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## Welcome to Berlin!

This exciting diverse city is packed full of cool places to go and can't-miss historical sites. In this guide we'll give you the best advice and practical information on how to get the most out of your time in Germany's capital.

It can sometimes seem daunting arriving in a huge place like Berlin (and it really is huge), but we aim to change that in this guide by offering you the lowdown on all the things you simply have to do while you're here. We've visited the best places to stay, the most interesting places to visit, and of course the top places to eat, drink, and party.

Berlin has a large number of hostels available in central locations close to some of the best things the city has to offer. The city has a rich and complex past, interesting to discover whether you are a history fanatic or not. Berlin is also home to some of the best nightlife in Europe, with infamous clubs such as Berghain, known for their techno music and strict door policy. There are many unique clubs and bars that you wouldn't find anywhere else in the world.

Despite being a capital city, Berlin has a huge amount of nature on show – there are countless parks, lakes, and man-made beaches where you can while the hours away reading a book, sunbathing, going on long walks or bike rides, and even swimming, forgetting for a moment that you are in the middle of one of Europe's busiest cities. We'll give you all the information you need to navigate your way around this diverse city, from how to find your way around the U- and S-bahn systems to the best places to jump on a bus tour.

We understand that travelling can be expensive, so we've given you the basics on how to do Berlin on a budget without compromising on all the great things to see and do. Though a capital city, Berlin is easily doable on a budget. There are countless low cost food options, many of the best sights are completely free, and there are cheap clubs, bars, student offers, and happy hour options. Public transport is incredibly cheap, and with S-bahn and U-bahns systems running late into the night there is no need to rely on expensive taxis.

The best thing about this city is that there really is something for everyone, and once you've spent a few days in Berlin we can guarantee that you won't want to leave.







# H I S T O R Y O F B E R L I N



## A Short History of Berlin

To say that Berlin has a long and complex history would be an understatement. In fact, even the origins of its name are not certain. Some say it may be based on the West Slavic word for 'swamp', birl-lbirl. Others say the name 'Berlin' comes from Bär, the German word for 'bear', with it being pronounced 'BEAR-lean' in German.

Beginning in 1618, the Margraviate of Brandenburg and the Duchy of Prussia had a personal union. In 1701, the two states were merged to form the Kingdom of Prussia when Frederick III, Elector of Brandenburg, crowned himself as King Frederick I in Prussia. Berlin became the new kingdom's capital.

In 1740 Friedrich der Große (Frederick the Great), came to power and under him, Berlin became a pillar of the Enlightenment.

Berlin was transformed by the 19th century Industrial Revolution and with that transformation, the city's economy and population expanded dramatically. It soon became Germany's main railway hub and economic centre. In 1871, Berlin became the capital of the newly formed Empire of Germany.

Adolf Hitler and the Nazis came to power in 1933. Owing to their anti-Semitic policies, Berlin's Jewish community was essentially destroyed. The city was decimated in air raids during WWII, which killed around 125,000 civilians and left much of the city in ruins.

In 1945, following the conclusion of WWII, Berlin was divided into four sectors. West Berlin comprised of three sectors formed by Great Britain, the USA, and France, whilst East Berlin was the Soviet's sector.

In 1961, the GDR built the Berlin Wall between East and West Berlin. West Berlin was now de facto a part of West Germany, with a unique legal status, and East Berlin was now de facto a part of East Germany. The building of the Wall separated families and friends who went to sleep one night only to awake to discover a wall splitting the city. It was possible for Westerners to travel from West Berlin to East Berlin through a series of strictly controlled checkpoints. It was, however, illegal for East Berliners to travel to West Germany, or even West Berlin. From the building of the Wall in 1961 to its fall in 1989, 5,000 people attempted to escape over the Wall. The death toll of people killed while trying to escape ranges from 136 to more than 200.

On 26th June 1963, US President John F. Kennedy gave his famous 'Ich bin ein Berliner' speech in front of Rathaus Schöneberg, underlining US support of West Berlin. While the speech made it clear the US would defend West Berlin, the speech also made it clear that the US would not challenge the Soviet presence in Germany.

Kennedy was not the only US president to address the building of the Berlin Wall in a speech. On 12 June 1987, President Ronald Reagan gave his 'Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall' speech in front of the Brandenburg Gate. The speech was a challenge to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to tear down the Berlin Wall as a symbol of Gorbachev's desire to increase freedom in the Eastern Bloc through his policies of glasnost, 'transparency' and perestroika, 'restructuring'.

On 9th November 1989, the Berlin Wall finally fell due to pressure from the East German population, and this act came to symbolize the end of the Cold War. Considering that there wasn't a single East German authority that wanted to issue the use of lethal force against East Germans climbing over the wall, the soldiers who manned it simply stood down and allowed people to stream on through to the West. On 3rd October 1990, the two Germanys were reunited and Berlin once again became the capital.







# SURVIVAL GUIDE



## Insider Tips on Living in Berlin

### Things You Need To Know:

Carry your transport ticket with you everywhere, if you don't you will be fined. The people who check your ticket come at the most random times. The worst part is that they are always in plain clothes, so you never see them coming. Avoid the 60€ fine by making sure you have your ticket on you at all times.

Avoid the bike lane while you're walking like your life depends on it. There are more bikes than cars in Berlin; it is a main form of transportation here, and bikes rule the sidewalk bike lanes. Bikers here give no cares if you're in their way, they will go straight through you if you're in their lane. Being hit by a bike is a very painful ordeal and it will be completely your fault if you're walking where you're not supposed to.

Pick Pockets: they're real people and they don't just come around and nick things from your pockets while you're in a crowd. If someone comes up to you with a sign or with a map while you're at a café make sure you have your hand on all your belongings, because that sign or map is there to distract you as they grab your phone or other valuables.

Keep an eye out for cars while you cross the street, even if you have the little green man telling you that you have the right of way. Cars will turn, even when they have the red light, and will probably get a little too close for comfort while you're trying to cross the street. Also do not jay walk, you can be arrested and receive a pretty hefty 40€ fine that could be avoided if you had just waited the ten seconds to see the little green man.

### Useful numbers (Just in case):

Police: 110  
Ambulance: 112  
American Embassy: 030 83050  
British Embassy: 030 204570  
Australian Embassy: 030 8800880

## Useful Phrases:

German	English
Zwei Bier bitte	Two beers please
Wo ist ein toilette	Where is the toilet
Die Rechnung bitte	Check Please
Ich bin eine schöne Schmetterling	I am a beautiful butterfly
Möchten Sie etwas trinken?	Can I buy you a drink?
Sind Sie öfter hier?	Do you come here often?
Sie haben wunderschöne Augen	You have beautiful eyes
PROST!	Cheers!
Woher kommen Sie?	Where are you from?
Könnten Sie ein Foto von uns machen?	Could you take a picture of us?
Ich weiß nicht	I don't know







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# Public Transportation System

## Fares at a glance

AB: 2,70€; reduced: 1,70€
BC: 3€; reduced: 2,10€
ABC: 3,30€; reduced: 2,40€

An extremely well connected network of buses and trams, along with the U-bahn and S-bahn train systems, will take you wherever you might want to go in Berlin.

The network is divided into three tariffs: AB, BC, ABC. Zone AB includes all that is in the city boundaries, while ABC includes Potsdam and Berlin's surroundings as well. A standard one way ticket is valid for two hours after validation. Children up to the age of five are not charged while travelling accompanied.

A short distance ticket can be used for three stops of U-Bahn or S-Bahn, or six stops in trams or buses. It is allowed to change trains but not buses or trams. A day ticket costs 6,90€ (4,70€ reduced) and allows as many trips and changes until 3:00 in the morning following the validation day. The seven day ticket cost 29,50€ and expires at midnight on the seventh day from validation.

Small groups up to five people can buy a day ticket for 16,90€ that allows as many trips and changes until 3:00 in the night following the validation day.

On trams, U-bahns, and S-bahns, it is possible to carry a bike for an additional 1,80€ ticket.

All these ticket types of ticket can be purchased at vending machines located in U-bahn and S-bahn stations, on trams, or directly from bus drivers. A ticket should be correctly validated in apposite boxes before starting your journey.

Being caught without a valid ticket means incurring in a 60€ fee. Controllers on all transports are in normal clothes and don't wear any distinctive badge. You will be asked to provide an ID if caught without ticket. Not proving it will result in the police being called.

Between midnight and 00:30, buses, U-bahns and S-bahns will be substituted by night buses. This doesn't happen during weekend and before bank holidays when trains (exception made for U4 and U55 lines) run all night long. Metro buses work all night both during weekdays and weekend.

Usually the service is quite punctual, and convenient screens at stops show the waiting time. Before getting on any bus, tram, or metro, check first the final destination as it may be interrupted at a certain point, or you might simply be on the wrong side of the street, and that's the only way to know before getting on board.

Mobile apps such as Google Maps or the offline BVG app can be very useful companions. Do not fear if you get lost at night and nobody is around to ask for directions. Almost every bus stop and all metro stations have very useful maps posted that will help you find your way home.







# SEE

Berlin boasts a rich and complex culture of history and is packed with loads of must-see attractions. From the Berlin Wall and the Brandenburg Gate, to the Reichstag and the Holocaust Memorial, we cover the best places to visit during your time in this vibrant capital. There's also loads of cool ways to see all the sites without getting a sunburn and/or blisters.





## St Hedwigs-Kathedrale (St Hedwigs Cathedral)

<b>Address</b>	Hinter der Katholicism, 10117 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Wed 08:00-14:00, Thurs 11:30-17:30
<b>Transport</b>	Hausvogteiplatz U2
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.hedwigs-kathedrale.de">www.hedwigs-kathedrale.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

**S**ituated in the corner of Bebelplatz, Prussia's oldest Catholic Church is hard to miss. With its handsome copper dome and Corinthian exterior, the cathedral has stood as a popular religious landmark in the German capital since it was commissioned by Frederick the Great in 1747. Whilst not as traditionally lavish as similar cathedrals of its era, the interior, which was entirely remodeled in the wake of World War II does not feel modest in its proportions.

Boasting ampitheatric seating and tall, stained glass windows, it is easy to see the neoclassicist touch of original designer Georg Wenzeslaus von Knobelsdorff, who is said to have modeled the building after the Pantheon in Rome.

The history is not restricted to the architecture, either. Separate antechambers on the lower level house the crypts of Berlin's first Archbishop Georg Sterzinsky, and the Blessed Bernhard Lichtenberg, who prayed publically for persecuted Jews under the Nazi regime, and died on the way to the concentration camp at Dachau in 1943.

Freely open to the public, mass occurs at various times all week, and a popular 'musical meditation' is showcased weekdays at noon, featuring music from the famous organ, which took three years to construct, and has a total of 78 registers. An altogether spiritual experience.

Isabella Taylor



## Ramones Museum

<b>Address</b>	Krausnickstraße 23, 10115 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 10:00-22:00
<b>Transport</b>	Oranienburger Straße S1, S2, S25
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ramonesmuseum.com">www.ramonesmuseum.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

**B**erlin's very own homage to one of the founding bands of the punk rock genre sits on a quiet side street just off Oranienburger Straße. Guests are greeted by a middle-aged gentleman sporting long, black hair. This is Flo Hayler, the proprietor of the establishment, who first opened his personal collection of Ramones memorabilia to the public in 2005. The current incarnation of the museum exists behind a punk rock café. Guests are pointed through saloon-style doors and asked to pay 3,50€ for lifetime entry, although the better deal is the 5€ entry, which also comes with a drink.



The museum consists of one large room separated by homemade wooden cases that lead you into a maze-like spattering of punk rock relics - featuring the Ramones. You can sit on stage in a living room-like set up and watch Ramones concert outtakes while flipping through books such as *Sniffing Glue* and *Other Rock & Roll Habits*. Or you can wander through the museum, beer in hand, and browse the many cases and alcoves featuring concert posters, band t-shirts, record covers, photos, and two pairs of Ramones swim trunks. There's a corner in the back where you can watch a film while you finish your beer, or you can eat a strawberry crumble cake in the café and use the free WiFi before heading out.

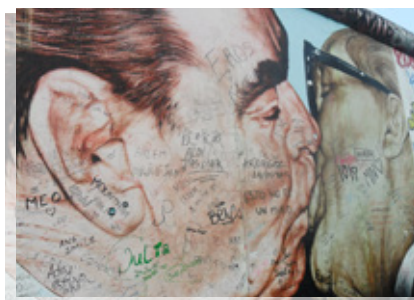
Lauren Lamson





# East Side Gallery

<b>Address</b>	Mühlenstraße, 10243 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 1:00-24:00
<b>Transport</b>	Ostbahnhof S5, S7, S75
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.eastsidegallery-berlin.de">www.eastsidegallery-berlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€ <input type="text"/>



Another notable mention is 'Some heads' by Thierry Noir, which shows multi-coloured cartoon heads with extremely large lips and teeth. The art is not as picture-perfect as it once was, with writing and scratches covering it, yet still strongly representative of the elation people felt at a united Berlin.

The diversity of the art mediums captures what an integral part of history meant to so many individuals. A must-see before time runs out. 50 metres of the wall has already been removed to create a river view and boat landing area for the O2 arena, despite the gallery being visited by around 800,000 visitors a year.

Ally McLaren



# Teufelsberg

<b>Address</b>	Teufelsseehaussee 10, 14193 Berlin-Wilmersdorf
<b>Hours</b>	Historic tours: Mon-Sun 15:30, Sat-Sun 13:00; Guided tours: Mon-Sun 12:00-19:00
<b>Transport</b>	Olympiastadion S5
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.berliner-teufelsberg.com">www.berliner-teufelsberg.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	Historic tour 15€, Guided tours 7€



This artificial hill, located in Grunewald, rises 80 meters over the Teltow plateau and was made using rubble from WWII. New measurements of Teufelsberg show that it is 120.1 meters high.

The fact that Teufelsberg was made using WWII rubble is not all that unique. There are other man-made rubble mounds in Germany. However, what makes it unique is that it is built over the unfinished Nazi military-technical college. The Allies tried to destroy the college earlier with explosives but discovered that covering it with debris was an easier way of getting rid of it.

An area of interest on Teufelsberg is the former NSA listening post built in October 1963. This post was rumored to be a part of the global ECHELON intelligence gathering network, a signals intelligence collection and analysis network operated by Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the USA. This listening station can only be visited with a guide.

Finding Teufelsberg can be a little a tricky but the view it offers does make it worth it. It is a must see for nature-lovers.

Nathan Kusisto





# The Victory Column

<b>Address</b>	Großer Stern 10557 Berlin-Tiergarten
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 1:00-24:00
<b>Transport</b>	Hansaplatz U9
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.berlin.de/orte/sehenswuerdigkeiten/siegessaule">www.berlin.de/orte/sehenswuerdigkeiten/siegessaule</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free

In the center of the Großer Stern, surrounded by the statues of great German and Prussian leaders, sits a monument that has withstood the test of time and outlasted both World Wars. The Victory Column was built in 1864 to commemorate the Prussian victory during the Danish-Prussian War. By the time it was completed, Prussia had also defeated Austria and France in two other wars, giving the column a completely new purpose. The victories of these wars, known as the Unification Wars, inspired the addition of the beautiful bronze statue that adorns the column and looks over the city of Berlin.

Today, anyone able can hike up the spiral staircase to the top of the column to see the best view of the whole city, from the expanse of Tiergarten, to the bustling city center, and everything in between. The full 360-degree views are well worth the tiring trek up the ungodly amount of stairs.

But remember, don't try to cross the busy street, go to one of the numerous underground tunnels to reach the column safely.

