 200 kinds of whisky.

connection: U Görlitzer Bahnhof, Kreuzberg
address: Wiener Str. 22
Ossena

connection: U Kottbusser Tor
address: Oranienstr. 39
Schnabelbar

Special design bar for young people. Su–Th from 9pm, Fr+Sa 10pm –open end.

connection: U Kottbusser Tor
address: Oranienstr. 31
Übersee

Beautiful and spacious cafe with large terrace at the Canal. Open daily 10am – 2am.

connection: U Kottbusser Tor

address: Paul-Lincke-Ufer 44
tel: +49 (0)30 – 018 8765

Vienna Art

Big cafe and Restaurant near the Admiralbrücke. Open daily 10am –1am.

connection: U Kottbusser Tor
address: Grimmstr. 1

Wiener Blut

Nice pub worth a visit, Mo–Sa from 6pm, Su from 4pm, open end.

connection: U Görlitzer Bahnhof
address: Wiener Str. 13

Zyankali-Bar

Morbid trash institution dedicated to the chemistry of entertainment where you can choose from over 200 cocktails without a prescription. You're sure to find a brew that will ease your pain. For less acute cases there are 35 kinds of beer and a present–dispensing machine. Daily from 8pm, open end.

connection: U Mehringdamm
address: Großbeerenstr. 64

Atlantic

The best established street cafe in Bergmannstraße with a very popular breakfast menu. Goof for sitting inside or outside at the packed pavement tables watching life go by on the street. daily 9am –2am, Sa+Su till 3am.

connection: U Gneisenaustr
address: Bergmannstr. 100

Bâteau Ivre

Meetingplace for all kinds of people, just sit and watch.

connection: U Kottbusser Tor
address: Oranienstr. 18

Tommy-Weisbecker-Haus

Home base for revolutionaries with a sympathetic atmosphere, simple food and lots of concerts with home–made music. Thursday from 8pm movies (video on a big screen), and every first Friday in the month the ska and soul night takes off from 9pm. Both free of charge! pub from 4pm, changing daily programme.

connection: U Hallesches Tor
address: Wilemstr.9

Ex

Haven for the alternative scene in Kreuzberg, still run by a collective. Along with the pub it offers occasional parties, literary readings, a bookshop and a bikeshop where you can get help with repairing your bike yourself. Kit yourself up in the '80s anarchist look with black clothes and a Palestinian scarf and you'll be quite at home, Tu–Fr 3pm –2am, Mo from 6pm, Sa+Su varying times.

connection: U Mehringdamm

address: Gneisenaustr. 2a

Franken

Neighbourhood institution in Oranienstraße, authentic, honest, the clientele on the tough side and very hard–drinking. In summer you can sit on benches or on the pavement and treat your eyes to colourful hair–dos and dogs– or their owners –with studded collars, daily 7pm –open end (earlier in summer).

connection: U Kottbusser Tor

address: Oranienstraße 19

Pow Wow

Corner pub with lots of green space around in a lively part of the Graefestr. neighbourhood. A haven for urban cowboys and Indians –the home–made hamburgers are a highlight of the international menu. Daily 5pm –2am, Sa+Su open end, meals till midnight

connection: U Südsterm

address: Dieffenbachstr. 11

Flammende Herzen

Atmospheric cafe which has a good view on the street, mood ranges from lively to lethargic. Daily 11am–open end.

connection: U Kottbusser Tor

address: Oranienstr. 170

tel: +49 (0)30 – 615 71 02

Cafe am Ufer

In the array of lovely cafe's with terraces on the Landwehrscanal, this has the most tables, the latest breakfast and the biggest international menu. Daily 10am –1am, Sa+Su till 2am.

connection: U Kottbusser Tor

address: Paul Lincke Ufer 44

Kloster

The name (monastery) sounds holy but of course it's not quite like that in this pub decorated with all kinds of sacral objects. Not just a good place for artistic meditation on the way from Kreuzberg to Friedrichshain and vice versa. daily 10am –4am.

connection: U Schlesisches Tor

address: Skalitzer Str.75

Bierhimmel

Intellectual beers and trashy cocktails in the back room. Daily 2pm –3am, weekends till 4am.

connection: U Kottbusser Tor

address: Oranienstr. 183

tel: +49 (0)30 – 615 31 22

Konrad Tönz

This homage to the unspeakable TV evenings of the 1970s is located in th middle of deepest Kreuzberg. The man it's named after was Eduard Zimmermann's Swiss counterpart in the TV show about unresolved crimes. But in the club with its DJ sounds solutions are made easy and the trauma of the scratchy rollneck pullover vanishes as the beer goes down your throat and the mood warms up. Daily from 8pm –open end.

connection: U Schlesisches Tor

address: Falkensteinstr. 30

Melitta Sundström (SchwuZ)

Always worth a visit. Gay and even gayer, because visitors to the gay centre SchwuZ have to go through the café in front. Breakfast from 10am. There's also a second–hand bookshop with literature for gay men and lesbians. Café daily from 10am, open end, SchwuZ varying opening times.

address: Mehringdamm 61

Haifischbar

Wonderful cocktail bar in a very beautiful historical corner. It's often so crowded inside that you can't fall over even if you lose your balance – which means you could land up in your neighbour's arms. Sushi for the hungry in the back room, and then everything dissolves in a glowing pink twilight. Tu–Su from 8 pm

connection: U
Gneiseastr.

address: Arndtstr. 25

Arcanoa

After reopening recently, dreams take shape again in this renovated premises. Daily 6pm –5am.

connection: U Mehringdamm,

address: Am Tempelhofer Berg, Mehringdamm 99

Golgatha

Big summer beergarden below the Kreuzberg –the rubble hill with waterfall and a lovely view. You can drink and eat grilled snacks on the two terraces with several bars or step out on the dancefloor. Daily 11am –6am .

connection: U+S Yorckstr

address: Dudenstr. 48–64

Kreuzberg – Eating Out

Kreuzberg is a melting-pot of cultures. Taking this into account, a mixture of cuisines does not seem more than logical. There are plenty of cafes where you can have a tasty meal for a reasonable price and taste one of the fusion kitchen experiments. Besides that, there are plenty of opportunities to grab a quick meal, to experience international dishes or to try one of the excellent meals at one of the many Turkish restaurants. Kreuzberg is also better known as the Little Istanbul and the Turkish restaurant owners sure know how to please your appetite.

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Stiege

connection: U Moritzplatz
address: Oranienstr. 47a
tel: +49 (0)30 – 614 68 16

Vannucci

connection: U Gneisenaustraße
address: Fürbringerstr. 23
tel: +49 (0)30 – 691 15 98

Gorgonzola Club

Even if you don't like blue cheese, this is a place for up-market Italian food, fine wines and an atmosphere untypical of SO 36, , Su–Th 6pm –midnight, Fr+Sa 6pm –2am

address: Dresdener Str. 121
connection: U Kottbusser Tor

Primo h

connection: U Südstern
address: Südstern 3
tel: +49 (0)30 – 691 45 97

La Tana dei Briganti I

connection: U Moritzplatz
address: Oranienstr. 169
tel: +49 (0)30 – 614 85 01

Chamisso h

connection: U Gneisenaustraße

address: Willibald–Alexis–Str. 25
tel: +49 (0)30 – 691 56 42

Ovid

connection: U Südsterm
address: Körtestr. 33
tel: +49 (0)30 – 69 50 56 60

Sale e Tabacchi

connection: U Kochstraße
address: Kochstr. 18
tel: +49 (0)30 – 25 29 50 03

Don Alberto

connection: U Mehringdamm
address: Hornstr. 1
tel: +49 (0)30 – 217 03 33

Le cochon bourgeois

First–class French restaurant, unfortunately a bit expensive, Tu–Sa from 6pm

connection: U Südsterm
address: Fichtestr.
24

Sundance

Sit on solid benches under old trees, eat international food (Mexican, German, Spanish, Thai) and gossip about the big wide world at Südsterm and elsewhere. Ideal for groups daily 10am –open end (meals till midnight).

connection: U Südsterm
address: Hasenheide 58

Casa Joe penas

The former highly popular restaurant Tres Kilos with a new name: Cantina Y bar and Casa de Fajitas. Which means it's still offering upmarket Texmex food, cocktails and live music.

connection: U Gneisenaustr
address: Marheinekeplatz 4

Milagro

connection: U Mehringdamm
address: Bergmannstr. 12

tel: +49 (0)30 – 692 23 03

Kafka

One of the more expensive places to dine in Kreuzberg, but the food is incredibly good. High reputation!

connection: U Görlitzer Bahnhof

address: Oranienstr. 204

tel: +49 (0)30 – 612 24 29

Kuchenkaiser

Big international restaurant specialising in American food, on Türkisch–dominated Oranienplatz. Cheap and Ideal for groups

connection: U Moritzplatz

address: Oranienplatz 11–13

Café Blumberg

connection: U Südstern

address: Lilienthalstr. 6

tel: +49 (0)30 – 215 80 56

Gri Gri

connection: U Görlitzer Bahnhof

address: Liegnitzer Str. 21

tel: +49 (0)30 – 030 612 51 95

Kreuzburger

The snack attack bar at the lower end of Oranienstr. that's enough to make you completely addicted. Best chips in the world.

connection: U Kottbusser Tor

address: Oranienstr. 190

Iskele

Very good, relatively cheap Türkisch fish restaurant on a former passenger boat –a real oasis. Thanks to fabulous sunsets and Mediterranean lighting it's a haven for lovestruck couples and eternal romantics –and a perfect example of courtesy and hospitality.

connection: U Kottbusser Tor

address: Planufer 82

Bagdad

connection: U Schlesisches Tor

address: Schlesische Str. 2
tel: +49 (0)30 – 612 6962

Mercan

connection: U Görlitzer Bahnhof
address: Wiener Str. 10
tel: +49 (0)30 – 61 28 5841

Siralti

connection: U Gneisenaustraße
address: Schleiermacherstr. 14
tel: +49 (0)30 – 690 1380

Merhaba

connection: U Hermannplatz
address: Hasenheide 39
tel: +49 (0)30 – 692 1713

Cafe V

Vegetarian restaurant that uses organic products. The service here brings out the sun –even if it doesn't always shine on the pavement tables. Everything's delicious.

connection: U Görlitzer Bahnhof
address: Lausitzer Platz 12

Adler Café

connection: U Kochstraße
address: Friedrichstraße 206
tel: +49 (0)30 – 251 89 65

Wirtshaus Hasenheide

Where else at Hasenheide Park can you have such a cheap buffet breakfast with hot and cold drinks? A special word of praise: the bread and rolls are always fresh. Book in advance.

connection: U Hermannplatz
address: Hasenheide 19

van Loon

Holiday in Berlin, at Urbanhafen in the middle of the city? Yes it is possible and is becoming increasingly popular, as you can see from the three restaurant boats moored here side by side. The food is delicious at any time.

connection: U Prinzenstr

address: Carl–Herz–Ufer 5

Kuchen Kaiser Café

connection: U Kottbusser Tor

address: Oranienplatz 11–13

tel: +49 (0)30 – 614 2697

Morena Café

connection: U Görlitzer Bahnhof

address: Wiener Str. 60

tel: +49 (0)30 – 611 4716

Senti Café

connection: U Kottbusser Tor

address: Paul–Lincke–Ufer 4

tel: +49 (0)30 – 618 8606

Café Stresemann

connection: S Anhalter Bahnhof

address: Stresemannstr. 90

tel: +49 (0)30 – 261 1760

Max und Moritz

connection: U Kottbusser Tor

address: Oranienstr. 162

tel: +49 (0)30 – 614 1045

Café Ritz

The colourful neighbourhood crowd gathers here for breakfast (till 4pm) or find lots of good reasons –such as the friendly staff and the menu– to sit inside or outside and let the day drift by

connection: U Kleistpark

address: Monumentenstr. 29

tel: +49 (0)30 – 78 89 7374

Henne

Garden pub with the roast chicken halves that are famous well beyond Berlin. The lovely interior dates back to 1907.

connection: U Moritzplatz

address: Leuschnerdamm 25

Café am Heinrichplatz Café

connection: U Görlitzer Bahnhof
address: Oranienstr. 13
tel: +49 (0)30 – 618 4446

Morgenland

Saturday and Sunday you find here the best breakfast / brunch of the hole city. The atmosphere is great, friendly young peoples as well as older ones. Best to make a reservation, because in winter the brunch is always booked out. In summer you can also sit outside! TRY IT!

address: Skalitzer Str. 35, 10999 Berlin
openings: Mo–Fr 9 – 1 Uhr, Sa+So 9–2 Uhr, Küche bis 23.30 Uhr, Mittagstisch 12–17 Uhr
tel: 611 31 83 or 611 32 91

Sarods Thai Restaurant

connection: U Gneisenaustraße
address: Friesenstr. 22
tel: +49 (0)30 – 69 50 73 33

Chandra Kumari

connection: U Mehringdamm
address: Gneisenaustr. 4
tel: +49 (0)30 – 694 12 03

Pagode

connection: U Gneisenaustraße
address: Bergmannstr. 88
tel: +49 (0)30 – 691 26 40

Shanti

Newly-renovated solid Indian restaurant with no smoking tables and more customers since the hype about Amrit opposite has died down.

address: Oranienstr. 202–203
connection: U Görlizer Bahnhof

Catfood Sushi Japanisch

Lots of delicious raw fish variations and Japanese soups give you a taste for the sea.

connection: U Südstern
address: Körtestr. 8
tel: +49 (0)30 – 693 02 27

Mai Thai Imbiss Imbiss

connection: U Gneisenaustraße
address: Zossener Str. 13
tel: +49 (0)30 – 694 06 35

Amrit

Popular and reasonably priced Indian restaurant

connection: U Görlitzer Bahnhof
address: Oranienstr. 202–203
tel: +49 (0)30 – 612 55 50

India

connection: U Mehringdamm, U7 Gneisenaustraße
address: Bergmannstr. 100
tel: +49 (0)30 – 692 69 76

Kreuzberg – Accommodation

Berlin is prepared for its budget travellers from all over the world and most of the time it wont be that hard to find a hostel or cheap hotel. However, be aware that especially over summer, it can get crowded and it wont be a luxury to make a reservation beforehand. Kreuzberg has several good sleep cheap options and one of the reasons might be that is is not immediately in the centre, but it sure is pretty close. As goes for most places, a middle class or first class hotel shouldnt be that difficult to find.

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Hotel Transit

connection: U Anhalter Bahnhof
address: Hagelberger Straße 53–54
tel: +49 (0)30 – 789 0470

Hotel Am Anhalter Bahnhof

address: Stresemannstraße 36
connection: U Möckernbrücke
tel: +49 (0)30 – 251 0342

Hotel am Hermannplatz

connection: U Schönleinstraße
address: Kottbusser Damm
24
tel: +49 (0)30 – 695
9130

Hotel Stuttgarter Hof

address: Anhalter Straße 9
tel: +49 (0)30 – 264 8300

Hotel Antares

address: Stresemannstraße 97
tel: +49 (0)30 – 254 1600

ESTA Tagungshotel Berlin

address: Mariannenplatz 2–6
tel: +49 (0)30 – 617 9710

Mitwohnagentur Freiraum

address: Wiener Str. 14
tel: +49 (0)30 – 618 2008

Freiraum Gästehaus

address: Wiener Str. 14
tel: +49 (0)30 – 618 2008

Die Fabrik

address: Schlesische Str. 18
tel: +49 (0)30 – 611 7116

JGH Deutsche Schreberjugend

address: Franz–Künstler–Str. 10
tel: +49 (0)30 – 615 1007

Nordufer

address: Nordufer 28
tel: +49 (0)30 – 451 9911

Jugendgästehaus der DSJ

address: Franz–Künstler–Straße 4–10
Alte Feuerwache

address: Axel–Springer–Str. 40–41
tel: +49 (0)30 – 253 9220

Kreuzberg – Sights

History has left its mark on Berlin, not in the least on Kreuzberg. These days, it still is a melting-pot of different cultures and activities. The Kreuzberg Hill is Berlins only hill and serves most of the time as a relaxation spot with both locals and tourist. The best thing to do is wander around the area and visit the several squares and museums and let yourself be overwhelmed by the hustle and bustle in the area. An absolute must is the Checkpoint Charlie museum, offering an impressive overview of this crossing-point, and the Jewish Museum designed by Libeskind. On Auguststrasse are several art galleries.

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Jewish cemetery

The remains of the first Jewish cemetery

address: Grosse Hamburger Strasse

Heilig-Kreuz-Kirche

address: Zossener Str. 65

tel: +49 (0)30 – 691 20 07

Passionskirche

address: Marheinekeplatz 1–2

tel: +49 (0)30 – 612 68 17

New Synagogue

address: Oranienburger Strasse

Jerusalems- und Neue Kirchengemeinde III

address: Mehringdamm 21

tel: +49 (0)30 – 622 10 63

Dreifaltigkeits cemetery

Amongst others, graves from Mendelssohn and Bartholdy.

address: Eingänge: Mehringdamm und Zossener Str.

tel: +49 (0)30 – 622 10 63

Der Marheinekeplatz

Chamissoplatz

Heinrichplatz

Mehringplatz Mehringplatz (ehemals Belle-Alliance-Platz).

Askanischer Platz

Kreuzberg Museum

address: Am Mariannenplatz

Jewish Museum

Libeskind's academic and intellectual exertions resulted in this spectacular and unusual building.

connection: U Kochstrasse

address: Lindenstrasse 14

Museum House Checkpoint Charlie

This museum tells the history of this (in)famous frontier crossing–point. Until the fall of the wall, this was the only Checkpoint Charlie as the only place where foreigners could cross the border.

address: Friedrichstraße 44

Gay Museum, Archive and Library (Schwules Museum)

address: Mehringdamm 61

tel: +49 (0)30 – 693 11 72

Kreuzberg

The highest natural hill in Berlin that attracts many visitors who want to relax a bit. On the top, you'll see, besides a waterfall, Schinkels memorial to the Liberation Wars.