Chandler Pacheco



# Olympic Stadium

<b>Address</b>	Olympischer Platz 3, 14053 Berlin-Westend
<b>Hours</b>	Nov-Mar 10:00-16:00, Apr-Oct 09:00-19:00, Aug 09:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Olympiastadion S5
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.olympiastadion-berlin.de">www.olympiastadion-berlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Adult 7€, Concession 5,50€

Originally built for the 1936 Olympic Games, this sports temple was developed for propaganda purposes. The Nazis intended to organize this international event to demonstrate their strength and the stadium was intended to impress. The biggest of its time, its capacity reached 110,000 spectators. The true size cannot be grasped until you enter, as the lower half is buried twelve meters underground.

The Games were used as a stage for the Nazi's own political purposes and a dark reputation loomed over the stadium after the Games. The future of the stadium was unclear for many years but eventually it was renovated in the early 2000s, and came to represent a new unified Germany.

The arena now hosts many large-scale events. Performers such as: Michael Jackson, Madonna, and the Rolling Stones have graced the stadium to sold out crowds, while the Bundesliga club, Hertha BSC, currently call it their home ground. Numerous world records have been set here, from Jesse Owens winning four gold medals in 1936 to Usain Bolt breaking both the 100- and 200-meter sprints in 2009. If visiting this architectural monument be sure to get a tour, it takes an hour and will grant you access to all areas while giving you all the historical information you need.

Kate Griffiths







# Jüdisches Museum (Jewish Museum)

<b>Address</b>	Lindenstraße 9-14, 10969 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon 10:00-22:00 Tues-Sun 10:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Ostbahnhof S5, S7, S75
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.eastsidegallery-berlin.de">www.eastsidegallery-berlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Adult 8€, Concession 3€

At this impressive museum, history, art, and architecture combine to create a truly powerful experience. The Jewish Museum is famous for the innovative style of its building, which adds a new level of symbolism to the moving exhibits. Architect Daniel Libeskind created a space centred around three intersecting axes, or corridors, which draw as much attention to the empty spaces between the lines as the lines themselves.

Though the accompanying information constantly reiterates that everything is subject to interpretation, the overall effect draws attention to the negative space, what Libeskind sees as the void in history created by the actions of the Nazis.

The first part of the exhibition revolves around three concepts. Aided by many artefacts and photographs, The Axis of Exile tells the story of the Jews who were forced to flee Germany as the Nazis rose to power. At the end of this line is the Garden of Exiles, where visitors are allowed to wander between huge, imposing blocks of concrete, which reflect the displaced Jews' struggle to fit into new places and cultures. The Axis of Holocaust, regularly bringing visitors to tears, features a range of letters, photographs, and keepsakes, along with the heart-breaking tales of families and individuals who lost their lives in the concentration camps. This axis slopes up to perhaps the most unnerving part of the exhibit: the Holocaust Tower, a 24-metre high, empty concrete room with only a sliver of natural light.

The Axis of Continuity leads to a much larger exhibition, which takes you as far back as the 10th century, and follows the history of the Jewish people from the first records of their society to the present day in a fantastically engaging historical journey.

Emily Brearley-Bayliss





# Neues Museum

<b>Address</b>	Bodestraße 1-3, 10178 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Fri-Wed 10:00-18:00 Thurs 10:00-20.00
<b>Transport</b>	Hackescher Markt S5, S7, S75
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.smb.museum">www.smb.museum</a>
<b>Price</b>	12€, Concession 6€



After being badly damaged in WWII, the Neues Museum steadily ran into dilapidation over several decades. In 1997, British architect David Chipperfield was commissioned to restore the neo-classical style building. Chipperfield strived to use as much of the raw and damaged materials of Prussian architect Friedrich Stüler's original structure as possible. The result is a magnificent collaboration of modern and classical architecture, artfully arranged to accentuate the museum's long standing exhibits, all the while maintaining evidence of its war-damaged past. The building holds three collections, ordered thematically and chronologically, and takes visitors on a journey starting from as early as 4000 BC. The impressive Egyptian Museum and Papyrus Collection spans four millennia, its highlight



The Museum of Pre-history and Early History displays artefacts from the stone ages to the middle ages. It features a collection of long lost treasures from the ancient city of Troy, and the Berlin Golden Hat, a rare bronze age head dress discovered in south Germany.

The museum also holds a small amount of artefacts from the Collection of Classical Antiquities, a comprehensive collection of Greek and Roman art. In keeping with the decor of ancient civilisations, the middle floor is arranged to imitate an ancient grecian courtyard, and the walls are decorated with beautiful faded murals.

Although well arranged, the museum is a labyrinth. Visitors may wander out of Egypt circa 2000 BC and find themselves in Ancient Rome. Useful maps are available, but it's worth taking the time to find your footing. The audio guide is highly recommended, supplying a manageable stream of fascinating insights.

For those enthralled by prehistoric and early Eurasian cultures, the standard 12€ admission fee (6€ for concessions) is well worth the price.

Annabelle Lauder



# Monument to Homosexuals Persecuted under Nazism (Denkmal für die im Nationalsozialismus verfolgten Homosexuellen)

<b>Address</b>	Ebertstraße, 10557 Berlin-Tiergarten
<b>Hours</b>	Always open
<b>Transport</b>	Potsdamer Platz S1, S2, S25
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stiftung-denkmal.de/denkmaelerl">www.stiftung-denkmal.de/denkmaelerl</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission

Hidden in Tiergarten, just across from the Holocaust Memorial, stands a large cuboid of solid black concrete. On one side, a window allows you to peek inside at a scene repeated on a loop of two men kissing that is projected on the furthest of the interior walls.

Dried and dusty, yet very romantic, wreaths of flowers lay in front of it. They represent a very poor tribute to the kissing couple.

It is a memorial to all the homosexuals who lived dreading the exposure of their sexuality under the Nazi regime, when just a kiss could have meant prosecution, incarceration, castration, or deportation.

In 2003, the German parliament took the decision to commemorate, through this memorial, the homosexuals who had not been recognized as victims after the end of WWII. On 27 February 2008, Governing Mayor Klaus Wowereit gave a public speech and inaugurated Michael Elmgreen and Ingar Dragset's intriguing work.

Paolo Pidello





# New Guardhouse (Neue Wache)

<b>Address</b>	Unter den Linden 4, 10117 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 10:00-18:00
<b>Transport</b>	Staatsoper Bus Stop TXL, 100, 200
<b>Phone</b>	+49 30 25002333
<b>Price</b>	Free

This location has been the main memorial site in Germany for the victims of war and tyranny since 1993. Prior to this, it was built in memory of those who died during the Napoleonic Wars. Since 1931 it has been used as a war memorial.

During WWII Neue Wache was severely damaged by bombs. In 1960, the GDR used the guardhouse as a 'memorial to the victims of fascism and militarism' and in 1969 an eternal flame was lit. Also in 1969 the remains of an unknown soldier and a concentration camp victim were laid to rest here, surrounded by soil from both WWII battlefields and concentration camps.



Today the interior design dating back from the Weimar Republic has been restored. Artist Harald Haacke's enlarged replica of artist Käthe Kollwitz's sculpture showing 'a mother with her dead son' stands in the centre of the memorial. Photography is permitted inside the guardhouse.

With all the bloodshed and tyranny going on today, Neue Wache will never lose its importance.

Nathan Kusisto



# Topography of Terror (Topographie des Terrors)

<b>Address</b>	Niederkirchnerstraße 8, 10963 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 10:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Anhalter Bahnhof S1, S2
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.topographie.de">www.topographie.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free

This museum, which focuses on the terror the Nazis inflicted upon their citizens, sits at the former headquarters of the Secret State Police (the Gestapo), the Reich SS leadership, and the Security Service (SD) of the SS. From 1939 until the end of WWII it was the Reich Security Main Office. These buildings were extensively damaged during the final days of WWII and were completely demolished during the early years of the GDR. In 1987, a documentation centre was set up on the site to inform visitors about what took place here. The museum itself was opened in May 2010.

The focus point in the memorial is of a Soviet soldier clenching a sword in one arm and a German child in another, accompanied by a broken swastika beneath him. It is said that the statue is a representative of the Sergeant of the Guards, Nikolai Masalov, who risked his life to rescue a young German girl while under the heavy fire of machine guns.

With an extensive exhibition that focuses on a grim subject, Topography of Terror will leave you mentally exhausted as you try and process all that you have learned. Three permanent exhibitions and a rotation of special or temporary exhibits exist in this indoor/outdoor space that utilises excavated portions of a former cellar wall and a newly designed building by architect Ursula Wilms. The museum also houses an extensive library with collections on the SS, the Third Reich, and National Socialism in general. For those with an interest in history, this harrowing museum is certainly worth a visit.

Nathan Kusisto







## Berlin Wall Memorial (Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer)

<b>Address</b>	Bernauer Straße 111, 13355, Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 08:00-22:00
<b>Transport</b>	Bernauer Straße U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.berliner-mauer-gedenkstaette.de/en/index.html">www.berliner-mauer-gedenkstaette.de/en/index.html</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free

Centrally located on Bernauer Straße, this memorial stretches for 1.4 kilometres of what used to be the Berlin Wall. From 13 August 1961 to 9 November 1989, the Berlin Wall enclosed West Berlin in an attempt to stop East Berliners and other citizens of East Germany from moving to the west. After the fall of the Stasi regime, the Wall fell and the two sides of Berlin were joined once again. A memorial, including a separate monument for the victims of the Berlin Wall and in memory of the divided city, was dedicated on 13 August 1998.

The full Berlin Wall Memorial is split into four parts, each covering different topics related to the rise of the Wall. The memorial also includes the Chapel of Reconciliation, which often has memorial services for the victims of the Wall. Most recently, on 9 November 2014, a permanent exhibition called "1961|1989. The Berlin Wall" was created to honor the 25th anniversary of the Wall falling. Guided tours are only available in German, so you'll likely have to lead yourself around, but admission is free and the memorial map is easy to follow. If you're a history buff, or just looking to learn more about what life was like in Berlin 50 years ago, this memorial will hold your attention for an entire afternoon if you let it.

Hayleigh Syens

## Berlin-Hohenschönhausen Memorial (Gedenkstätte Ber- lin-Hohenschönhausen)

<b>Address</b>	Genslerstraße, 66 , 13055, Berlin-Lichtenberg
<b>Hours</b>	April-Oct, Mon-Sun 11:30 and 14:30 Nov-March, Mon-Sun 14:30
<b>Transport</b>	Herzbergstraße/Siegfriedstraße M8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.en.stiftung-hsh.de">www.en.stiftung-hsh.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Tour 5€, concessions 2,50€



Take a step back in time and put yourself in the shoes of a political prisoner at the site of what used to be the main remand prison for those arrested by the Stasi during the Soviet Regime. Learn about the different forms of psychological and physical torture inflicted on prisoners, from overheated cells to isolation chambers to long, blindfolded car rides, during the two-hour guided tour. If you're lucky, your tour guide might be an ex-prisoner who can share personal stories of his time in Hohenschönhausen, making the tour even more bone chilling.

Tours in English are only offered at two different times during the day, and tours begin with a rather poorly made 30-minute-long documentary. However, the tour guides are all amazingly knowledgeable. Even if you get a guide who was not a prisoner, he will still know the experiences of all of his colleagues, which brings the prison to life. A university ID brings the cost of the tour down to 2,50€, a steal for all of information you'll learn and stories you'll hear.

Hayleigh Syens





# Book Burning Memorial

<b>Address</b>	Bebelplatz 1, 10117 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Always Open
<b>Transport</b>	Französische Straße U6
<b>Website</b>	N/A
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission



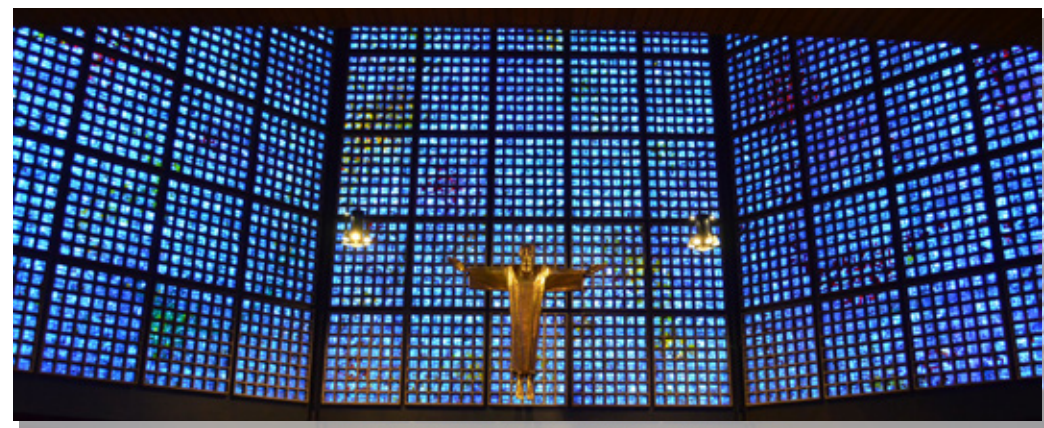
In the public square of Bebelplatz, you might come across a cluster of people who appear to be studying the ground, and it's not until you get close up that you'll realise why.

The Nazi book burning memorial is made up of a glass plate set into the pavement cobbles, through which you will be able to see many rows of empty bookshelves, big enough to fit some 20,000 books. Designed by Israeli artist Micha Ullman, the monument is in commemoration of the book burning that took place on 10 May 1933. On this day, members of the Nazi Student League, the SA, Hitler Youth Groups and the SS gathered to witness the burning of over 20,000 books that were regarded as a threat to Nazi ideals, including the works of Karl Marx, Sigmund

Heinrich Heine's quote can be found on a plaque next to the memorial, reading; 'Where they burn books they will in the end burn people,' emphasising the destruction of the Nazi regime.

It may be a small memorial, but it speaks volumes. It warns of what we lose when freedom of speech and thought are controlled in this way.

Carys Thomas



## The Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church (Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche)

<b>Address</b>	Breitscheidplatz, 10789 Berlin-Charlottenburg
<b>Hours</b>	Sun-Sat 09:00-19:00
<b>Transport</b>	Tiergarten S5, S7, S75
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.gedaechtniskirche-berlin.de">www.gedaechtniskirche-berlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission

In 1959 architect Egon Eiermann began rebuilding the church. He decided to retain the tower as the centrepiece, the broken tip which peers out at different angles from the modern landscape, as a reminder for the destruction of war. The memorial hall was also rebuilt. Its curved ceiling displays beautiful mosaic decorations and houses a historical exhibit that charts the rise, fall, and restoration of the church, including guided tours available in multiple languages.

Hauntingly dubbed the 'Hollow Tooth' by Berliners, the remnants of architect Franz Schwechten's magnificent Neo-Romanesque church stands alongside its modern counterpart in the midst of Berlin's commercial centre. Built during 1891-1895 to commemorate Kaiser Wilhelm I, the church originally towered 311m, the tallest structure in Berlin at the time, however after sustaining severe damage during WWII it became unusable.

Around the tower, Eiermann added four angular concrete structures. The foyer and chapel, the hexagonal bell tower, and the vast octagonal new church. The building was constructed with 21,000 blue glass blocks which filter atmospheric and calming blue light into the dark space, holding the most treasured piece in the historical collection, a drawing by German pastor Kurt Reuber, created in the midst of battle.

Annabelle Lauder







## Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

<b>Address</b>	Cora-Berliner-Straße 1, 10117, Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Always open
<b>Transport</b>	Birkenstraße U9
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stiftung-denkmal.de/en/">www.stiftung-denkmal.de/en/</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free/ Audio tour: 4€, concessions 2€

To the untrained eye, Berlin's Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe looks rather plain, but after a trip inside and underneath, the memorial takes on an entirely new meaning.

It consists of 2,711 austere concrete blocks, called stelae, that cover 19,000m<sup>2</sup>. Designed by American architect Peter Eisenman in 2005, the memorial attracts nearly half a million visitors every year.