Der Anhalter Bahnhof

This used to be the biggest train station, surrounded by the hustle and bustle of the street and many hotels in the 1920s–1930s. Nowadays, you can try to catch a glimpse of the former glorious days.

address: Askanischer Platz

Checkpoint Charlie

Hallesches Tor

This gateway marks the streets from which most trade and contact with Sachsen took place.

Oberbaumbrücke

One of the places where people had to pay customs in the former days.

Kreuzberg – Shopping

Kreuzberg is a paradise when it comes down to junk items, second–hand books, second–hand clothes, hard–ware and soft–ware. Whatever you're looking for, you'll find it in one of the many shops or at the famous flea market. Practise your bargain skills at the markets and buy some silly and interesting things at shops such as the famous button shop.

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Plaste + Elaste

English underground fashions: colourful patent, gothic, latex, punk, kinky glam-rock. Cheap Rangers and Doc Martens.. Mo-We 10:30am -6:30pm, Th+Fr 10:30am -8pm, Sa 10am -4pm.

address: Bergmannstr. 15

connection: U Gneisenastr

Fleamarket at Moritzplatz

People hold different views on this flea market at Moritzplatz. Some people see it as a patch of misery and a big pile of junk, while others proudly present the choice of bargains they've picked up here. The market's own advertisements promise art, kitsch and second-hand goods. Apart from that, there are lots of technical and electronic appliances and – pure junk. This market isn't really the place for pretty knickknacks – in fact, for many people it's part of their basic existence. This gives visitors a radically different picture from the usual flea market. Sa and Su 8 am-4 pm.

address: Moritzplatz

connection: U
Moritzplatz

Ararat

Paper shop with a huge selection of postcards and unusual presents. Picture frames and art reproductions also at the branch at Mo-Fr 10am -8pm, Sa 10am -4pm

address: Bergmannstr. 9

connection: U Gneisenastr

Belladonna

Pure natural cosmetics and perfumes. You can relax wonderfully in the cosmetic cubicle. Mo-Fr 10am -7pm, Sa 10am-4pm.

address: Bergmannstr. 101

connection: U Gneisenastr.

John Glet

Working clothes, particularly the kind you can as a basis for rave and street fashion, Mo-Th 8am -6pm, Fr 8am -2pm, Sa 9am -1pm.

address: Mehringdamm 27

connection: U Mehringdamm

Knopf Paul

Button shop (wholesale and retail) with buttons – modern or old – in all shapes and colours. Masses and masses – a paradise. Tu+Fr 9am -6pm, We+Th 2pm -6pm, Sa Winterfeldtmarkt.

address: Zossener Str.
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connection: U
Gneisenastr

Colours

Secondhand and new clothes in a backyard shop. Huge selection of '70s clothes. Paradise for retro fans., Mo–Fr 11am –8pm, Sa 10am –4pm.

address: Bergmannstr. 102
connection: U Mehringdamm

O 14

Karin's small cosy shop at beautiful Heinrichplatz sells trendy, select Berlin outfits including designer wear. Mo–Fr 1pm –7pm, Sa noon –3pm.

address: Oranienstr. 14
connection: U Kottbusser Tor

Stoffwechsel

Imports hard and soft wear directly from Britain and France for the Kreuzberg street jungle. Another branch at Oranienburgerstr. 3 in Mitte. Mo–We 11am –7pm, Th+Fr 11am –8pm, Sa 11am –4pm.

address: Oranienstr. 32
connection: U Kottbusser Tor

Zizzewizz

The very special secondhand shop. Quality garments from the golden '20s to the garish '70s., Mo–Th 1pm –7pm, Fr till 8pm, Sa 11am–4pm.

address: Wiener Str. 20
connection: U Görlitzer Bahnhof

Hard Wax

Berlin's and Germany's first port of call for electronic dance music. A must for all vinyl junkies, amateur and professional DJs. The helpful crew is always at hand with information, you can smoke and drink (water) and, of course, listen, listen, listen. Mo–Fr noon –8pm, Sa 10am –4pm.

address: Paul–Lincke–Ufer 44A
connection: U Kottbusser Tor

Scenario und New noise

Everything to satisfy your noise needs – the finest vinyl and CDs, and accessories to match. Mo–Fr 11am –7pm except Th noon–8pm, Sa 11am–4pm

address: Schönleisterstr. 31
connection: U Schönleister

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Notes:

Prenzlauer Berg

The nightlife literally throbs and pulsates in the old working-class area between Schönhauser Allee and Prenzlauer Allee. But not only that – more youngsters and families have moved here and the scene has grown here more rapidly than anywhere else in Berlin. At the moment Prenzlauer Berg is still an oasis of creative life – though some corners have already fallen prey to speculators.

It's busiest of all around Kollwitzplatz and Wasserturmplatz. In the daytime as well as at night, a mixed, colourful scene gathers in Anita Wronski or Kommandantur. Another good place to refuel after the hectic round is Café M.A.K., where you can spend the early morning lying on a sofa listening to the DJs. Santiago, with its good cheap cocktails, is better for evenings.

You can eat and drink in November, Pasternak or Gugelhof, which is very good but not all that cheap. A couple of doors away from Gugelhof is Nostalghia, a Russian studio theatre with teas and red vodka. Go inside and you're in another world. The delightful little touches and the whole atmosphere take you deep into the Russian soul or simply to the charming lady of the house, Marina.

The AKBA Lounge in Sredzskistraße is very different – music between house and hits. In front is a bar, always pretty packed, and behind is the club room. All sorts of concerts are held in Knaack-Club and on weekends there are three different discos, from pop to punk to house. Fans of harder sounds gravitate to Duncker in Dunckerstraße.

Pfefferberg is an old brewery with one of the most beautiful beer gardens in the city. Inside the building you find a varied programme with lots of world music. Prenzlauer Berg is very much a beer garden Eldorado. Prater in Kastanienallee invites you to linger with its ideal mix of beer and culture. The Volksbühne's second theatre stage is also located here. It's really worth seeing a production if you can.

Prenzlauer Berg – Internet Cafes

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Alpha

address: Dunckerstr. 72
connection: U Schönhauser Allee
tel: +49 (0)30 – 447 90 67

Prenzlauer Berg – Eating Out

Prenzlauer Berg offers a great variety in cuisines. Whether you're looking for a tasty Turkish meal, an Italian pizza, an exclusive and expensive meal at one of the many international restaurants, a quick kebab, or a good meal at a charming cafe accompanied by a fine glass of beer.....just explore the area or choose from one of the following recommendations.

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Metzer Eck

Old pub that survived the wars and shows its history on the walls.

address: Metzer Str. 33
connection: U Senefelderplatz
tel: +49 (0)30 442 76 56

November Café

This restaurant has been popular for years, not only in November, because its good for breakfast, reading the papers, prime location and friendly people here

address: Husemannstr. 15
connection: U Eberswalder Straße
tel: +49 (0)30 442 84 25

Schall & Rauch

This tastefully stylish café restaurant with its multisexual atmosphere (but advances aren't obligatory) is ideal for eating, drinking and just looking. Specials: cheap lunch menu (noon –5pm) for ca. 10DM and the moonlight Hour (Su–Th midnight –2am), when all drinks glow at cheaper prices.

address: Gleimstr. 23
connection: U Schönhauser Allee

Amsterdam Café

address: Gleimstr. 24
connection: U+S–Bhf. Schönhauser Allee
tel: +49 (0)30 448 07 92

Babel Café

Cosy place that offers the right atmosphere and good food.

address: Käthe–Niederkirchner–Str. 2
tel: +49 (0)30 424 75 52

Lampion

Every Sunday, the owner will surprise you with his puppet play (besides the tasty dishes).

address: Knaackstr. 54
connection: U Eberswalder Straße
tel: +49 (0)30 442 60 26

Santiago

Friendly pub with good menu, tasty cocktails, a tapas selection for late-night hunger, and occasional parties. Breakfast brunch on Sundays 9am –4pm.

address: Wörther Str. 36
connection: U Senefelderplatz

Café Anita Wronski

Meetingplace, especially in summer a must. Mo–Fr 9am –2am, Sa+Su from 10am, meals till 11pm.

address: Knaackstr. 26–28
connection: U Senefelderplatz

Konnopeke

address: Schönhauser Allee 44a
connection: U Eberswalder Str

Soda

Newly-opened at the turn of the millenium in the grounds of the Kulturbrauerei –a mixture of restaurant, salon in the style of the 1920s and club. The idea is to set a trend in Prenzlauer Berg for upmarket amusement. Fr+Sa 11pm –open end, admission: 10DM.

address: Schönhauser Allee 36
connection: U Eberswalder Str

La Bodeguita del Medio

Atmospheric South American pub where you can celebrate the fiesta under the portrait of Castro leader and if you find an empty bit of wall or a free table you're allowed to inscribe your message for eternity, daily 6pm –open end.

address: Lychener Str. 6
connection: U Senefelderplatz

Manson

The later it gets into the night, the more this pub fills up with fans of techno, house and drum'n'bass. Daily from 7pm –open end.

address: Schliemannstr. 37
connection: U Eberwalder Str.