Accompanying the memorial is an underground information center that houses the Holocaust exhibition. Seven rooms document the history and experiences of victims of the Holocaust. The design of the exhibition, which includes stelae descending from the ceiling and coming up from the floor, beautifully complements the design of the memorial.

Both the memorial and exhibition are a must-see in Berlin, guaranteed to make any visitor emotional. Take the audio tour for an in-depth look at the concept behind the exhibition design, as well as a detailed history of the victims and survivors featured in the exhibition. Bring a student ID to take the cost of the audio tour down to 2€, but be prepared to wait in a queue for at least 30 minutes before getting into the information centre.

Hayleigh Syens



## House of the Wannsee Conference (Haus der Wannsee-Konferenz)

<b>Address</b>	Am Großen Wannsee 56-58, 14109 Berlin-Wannsee
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 10:00-18:00
<b>Transport</b>	Haus der Wannsee-Konferenz Bus
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ghwk.de">www.ghwk.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission

In movies, the villains often seem to plot their most dastardly schemes in hollowed out volcano bases. In reality, they choose idyllic villas. Such is the case with Villa Marlier.

The villa itself was built in 1914-1915 for factory owner Ernst Marlier. In 1921 it was sold to Friedrich Minoux, a coal wholesaler who was considered the richest man in Germany at the time. The Wannsee Conference, organized by Reinhard Heydrich, Head of the SS Security Service, took place on 20 January 1942. This is where the 'Final Solution of the Jewish Question' or as it's better known, the Holocaust, was discussed and planned.



There is an exhibition inside the villa that begins with the history of anti-Semitism in Germany, beginning at the medieval period and continuing until the rise of the Nazi's. Though the exhibit's main focus is on the Wannsee Conference itself and the aftermath of its decision. It concludes with a wall of quotes from Holocaust survivors and their children, with additional one's from the children of Nazi officials.

It is hard to imagine a plan calling for genocide could have been discussed in such a beautiful location.

Nathan Kusisto





# The Helmut Newton Photography Museum (Museum für Fotografie / Helmut-Newton-Stiftung)

<b>Address</b>	Jebensstrasse 2d, 10623 Berlin-Charlottenberg
<b>Hours</b>	Tues, Wed, Fri 10:00-18:00 Thurs 10:00-20:00; Sat-Sun 11:00-18:00
<b>Transport</b>	Zoologischer Garten U2, U9, S5, S7, S75
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.helmut-newton.com">www.helmut-newton.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	10€, concessions 5€



However, the museum's true appeal is found upon mounting the majestic, red-carpeted, double staircase. On the second floor, Newton's striking, original prints fill four rooms. Black and white shots for Vogue and Yves Saint Laurent preserve the glamour and eroticism of 20th Century popular culture. Singer, Grace Jones, drapes herself over action-icon, Dolph Lundgren, while Karl Lagerfeld poses in the stairwell of the Parisian Chanel store. Equally as striking is a colour series which uniquely exposes David Bowie and David Hockney, picturing them next to the contents of their bedside drawers.

All-in-all, this is a must-see museum for the photography fanatic who is not opposed to the bare, female form.

Jessica Thomson



## Berlin Cathedral (Berliner Dom)

<b>Address</b>	Am Lustgarten, 10178 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 09:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Hackescher Markt S5, S7, S9, S75
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.berlinerdom.de/home.html">www.berlinerdom.de/home.html</a>
<b>Price</b>	7€, Concessions 5€

Established on the banks of the Spree River, the new Berliner Dom was erected as the city's main Protestant Church in 1905. Designed to give an impression of magnitude in a time of austerity, its expansive copper domed roof and neo-baroque exterior is immediately recognizable – although not to be confused with St Hedwigs-Kathedrale, which is located close by. Whilst the times have changed, the impression certainly has not. Lofty and broad, with light spilling dynamically in through several 10-metre windows in the dome itself, the church paints an imposing structure against the Berlin skyline.

For 5-7€, you can explore the building in its entirety. An additional 3€ will grant access to the audio guide: the ideal companion to the choice selection of exhibits on show. Behold the magnificent Sauer Organ and its 7269 pipes, or delve beneath the building and into the crypt of the former royals – a moving reminder of the frailty of human life. The piece de resistance is undeniably the dome walkway, a pathway that stretches the exterior of the dome itself. With panoramic views of the city, it boasts a plethora of popular sights, particularly remarkable on a clear day. Not for the faint hearted though – the walkway is only accessible by scaling 181 stairs.

Isabella Taylor





# Checkpoint Charlie

<b>Address</b>	Friedrichstraße 43-45, 10117 Berlin-Mitte/berg
<b>Hours</b>	Always Open
<b>Transport</b>	Kochstraße U6
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission

The most famous border crossing during the years of the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie symbolises the ideological differences that divided the city from 1949 until 1989. Today, little remains of the pre-1989 territorial boundaries. In its place stands a reconstructed US army guardhouse and copy of the border sign. For a small fee you can have your photo taken with the actors posing as border guards.



One of the only direct confrontations during the Cold War took place here on 27 October 1961, when heavily armed guards who were manning the border refused to give US diplomat, Allan Lightner, entry into East Berlin. The US responded by positioning a tank in front of the wall, the Soviets mirroring their actions, sparking a subsequent sixteen-hour standoff. However, diplomatic relations prevailed, with the tanks being withdrawn one by one and unhindered access to government officials being reinstated.

It's hard to imagine the realities Berliners faced for three decades, as now all that remains is the façade of this tourist attraction. It is however, still worth a visit as you can learn about the events of the Cold War that are displayed on the surrounding walls.

Kate Griffiths



# Soviet War Memorial

<b>Address</b>	Puschkinallee, 12435, Berlin-Alt-Treptow
<b>Hours</b>	Always Open
<b>Transport</b>	Treptower Park S8, S9, S41, S46, S85
<b>Phone</b>	+49 30 25002333
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission

Treptower Park is home to Soviet architect Yakov Belopolsky's Soviet War Memorial. It commemorates 5,000 of the 80,000 Soviet soldiers who died during the Battle of Berlin in 1945. The memorial opened in 1949, four years after the end of WWII, and is considered the central war memorial in East Germany. It is also the largest Soviet war cemetery in Germany and the largest anti-fascist memorial in Western Europe.

The focus point in the memorial is of a Soviet soldier clenching a sword in one arm and a German child in another, accompanied by a broken swastika beneath him. It is said that the statue is a representative of the Sergeant of the Guards, Nikolai Masalov, who risked his life to rescue a young German girl while under the heavy fire of machine guns.



The memorial also holds long, tall slabs organised into straight rows, with carved images depicting the course of the war. Approximately 40,000 cubic metres of granite went into constructing the memorial, just one example of its vast and significant scale.

Treptower Park is roughly half an hour away from Mitte using public transport. But the Soviet War Memorial is well worth the journey, but don't worry if you're staying too far away, Berlin is home to two other Soviet memorials, one hidden within Großer Tiergarten Park.

Jasmine Richards





# The Reichstag Building (Plenarbereich Reichstagsgebäude)

<b>Address</b>	Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 8:00-00:00 (last admission at 22:00)
<b>Transport</b>	Bundestag U55
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.bundestag.de">www.bundestag.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free (appointment necessary)

Today the Reichstag is very much a building of the people. The second most visited German attraction and the most visited parliamentary building in the world, it has housed Germany's Bundestag (parliament) since 1999.

Construction began in 1871 following the unification of Germany. It housed the Imperial Diet of the German Empire from 1894 until 1933 when it was damaged in a fire. Circumstances of the fire remain unknown; however, it provided pretext for the Nazi's to suspend the rights of the German people.

The Red Army captured, and badly damaged, the building during WWII. Cyrillic graffiti can still be seen on the building today. Much of it was preserved during the reconstruction, with only graffiti containing racist or sexist themes removed.



Following the war, the building came under West German rule. It was partially reconstructed, but was not used to house the Bundestag. The official German reunification ceremony was held at the building in 1990, and one day later the reunited Bundestag held a symbolic meeting there. Reconstruction began in 1992 under architect Norman Foster.

The entire building was gutted. The most notable addition is the glass dome that sits atop it. From 8:00 to 10:00 daily, visitors can make appointments to take an elevator ride to the top of the building. Here they can walk along the roof, admiring views of Berlin. A free audio guide is available, but most notably visitors can walk inside and up the glass dome, marveling at the architecture and catching glimpses of parliamentary sessions below. The transparency of the glass dome is designed to symbolise the transparency of the reunified German government. Parliamentary officials can look up to see people milling about, reminding them that everything they do, they do for the people.

Lauren Lamson





# Anne Frank Zentrum (Center)

<b>Address</b>	Rosenthaler Straße 39, 10178 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Tues-Sun 10:00-18:00
<b>Transport</b>	Hackescher Markt S5, S7, S75
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.annefrank.de">www.annefrank.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Adult 5€, Concession 3€

Tucked away down a graffiti-covered alleyway, the Anne Frank exhibition is located in an unlikely venue, but it is definitely worth the effort to find it. The exhibition, 'Anne Frank: Here and Today', chronicles Anne's life beginning with background information on the persecution of the Jews and the emergence of Hitler and the Nazis, going on to explore her childhood and family history.

The exhibition is spread over two rooms, one looking at the history of Anne's story and the other focusing on its relevance today. The exhibits are presented in an interactive way, using a selection of postcards, family albums, and numerous photographs of her idyllic early childhood. Many of the photos featured were taken by Anne's father and provide a poignant insight into the normally unseen private life of a family torn apart by war. Anne's original diary is also on display, on loan from Anne's house and Museum in Amsterdam. Audio guides are available in both German and English, and visitors can also take a look at a series of short video interviews which show how Berlin teenagers relate to Anne's story.



Anne's story is made relevant to the youth of today in an engaging journey through her life and the impact of war, and this exhibition will help to keep the memory alive for future generations.

Carys Thomas

# Brandenburg Gate (Brandenburger Tor)

<b>Address</b>	Pariser Platz, 10117 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Always Open
<b>Transport</b>	Brandenburger Tor S1, S2, S25, U55
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.berlin.de">www.berlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission

In the heart of city lies this well-known monument that you cannot leave Berlin without seeing. It was built as a symbol of unity and peace, but through time it has had many different meanings. A decade after it was built, the statue on top of the gate depicting the goddess of peace was captured by Napoleon and held in France until 1814. After the Germans retrieved the statue it took on the roll of Victoria, the goddess of victory, showing the French that they would always come out victorious.

The Brandenburg Gate is also where Adolf Hitler gave important speeches to the country during the Nazi regime. It is where US President Ronald Reagan demanded that Mikhail Gorbachev, the leader of the USSR, tear down the Berlin Wall and unite Germany. And of course you can't forget where US President JFK famously said, 'Ich bin ein Berliner' (I am a Berliner), which also translates to, 'I am a jelly donut'. The history of this beautiful monument is often forgotten as people take their selfies in front of it, but just seeing the Brandenburg Gate in person takes you back through time to a place where peace came before all else.

Chandler Pachecor







## Alte Nationalgalerie (Old National Gallery)

<b>Address</b>	Bodestraße 1-3, 10178 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun 10:00-18:00 Thurs 10:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Friedrichstraße U6
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.smb.museum/home.html">http://www.smb.museum/home.html</a>
<b>Price</b>	Adult 12€, concessions 6€

**T**opped with an equestrian statue of Frederick William IV, this temple-like structure is celebrated for its world-class collection of 19th century painting and sculpture. Today, it holds much of the same works as on its founding in 1861. Where later national acquisitions have now been taken on by its Museum Island neighbours, in particular the Neue Nationalgalerie, the Alte Nationalgalerie has certainly not dwindled in popularity.

The gallery's upper and lower levels house the permanent collection. Upon entrance, a hall of flowing, neo-classical statues leads you through to an outstanding collection of oil paintings by Adolph Menzel. Highlights include his 'Flute Concert with Frederick the Great in Sanssouci', of which the imperial elegance juxtaposes the fervently toiling ironworkers in his striking 'Iron Rolling Mill'. Realist paintings by the likes of Constable and Courbet fill further rooms.

In contrast, the third floor holds an extensive collection of Romanticist paintings by artists such as Caspar David Friedrich, depicting fantastical scenes of waterfalls, temples, and castles, set in Italy, Greece, and Germany.

The first gallery in the world to purchase Impressionist art, the Alte Nationalgalerie is also home to Édouard Manet's exceptional 'In the Conservatory', and Claude Monet's 'View of Vétheuil'.

Where the permanent exhibition alone is perhaps not overly inspirational to the contemporary art addict, exciting temporary exhibitions provide a refreshing twist. So opt for a combination ticket, with audio guides providing thought-provoking analysis on significant pieces. Queues curl round the front lawn during popular shows, so it is worth arriving before 10:00 to fix your front row spot.

Jess Thomson





# Memorial to the German Resistance (Gedenkstätte Deutscher Widerstand)

<b>Address</b>	Stauffenbergstraße 13-14, 10785 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Weds, Fri 9:00-18:00, Thurs 9:00-20:00, Sat-Sun 10:00-18:00
<b>Transport</b>	Potsdamer Platz S1, S2, S25, U2
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.gdw-berlin.de">www.gdw-berlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission

This memorial is dedicated to the individuals and organizations that bravely stood against Adolf Hitler and the Nazi regime. Since 1989, the memorial has been the central remembrance sight of the resistance in Germany. It provides documentation of the motives, aims, and forms of the fight against the Nazis.

One of the most famous cases of Germans acting against Hitler is the case of Colonel Claus Schenk von Stauffenberg and others from 'Operation Valkyrie' - this seems to be the primary focus with-



in the memorial. The plan to assassinate Hitler called for Stauffenberg to leave a briefcase with a bomb inside it under a map table closer to Hitler. The briefcase, however, was moved before the bomb went off and the solid oak table that Hitler was leaning over at the time of the explosion shielded his body. After the failed assassination attempt in 1944, Stauffenberg, along with four co-conspirators, was killed in the courtyard of the building.

Along with 'Operation Valkyrie' there are seventeen other topics that discuss the resistance, including student groups such as the White Rose in Munich.

This memorial illustrates that not everyone in Germany supported Hitler and the Nazis. In fact, many stood against them.

Nathan Kusisto



# Allied Museum (Alliierten Museum)

<b>Address</b>	Clayallee 135, 14195 Berlin-Zehlendorf
<b>Hours</b>	Tues-Sun 10:00-18:00
<b>Transport</b>	Oskar-Helene-Heim U3
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.alliiertenmuseum.de">www.alliiertenmuseum.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission

This museum focuses on the British, French, and American occupied zones of Berlin, along with the Soviet Union and the subsequent history of the two Germanys right up to its reunification.

The museum itself is split into three sections. There's the Outpost Theatre, which is the first part of the exhibition, and there's the Nicholson Memorial Library, which houses the second part of the exhibition. The third section is the open-air exhibition which houses the British Hastings TG

503 Airlift plane, the dining car of a French military train, the last guard tower from Checkpoint Charlie, and segments of the Berlin Wall.

In 1943 the 'Big Three' - Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and the USA - all agreed to end the war on the terms of Germany's unconditional surrender. In 1944 the European Advisory Committee drew up plans for the division of Germany into occupation zones, German Military Government, and the occupation of Berlin. WWII ended in Germany on May 1945 with the Allied Victory over Hitler and the complete defeat of Nazi Germany.

The Allied Museum provides plenty of information on how the Allies helped to shape Germany into the nation it is today. It's a must see for the post-WWII history buff.

Nathan Kusisto





# Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen (Gedenkstätte und Museum Sachsenhausen)

<b>Address</b>	Straße der Nationen 22, D-16515 Oranienburg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 8:30-18:00
<b>Transport</b>	Sachsenhausen, Gedenkstätte bus 804
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stiftung-bg.de/gums/en">www.stiftung-bg.de/gums/en</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free (3.00€ audio tour)



Nothing embodies Nazi evil more than the concentration camps, where Jews, Roma, Sinti, Communists, homosexuals, and any other 'political undesirables' were sent to be killed or serve as slave labour.