Pfefferberg

Beautiful beergarden and parties and concerts of all kinds, opening times and admission depending on the season.

address: Schönhauser Allee 176

connection: U Senefelderplatz

Prater

Beer and culture.

address: Kastanienallee 7–9

connection: U Eberswalder Str.

Café M.A.K.

address: Kollwitzstr. 87

connection: U Senefelder Platz

Titanic

The only wet danger here is the fact that you'll probably drink a few famous local beers.

address: Winsstr. 30

tel: +49 (0)30 442 03 40

Dreyfus Café

Multiple choice when it comes down to tasty breakfasts.

address: Wörther Str. 25

connection: U Senefelderplatz

tel: +49 (0)30 43 73 95 17

Harlem Café

address: Rodenbergstr. 37

connection: U+S-Bhf. Schönhauser Allee

tel: +49 (0)30 444 56 54

Malzcafé Café

address: Knaackstr. 99

connection: Tram 13

tel: +49 (0)30 44 04 72 27

La Paz

address: Kastanienallee 18

connection: U2 Eberswalder Straße

tel: +49 (0)30 473 43 71

Frida Kahlo

This really nice restaurant is named after the Mexican cult figure, the painter Frida Kahlo. It always seems to be sumer here. Cheap, top quality Texmex in huge portions and a mainly young crowd in one of the most

original corners of P'berg.

address: Lychenerstraße 37

connection: U Eberswalder Str

Hemingway

address: Greifswalder Str. 227

connection: S Greifswalder Straße

tel: +49 (0)30 44 85 869

La Bodeguita del Medio

address: Lychener Str. 6

connection: U Eberswalder Straße

tel: +49 (0)30 442 96 98

French Quarter

Excellent international cuisine with the emphasis on southern countries –portions guaranteed to fill you up. Wide variety of different breakfasts, Su brunch 10am–4pm. Lots of space to eat outside. Sat from 10pm is the ideal time for jazz fans, daily 11am –open end.

address: Schwedter Str. 18

connection: U Senefelderplatz

Restaurant am Wasserturm

This restaurant is next to the synagogue –the only one that survived the Nazi regime relatively unscathed, because it was right next to housing and therefore not a target of arson. The restaurant offers traditional Jewish food. You eat here elegantly with piano accompaniment, and from March Klezmer music will be played here. It's not orthodox here because the food isn't kosher.

address: Knaackstr. 22

connection: U Senefelderplatz

Weitzmann

Very creative restaurant with Bauhaus–style decor and superb regional cuisine (main courses 15–30DM). Centrally located at Kollwitzplatz with crowded pavement tables and much praised breakfast a la carte.

address: Husemannstr.2

connection: U Senefelderplatz

Little shop of food

Not the place for meat eaters. Take a culinary tour through the international vegetable garden. Vegetarian dishes at decent prices. Hot and cold seasonal delicacies –and in summer you can order your meals outside.

address: Kollwitzstraße 90

connection: U Eberswalder Str
Gugelhof

The best restaurant in the square with the nicest staff. Cuisine from the German, Swiss, French border region. Daily 10am –1am, meals till 23.30.

address: Knaackstr. 37
connection: U Senefelderplatz

Ellopia

Excellent Greek restaurant with charming.

address: Erich–Weinert–Str. 55
connection: U+S–Bhf. Schönhauser Allee
tel: +49 (0)30 446 41 35

Miro

How about emigrating to Anatolia for the evening? When you come in here and smell the aroma of grilled lamb and garlic you'll hardly want to go looking for paradise anywhere else. Big generous breakfast menu in the daytime (till 3pm) and buffet breakfast at the weekend.

address: Raumerstr. 28–29
connection: S Prenzlauer Allee

Aragon

Delicious little tapas or bocadillos, accompanied by wine and served by friendly waitresses. All this helps to allay the longing for sunnier climes. Inside it's tipico, outside you can enjoy the view of Wasserturm park and the beautiful old buildings on the square.

address: Diedenhoferstr. 6
connection: U Senefelderplatz

Belluno

address: Kollwitzstr. 66
connection: U2 Senefelderplatz
tel: +49 (0)30 441 05 48

Il Pane et le rose Italienisch

address: Am Friedrichshain 6
connection: S Greifswalder Straße
tel: +49 (0)30 423 19 16

Pizzeria Kommandantur

address: Knaackstr. 18

tel: +49 (0)30 44 35 88 64

Trattoria Lappoggi

address: Kollwitzstr. 56

connection: U2 Senefelderplatz

tel: +49 (0)30 442 63 47

Belluno

Italian cuisine far better than the packet variety from mamma Miracoli. Freshly-cooked pasta and pizza for the whole family. Gourmets can work their way through various refined dishes while enjoying the sight of the crowds on Kollwitzplatz –almost like in Bella Italia.

address: Kollwitzstr. 66

connection: U Senefelderplatz

Treviso

Restaurant high above Schönhauser Allee in a big villa, specialising in north Italian food (polenta) and wines. Berlin may be bustling all around, but here you can indulge your fantasies about places just the other side of the Alps. Highly recommended. Su Buffet brunch for 16,50DM.

address: Schönhauser Allee 12

connection: U Senefelderplatz

Al dente

address: Greifswalder Str. 29

connection: S Greifswalder Straße, Tram 2, 3, 4

tel: +49 (0)30 425 44 24

Suriya Kanthi

address: Knaackstr. 4

connection: U Senefelderplatz

tel: +49 (0)30 442 53 01

Sushianer

address: Kollwitzstr. 74

connection: U Senefelderplatz

tel: +49 (0)30 44 04 69 13

Ganges

address: Griebenowstr. 10

connection: U Senefelderplatz

tel: +49 (0)03 449 27 14

Perle

address: Schönhauser Allee 61
connection: U+S-Bhf. Schönhauser Allee
tel: +49 (0)30 444 72 70

Bahu

Indian specialities in a symbiosis of snack bar and typical folklore –the place where maharaja dreams come true.

address: Rykestraße 15
connection: U Senefelderplatz

Tandoor

Indian food in a sober atmosphere between students' canteen and New Objectivity –cheap tasty dishes and always full. In fine weather you can eat outside.

address: Rykestr. 42
connection: U Senefelderplatz, Eberwalder Str.

Maharadscha II

address: Schönhauser Allee 142
tel: +49 (0)30 448 51 72

Ostwind

address: Husemannstr. 13
connection: U Senefelderplatz
tel: +49 (0)30 441 59 51

Mao Thai

address: Wörther Str. 30
connection: U Senefelderplatz
tel: +49 (0)30 441 92 61

Prenzlauer Berg – Accommodation

There are several options to spend the night. Although this area does not have that many Sleep Cheap options, the market is expanding and the best thing to do is probably to inform at the spot for the latest newcomers. There are a quite a lot of Middle Class options. In this section, you'll find a list of the best-known hotels in Prenzlauer Berg.

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Lette'm sleep Hostel

address: Lettestr. 7

tel: +49 (0)30 447 36 23

Holiday Inn Berlin City Center East

connection: S Prenzlauer Allee

address: Prenzlauer Allee 169

tel: +49 (0)33 446610

Park Plaza Hotel Berlin

Kees van Nierop: The Hotel is clean, comfortable and close to the tramway. Breakfast is by an extensive buffet. Price/ Quality is good. The bar is in the reception area, which is not very inviting. General comment: Good and friendly.

connection: S Landsberger Allee

address: Storkower Straße 160–162

tel: +49 (0)33 421810

Haus Acksel

address: Belforter Straße 21

connection: U Senefelderplatz

tel: +49 (0)33 44337633

Privatzimmer Schulz

address: Immanuelkirchstr. 34

connection: U Senefelderplatz

tel: +49 (0)33 44048108

Hotel Geifswald

address: Greifswalder Straße 211

connection: U Senefelderplatz

tel: +49 (0)33 442 7888

Bornholmer Hof

address: Bornholmer Straße 92

connection: U Vinetastraße

tel: +49 (0)33 4440573

Hotel Ibis Berlin Mitte

address: Prenzlauer Allee 4

connection: U Rosa–Luxemburg–Platz

tel: +49 (0)33 443330

Myer's Hotel Berlin

address: Metzer Straße 26
 connection: U Senefelderplatz
 tel: +49 (0)33 440140
Pension Bornholmer Hof

address: Bornholmer Str. 92
 tel: +49 (0)30 444 0573

Prenzlauer Berg – Getting Around

Prenzlauer Berg

by Gisela Hoelscher and some others

When people talked about Prenzlauer Berg, for a long time they meant the area around Kollwitzplatz and the water tower. But the old working-class district is much bigger than that, and various different scenes have now developed there.