The Sachsenhausen concentration camp is located 35 km north of Berlin. It was used by the Third Reich to imprison mostly political prisoners from 1936 to the end of the Reich in May 1945. Sachsenhausen was later used by the Soviets as NKVD Special Camp Nr. 7 from August 1945 to spring of 1950.

While preserving the camp is an important part of the German concept of die Vergangenheitsbewältigung, which translates loosely to 'a struggle to come to terms with the past', it makes the memorial feel a little too well preserved, making the whole experience emotionally distancing. The audio tour only increases this feeling of emotional distance as the speaker gives the history of the camp and its various buildings in a flat, monotonous tone of voice.

Sachsenhausen is still an important place to visit as it shows us what hatred can lead to.

Nathan Kusisto







There is a lot to experience in Berlin. With countless parks, museums, galleries, shops, and entertainment options, you can guarantee you won't be stuck for something to do. If partying isn't your thing, there are alternative options such as black light mini golf, comedy nights, live music bars, and open mic nights. You can go to venues to hear blues music, go to the open air cinema to watch German films, or partake in some outdoor karaoke. Berlin is not just a place to drink beer; it has so much to offer in the form of cultural experience, and alternative activities to suit everyone, including some affordable open-top bus tours and boat rides.

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# The 100 and 200 Bus Tour

<b>Route</b>	Alexanderplatz to Charlottenburg
<b>Hours</b>	Monday - Sunday 7.00 - 23.00
<b>Transport</b>	Eberswalder - U2
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.bvg.de/en">www.bvg.de/en</a>
<b>Price</b>	€ <input type="text"/>



**S**it back and watch Berlin's biggest hotspots fly by from the unique vantage point of the upper deck of a city bus.

Now the city's most popular public bus tour, the 100 was the first bus to connect East and West Berlin after the fall of the Berlin wall. Along with the 200 service, the bus takes a similar route to the commercial tours for a fraction of the price, passing around thirty top tourist destinations. If the convenience isn't enough to convince you, then the view will be.

Board at Berlin's main transport hub, Alexanderplatz, then weave your way past Museum Island, approach the Brandenburg Gate and ride by the glass-domed Reichstag building. Hop off and take a tour on foot whenever you please, then hop back on and watch the golden winged statue atop of the The Victory Column (The Siegessäule) reveal itself through the leafy foliage of Großer Tiergarten park. Circle once around the red granite column before lurching off towards Kurfürs-

tendamm in the western part of the city. Here you will find the majestic Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church (Gedächtniskirche) alongside Berlin's biggest shopping centre, KaDeWe. Finally, arrive at the Zoological Gardens where the bus terminates. The 200 also runs through Potsdamerplatz, a true architectural treat.

Snagging a prime front window seat on the upper deck isn't guaranteed, and on an unlucky day you might be in for clunky journey, punctuated with some surprise stops and overcrowding, so try to avoid rush hour when possible. One way tickets are 1.60€ but you need a return ticket to complete the round trip, and for those holding a travel card the journey will be free. Forgo the typical tourist experience and take the road less travelled; the 100 and 200 bus tour is an adventure in itself.

Annabelle Lauder



# Berlin Boat Tours on the River Spree

<b>Address</b>	Wendenschloßstraße 30d, 12559 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 10:15-18:45
<b>Transport</b>	Französische Straße U6
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.berlinerwassertaxi.de">www.berlinerwassertaxi.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€ <input type="text"/>

**T**he River Spree is home to many of Berlin's water taxis, departing at both Hauptbahnhof Pier and Haus der Kulturen der Welt Pier. Lasting roughly one hour, they will float you along the river, passing by many waterside landmarks.

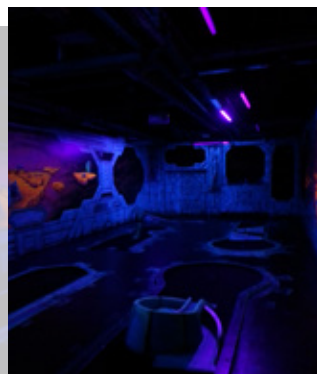
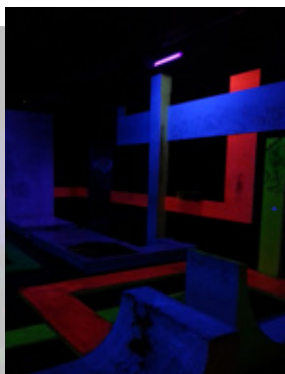
Starting in Mitte, the boat tour will pass historical sites such as the TV Tower, The Reichstag, Museum Island, the Victory Column and more. As well as capturing the vast collection of architecture Berlin

has to offer, your tour will be narrated by a local tour guide who will lead you through the city's history. Most boats include German-speaking guides, great if you want to test your skills at the language. However, the larger vessels offer audio tours in English, as well as other languages. Some boats include lower and upper decks as well as on-board bars, creating an enjoyable and relaxing experience. Students can buy tickets from 9€, but full price adult fares cost around 12€. However, for a nice break along the Spree and a great way to see Berlin from a different and new perspective, you shouldn't feel too concerned about the price.

Jasmine Richards







## Black Light Mini Golf (Schwarzlicht Minigolf Berlin)

<b>Address</b>	Görlitzer Straße 1, 10997 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Thurs 10:00-23:00 Fri-Sat 10:00-24:00 Sun 10:00-22:00
<b>Transport</b>	Schlesisches Tor U12
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.schwarzlicht-minigolf-berlin.de">www.schwarzlicht-minigolf-berlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	5€

It's no secret that mini golf has lost its charm. The repetition of aiming at, and more than often missing, the shallow hole is no longer fun. But Black Light has discovered a way to make it fun again.

Situated in a spacious basement, the course consists of four dark rooms, each with its own quirky personality lit with neon paint.

A psychedelic, magic mushroom-themed trip awaits you in the first room. You are drawn towards the rain-

bow bridge and green-glowing trees painted on the walls. Following the course into the next room, you are immersed into the inner workings of a spaceship. The orange mural on the wall hypnotises your eyes into believing you have left Earth. The Milky Way Galaxy greets you in the adjoining room. Mini planets work their way up to the first hole. Glow-in-the-dark glitter falls from the piped ceiling, coating your clothes in a fine layer of sparkles.

You will notice that each hole is taking a bit longer to conquer; perhaps your patience is even being tested. But have no fear, it isn't until the final room that true difficulty begins.

A glowing scene of arrows and lines points towards every impossible obstacle you could imagine. You will probably begin to feel defeated. Keep laughing at your friends' embarrassing attempts to beat you and, even if you don't come out as a champion, you will definitely leave Black Light with a smile on your face.

Jasmine Richards



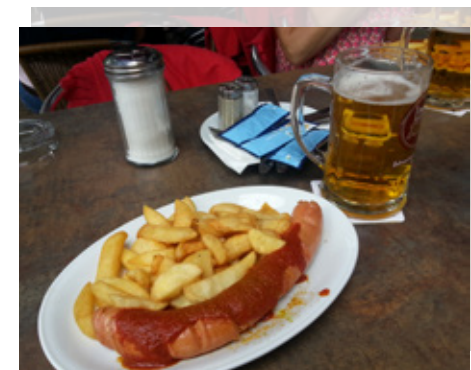
## Unter den Linden



house. The City Castle managed to withstand damage from the war but was blown up in 1950 due to the General Secretary of Central Committee, Walter Ulbricht, deeming it a symbol of Prussian absolutism.

The street is easily accessible by the U-Bahn or S-Bahn, as well as the 100 bus, which is a great jump-on-jump-off service touring through all of Mitte's major attractions.

Jasmine Richards



Beginning at the foot of Brandenburg Gate and Hotel Aldon, this boulevard is home to many prestigious institutions such as the Berlin State Opera and Humboldt University. Many tourist attractions also lay along this road, including the New Guardhouse (Neue Wache), the Old Arsenal (Zeughaus), Museum Island, and the Berlin Cathedral (Berliner Dom).

Finishing at Schlossbrücke (Palace Bridge), Unter den Linden is home to a range of cafés and food stalls selling currywurst and beer, as well as souvenir shops filled with t-shirts, toys, mugs, and fridge magnets. Sheltered by rows of low-hanging trees, which isolate it from Berlin's usual roar of cars and trains, it is a perfect place to rest between tourist destinations.

Mostly destroyed during WWII, Unter den Linden began reconstructing its paths in 1958, creating rows of typical 1960s architecture as well as rebuilding and restoring vital landmarks such as the opera

<b>Address</b>	Unter den Linden, 10117 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Always open
<b>Transport</b>	Französische Straße U6
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission





# Tempelhofer Park

<b>Address</b>	Tempelhof, 12101 Berlin-Tempelhof
<b>Hours</b>	Always Open
<b>Transport</b>	Tempelhof Berlin S41, S42, S45, S46, S47, U6
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.tempelhofer-feld.de">www.tempelhofer-feld.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission



The park includes cycling, jogging, and skating trails as well as a BBQ area, dog walking fields, and a huge picnic area, perfect, not just for locals, but also tourists looking for a little break to soak up sunny afternoons.

There are three entrances to the park, open from sunrise to sunset every day. The enormous space has so much potential for visitors, from a peaceful quiet time with your favourite book to a great gathering destination with a group of friends, you'll never feel lost in the grassy fields of Tempelhofer.

Jasmine Richards



## Bear Pit Karaoke (Sonntags Karaoke im Mauerpark)

<b>Address</b>	Gleimstraße 55, 10437 Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg
<b>Hours</b>	Sun 15:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Bernauer Straße U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.bearpitkaraoke.com">www.bearpitkaraoke.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission

With his unique blend of humour, teasing, and encouragement, Joe gives newbies and regulars a chance to test their mettle in front of an international crowd of revellers. People from as near as Berlin and as far as Hong Kong enthusiastically belt out karaoke classics by acts such as AC/DC, Queen, Frank Sinatra, or Adele, with the occasional bout of opera or beat-boxing thrown in. Meanwhile, vendors traverse the dense crowds selling beer, water, and soda, and Joe scales the amphitheatre taking donations in an old dented Café Bustelo coffee can.

On Sundays at Mauerpark, weather permitting, the amphitheatre just east of the flea market fills to the brim with spectators, often overflowing its generous allowance of stone seating. Just before 15:00, karaoke DJ Joe Hachiban cycles to the centre of the arena with his supplies on the back of his bike. He erects a sound booth under cover of a pink umbrella and sets out a pair of amplifiers facing the crowd.

The crowd at Bear Pit yells encouragements and cheers for talented and not-so-talented performers alike, singing and dancing along to well-known tunes and welcoming the opportunity to learn regional favourites from around the world. Plan to arrive 30 minutes early if you're in a large group or want a particularly good spot.

Lauren Lamson





# Strandbad Wannsee

On the outskirts of West Berlin lies one of the biggest beaches in the city. The beautiful sand beach of Strandbad Wannsee invites you to kick off your flip-flops and enjoy a day in the refreshingly cool lake water.

For just 5€, Wannsee is a great spot to go get a tan and enjoy the water or play sand volleyball with friends. With free lounge chairs in the sand with drawers to hold all of your belongings, Wannsee is a perfect place to come and cool off. A fairly priced snack bar keeps your belly full during your day on the beach.

If you're feeling adventurous, head over to the right side of the fence where the nudist beach begins.

Chandler Pacheco

<b>Address</b>	Wannseebadweg 25, 14129 Berlin-Wannsee
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 10:00-19:00
<b>Transport</b>	Nikolassee S1, S7
<b>Price</b>	5€



# Lake Müggelsee (Großer Müggelsee)

Out of the dozens of lakes, canals, and rivers dotted around Berlin, this lake is the largest of these popular aquatic spots, with a water area of 7.3²km. There are three main bathing areas located around the water's edge: the resort Friedrichshagen, Müggelsee beach, and the smaller bathing beach Kleiner Müggelsee.

For the sporty beach goer, an area is set aside for volleyball nets. Boats and canoes are available for hire, and there are fishing spots at various points around the lake. The sweet smelling pine forest surrounding the lake is also ideal for walking and biking. For those making a day of it, Müggelsee has food kiosks and cafes that serve a variety of sandwiches, chips, and Berlin's favourite, Currywurst. One shop even sells beach necessities such as parasols, sunglasses, and sunscreen, and the toilet, changing and shower facilities are well maintained.

A testament to its crystal clean waters, lake Müggelsee is home to a variety of water based plant life. Stringy water plants can be avoided by bathing near the sandier parts of the lake. Hot and crowded days can make the journey tedious, so get down early to avoid the transport rush and bag a spot on the sandy bays or grassy hills where plenty of shade can be found under the trees.

Annabelle Lauder

<b>Address</b>	Treptow-Köpenick, 12557 Berlin- Friedrichshagen
<b>Hours</b>	Always Open
<b>Transport</b>	Friedrichshagen S3
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.bearpitkaraoke.com">www.bearpitkaraoke.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission







## Volkspark Humboldthain

Literally named 'the people's park', Volkspark Humboldthain spans 71-acres and has a rich history and a variety of modern features. Named after the famous geographer and naturalist Alexander von Humboldt, the park began construction on his 100th birthday in 1869 and was completed seven years later. The southern part of the anti-aircraft tower that was built in Humboldthain in 1861 was blown up after WWII. The rubble turned into a hill that is now used for tobogganing in winter. The remaining northern tower is an interesting historical feature; offering tours around the bunker and being used as a climbing wall in summer, around 250 bats are allowed to hibernate inside it during winter.

In addition to this history, the park boasts acres of grass and trees ideal for sunbathing, long walks, and bike rides.

A beautiful rose garden surrounded with high hedges is a perfect location for some picturesque seclusion. Moreover, the park contains a playground and a large outdoor swimming pool, complete with a water slide, which is often filled with children during summer. The strong history of the park makes it worth a visit all year round, and with so much to offer really is 'the people's park'.

Ally McLaren

<b>Address</b>	Wiesenstraße 1, 13357 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Always Open
<b>Transport</b>	Humboldthain S1, S2, S25
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission



## Mauerpark Flea Market (Flohmarkt im Mauerpark)



Every Sunday starting at 7:00 Mauerpark comes alive with vendors putting their stalls together, getting ready for crowds to swarm the park. With booths selling everything from homemade jams to pre-owned bikes, Mauerpark Flea Market has everything you could want somewhere in the maze of vendors.

Walk in and grab a beer at one of the many beverage booths before making your way through the labyrinth, taking in all of the sights in the market. The friendly vendors will try to lure you to their stalls with polite conversation, and once they have convinced you to take something home they are always willing to haggle and possibly bring down their prices.

Food stands are scattered throughout the market offering something new to try each Sunday, from

a delicious vegan burger to locally made sausage. After you've exhausted your legs and you just want to relax, head to the amphitheater in the park and relax and enjoy the music of Bearpit Karaoke. Be sure to get there earlier in the day so you can see as much of the market as you can.

Chandler Pacheco

<b>Address</b>	Bernauer Straße 63-64, 10435 Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg
<b>Hours</b>	Sunday 07:00-17:00
<b>Transport</b>	Voltastraße U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.flohmarktimmauerpark.de">www.flohmarktimmauerpark.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€





# Auguststraße

<b>Address</b>	Auguststraße, 10117 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Sun 15:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Oranienburger Straße S1
<b>Price</b>	€€

Around half a mile long, Auguststraße is considered to be one of Berlin's most fashionable gallery districts, with numerous exhibition rooms including the Kunst-Werke Berlin, giving the street its illustrious reputation.



The mix of stylish galleries and exclusive restaurants give Auguststraße its vibrant atmosphere and the eclectic selection of bars and clubs mean it is now considered to be chic nightlife spot.