Most of the pubs and cafés are still concentrated around Kollwitzplatz and Wasserturmplatz. A few years ago it was still an experimental area for adventurers and creative spirits, with an air of improvisation. Now the area seems rather established. Most of the houses have been renovated and simply glow with their freshly-painted turn-of-the-century beauty, idyllic and picturesque like a glossy advent calendar. Only a few still have peeling plaster façades and the remains of old shop signs and crumbling brickwork. A well-dressed crowd of young people can be seen here both daytime and evenings. In summer the old streets exude a truly Mediterranean flair and chairs and tables are set up outside wherever possible. In summer in Berlin, life happens outdoors. Then it hardly matters where you spend the time – whether at *Anita Wronski* at the water tower, sipping an elegant cocktail outside the *Akba-Lounge* in Sredzkistraße or in one of the many cafés and bars in Rykestraße, Kollwitzstraße or Husemannstraße. In winter people are a bit more choosy – those with aspirations only drink a coffee here and don't stay long because they're going to spend the late night elsewhere. An exception is the bizarre little *Luxus Bar* in Belforter Straße, which only fills up late and where you can stay forever. If you're hungry, *Tandoor* or *Bahu* in Rykestraße offer very cheap Indian delicacies – you can smell the curry 100 metres away. Kollwitzstraße is also trying its luck as Little Italy: most of the restaurants here are Italian, in all price categories. *Belluno* provides a good compromise between expensive and tasty. *Gugelhof* is the right place in this area for a big leisurely breakfast. At Wasserturmplatz you can sample a large variety of cuisines from different countries and cultures: Russian in *Pasternak*, Jewish food in *Restaurant am Wasserturm* or Spanish (tapas) in *Aragon* in Diederhöferstraße. Or you can simply pick up a falafel or shawarma and sit in the park above the tower with a view of Mitte district and a couple of boccia players in the background. In communist times this neighbourhood was already something very special. Its idyllic atmosphere is not only decisively cordoned off geographically by Prenzlauer Allee and Danziger Straße. Beyond Prenzlauer Allee you really go deep into the east. Life seems more leisurely; people know each other. They even talk differently – you can hear the typical Berlin dialect everywhere. At the moment there's restoration going on all around. There are hardly any fashionable pubs here, but changes are in the offing: for instance, new shops and restaurants are setting up in Winsstraße. *Titanic* has been here for quite a while now and is good for a relaxed game of billiards. *anna chron*, in Marienburger Straße, sells cult furniture and accessories from the '60s and '70s at much cheaper prices than in Mitte. In Immanuelkirchstraße you find one Indian restaurant after another where you can eat tasty food at reasonable prices. Somewhat

further down, tucked away in a backyard and oddly enough, right next to a fitness studio, is **Blow-up**, a cosy neighbourhood cinema with worn-out velvet and good movies. The **Filmtheater am Friedrichshain**, close to the area's major park, is also very lovely, with several screens, good films and a beergarden in green surroundings for before and afterwards.

The area around Helmholtzplatz between Danziger Straße, Prenzlauer Allee and Schönhauser Allee is quite different. The houses are rundown, rents are cheap and the little park in the middle of the square is mainly a gathering-place for alcoholics. It's not sleepy here, but trashy – but original local neighbourhood blossoms are sprouting here again. In **Wohnzimmer** in Lettestraße you can recline in the afternoon on a chaise-longue; later it will become full, hot and stuffy, but everybody's happy in this atmosphere of elegant salon decor and Gelsenkirchen Baroque. This neighbourhood is nice for breakfast – **Eckstein** in Pappelallee is particularly popular, along with **Frida Kahlo** and the other cafés in Raumerstraße. The sombre charm of the neighbourhood makes it interestingly lively, and lots of new places are setting up around Stargarder Straße.

The area around Kastanienallee towards Mitte district presents yet another world. Here there are bars and clubs that only open briefly – so-called Monday or Wednesday bars, called after their opening days. They're more or less illegal and have a brief, excessive existence before they vanish again without trace. Longer-lived establishments like **An einem Sonntag im August** or **Café Schwarz Sauer** constantly attract a colourful crowd of guests, mainly students. At the start of the avenue is a Berlin institution: **Prater**, a beergarden which first opened in 1852, where you can not only drink your beer under tall shady trees but go to concerts and other cultural events. The Volksbühne am Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz also stages theatre productions here. Another, very beautiful beergarden is **Pfefferberg**, on Schönhauser Allee at Senefelder Platz. The old brewery has been converted into a venue for parties, festivals and lots of music, especially of French origin.

Brewing obviously used to flourish in this neighbourhood, because the **Kulturbrauerei** is also close by, between Schönhauser Allee and Danziger Straße. Here parties and concerts are being embellished by art and culture, because galleries are moving in alongside the dancefloors and people with a taste for melancholy and nostalgia can indulge themselves in the Russian studio theatre.

Another leisure spot near Kastanienallee is **Mauerpark** below the Jahn Stadium. Very early on there was a freight depot on the site; then the Berlin Wall between Wedding and Prenzlauer Berg ran along here. This explains why the park is so oddly partitioned: you sit on an embankment and look at the rows of houses in Wedding. The park can hardly be described in terms of classical beauty, but it's still a very popular place for people to meet, read peacefully and lie in the sun.

Prenzlauer Berg – Nightlife and Entertainment

Prenzlauer Berg, east of Kreuzberg, is not the most impressive area to walk around it. Although the Kollwitzplatz and the Grunderzeit are still charming, the rest became part of acivilization project. But you might not see this when youre roaming around at night in order to find out where the nightlife beats. Well, it sure goes on in many places. Especially at Kollwitzplatz, youll find a lot of bars and clubs.

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Viva Maria

Have you got the Latin lover rhythm in your blood? You can live out your passion for dancing here to tango and salsa sounds –and eat and drink wonderfully in revolutionary style from Mexico to Tierra del Fuego. Varying opening times and admission prices

address: Oderberger Str. 61

connection: U Eberswalder Str.

Bastard Club

Well known place for the 'scene' crowd.

address: Kastanienalle 7–9

connection: U+S Eberswalder Str.

tel: +49 (0)30 903 4767

Knaack-Klub

Concerts, Fr and Sa discos with different musical styles. Five bars in an American–style billiard café. We 8pm, Fr+Sa 9pm, billiards daily 6pm –2am, admission: from 11pm: We 5DM, Fr+Sa 10DM.

address: Greifswalder Str. 224

connection: S Greifswalder Str

Screen

Hotspot with daily changing DJs (house, trip hop, jazz etc.). Video performances by artists. High quality and communicative, great for working up a sweat –good chilled cocktails. Admission free! Daily 4pm –open end.

address: Kollwitzstr. 87

connection: U Eberswalderstr

H2O

A hiphop bastion for the young crowd with live DJ every day who makes the graffiti shiver. Su–Th 5pm –3am, Fr & Sa 5pm –open end.

address: Kastanienallee 16

connection: U Eberswalder Str.

Duncker

The place for crypties and other fans of ghouls and ghosts –but there's also something for alternative types. Mo: Gothic–dark wave, Tu: '60s +'70s, W: electronic freestyle, Th: concerts (crossover), Fr: Brit pop, Sa: independent club music. Su–Th from 10pm, Fr–Sa from 11pm –open end, normally We closed, admission: 5–15DM.

address: Dunckerstr. 64

connection: U Eberswalder Str

Kulturbrauerei

There are still a lot of new things at this former brewery. An established venue for culture and definitely worth visiting, the Kulturbrauerei is organised in three sections each featuring parties or theatre. Concerts in the Kesselhaus, always big party at Sa from 10pm. Alte Kantine always dancing and in The Gallery has Russian theatre, Gallery We–Fr 4pm –8pm, Alte Kantine almost every day from 10pm, Kesselhaus various times admission: Kantine 5DM, Kesselhaus 10–18DM.

address: Knaackstr. 97
connection: U Eberswalder Str.

Kommandantur

address: Knaackstr. 20
connection: U Eberswalder Str.

AKBA Lounge

A cocktailbar with club at the weekend (Fr+Sa 10DM) –a mix of music from the '70s, '80s, and '90s, is played to put you in a good mood.

address: Sredzkistr. 64
connection: U Eberswalder Str

"An einem Sonntag im August...."

A student café that's nice in every season and on every weekday –cheap buffets mornings and evenings (student buffet 9am –4pm, evening banquet buffet 6pm –1am, 5DM!) The café also offers events e.g. Th –literary reading, Erotic stories for the night, which seem to take as encouragement.

address: Kastanienallee 103
connection: U Eberswalder Str

Eckstein

Light, dependable café, usually pretty full –one of the biggest hits in the neighbourhood, especially in summer when there's stiff competition for one of the rare places in the sun. Mo–Th 9am –2am, Fr+Sa till 3am.

address: Pappelallee 73
connection: U Eberswalder Str

Nosthalgia

Russion spirit(s)!

address: Knaackstr. 43–45
connection: U Eberswalder Str.