Carys Thomas



Take a wander down the street and you will discover the Jewish School for Girls (Jüdische Mädchenschule), an imposing 1835 building designed to encompass practical, no-nonsense design. The school was closed in 1942 and many of the pupils and teachers were deported to be murdered in death camps, before it was renovated to become a house of art and culture in 2012. Today, you will also find the exclusive Grill-Royal Pauly Saal Restaurant, and an attractive courtyard garden where the sunlight floods through the French doors.

Upstairs you will discover The Kennedys Museum, which displays a vast collection of photographs, private documents and official papers belonging to the Kennedy family, giving visitors a glimpse into their private life.

Stroll further down the street and check out the chic cafés tucked away down exclusive courtyards and a selection of sophisticated shops. Finally don't miss Clärchens Ballhaus, a popular, elegant ballroom which regularly holds dance evenings.

# Kurfürstendamm



some lovely scenery for a nice afternoon stroll. If the condescending looks from the shopkeepers don't scare you away, pop into a few of the designer shops, just to say you've been there.

Hayleigh Syens

<b>Address</b>	Kurfürstendamm, Berlin-Charlottenburg
<b>Hours</b>	Always Open
<b>Transport</b>	Kurfürstendamm U1, U9
<b>Price</b>	€€€

Berlin's too-cool attitude is nowhere to be found on this 3.5 km avenue, often considered the Champs-Élysées of Berlin. Packed with high-end shops, from Maybach to Prada to Bottega Veneta, Kurfürstendamm, also known as Ku'damm, is far from a hipster's paradise. However, it is the perfect place to shamelessly act like a tourist and gawk at all of the pricey clothes and shiny cars. If you've got some euros burning a hole in your pocket, inexpensive chain retailers like Zara and H&M can be found on the outer edges of the street, along with plenty of inexpensive cafes. What truly makes this area special is the architecture. Looking above the designer shop signs, you can find beautiful, intricate building fronts and charming balconies. Of particular note is the Commerzbank on the corner of Olivaer Platz and Ku'damm.

if you're looking for a unique or vintage Berlin find, this isn't the spot for you, but it can provide







## Karl-Marx-Allee

**K**arl-Marx-Allee, originally called Stalinallee until 1961, is a Soviet-style boulevard built by the GDR between 1952 and 1960. It begins at Strausberger Platz and ends at Frankfurter Tor. The boulevard itself is 89 metres wide and nearly two kilometres long.

After WWII, the area was one of the most damaged districts in Berlin. Initial redevelopment designs for the area east of the Weberwiese had already begun in 1946. Today, there are only a few remaining traces of the first developmental phase of the 'Friedrichshain residential cell'.

At the beginning of the 1950s, Stalinallee was the largest construction site in the GDR. Its construction ran into several problems such as constant changes to building procedures and supply issues.

Architect Hermann Henselmann named his high rise on Weberwiese "the white swan rising from the ruins of Berlin". It took eight months to build

the nine-storey apartments with 33 rooms, all of which were comfortably equipped for the standards of the time.

Karl-Marx-Allee provides a glimpse of GDR socialist-realist architecture and is somehow strikingly beautiful with its symmetrical design - it is definitely worth a visit.

Nathan Kusisto

<b>Address</b>	Karl-Marx-Allee, 10243 Berlin-Friedrichshain
<b>Hours</b>	Always Open
<b>Transport</b>	Jannowitzbrücke S5, S7, S75, U8
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission





# Waldhochseilgarten Jungfernheide

**A**dventure junkies wanted for a day of monkeying around.

Weave your way through this labyrinth in the tree tops, making your way from one obstacle to another. Waldhochseilgarten Jungfernheide is a high ropes course that tests not only your fitness level but also how well you can concentrate.

Located in the middle of Volkspark Jungfernheide a park in Charlottenburg, Waldhochseilgarten Jungfernheide is a perfect way to escape from the city while testing your comfort zone to hang from the treetops. Challenge yourself with obstacles such as walking across rope ladders or leaping from beam to beam like Tarzan. With nine courses progressing from easy (Green) to extremely difficult (Black), there is a little something for all types of people.

The most daring can aim for the Double Black course, which tests all of your abilities for at least an hour. For just 19€ you get a three hour pass to any course of your choosing, which is more than enough time to get through as many courses as one person could possibly handle in one go.

Be ready to learn safety procedures by reading off a piece of paper when you get there, because all of the instructors give their spiels in only German. Also, if your hands are on the softer side, it is recommended to purchase a pair of gloves for 4€, otherwise you may leave a little worse for wear.

Chandler Pacheco



<b>Address</b>	Heckerdamm 260, 13627 Berlin-Charlottenburg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Fri 11:00-19:00 Sat-Sun 9:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Halemweg U7
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.waldhochseilgarten-jungfernheide">www.waldhochseilgarten-jungfernheide</a>
<b>Price</b>	Adult 19€, Concession 16€



# Zoologischer Garten (Zoological Gardens)



**H**aving opened in 1844, Berlin's Zoologischer Garten is the oldest in Germany and is home to the most diverse collection of animals in the world. As you wander through the maze of paths and trees, animals of every kind imaginable prowl and chirp in their enclosures. With over 1,500 species housed here, there is no better place to get up close and personal with tigers, lions, polar bears, and elephants, to be waved at by seals or spat at by camels.

The zoo was almost completely destroyed during WWII, and only 91 of the 3,715 animals survived. Following this, the enclosures were rebuilt with the animals' natural habitats in mind. Now the monkeys whoop and howl as they play games high up in their climbing frames, and the big cats roll lazily

in the grass, occasionally sauntering inside for visitors to marvel at their power and grace from just metres away.

The tracks in the sand where the animals pace day after day is the only indication that they are not entirely at ease in their artificial surroundings. This may be one to avoid if you disagree with animals being kept in cages, but the expansive outdoor space and numerous species make for a fascinating and enjoyable day out.

Emily Brearley-Bayliss

<b>Address</b>	Hardenbergplatz 8, 10787 Berlin-Tiergarten
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Fri 9:00-18:30 Winter: Mon-Fri 9:00-17:00
<b>Transport</b>	Zoologischer Garten U2,
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.zoo-berlin.de/en">www.zoo-berlin.de/en</a>
<b>Price</b>	Adult 20€, Concession 15€





# Großer Tiergarten

<b>Address</b>	Str. des 17. Juni 31, 10785 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Fri 9:00-18:00
<b>Transport</b>	100 S+U Zoologischer Garten bus
<b>Website</b>	+49 30 901833101
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission

What Central Park is to New Yorkers, and Hyde Park to Londoners, Tiergarten Park is to Berliners. The park is a green oasis nestled in its very urban surroundings, and is located north of Kreuzberg and Schöneberg. Stretching over a staggeringly huge 520 acres, the gardens are a haven for dog walkers, cyclists and nature lovers alike. Designed by landscape architect Peter Lenné as a hunting ground under Prussian Ruler Friedrich III, the park really is a slice of urban paradise. In 1742, the park was transformed into the aptly named "Lustgarten" – "pleasuregarden", designed to be shared by the public.



Sadly, the park was largely destroyed during the 1945 Battle of Berlin, and after the war it was used as farmland, primarily to grow potatoes for the starving citizens. Restoration work was undertaken after the war and the end result is a journey of discovery of its many peaceful lakes, ponds, avenues, meadows and flowerbeds. It feels as if you have stumbled upon Alice's wonderland, and every opening leads to a new delight for the senses.

Tiergarten Park is also home to several significant memorials, including the Bismark memorial and the Victory Column, which boasts panoramic views of the area. All you need is an Oxford Satchel and a bicycle to fit right in.

Carys Thomas



## The Gardens at Schloss Charlottenburg

<b>Address</b>	Spandauer Damm 10, 14059, Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 08:00-Dusk
<b>Transport</b>	Berlin Westend S41, S42
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.spsg.de">www.spsg.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission



an Italianate villa to the north of the Palace, and the mausoleum, which has stood as the burial place for the Hohenzollern family since the death of Queen Louise in 1810. Admission to the mausoleum grants you access to the beautiful neoclassical memorial hall within.

Offering an attractive insight into the lives of the former Prussian aristocracy, Berlin's oldest park was built in conjunction with Schloss Charlottenburg, the summer palace for Queen Sophie Charlotte, in 1713. The central garden, reminiscent of the Baroque grounds at Versailles, is crammed full of seasonal flowers and privet hedgerows with geometrically designed lawns and dozens of cherubic garden features. Nestled amongst the trees at various interludes are popular garden exhibits such as the newly renovated viewing pavilion,

History is not all these gardens have to offer. Beyond the formalities of the main plot is a collection of shaded woods and fragrant meadows, ideal for picnicking or simply as a way to escape the clamour of the surrounding city. Enjoy a bike ride along one of the marked cycle paths, or mooch amongst the dog walkers and engage with the nature around you.

Isabella Taylor





# Sanssouci Park (Schloss Sanssouci)



<b>Address</b>	Zur Historischen Mühle 1, 14469 Berlin-Potsdam
<b>Hours</b>	Sun-Sat 8:00-17:00
<b>Transport</b>	Schloss Sanssouci B 695
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.potsdam-park-sanssouci.de">www.potsdam-park-sanssouci.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission

**S**anssouci palace and the surrounding gardens were originally designed in 1754 by architect Georg Wenzeslaus von Knobelsdorff at the request of Prussian monarch Frederick the Great (Friedrich der Große). Taking its name from the French phrase sans souci, meaning 'without concerns', the single storey palace and south facing vineyard was intended as the king's own personal summer haven. Today this

UNESCO World Heritage Site spans a vast 700 km. The carefully arranged shrubbery lies beside flowing streams and bowing trees, sewn together by 70 km of tranquil walkways.

Over time Friedrich II expanded the gardens, adding of over 3000 fruit trees, multiple water features, flower gardens, and nine more unique buildings that meld seamlessly into the surrounding landscape. This included the lavishly decorated baroque and rococo style Neues Palais. Once Prussia's grandest palace, it has been faithfully restored, and now offers audio tours that guide visitors through its fascinating history.

Friedrich II successors, most notably Friedrich IV, remodelled the Sanssouci grounds into the park we see today. To the northeast he added the Roman



Baths, a mixture of classical and Italian architecture, complete with trickling water feature and villa. A short stroll away lie the flowering and colourful Marley Gardens, and the quaint Chinese House, a mixture of Chinese architecture with Rococo elements. Friedrich IV also added the prim Sicilian gardens, where you can meander along the neat pathways alongside the mediterranean greenery.

To see the best of Sanssouci Park, be sure to visit between the spring and autumn months, when all of the buildings will be open and the flowers will be in full bloom. True to its Rococo roots, the park is an impressive synthesis of nature and landscape architecture.

Annabelle Lauder







## Volkspark Friedrichshain

Large urban parks have been an integral part of Berlin's landscape for centuries, and Volkspark Friedrichshain is the oldest of them all. The park was originally designed in 1840 by landscape gardener Peter Joseph Lenné, and was commissioned by the Berlin City Council to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Friedrich der Große's (Frederick the Great's) ascension to the Prussian throne. It opened to the public in 1848, and today all 52 hectares of sweeping lawns and flower-filled gardens are open to be enjoyed by the public.

The park is filled with secret paths and tree-lined trails, which lead to trickling streams, playgrounds, and large lakes. Wander far enough and you will come across the magical Märchenbrunnen (Fairy Tale Fountain). Designed in 1905 by Berlin's city building director Ludwig Hoffmann, and completed in 1913, it was one of the only parts of the park that survived the savage bombings of WWII. The enchanting, neo-Baroque design features 106 stone sculptures, and depicts

enchanting scenes from the Brother's Grimm fairy tales, including Cinderella, Snow White, and Little Red Riding Hood.

Its fashionable location makes Volkspark Friedrichshain the ideal place for young people to BBQ, relax, and socialize, although the numerous play areas are great for families with young children too.

Emily Brearley-Bayliss

<b>Address</b>	Am Friedrichshain 1, 10407 Berlin-Friedrichshain
<b>Hours</b>	Always Open
<b>Transport</b>	Landsberger Allee S8, S9, S41, S42, S85
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.visitberlin.de">www.visitberlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission

## Badeschiff

<b>Address</b>	Eichenstraße 4, 12435 Berlin-Alt-Treptow
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 8:00-24:00
<b>Transport</b>	Treptower Park S8, S9, S41, S42, S85
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.arena.berlin/portfolio/">www.arena.berlin/portfolio/</a>
<b>Price</b>	5€ full price, 3€ concession

On sunny days in the city when the heat borders on the unbearable, Berlin's young and beautiful can be found at local artist Susanne Lorenz's increasingly popular open air swimming pool. Situated by an industrial complex just past the edges of Kreuzberg, the converted barge is located in the revamped area that was formerly a part of the no man's land conjoining East and West Berlin.

Enjoy the scenic views over the water while taking a dip in the pool that floats on the river Spree, as local DJs play to the daytime revellers sipping cocktails on the deckchairs below. This inner city sunbathing spot provides the perfect hangover cure. The ingenious utilisation of the space befits such a modern and creative city, highlighting its particular penchant for beach bars. With a 5€ entrance fee, this urban oasis is well worth the money, particularly on hot days. Once inside, burgers from the outdoor BBQ are priced at a reasonable 6€, whilst drinks are marginally more expensive than the city's usual low cost. The pool also puts on frequent open-air concerts in the summer months, so be sure to check out their Facebook page for a list of upcoming events.

Georgina D'Souza







## Sunday Breakfast Market at Markethalle Neun

<b>Address</b>	Eisenbahnstraße 42-43, 10997 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Third Sunday of every month 10:00-15:00
<b>Transport</b>	Görlitzer Bahnhof U12
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.markthalleneun.de/maerkte/break-">www.markthalleneun.de/maerkte/break-</a>
<b>Price</b>	€ <input type="text"/>

Breakfast may be the most important meal of the day, though it is rare for new and exciting foods to break into the breakfast-sphere. This all changes, however, on the third Sunday of every month as food vendors from around Berlin congregate in Markethalle Neun to pedal diverse breakfast foods from around the world.

The smell of freshly baked pastries awaits visitors as they walk through the doors of this classic market hall, and festive blue and white bunting hangs from the ceiling to complete the merry atmosphere. Food lovers from throughout Ber-

lin wander around with cappuccinos or Bloody Marys in hand, perusing the many food options available for sampling. French crepes, Greek porridge and more are up for grabs.

Worthy of particular mention is the Korean bulgogi. Kimchi, marinated cucumbers, and perfectly cooked beef are served over sticky rice, all with a soft boiled egg and fresh herbs on top.

The market runs from 10:00 to 15:00, so you'll be able to make it even if your Saturday night went rather late. And no matter how large of a group you are, there's something to suit everyone's taste, making this market a perfect stop on any Sunday Funday tour.

Lauren Lamson





# Kollwitz Market (Wochenmarkt & Ökomarkt am Kollwitzplatz)

The smell of barbecued meat and freshly baked bread tickles your nose while walking into the farmers' market that stretches for about 500 meters starting from Kollwitzplatz. Held every Thursday and Saturday, it's a boulevard, framed by trees, that contains a whole rainbow of colors taking shape into vegetables, fruits, carpets, clothes, and jewels.

As you pass by the stands, let yourself be tempted by French patisserie, Italian salamis, Greek goat cheese, and German sausages. Do all this while savoring a Pinot gris or a cool Belgian beer.

Although it might look like a normal market, the reality is that it's a marvelous display of delicacies. Walking back and forth, an hour will easily fly by. Try a pistachio tiramisu shot before leaving and bring home an olive ciabatta from a local baker as a souvenir.

<b>Address</b>	Kollwitzstraße, 10405 Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg
<b>Hours</b>	Thurs 9:00-15:00, Sat
<b>Transport</b>	Senefelderplatz U2
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.wochenmarkt-deutschland.de">www.wochenmarkt-deutschland.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

Prices for vegetables and fruits are ridiculously high, with a kilo of nectarines costing as much as 5€, but it's the perfect location for a savvy culinary experience or as a break from the binge-sightseeing.