Transilvania, Horror Rock Kafe

This type of pub has already been a wild succes in 18 Italian cities. Now the terror has arrived in Berlin. But it's only half as wild as it sounds –in the gravedigger's decor complete with coffins you can stage your own horror picture show to the accompaniment of sounds from past decades. Daily from 4.30pm.

address: Schönhauser Allee 5
connection: U Rosa–Luxemburg–Platz

Schwarzauer

A very popular place for tanking up in the neighbourhood scene and always full. In summer you find the crowds on the pavement outside, which is due to the masses of pubs and clubs in the area. After all, the main aim is to see and be seen. Daily 8am –6am.

address: Kastanienallee 13
connection: U Eberswalder Str

Café und pension Amsterdam

Cult place, already multicultural and multisexual at breakfast time, changing DJs in the evening in a relaxed atmosphere. If you've drunk too much at night maybe you can get one of the rare beds in the attached guesthouse. Daily 9am –1am, guesthouse round the clock.

address: Gleimstr. 24
connection: U+S–Bhf. Schönhauser Allee
tel: +49 (0)30 448 07 92

Luxus Bar

Luxus Bar is tucked away not far from the pubs at the water tower, but it offers another kind of idyll in contrast to their collective cosiness. The walls are covered with Spanish tiles and an aquarium above the bar emits a dim light. The atmosphere is relaxed, even if there's sometimes a Wagner opera echoing through the small room. People come here late and round off their evening nicely with decent red wine or gin and tonic, daily from 8pm.

address: Belforter Str. 18
connection: U Senefelderplatz

Casino Berlin

This very popular night club in an old bread factory literally sparkles with big name DJs and houses some insider subclubs. In summer the big courtyard invites you to take it easy, but is often too full of chic types which rather spoils the fun... check it out yourself. Fr+Sa from 11pm, Su from 5pm, admission: 10–15DM.

address: Saarbrücker Str. 36–38
connection: U Senefelderplatz

Prenzlauer Berg – Shopping

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anna chron

Furniture and accessories from the '50s, '60s and '70s – timeless design restyled to bring out its old glamour. The stylish objects are presented to admirers in a semi-private atmosphere. Even less well-off fans of classical elegance can afford the prices. Tu–Fr 1pm –7pm, Sa 11am –3pm.

address: Winsstr. 13

connection: U Senefelderplatz

Furniture

Not only furniture from the '60s and '70s, but a whole way of life, with wallpaper, fabrics and magazines along with all sorts of knick-knacks. Kitted out like this, you feel just like the original Barbie doll in her pink living-room. Tu, Th, Fr 12:30pm –7pm, We 2pm –7pm, Sa 12:30pm –4pm.

address: Sredzkistr. 22

connection: U Eberswalder Str.

No Naked – Club'n Future Wear

Hot clothes for club tours and vinyl delicacies for the turntable. Mo–Fr noon –8pm, Sa noon –4pm.

address: Oderbergerstr. 7

connection: U Eberswalder Str

Ultramarin

At Kollwitzplatz – from sporty to elegant clothes for men and women. Regular fashion shows. Mo–Fr noon –8pm, Sa 11am –4pm.

address: Wörter Str. 33

connection: U Eberswalder Str.

Eisdieler

Sports wear and jewelry made by the shop's own designers. Mo–Fr noon –8pm, Sa 10am –6pm.

connection: S Oranienburger Str.

address: Kastanienallee 12

Oralon

Secondhand and new wares with lots from the US from the '60s and the '70s. Lovely hair dyes. Mo–Fr 11am –7:30pm, Sa 11am –3:30pm.

address: Danziger Str.45

connection: U Eberswalder Str

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Design from the '60s and '70s presented in a colourful hotch-potch far from the notion of stylish arrangement. This is the place for Emma Peel and the other secret agents to find the right secondhand clothes, accessories, furniture – and especially lamps for those cool cocktail sessions. Reasonable prices. Mo–Fr noon –7pm, Sa

10am –3pm.

address: Marienburger Str. 9

connection: U Senefelderplatz

Buschmann

Head shop and for growing your own. Grass is the word here –under www.hanfbranchenbuch.de. Mo–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa 10am –4pm, in winter 10am –7pm.

address: Eberswalder Str. 29

connection: U Eberswalder Str

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Notes:

Schöneberg

Not only the locals in Schöneberg enjoy carousing in the area between the U-Bahn stations Nollendorfplatz and Eisenacher Straße. Schöneberg inhabitants are known for their style, even if non-style is in, and have no trouble bridging the blatant lifestyle gap between Kreuzberg and Wilmersdorf. The whole area is full of places offering the best in modern living – or is it only trendy? Way-out shoes, exclusive antique shops, gracious interiors, elegant restaurants and erotic, innovative clothes.

One of the oldest and biggest dance temples is the Metropol at Nollendorfplatz. This includes the Loft, venue of legendary concerts, like Café Swing opposite. Genuine Schönebergers gather on Saturday mornings before 2 pm to go shopping at Winterfeldtmarkt and start the day amid the easy-going bustle wearing dark glasses after the long Friday nights. On the days when there's no market, inline skaters and various other kinds of boarders turn the flat expanse of the square into an arena. The surrounding cafés, Sidney, Berio and Belmundo invite you to a big leisurely breakfast. Habibi, one of the best falafel bars in the city, is also directly on Winterfeldtplatz. You can spend the whole day at Tim's Canadian Deli. Breakfast from 8 am, and later you can tuck into muffins, chicken wings, spare ribs, burgers and all those other tasty Canadian delicacies. But the place to get really soused is Green Door nearby. Watch out for the bouncers at the door!

Off the south side of the square, to the right in Hohenstaufenstraße is the scene pub Mutter. Further on in Goltzstraße is a whole array of pubs and cafés. After the Indian institution Rani you find the famous Café M, with Lux next door. They offer big cups of their highly popular café au lait at any time of day or night. Good cocktails are professionally mixed in Mr. Hu's Bar. And close by is Havanna with salsa, latino and hiphop on three dance floors. There's no lack of culinary delights here either: along with Indian food, there are snack bars for hot dogs, pizza, Tex-Mex and much more. It's well worth peeping into the side streets and strolling down Akazienstraße towards Hauptstraße – the network of cafés, restaurants and bars is getting more intricate all the time.

Schöneberg – Eating Out

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Felsenkeller

Popular place with the youngsters.

connection: U7 Eisenacher Straße
address: Akazienstr. 2
tel: +49 (0)30 – 781 34 47

Slumberland

Nice café with good food and an African setting.

connection: U-Bhf. Nollendorfplatz
address: Goltzstr. 24

tel: +49 (0)30 – 216 53 49

The Shannon

connection: U7 Eisenacher Straße

address: Apostel–Paulus–Str. 34

tel: +49 (0)30 – 781 86 76

Leuchtturm

One of the traditional cafes with an excellent atmosphere in Schoneberg.

connection: U7 Kleistpark

address: Crellestr. 41

tel: +49 (0)30 – 781 85 19

Belmundo

Breakfast in the Schöneberg neighbourhood scene. It's best to book in advance on Sundays for the delicious buffet for 14DM (10am –3pm). Mo–Sa 9am –1am, Su 10am –midnight, meals till 11pm.

connection: U Nollendorfplatz

address: Winterfeldtstr. 36

Habibi

Habibi means beloved –and this is the snack bar beloved by all fans of Near Eastern fast food, located at Winterfeldplatz, which also makes it ideal communication–wise. Su–Th 11am –3am, Fr+Sa 11am –5am

connection: U Nollendorfplatz

address: Goltzstr. 24

Café Tomasa

Around the corner from beautiful Viktoria–Luise–Platz. Not only smart people have breakfast here under portraits of Lempicka. The vegetarian breakfast with courgette jam is well worth sampling. The food is excellent and served in unusual combinations. The main branch is at in Friedenau, Motzstr. 60, daily 9am –2am, meals till 1.30am.

connection: U Viktoria–Luise–Platz

address: Haupstr. 85

Chiaia

connection: U Eisenacher Straße

address: Eisenacher Str. 38/39

tel: +49 (0)30 –11 97 44

Romantica

connection: U Eisenacher Straße

address: Akazienstr. 7a
tel: +49 (0)30 -784 55 18

Mola

connection: U Wittenbergplatz
address: Wittenbergplatz 3
tel: +49 (0)30 -21 47 50 60

Il Sorriso

Excellent Italian dishes. Try the fish pizza.

connection: U Wittenbergplatz
address: Kurfürstenstr. 76
tel: +49 (0)30 -262 13 13 or 262 16 53

Petite Europe

connection: U Kleistpark
address: Langenscheidtstr. 1
tel: +49 (0)30 -781 29 64

Candela

connection: U Eisenacher Straße
address: Grunewaldstr. 81
tel: +49 (0)30 -782 14 09

Asia

Connection: U Eisenacher Straße

address: Grunewaldstr. 21
tel: +49 (0)30 -23 62 02 20

Tiananmen

connection: U+S-Bhf. Bundesplatz
address: Prinzregentenstr. 53
tel: +49 (0)30 -854 95 08

Rani

connection: U Nollendorfplatz
address: Goltzstr. 32
tel: +49 (0)30 -215 26 73

Maharadscha

connection: U-Bhf. Wittenbergplatz
address: Fuggerstr. 21
tel: +49 (0)30 -213 88 26

Rani

The place in Schöneberg to fill up on Indian food, long established and cheap, always crowded in summer. Good for observing the scene of Goltzstraße. Daily 10am –1am.

connection: U Eisenacherstr.
address: Goltzstr. 32

Yogi-Haus

connection: U Eisenacher Straße
address: Belzigerstr. 42
tel: +49 (0)30 -782 92 23

Phuket

connection: U Eisenacher Straße
address: Akazienstr. 3
tel: +49 (0)30 -784 70 15

Bua Luang

connection: U Eisenacher Straße
address: Vorbergstr. 10 a
tel: +49 (0)30 -781 83 81

Witty's Imbiss

First-class currywurst and chips. Organic meat and home-made chips justify the pleasure and force health food freaks to shut up. Ultra-delicious! Next to Deutsche Bank, Mo-Sa 11am –11pm, Su noon midnight.

connection: U Wittenbergplatz
address: Wittenbergplatz

Tim's Canadian Deli

How about a buffalo burger on a toasted bagel with green relish and home-made chips, with a beer from Labatts Ice? If you're still not full you can top up with muffins or brownies. The ideal place for sitting at the window and watching the bustling crowds at the market on Winterfeldtplatz. Daily 8am –open end.

connection: U Nollendorfplatz
address: Maaßenstr. 14

Hot-Dog-Laden

Schöneberg most famous hot canines! With organic meat and chili or sauerkraut or Danish or Vegetarian....

Another branch not far away at Motzstr. Next to the Metropol., U Eisenacher Str. Daily 11am midnight.

connection: U Nollendorfplatz

address: Goltzstr. 15

Ring's

connection: S Friedenau

address: Beckerstr. 12

tel: +49 (0)30 –855 30 08

Steffens

connection: U Bülowstraße

address: Potsdamer Str. 131

tel: +49 (0)30 –215 93 81

Lenzig

connection: U Eisenacher Straße

address: Eisenacher Str. 75

tel: +49 (0)30 –781 17 19

Terra

connection: U+S–Bhf. Innsbrucker Platz

address: Hauptstr. 65

tel: +49 (0)30 –859 48 01

La Cocotte

connection: U Eisenacher Straße

address: Vorbergstr. 10

tel: +49 (0)30 –78 95 76 58

Der Grieche

connection: U Eisenacher Straße

address: Grunewaldstr. 88

tel: +49 (0)30 –781 54 82

Ypsilon

connection: U Kleistpark

address: Hauptstr. 163

tel: +49 (0)30 –782 45 39

Taverna Limani

connection: U Walther–Schreiber–Platz

address: Blankenbergstr. 12
tel: +49 (0)30 852 50 50

Schoneberg – Accommodation

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Pension Zimmer des Westens

connection: U Wittenbergplatz
address: Tauentzienstraße 5
tel: +49 (0)30 214 11 30

B–B Hotel

connection: U Wittenbergplatz
address: Fuggerstraße 13
tel: +49 (0)30 218 70 93

Hotel Sachsenhof

Price per person per night: 57 DM – 130 DM (single or double rooms without breakfast) Accommodation: 1–5–bed rooms Guests: Individuals and groups, all ages.

address: Motzstr. 7
tel: +49 (0)30 216 2074

CVJM–Haus

Price per person per night: 37 DM – 45 DM (incl. breakfast) Accommodation: 1–6–bed rooms Guests: Youth groups and families, average age 10–45.

address: Einemstr. 10
tel: +49 (0)30 264 9100

Enjoy Bed and Breakfast

address: c/o Mann o Meter, Motzstr. 5
tel: +49 (0)30 215 1666

Casa Nostra

Price per person per night: from 30 DM (without breakfast) Accommodation: private Guests: Individuals and small groups, all ages.

address: Mitwohnagentur, Winterfeldstr.46
tel: +49 (0)30 235 5120

Die Pumpe

address: Lützowstr. 42
tel: +49 (0)30 264 8483

Privatfrühstück

address: Apostel–Paulus–Str. 39
tel: +49 (0)30 787 4733

Studentenhotel

connection: U–Bahn 4 Rathaus
address: Meininger Str. 10
tel: +49 (0)30 261 10 97

Jugendhotel Luftbrücke

23 rooms with running water or shower; credit cards: Electronic Cash prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single:from 45,– to 55,– DEM Tempelhof: 1 km Double:from 85,– to 95,– DEM Zoologischer Garten: 5 km 5 km breakfast incl.

address: Kolonnenstraße 10–11

Jugendgästehaus des CVJM Berlin

23 rooms with shared showers prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T., from 39,– to 42,– DEM Tegel: 10 km Zoolog.Garten: 2 km, breakfast incl.

address: Einemstraße 10

Gästehaus Luftbrücke

address: Kolonnenstr. 10
tel: +49 (0)30 784 10 37

Comfort Hotel Auberge

29 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single:from 169,–to 219,–DEM Tegel: 7km Zoolog.Garten: 1km Double:from 199,–to 299,–DEM 5km Wittenbergpl. Zoolog.Garten, breakfast incl.

connection: U Wittenbergplatz
address: Bayreuther Straße 10, 10789 Berlin–Schöneberg
tel: +49 (0)30 235 0020

Scandotel Castor Berlin

78 rooms with shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB, Electronic Cash prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single: from 170,– to 228,– DEM Double: from 185,– to 265,– DEM Tegel: 12 km Zoolog. Garten: 1,5 km, breakfast incl.

address: Fuggerstraße 8

Hotel Air in Berlin

34 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, JCB prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single:from 110,- to 160,-DEM Tempelhof: 5 km Double:from 130,- to 180,-DEM Zoologischer Garten: 1 km breakfast incl.

connection: U Wittenbergplatz
address: Ansbacher Straße 6
tel: +49 (0)30 212 9920

Hotel Schöneberg

31 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single: from 110,- to 190,- DEM Tempelhof: 2 km 7 km Double: from 130,- to 230,- DEM Zoo: 3,5 km, breakfast incl.

address: Hauptstraße 135

Connection CityHotel

connection: U Wittenbergplatz
address: Fuggerstraße 33
tel: +49 (0)30 217 70 28

Hiputh City Apartments

27 apartments; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single: from 95,- to 125,- DEM Double: from 95,- to 125,- DEM Tegel: 10,5 km Zoolog. Garten: 1,7 km, breakfast excl.

address: Else-Lasker-Schüler Straße 16, 10783 Berlin-Schöneberg

Hotel Arco

20 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single:from 100,- to 140,-DEM Double:from 140,- to 180,-DEM Tegel: 8km Zoolog. Garten: 1km, breakfast incl.

address: Geisbergstraße 30

Hotel Sachsenhof am Nollendorfplatz

49 rooms with running water, shower or bathroom/lavatory prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single:from 57,- to 120,- DEM Double:from 99,- to 186,- DEM Tempelhof: 3 km Zool.Garten: 1 km, breakfast DEM 10

address: Motzstraße 7

Hotel Gunia

8 rooms with shower/lavatory or running water prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single:from 80,- to 100,-DEM Tempelhof: 3 km Double:from 110,-to 150,-DEM Zoologischer Garten: 2 km 5 km breakfast

incl.

address: Eisenacher Straße 10

Crowne Plaza Berlin City Centre

425 rooms with bathroom/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single: from 295,- to 465,- DEM Double: from 345,- to 495,- DEM Tegel: 8 km Zoo: 1 km 4 km breakfast incl.

connection: U Wittenbergplatz

address: Nürnberger Str. 65

tel: +49 (0)30 219 0305

Best Western Hotel President

187 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa. prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single: from 242,- to 302,- DEM Double: from 287,- to 367,- DEM Tegel: 10 km Zoolog. Garten: 2 km, breakfast incl.

address: An der Urania 16-18

Hotel Sylter Hof Berlin

160 rooms with bathroom/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single: from 188,- to 228,- DEM Double: from 256,- to 282,- DEM Tegel: 8 km Zoo: 1 km 10 km breakfast incl.

connection: U Wittenbergplatz

address: Kurfürstenstraße 114-116

tel: +49 (0)30 782 1200

Hotel Ambassador

199 rooms with bathroom/lavatory or shower/lavatory; credit cards: American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, Visa, Electronic Cash prices per night/room, incl. V.A.T. Single: from 185,- to 330,- DEM 5 km Double: from 220,- to 350,- DEM Tegel: 12 km Zoo: 1,5 Wittenbergpl., breakfast incl.