Paolo Pidello



# Türkenmarkt (Turkish Market)



The market is generally fairly busy, so getting around can at times feel like a mission. But in true market style, most of the products can be haggled down, meaning you could come away with a real steal, so hang in there.

Kate Griffiths

<b>Address</b>	Maybachufer, 10999 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Tues, Fri 11:00-18:30
<b>Transport</b>	Schönleinstraße U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.tuerkenmarkt.de">www.tuerkenmarkt.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

Every Tuesday and Friday, the Turkish Market is erected beside the Mayfair River and guests are invited to browse over the bustling stalls. Mingle with locals while examining goods, varying from regional produce to ornate trinkets.

Be sure to take your appetite with you, as you will no doubt be lured in by one of the many tasters on offer. The wurst wrap (2,50€), made up of Turkish garlic sausage, rocket salad, and tomato is evidently a firm favourite for most, evidenced by the swarms of people milling around with one in their hand.

While the food is a clear crowd pleaser, the other items on offer generate quite the stir. With an abundance of materials to choose from, it's almost impossible not to stop and finger through.







## Thaiwiese at Preußenpark (Thaiwiese im Preußenpark)

On Saturdays and Sundays a buzzing, Southeast Asian street food market fills Preußenpark with wafting aromas. An array of multi-coloured umbrellas shade assorted stalls serving Thai and Vietnamese cuisine assembled on the patchy grass. Foodies of all ages and origins flock for a true taste of Asia. Thai families crouch under tarpaulin structures, and grandparents perch on picnic boxes watching their grandchildren blow bubbles and prance through the park. Trendy Berliners cycle slowly past, in sync with the unhurried atmosphere.

On offer are plentiful pickings of dumplings, satay chicken skewers, and fresh spring rolls. Before your eyes, pad thai noodles are sprinkled with coriander and soaked in soy sauce. Prawn patties are pan-fried on portable gas stoves whilst chilli and ginger are pounded for mouth-watering salad dressing. Although potentially elevated for Westerners, prices

of 4€ a main are perfectly affordable. Add 3€ and round off with a generous bag of juicy cherries or a box of sweet and sticky coconut rice squares. Wash down your feast with a cold Chang beer for a mere 1,50€.

Bring a picnic blanket or grab a bench in the shade of the weeping willows. With Thai massages available, Thaiwiese is the perfect weekend wind-down.

Jessica Thomson

<b>Address</b>	Brandenburgische Straße 10707, Berlin-Wilmersdorf
<b>Hours</b>	Sat, Sun 10:00-21:00
<b>Transport</b>	Fehrbellinerplatz U3, U7
<b>Price</b>	€ <input type="text"/>



## Winterfeldtmarkt

Every Wednesday and Saturday, Winterfeldtplatz fills up with booths for a farmer's market offering everything from fresh produce to rolls of fabric. The air smells of sweet ripe fruit, which is a nice break from Berlin's usual scent of cigarette smoke and trash. Produce owners chatter back and forth like auctioneers, trying to entice shoppers to check out their Costa Rican pineapples or fresh cuts of meat.

After checking the cost of the many mouth-watering products, most shoppers can't resist making a purchase. Prices are incredibly low, with all fruits and vegetables running about 1 or 2€ a kilo.

Many of the stall owners only speak German, so making purchases in English can be difficult but certainly not impossible. The market draws a decent-sized crowd but is much smaller than Berlin market giants like Mauerpark Flea Market, making it a better pick for those looking to have a more relaxed outing.

The entire market takes less than an hour to see, and booth owners provide plastic bags to carry purchases in.

Even if a recent trip to the supermarket has left your fridge full, the atmosphere is enough to make Winterfeldtmarkt a worthwhile trip.

Hayleigh Syens



<b>Address</b>	Winterfeldtplatz, Winterfeldtstraße, 10781 Berlin-Schöneberg
<b>Hours</b>	Wed 8:00-14:00, Sat 8:00-16:00
<b>Transport</b>	Yorckstrasse S1
<b>Price</b>	€ <input type="text"/>





# Potsdamer Platz



In the 20s and 30s, this public square was one of the busiest crossroads in Europe and one of the most lively areas of the Prussian capital. Today, this masterpiece of modern architecture is filled with teenagers, businessmen, and 'been-there-seen-that' tourists attracted by the chance to go conformity-shopping.

After being completely demolished during WWII, Potsdamer Platz was replaced by the Potsdam Gate and the Berlin Wall until the fall of the Wall in 1989. In 1994, the square became the biggest construction site in Europe.

Excavation started for new underground tunnels, and the foundation was laid for Helmut Jahn's Bahn Tower. The Sony Center, distinguished by its futuristic and majestic roof, has been a major shopping attraction since its opening in 2000.

Hans Kollhoff's 101-meter Bahn Tower hosts an observation deck over the city center on the 24th and 25th floors, reflecting the variety of scenic possibilities Potsdamer Platz has to offer. Go here to appreciate the modern works of architecture, especially at night when the lights are turned on, creating a comforting yet lively atmosphere.

Paolo Andrea Pidello

<b>Address</b>	Potsdamer Platz, 10785 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Always Open
<b>Transport</b>	Potsdamer Platz S1, S2
<b>Price</b>	€ <input type="text"/>



# Gendarmenmarkt

This elegant and refined square is one of the most beautiful spots in the city. The square was created in the seventeenth century by Johann Arnold Nering and later reconstructed nearly 100 years later by Georg Christian Unger. A statue of renowned German poet Friedrich Schiller looks out over the harmonious architectural ensemble formed by three buildings in particular.

The German Cathedral stands at the south side. Like its French counterpart at the opposite end, this protestant Cathedral-come-museum has been painstakingly restored to its former splendour following the damage it received during WWII. The French Cathedral is the older of the two; built in the early 1700s by the Huguenots, it now houses a museum about these people. Both structures boast impressive domes that tower over the square.

The third eminent building at Gendarmenmarkt is the city's Concert House, which does more than hold its own wedged between the two graceful and historic cathedrals, and is home to the Berlin Concert House Orchestra.

The summer months sees the square utilised as an imposing backdrop for open-air concerts, classical and otherwise, whilst in the winter it stakes a claim for the site of Berlin's most popular Christmas Market.

Georgina D'Souza

<b>Address</b>	Gendarmenmarkt, 10117 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Always Open
<b>Transport</b>	Hausvogteiplatz U2
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission







## Cosmic Comedy

**O**ddly reminiscent of a junior school talent show, Cosmic Comedy is a mish mash of amateur acts thrown haphazardly together by colourful, chain smoking host Dharmander Singh. Somehow, it works. Self-dubbed the 'friendliest comedy club in the world', guests are regaled with free shots and gooey slabs of pizza upon entry (which is a bargain at just 5€). Both are designed to gear you up for the wild night of cabarets and comedy that lies ahead.

<b>Address</b>	Changes Venue
<b>Hours</b>	Mon 20:00-23:00
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.liveinberlin.co">www.liveinberlin.co</a>
<b>Price</b>	5€

Delivered entirely in English, and with a venue that varies weekly, the night is an apt means of bonding tourists and locals together in a city known for its diversity. Where else can you see performances that vary from fire-eating punks to dread-sporting, free-styling rappers? The complete variety of performances adds a heterogeneous kind of charm – although sometimes, the line between acceptable and vulgar becomes a little blurred. The decent selection of drink specials available (beer and wine 3€, spirit mixers 6€) might work to soothe the burn, though. Grab a Weißbier and prepare to laugh.

Isabella Taylor

## Clärchens Ballhaus

<b>Address</b>	Auguststraße 24, 10117 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Sun-Thurs 10:00-1:00 Fri-Sat 10:00-4:00
<b>Transport</b>	Rosenthaler Platz U8,S25
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ballhaus.de">www.ballhaus.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

**T**his iconic ballroom has seen it all: from the Nazi's dancing ban, to housing Russian soldiers, only to fall into decline during the Soviet occupation when it became the scene of black market dealings. Named after the original owner's wife, 'Little Clara' has proven its enduring ability to draw a crowd throughout the entirety of its long and proud 102-year history.

Stepping into the legendary venue, let yourself be swept up in the magic. Dinner is served in the grandiose mirror room upstairs, the timeless and charmingly shabby elegance will have you believing you have journeyed into a bygone era. Meanwhile, on Saturday nights under the huge silver disco ball in the hall below, a live band plays modern and popular hits. The packed crowd spanning a range of ages dances energetically, or cools down in the fairy-lit beer garden at the back as the free-for-all goes on until 4am.

Alternatively, on weekdays, Clärchens offers a variety of ballroom styles. Everything is covered from Waltzes to Rumbas, all for a considerably small fee. With beginner Salsa lessons on Mondays and Tango on



Tuesdays, pop in for a lesson and stay after to try out your moves, or gaze in awe when the pros arrive to show how it's done.

Georgina D'Souza







# Alexanderplatz

This large public square in Mitte has seen many transformations over the centuries and was a prominent location in Berlin’s nightlife scene in the 1920s, inspiring Alfred Döblin’s novel Berlin Alexanderplatz. Named after Russian emperor Alexander I, it is often referred to simply as ‘Alex’.

The infamous Alexanderplatz Demonstration took place on 4th November 1989, during which almost one million people congregated on the square to demonstrate against the GDR regime. This provided a landmark moment in the subsequent fall of the Berlin Wall and impending German reunification.

Today, the pedestrianized square sees an eclectic array of street artists, vendors, and buskers within the walls of the surrounding high street stores and major fast food chains, which culminates in a bustling atmosphere.

Notable structures surrounding the square include the World Time Clock, the TV tower, and the Fountain of International Friendship. Due to its central location, it is one of the busiest transport hubs in Berlin. A gateway to the surrounding city, this transitional space has a constant ebb and flow of movement as people pass from one point of the city to another.

Kate Griffiths

Address	Alexanderplatz, 10178 Berlin-Mitte
Hours	Always Open
Transport	Alexanderplatz S5, S7,
Price	€

# Street Theatre Festival (Berlin lacht)

Address	Karl-Marx-Allee, 10243 Berlin-Friedrichshain
Hours	Always Open
Transport	Frankfurter Tor U5
Price	Free Admission

This eighteen-day international festival has 600 shows in total. The first Berlin lacht (meaning ‘Berlin laughs’ in German) took place in 2004, making this year’s festival the eighth annual.

This festival’s lists of acts are as varied as the nations the performers come from. With such a vast amount of performances, ranging from acrobats to beat-boxers, you’re bound to find something that you’ll enjoy. Visit Berlin lacht’s website for their full performance list.

There are plenty of vendors around the area, so you can buy a beer or an ice cream to enjoy while watch-

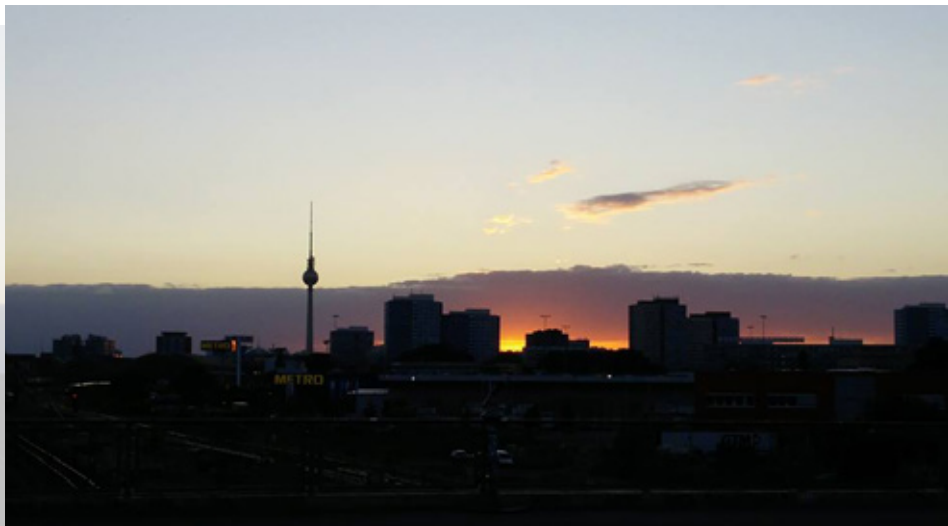
ing the acts. Seating is somewhat limited, with most people choosing to stand or sit on the ground. Plywood gnome-hobbit hybrid creatures are scattered around the area, all with a makeshift clock on their hats to inform visitors of when the next show will take place.

Berlin lacht is the perfect way to relax after a day of shopping around Alexanderplatz. The festival is free, so it can’t hurt to check it out.

Nathan Kusisto







# Sandemans New Europe Berlin

Spanning two and a half hours, this free tour is an ideal introduction to a city defined by its diverse history. Led by guides who, as ardent volunteers, share a true passion for the past, the tour navigates through three distinct phases of Berlin's history. The Prussian Empire, and the noble reign of the Hohenzollerns; the tragedies that unfurled under Hitler's Nazis, and more recently, the brutal clash between the East and the West during The Cold War, from which the city still bears scars.

Facts are plentiful, but there is rarely a moment that you feel overwhelmed with information. The guides are here to celebrate the past as opposed

to drown you in it – and walking is arguably the most efficient way to gain an unimpeded view of the top sights. Enjoy classics like the Brandenburg Gate and the Berlin Wall, or snap photos along the 1920s Cabaret Mile or beneath The TV Tower, where the tour reaches its conclusion. Prepare yourself though: a city with such drastic seasonal extremes means a quick glance at the forecast beforehand would be well advised. Book in advance if you want to guarantee a spot.

Isabella Taylor

<b>Address</b>	Pariser Platz Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 10:00, 11:00, 14:00, 16:00
<b>Transport</b>	Brandenburger Tor S2, S25, U55, S7, S75, U12
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.newberlintours.com">www.newberlintours.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission







## Street Art Alley at Hackescher Markt

This dank, L-shaped alleyway has been transformed into a notable showcase of graffiti. Vibrant spray-paint, bordered with abundant ivy, gives a new lease of life to the timeworn brickwork. Not simply a hotspot for street art tours, the alley is frequented by eclectic locals, who relax on turquoise picnic benches, drawing, reading, and soaking up the unique ambiance.

As you pass under orange and yellow bunting, one wall speaks out in particular. Immediately before the Anne Frank Zentrum, the girl herself smiles out at you in a speckled, colour replica of the infamous black and white photo. Her face is overshadowed by the adjacent jeering gorilla, who grasps a camera and iPhone while tourists ironically click their camera shutters back at him. Further along, a plaster Adam and Eve jut out from

the walls, a Berlin twist of heart-shaped sunglasses and red lipstick contrasting their fig leaf coverings.

Be sure to open the various doors that lead off from the alley: you will find a café, a cocktail bar and a cluttered clothing store, reached via a graffiti-covered stairwell. Although some artworks are defaced by the scrawls of onlookers, this is not for long; Street Art Alley is under constant regeneration.

Jessica Thomson

<b>Address</b>	Rosenthaler Straße 39, 13127 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Always Open
<b>Transport</b>	Rosenthaler Platz U8
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission







## Sunday Concerts at the Bode Museum

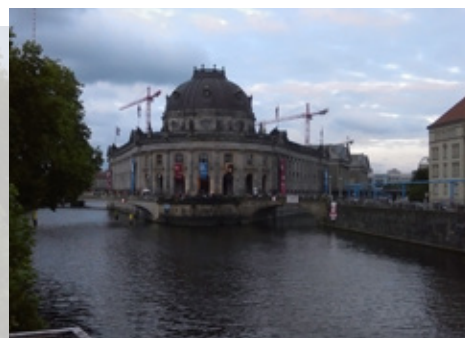
Every Sunday evening, this towering building hosts a brilliant display of classical music, all for free. If not the excellent music, it will be the exquisite location that conquers you. The Bode Museum is located on Museum Island, a small island connected by two bridges with the mainland in the middle of the quiet River Spree.

The repertoire and the selection of music varies from violas and violins playing Vivaldi to a guitar quartet offering a expert performance of Astor Piazzolla's masterpieces.

Try to get there at least half an hour before the start if you wish to have one of the few chairs available. If you can't snag a chair, just have a seat on the granite-paved floor or on one of the parapets over the river and enjoy the music.

Paolo Pidello

<b>Address</b>	Am Kupfergruben, 10117 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Sun 20:30-Late
<b>Transport</b>	Oranienburger S1, S2,
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.sonntagskonzerte.de">www.sonntagskonzerte.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	Free Admission



## Botanische Nacht (Botanical Night)

For one night each July, the Botanical Gardens stay open into the early hours to host the Botanische Nacht. Thousands are invited to linger and enjoy the wonders of nature at this leading complex.

Whilst the garden's 43 hectares and 22,000 species of flora are impressive all year round, the focus of the event is on the dozens of artists whose works of art embellish the grounds. You can experience this idyllic paradise as you meander across the romantically lit pathways and let yourself become enchanted by the spectacular performances.

Stumble across marching bands, become mesmerised by magical creatures, and be inspired during dramatic readings. With a variety of food and drink stands erected for the evening, you can do so with a glass of champagne in one hand and an oyster in the other. The climax of the evening comes when

the fireworks dance over the Italian Garden, serenaded by a full orchestra.

Arrive early in the evening to absorb all the gardens have to offer and be sure to get onto a tour to gain a better knowledge of this plant paradise.

Kate Griffiths

<b>Address</b>	Königin-Luise-Straße 6-8, 14195 Berlin-Dahlem
<b>Hours</b>	Annually, 18:00-02:00
<b>Transport</b>	Rathaus Steglitz U9
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.botanische-nacht.de">www.botanische-nacht.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€€







The stereotypical view of traditional food in Berlin is that of currywurst, kebabs, and more sausages. However, Berlin offers a huge variety of food from around the world. From Turkish markets, authentic Chinese, Thai and Vietnamese dishes, classic American burgers, and Italian pizza, and a variety of freshly made vegan options such as meat-free burritos, there is something for everyone. Visitors will find it difficult to choose only a handful of these places to sample on their trip as Berlin is in no short supply of fast food restaurants, street vendors, cafés, and restaurants.

Whether you want Mediterranean tapas, Mexican fajitas, or just fancy grabbing a quick pretzel, you will be overwhelmed with choice. This guide lays out some of the best of those choices. We've tried everything, good and bad, so you can enjoy the good stuff.





## Wok Show

<b>Address</b>	Greifenhagener Straße 31, 10437 Berlin-Prenzlauer
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Thurs 17:00-22:30 Fri-Sun 12:30-22:30
<b>Transport</b>	Schönhauser Allee S8, S9, S41, S42, S85, U2
<b>Phone</b>	+49 30 43911857
<b>Price</b>	€

This unassuming, family-run Chinese restaurant is famous for its cheap and cheerful dumplings. Devoured by food lovers from around the world, these succulent parcels of prawn, pork and veg will set you back a mere 8€ per plate of 20. So gather a group and fill a table with lavish quantities of assorted fillings.

Choose from either steamed or pan-fried (boiled then crisped to perfection on a single side), and coat in a concoction of dipping sauces. Cheap beer and miso soup are essential additions, but note that the simple mains are mere menu-fillers next to the delicious dumplings.

Although the décor of wild orchids, coloured lanterns, and brush-painted screens is a little cliché, an unusual series of oil paintings by a family member adds a quirky touch. In any case, the café-like interior is a small price to pay for the food on offer.

A little kitchen congestion has been reported at busier times, yet picking a weekday evening-should generally ensure rapid service. The staff speak little English, so be prepared to practice your sign language to quench that post-joy sauce thirst with a jug of tap water.

Jessica Thomson

## Café Einstein Staummaus

<b>Address</b>	Kurfürstenstraße 58, 10785 Berlin-TiergartenBerg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 8:00-24:00
<b>Transport</b>	Nollendorfplatz U1, U2, U3, U4
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.cafeeinstein.com">www.cafeeinstein.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€€

This intriguing, Viennese-style coffee house is known as much for its history of scandal as for its traditional gastronomy. Built in 1878, the neo-Renaissance villa once served as a gambling den to the high-flying social circles of the Weimar Republic. Later falling into Nazi hands, it is said to have housed the movie-star mistress of Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels, before being used as an illicit SS casino.

Today, with its marble pillars and iconic chess-board floors, Café Einstein is a notable relic of 1920s art-deco grandeur. Despite lacking a little TLC, the faded awnings and flaking iron-work evoke a bittersweet memoir of the villa's former dissidence. The burgundy leather interior is a little dingy, yet the trellised garden is simply charming. So pick a sunny day and pull up a chequered wicker chair amongst the exotic foliage.

Although evening prices are steep, glorified continental breakfasts start from 6€ a head. Equally as affordable are sandwiches of marinated salmon and generous slices of freshly-made apple strudel, drenched in vanilla custard. Note that the uniformed waiters aren't overly attentive towards the dishevelled traveller, although this is arguably in keeping with the unflustered, Austrian ambience.

Jessica Thomson





# Café Am Neuen See

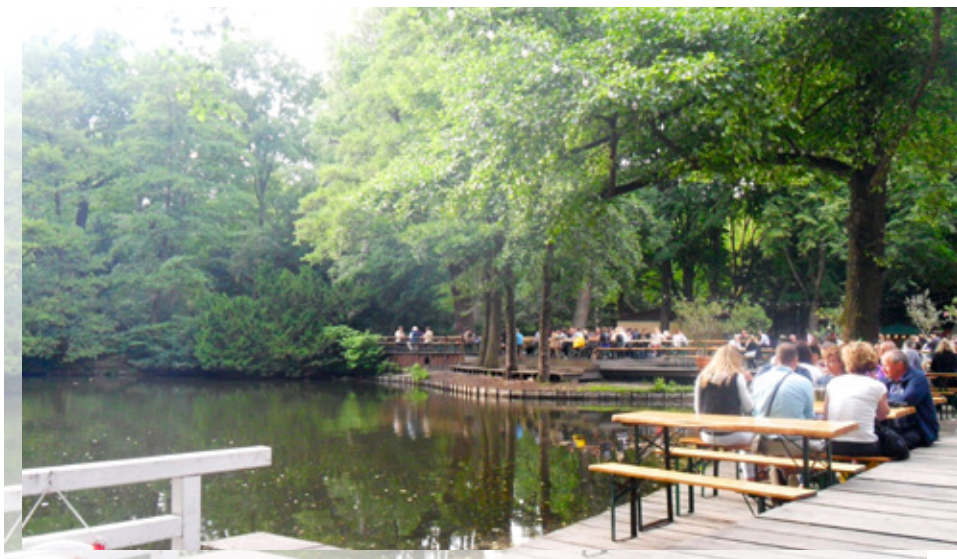
<b>Address</b>	Lichtensteinallee 2, 10787 Berlin-Tiergarten
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 09:00-24:00
<b>Transport</b>	Zoologischer Garten U12
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.cafeamneuensee.de">www.cafeamneuensee.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

A secluded haven in one of Europe's busiest cities, this beer garden is situated between the immense greenery of Tiergarten and the Zoological gardens. Away from the bustling streets, the forest walkway opens up to a large array of rows of benches where tourists and locals can enjoy popular beers such as Kristall and Weißbier for 4,50 €. Grab a pretzel and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere, watching the row boats float by.

The café includes a small but perfectly tasty menu. Choose between a beer or wine for 3-6€ and soft drinks for 2,70€. Pizzas cost 9€ and snacks cost a handful of change from your pockets.

With fairy lights strung among the trees, colourful flowers blossoming in the surrounding plant pots and a tree-lined lake, offering the chance to rent a row boat, this is the perfect place to escape the city and relax for a few hours. Encircled with nothing but woodland and free from the usual roar of traffic, Café Am Neuen See is one of the most idyllic spots in the middle of Berlin. So much so that you can almost forget that's where you are for a moment.

Ally McLaren



## Curry 36

<b>Address</b>	Mehringdamm 36, 10961 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 09:00-05:00
<b>Transport</b>	Mehringdamm U6, U7
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.curry36.de">www.curry36.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

Single curry sausages are also available as well as curry meatballs, chicken nuggets, and noodle salad for as little as 1,40€. You can consume your meal under the plastic gazebo at one of the tall, gray metal tables standing shoulder-to-shoulder with other sweaty tourists and local workers.

Terribly hyped, it's part of what in Berlin can be either loved or hated. You might want to give it a try and give your own judgment. You may still be positively surprised, but it's unlikely to be a feast for your taste-buds.

Paolo Pidello

If you have been running around all day long or dancing in a nightclub till dawn and you're low on energy, then give the Curry 36's famous currywurst a try. While not the healthiest option, nor the tastiest, it's good if you're in a hurry.

If you choose the standard 4,90€ meal, two oily sausages are served along with a portion of pommes. Their own mix of spices and the oddly sweet 'original Curry 36 ketchup' will be slathered upon your weekly portion of grease.





# Maria Bonita Mexican Bistro

<b>Address</b>	Danziger Straße 33, 10435 Berlin-Prenzlauer
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Thurs 12:00-23:00
<b>Transport</b>	Eberswalder Straße U2
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.mariabonitaberlin.wordpress.com">www.mariabonitaberlin.wordpress.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

The mains menu is small: A choice of chicken tinga, pork carnitas, beef alambre, or veggie camote available in taco, burrito, or quesadilla form, starting at 6€. The tacos come in yellow corn tortillas, made freshly in-house, while the carnitas are made traditionally – pork shoulder simmered to melt-in-your-mouth perfection and then fried to achieve the delectably crispy bits.

Do yourself a favor and order a margarita to go along with your meal. The margaritas, made with authentic Mezcal tequila and served from slushy machines in cups with salted rims, are a perfect accompaniment to your spicy tinga or alambre. Homemade verde and roja salsas are also available free of charge to make your meal even more over-the-top amazing.

Lauren Lamson



If you find yourself craving the flavors of Mexico, there's nowhere better to go in Berlin than Maria Bonita. This tiny Prenzlauer Berg bistro, washed in a cheery shade of bright pink, is decorated with small, quirky pieces, such as the line-up of miniature action figures above the front window and the baby dolls and 'Viva Mexico' bandanas hanging from the ceiling. The small indoors of the restaurant offers limited seating; luckily outdoor seating is also available during the warmer months.



# Chaparro Cocina Mexicana

<b>Address</b>	Wiener Straße 14A, 10999 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Wed 12:00-22:00 Thurs-Sat 12:00-23:00 Sun 15:00-21:00
<b>Transport</b>	Görlitzer Bahnhof U1
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.chaparro-berlin.de">www.chaparro-berlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€



Hidden between various coffee shops and doner kebab cafes is this hidden gem of a Mexican restaurant. With limited seating and even more limited decorations, it's the menu that makes Chaparro truly stand out. Mexican classics like quesadillas, tacos, and burritos make up the bulk of the menu, along with authentic *frijoles* and *mole*.

On a tight budget? Go on Wednesday, Chaparro's "Taco Day", and snag gourmet tacos for 1€ a piece. The Taco Day offerings change each week, with a veggie option, filled with goodies like cauliflower, courgette, and tofu, and a meat option, stuffed with ground beef, olives, and salsa, there's plenty to choose from. Grab dinner before 19:00 on Taco Day and cash in on another great deal: 2 delicious, straight-from-the-slush-machine margaritas for just 5€.

Portions are small, so don't expect to leave absolutely stuffed and don't hesitate to go up to the counter and order seconds, or thirds. Tacos this good deserve to be tasted more than once.

Hayleigh Syens





# Mustafa's Gemüse Kebab

<b>Address</b>	Mehringdam 32, 10961 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 10:00-02:00
<b>Transport</b>	Mehringdamm Bahnhof U6, U7
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.mustafas.de">www.mustafas.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

This incredibly popular street kiosk produces what is beyond any doubt the best kebab in Berlin. The magic happens in a very humble food-stand stationed in front of the Mehringdam U-bahn station, which is nearly impossible to miss because of the long queue in front nearly all times of the day and into the night. There is no perfect season or time to go there. No matter what, you will have to stand in line at least 20-30 minutes. During rush hours you might even stand as long as two hours.

Having a bite of this unique döner is the only way to confirm, or deny, the stories that circulate about this kebab and decide for yourself whether it's really worth waiting for or not. Peppers and courgettes marinated in soy sauce match perfectly with the delicate feta sprinkled on top. Garlic, herb, and hot sauces, along with the lemon juice give an extra boost to this already perfect mix. A veggie version is available as well, something that makes this stall a must for all the vegetarian lovers of street food

Bring a friend to talk with to kill some time while queuing and remember to eat something before going. Otherwise you'll experience physical pain as the unique smell of roasted chicken, strong spices, and grilled vegetables dances in your nostrils.

Paolo Pidello



# White Trash Fast Food

<b>Address</b>	Am Flutgraben 2, 12435 Berlin-Alt-Treptow
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 04:00-06:00
<b>Transport</b>	Treptower Park S8, S9, S41, S42, S85
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.whitetrashfastfood.com">www.whitetrashfastfood.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€



Located in the middle of an industrial complex is one of the best burger joints in an area in which they are in no short supply. This live music bar consists of much more than the deceiving burnt out, tin pot trailer that marks its entrance.

Venture further and you will be greatly rewarded. The doors to a cavernous room can be found behind the ramshackle front garden. Asian trinkets clash with Americana décor, and golden Buddha statues smile passively at the old movies projected onto screens around the room. With live blues nights, dancing, a cinema, and their very own tattoo parlour in the back, you have arrived in the kitsch and cool mecca of burger restaurants.

With a gimmick this good, the food often takes second place, yet here that is not the case. The fusion of international flavours are carefully considered and freshly made, from French, to Mexican, and even a special Venetian-inspired octopus burger. There can certainly be no qualms about them holding back on their vast portions.

The rockabilly atmosphere could lead to comparisons to other similar high street franchises; however, to do so would be misguided as White Trash offers far greater strokes of individuality and creativity. This hidden haunt really is a treat that begs to be uncovered.

Georgina D'Souza







## Burgermeister

<b>Address</b>	Oberbaumstraße 8, 10997 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Sun-Thur 11:00-3:00 Fri-Sat 11:00-4:00
<b>Transport</b>	Schlesisches U1
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.burger-meister.de">www.burger-meister.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

Service in this vendor is slower than a fast food restaurant yet quicker than a sit-down meal, but the food is closer to the quality of the latter due to the fresh ingredients used. The burger is served on a crisp sesame bun, with juicy beef and fresh salad all made ready to cook on the grill. Ever popular and always with a queue, the small number of tables surrounding it are usually full of customers waiting for their number to be called to collect their food. Across the street are grass and benches to eat at; a common option as evidenced by the bin full entirely of Burgermeister bags and wrappers, yet more proof of its popularity.

Ally McLaren



Situated beneath the U-bahn tracks in what used to be a public toilet, this burger joint is far from conventional. Established in 2006, Burgermeister sells delicious food at reasonable prices. There are eight kinds of burger on the menu, starting at 4,10€ for a standard hamburger and finishing at 4,80€ with the 'Meisterburger' that comes with fried onions, bacon, and barbecue sauce. Cheese fries are available for 2,20€ and chili can be added for an additional 90 cents.