connection: U Wittenbergplatz

address: Bayreuther Straße 42/43, 10787 Berlin-Schöneberg

tel: +49 (0)30 241 9020

Schöneberg – Nightlife and Entertainment

all

Berio

Old café with new aspirations and changing outfits. The guests from the neighbourhood and the local scene live it up here with cakes and fabulous icecream. Good for seeing and being seen. Daily 8am –1am.

connection: U Nollendorfplatz

address: Maaßenstr.7

Café M

For a nice cup of coffee, a must have been since it has been around so long and ever so full. Mo–Fr 8am –2am, Fr+Sa longer, Su 9am –3am.

connection: U Eisenacher Str

address: Goltzstr. 33

Hafen

Probably the cheeriest and liveliest pub on the gay mile of Motzstr. You can have a good lively time here amid the gay kitsch and the odd sandwich., daily from 9pm –open end.

connection: U Nollendorfplatz

address: Motzstr. 19

Jansen Bar

First–class cocktails in the Schöneberg neighbourhood scene. Happy hour We from 9pm –10pm, when cocktails cost only 9DM. Tu–Su 9pm –2am.

connection: S
Schöneberg

address: Gotenstr. 71

Karakas Bar

Long–established cellar bar, still lovely and off–beat with fantastic caipirinha and lots of rhythmic accompaniment by the guests. Su–Th 9am –2am, Fr+Sa –open end

connection: U Kurfürstenstr.

address: Kurfürstenstr. 9

Leydicke

In the 1870s this was a factory for spirits and today it's still famous as a distillery for home–made fruit wines and liqueurs. Attracts fans of fire water like tourists in droves.,, daily from 6pm, open end.

connection: U+S Yorckstr

address: Mansteinstr. 4

Lux

Big cups of coffee.

connection: U Eisenacher Str.

address: Goltzstr. 35

Green Door

Experts praise this as Berlin's best, most authentic and most excessive cocktail bar, which may well be true, as long as the billious green and the bouncers at the door deny beginners in the field of mixed alcoholic drinks the chance to reach higher orders. Daily 6pm –3am, Fr+Sa 4am.

connection: U Nollendorfplatz,

address: Winterfeldtstr. 50

Mister Hu

Plunge down to the sea bed with Mr. Hu –a contrast to the café au lait in the local pubs all around –and that's not the U EisenacherStr only reason for paying a visit to this nice relaxed cocktail bar. Happy hour is between 5pm and 8pm and the whole of Sunday is happy day, just the thing to ease that yearning heart. Su–Th 5pm –3am, Fr+Sa 5pm –4am.

connection: U Eisenacher Str.

address: Goltzstr. 39

Mutter

Lovely neighbourhood scene pub in Schöneberg, with a beautiful interior filled with beautiful livel people, food everything just Beautiful. Daily 10am –4am, meals till 1am

connection: U Nollendorfplatz

address: Hohenstaufenstr. 4

Swing

Nice cafe opposite of Metropol.

connection: U Nollendorfplatz

address: Nollendorfplatz 3–4

Café Sidney

connection: U Nollendorfplatz

address: Winterfeldtstr. 40

Screwy Bar

A small but elegant bar with countless comic figures and bar stools shaped like carrots. If you don't only want to savour the really good cocktails and music you can while away the time at the Bugs Bunny game or pinball machines. Tu–Su 8pm –2am, Fr+Sa 8pm –4am.

connection: U Nolendorfplatz

address: Frankenstr. 2

Zouzou Bar

For cocktail drinkers who can do without the usual cocktail-slurping trendies. The later te evening, the more off-beat the guests. Drink your fill in the happy hours 8pm –9pm and 1am –2am. daily 8pm –6am, weekend open end.

connection: U Kleistpark

address: Hauptstraße
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TTT

TTT stands for TeeTeeTee (teateatea) –over 140 varieties. The relaxed atmosphere is perfect for sending your soul soaring –not just at teatime. Mo–Sa 8.30 am –midnight, Su 10am midnight.

connection: U Einacherstrse

address: Goltzstr. 2

Kit Kat Club

New location –new pleasure. In the Loft of the Metropol naked torsos and gleaming bodies writhe joyfully to the hammering beats on the dance floor. The new technodance theatre brings the fans of patent and leather out of their shells and generates heated vibes and an erotic atmosphere. Not for people with sex phobias –and not the place for gawping and grabbing. Fr 11pm –open end in Loft, Sa 10pm –open end in the whole building admission: couples 30DM, men 20DM.

connection: U Nollendorfplatz

address: Nollendorfplatz 5

Cactus

address: Meraner Straße 19

Metropol

Nice big dancing. Beware however, also occasional sex parties by the West disco on the ground floor, funk and mainstream in the main disco. On Sunday evening from 9pm gay evening. Winter Fr+Sa from 9pm, summer from 10pm, admission: 10–20 DM, student rates.

connection: U Nollendorfplatz

address: Nollendorfplatz 5

Havana

Gigantic disco on three floors. Dance to merengue and salsa –you can learn how from 9pm –and black music. Admission from 10pm 15DM, earlier 5DM. Fr+Sa from 10pm.

connection: U
Kleistpark

address: Haupstr. 30

Heinrichs Tanzbar

address: Großgörschenstraße 39

Ex und Pop

address: Mansteinstraße 14

Fischlabor

address: Frankenstraße 13

Schoneberg – Shopping

all

Schuhtick

The shop to make shoe freaks happy and keep their feet right up to date. Here you find cheaper bargains than at Savignyplatz 11 in Charlottenburg and Alexanderplatz in Mitte. Mo–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa 10am –4pm.

address: Maassenstr. 5

connection: U Nollendorfplatz

Zapato

Really creative footwear – also by the shop's own designers. Very fashionable and truly beautiful! Mo–Fr 10am –8pm, Sa 10am –4pm.

address: Maassenstr. 14

connection: U Nollendorfplatz

Bücherhalle

Secondhand bookshop with a good selection. Mo–Fr 10:30am –7pm, Sa 10:30am –1:30pm.

address: Hauptstr. 154

connection: U Kleistpark

Groopie de Luxe

The trendy clothes shop for the nightlife upper class: from imaginative to extreme. Velvet, ruffles, pomp. Mo–Fr 11am –8pm, Sa 11am –4pm.

address: Goltzstr. 39

connection: U Eisenacher Str

Körpernah

Wonderful elegant underwear for women. Mo–Fr 10:30am –8pm, Sa 10am –4pm.

address: Maassenstr. 10
connection: U Nollendorfplatz

Maassen 10

Cheap jeans, e.g. a big selection of 501s, with or without minor flaws. Also branches in Wedding at Müllerstr. 39 and at Schönhauser Allee 60. Mo–Fr 10am –7pm, Sa 9am –4pm.

address: Maassenstr. 10
connection: U Nollendorfplatz

Schwarze Mode

The shop for something special. Leather, patent, latex and accessories – and erotic literature. Mo–Fr noon –7pm, Sa 10am –4pm. Now relocated to Uhlandstr.

connection: U
Uhlandstr.

Mr. Dead & Mrs. Free

One of Berlin's best-known institutions for vinyl – and the import specialist for Britain and the USA. Mo–We 11am –7pm, Th+Fr 11am –8pm, Sa 11am –4pm.

address: Bülowstr. 5
connection: U Nollendorfplatz

Vow Winde verweht

Everything that goes with the wind: balloons, kites, wind games etc.. Now also frisbees, footbags, fingerballs. Mo–Fr 10am –1pm + 2:30pm –6:30pm, Sa 10am –2pm.

address: Eisenacher Str. 81
connection: U Eisenacher Str

Garage

Secondhand shop with genuine secondhand wares. From garish tennis skirts to 501s. Everything for the price of 29,95 per kilo. Mo–We 11am –7pm, Th+Fr 11am –8pm, Sa 10am –4pm.

address: Ahornstr. 2
connection: U Nollendorfplatz

Tattoo Connection

Good tattoo shop recommended by fans. By appointment only! Rathaus Schöneberg, Tu–Fr 1pm –8pm, Sa by appointment.

address: Belziger Str. 53
connection: U Eisenacher Str.

Nicolaische Buchhandlung

A local bookshop, with a wide selection including literature and poetry, travel guides and literature on Berlin., bus 148, Mo–Fr 9am –6:30pm, Sa 10am –2pm.

address: Rheinstr. 65
connection: U Walter–Schreiber–Platz

B52

This goes under the skin. Tattooing and piercing – body decorations for tough types. Bülowstr. 52, U Bülowstr. Tu–Fr 2pm –8pm, Sa 1pm –5pm

Deko Behrendt

Everything you need for parties, street festivals and Halloween. You're sure to make a big impression with the joke items, feather boas and trendy wigs. Mo–Fr 9am –6pm, Sa 9am –2pm.

address: Hauptstr.
18
connection: U
Kleistpark

KaDeWe

Europe's biggest emporium for shopping sprees with a beautiful glass–covered patio under the roof. Here you can get (almost) anything and the food department on the 6th floor is the major attraction. Mo–Fr 9:30am –8pm, Sa 9am –4pm.

address: Tauentzienstr. 21–24
connection: U Wittenbergplatz

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