## Dolores

<b>Address</b>	Rosa-Luxemburg-Straße 7, 10178 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sat 11:30-22:00 Sun 13:00-22:00
<b>Transport</b>	Alexanderplatz S5, S7, S75, U2
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.dolores-online.de">www.dolores-online.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

Hidden a few blocks away from Alexanderplatz sits a small Californian burrito joint, Dolores, which often has a line out the door. Their blinking red and green sign will lead you to your new favorite burrito, quesadilla, and nacho place. Dolores is known for using only the freshest and best ingredients, which is easily deduced as you lean in to your first bite.



With options ranging from vegan-friendly to a meat lover's dream, they have something for everyone. Just be prepared to queue for a few minutes before you order or receive your food.

A Dolores burrito and drink costs only 5,50€, making it a cheap burrito worth waiting for. There are few seats in the dining room as well as a cozy outdoor area. However, if you're craving a delicious burrito on a warm summer day, be warned that the darker picnic tables outside get extremely hot, leaving your legs with the same sensation as their hot and spicy salsa.

Chandler Pacheco







## Rosenburger

<b>Address</b>	Brunnenstraße 196, 10119 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Sun-Thurs 11:00-03:00 Fri-Sat 11:00-05:00
<b>Transport</b>	Rosenthaler Platz U8
<b>Phone</b>	+49 3024083037
<b>Price</b>	€€

**W**ith so many burger joints in Berlin, the classic beef patty, cheese, lettuce and tomato combo can get boring. Fortunately, Rosenburger, a small restaurant in Mitte, is ready to excite your taste buds with their interesting burger flavor combinations. Try the Brunnenburger, which comes topped with a fried egg, bacon, and barbecue sauce, or sink your teeth into the Hawaii burger, piled high with bacon, pineapple, and cheese. Stop by for lunch and get a burger, fries, and a soft drink for around 8€.

Don't worry if you aren't in the mood for burgers, check out some of the snacks on Rosenburger's extensive menu. Mozzarella sticks, jalapeño poppers, and curly fries are freshly prepared and can satisfy any fried food craving. Indoor seating is limited, so don't show up with a huge group, or plan to sit on one of the picnic tables set up in front of the restaurant. Even if you have to squeeze elbow-to-elbow with your friends to fit at one table, the taste of these creative burgers is definitely worth it.

Hayleigh Syens

## Bonanza Coffee Roasters

<b>Address</b>	Oderberger Straße 35, 10435 Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Fri 08:30-18:00 Sat-Sun 10:00-18:00
<b>Transport</b>	Eberswalder Straße U2
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.bonanzacoffee.de">www.bonanzacoffee.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€



**B**onanza Coffee Roasters has earned itself a solid reputation for seriously good coffee since it first opened its doors back in 2006. The stark white décor and industrial feel of the place create a very bohemian atmosphere. If Urban Outfitters had a coffee shop, this would probably be it. It is without doubt a place for the cool kids and the hipsters.

The open layout of the store means that you can watch the coffee making process as it unfolds in front of you, and it is an incredibly enjoyable experience listening to the hissing of the machine and soaking up the steam emanating from the coffee cups. Coffee beans line the glass shelves in brown paper bags, including coffee beans sourced from Brazil, Colombia, and Ethiopia, with many flavours including caramel, strawberry and lime. Many of the premium coffee beans are available to buy from their website, along with an array of filters and high quality coffee making sets. This is serious business.



As a third-wave coffee shop, the Bonanza baristas roast their own coffee in a gentle roasting process which is around five times slower than the usual, allowing the flavours to be drawn out and enhanced. The end result is exceptionally good quality coffee with a gorgeously sweet taste and watching them stencil an intricate leaf pattern on the top is just, well, beautiful.

Carys Thomas





# Burrito Baby

<b>Address</b>	Pflügerstraße 11, 12047 Berlin-Neukölln
<b>Hours</b>	Tues- Thurs 17:00-22:00 Fri- Sun 15:00-22:30
<b>Transport</b>	Hermannstraße U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.burritobaby.de">www.burritobaby.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

For all of the fruit and veggie freaks out there, in places other than Berlin, it is usually difficult to find a place to grab a bite that has one thing on their menu that you can eat. But don't fear: Burrito Baby, a hidden treasure in Neukölln, is a Mexican restaurant where the menu is devoted entirely to vegetarians and vegans.



Everything from their delicious smoky vegetable tacos to their golden tofu burritos can make even the most enthusiastic carnivore's mouth water. The menu stays under 10€, which is on the more pricey end of the Berlin burrito joint spectrum, but it is well worth the few extra euros for how delicious their burritos are. Carnivores beware, though: you may never look at a meat-filled burrito the same way again.

Chandler Pacheco



# Five Elephant

<b>Address</b>	Reichenbergerstraße 101, 10999 Berlin-Neukölln
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Fri 08:30-19:00 Sat-Sun 10:00-19:00
<b>Transport</b>	Hermannplatz U7, U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.fiveelephant.com">www.fiveelephant.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

The rustic café of Five Elephant is a warm and welcoming place, enticing you to relax and enjoy their freshly roasted coffee.

As a third-wave coffee shop, Five Elephant roasts all of their coffee beans from all around the world, coming from Kenya and Ethiopia to Guatemala and El Salvador. The deliciously brewed coffee starts at 2€ a cup, and it is some of the smoothest coffee you'll find in Berlin.

If you sit on their porch-like outdoor eating space you'll feel as if you're at home relaxing on a lazy Sunday afternoon. Five Elephant is a great place to get lost in your own world of relaxation.

The Baristas are more than willing to share their knowledge about how they roast their beans and where their beans are harvested. So pick their brains while sipping on your coffee and you will not be disappointed. Also, be sure to grab a pound of dark roast Ethiopian beans on your way out for €11,40, it's worth every penny.

Chandler Pacheco





# Chen Chè (Vietnamese Tea House)

<b>Address</b>	Rosenthaler Straße 13, 10119 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 12:00-00:00
<b>Transport</b>	Rosenthaler Platz U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.chenche-berlin.de">www.chenche-berlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

**B**ehind vintage shops and jazz clubs sits this traditional Vietnamese tea house beaming with classic Oriental beauty. Water features with blooming lotuses and happy Buddha statues dot the tea house, making visitors forget, for a moment, they're in Germany. A dining room with vaulted ceilings holds a grand Asian-inspired chandelier, and a garden out the back door is filled with bamboo plants and shady trees. Either spot is a great choice to sit and enjoy the traditional Vietnamese foods, desserts, and teas on Chen Chè's menu.



For those who like a more classic tea yet want to step out of their comfort zone, try one of the blossoming teas, either the Chè Hoa Lai (jasmine tea) or the Chè Hoa Hồng (rose tea). For those who prefer sweeter teas, try the Chè Chuôn Chuôn Xanh or the Blue Butterfly Petal tea. Chen Chè is a peaceful place to come and unwind, but will it be your cup of tea?

Chandler Pacheco



# Milch & Zucker

<b>Address</b>	Warschauer Straße 70, 10243 Berlin-Friedrichshain
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Fri 7:00-20:00, Sat-Sun 8:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Warschauer Straße U8, S5, S7, S75
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.milchundzucker.eu/en">www.milchundzucker.eu/en</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

**S**ituated on Warschauerstraße in the heart of Friedrichshain is a small, unnoticeable café called Milch & Zucker. It's hard to believe how easy it is to overlook the café but once you find its simple exterior, walk in and let their latte amaze your tastebuds.



Have a seat at one of their many tables and enjoy their free WiFi and cozy, welcoming environment to get your work done. Their 2€ latte is a perfect way to keep motivated, especially when paired with a delicious homemade croissant or a slice of mouthwatering chocolate cake.

With the trendy, hipster-friendly reputation of Friedrichshain, Milch & Zucker doesn't disappoint with its easygoing vibes, making it a great place to come and unwind with friends. Keep an eye out for when there are a lot of people using their WiFi, because it tends to crash when overwhelmed.

Chandler Pacheco





# Alain Snack

<b>Address</b>	Schönhauser Allee 116 A. 10437 Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Fri 09:00-23:00 Sat-Sun 10:00-23:00
<b>Transport</b>	Schönhauser Allee S8, S9, S41, S42, S85, U2
<b>Phone</b>	+49 30 4456552
<b>Price</b>	€

Located between Schönhauser Allee and Ecke Dänenstraße is one of the last places that sells the unique kettwurst, East Germany's version of the hot dog.

Alain Snack is considered an Imbiss (a snack stand), and as a result it is reasonably priced. There are a few tables for you to sit at, or you can simply take your food to go.

The combination of ketchup and wurst, the German word for 'sausage', is what led to the creation of kettwurst. The sausage is heated in water, and the long bread roll it is served in is pierced through with a hot metal cylinder, making a hole large enough to place the sausage in. It is then finished off with a topping of ketchup.

The kettwurst itself is very tasty, as both the sausage and bun are cooked to perfection. The pommes are also worth a side order, as they are crispy with just the right amount of salt. Condiments such as mustard, ketchup, and mayonnaise are available for an additional 0.30€.

Alain Snack is a quick and tasty option if you want to enjoy your meal outside or on-the-go.

Nathan Kusisto



# Café Literaturhaus

<b>Address</b>	Fasanenstraße 23, 10719 Berlin-Charlottenburg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 09:00-00:00
<b>Transport</b>	Zoologischer Garten S75, S7, S5, U2, U9
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.literaturhaus-berlin.de">www.literaturhaus-berlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€€



The essence of literary scholar Herbert Wiesner's Literaturhaus (House of Literature) remains much the same as it did at its inception in 1986. A cultural institution that provides a reputable space for authors to showcase their work, the Literaturhaus hosts an eclectic selection of guest events such as exhibitions, lectures, and debates throughout the year. Performed in both English and German, they provide a central and important means of expressing Berlin's thriving literary scene. Membership (30€/year for students, 60€ otherwise) offers reduced admission and seat reservations among other perks, but there are plenty of free alternatives available throughout the year as well.

A comprehensive repair and refurbishment of the original Grade II listed mansion has allowed the building to retain its late classical charm. Planted squarely in the centre of an exquisitely manicured garden, its airy conservatory is home to 'Café Wintergarten'. With a seasonal a la carte menu that serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner, sample classics like homemade waffles with berries and cream (7€) or a tender rump steak (27,50€). For the more adventurous, try unusual delights such as the creamy tomato mousse (12,50€), or the potato pancakes (6€), which are spread liberally with hot spoonfuls of mashed apple.

Round off with a trip to 'Kolhaas & Company,' the bookshop. Crammed with an abundant selection of German literature, there is a small range of English reads available too. A reader's paradise.

Isabella Taylor





## El Trio

<b>Address</b>	Greifenhagener Straße 38, 10437 Berlin-Prenzlauer
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 17:00–24:00
<b>Transport</b>	Schönhauser Allee S8, S9, S41, S42, S85
<b>Price</b>	€

This restaurant boasts authentic Mediterranean food, with tapas costing between 3€ and 8€. Salsami, cheese, calamari, prawns, hummus, potatoes, chicken, and olives are some of the delicious tapas items on offer. For 14€ you can order a variety platter that comes with creamy hummus, fresh bread rolls with alioli, salty olives, saucy chicken and plum stew, crisp tortilla, and patatas bravas. Two of these platters are definitely enough to share between six people, or you could order one for a starter then for around 14€ split a chicken, seafood, or vegetable paella with another person.

Outdoor tables spill into the street while inside long wooden tables and benches are lit by romantic candlelight. With the pick-and-choose menu you could visit for a full meal or just for some tasty nibbles, with a glass of wine for around 3€. This is a great place for a cheap yet incredibly flavour-some meal with friends or family, yet also a perfect venue for something a little more romantic.

Ally McLaren



## Pasam Baklava

<b>Address</b>	Goebenstraße 12a, 10783 Berlin-Schöneberg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 10:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Yorckstraße S1, U7
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.pasam-baklava.de">www.pasam-baklava.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

Sticky, succulent, and sickly sweet, Pasam's schools its competitors in the tricky art of baking the perfect baklava.

On a non-descript stretch of the busy Goebenstraße, Pasam's modest décor directs all attention to the glass counter that sits centre stage, containing rows of flawlessly glazed baklava. Expertly rolled phyllo, so thin it's near translucent, is layered with finely ground walnuts or pistachios and sliced into immaculately uniformed segments, with all the precision of only the most experienced baklava bakers. Doused with butter before going into the oven, an equally liberal serving of sugar-water is spooned across the tray when taken out. All this ensures that each one of the handcrafted Turkish delicacies at this family-run establishment oozes with passion and well-deserved pride.

Of the eight mouth-watering sweets that sit like jewels soaking in the syrup lovingly drenched over them, the eponymous pistachio-filled Pasam Baklava is a firm favourite. A sense of hedonistic and unabashed child-like glee washes over you with the first bite, each morsel tasting reminiscent of sweetly indulgent excess. The store's popularity amongst the city's prominent Turkish population speaks volumes for both its quality and authenticity.

Notoriously difficult to create, Pasam's has more than mastered the baklava trade. This is homemade Baklava that satisfies the soul.

Georgina D'Souza





# Berlin Street Food

Every day, the food vendors of Berlin hit the streets to provide their delicious offerings to the millions of hungry tourists and permanent residents. The most popular and characteristic fast food options include bratwurst, currywurst, and döner kebab. If you are unfamiliar with some of these items, they might seem intimidating when you go to order. This article will prepare you for what you need to look for on the streets of Berlin and what you can expect from the city's street food staples.

Matt Lyne



## Currywurst

The first currywurst was sold in 1949 in the Charlottenburg district of Berlin, and thus a star was born. It is a bratwurst, sliced up, covered with curry ketchup, then topped with curry powder and, if you are feeling it, some chili flakes to spice things up even more. This sauce-slathered sausage is usually accompanied by fries, or Pommes, and is one of the most popular street food options in all of Germany. So legendary is this spicy snack on the streets of Berlin that the city even boasts a museum solely dedicated to it. A good currywurst will set you back about 1,50-2€ and can be found all over town.



## Döner Kebab

Grossing over 3.5€ billion in yearly sales and establishing itself as the most popular fast food in Germany, the döner kebab cannot be overlooked. The döner is of Turkish origins and usually consists of lamb served in a sandwich-sized pita, but you can also find tasty beef, chicken, and veggie options. The bread is coated with your choice of the usual yogurt, garlic, or hot sauce. The meat is then added and topped off with salad, a mixture of onion, cabbage, lettuce, tomato, and cucumber. If you are looking for a less messy version, get all the same good stuff but wrapped up in a dürüm, a type of flatbread. A döner will set you back merely 3-3,50€ and yet will leave you feeling stuffed, though eager for your next encounter.



## Bratwurst

A bratwurst is a sausage made of veal, pork or beef that is normally pan fried or grilled and served in a bun with ketchup and mustard. It is, perhaps, the food most synonymous with German culture and very easily found on the streets of Berlin. A decent bratwurst can be found at any one of the mobile vendors with red umbrellas for 1,50€, but if you are looking for a better quality sausage, you should expect to pay around 1€ more.







## Fassbender & Rausch

<b>Address</b>	Charlottenstraße 60, 10117 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sat 08:00-22:00 Sun 11:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Stadtmitte U2
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.fassbender-rausch.de">www.fassbender-rausch.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€€

**B**erlin's oldest chocolate shop disappoints neither the eyes nor the mouth. What else would one expect when combining two of Germany's master chocolatier families?

Chocolate sculptures of the city's most iconic landmarks are dotted around the elegant flagship store, and a chocolate passenger plane hangs from the ceiling. Once the obligatory photos of the chocolate Brandenburg Gate have been taken, feel free to indulge in a sampler box of ethically produced chocolate sourced from the company's eight plantations dotted across the globe. That is, if the delights of the world's longest Praline counter do not tempt you first.

If you can make it through the ground floor shop without overindulging, even greater treats await you upstairs in the Chocolate Café and Restaurant. The store's prime position boasts beautiful views over the Gendarmenmarkt, yet the food itself is too exquisite to take much note. Whilst the 20 different types of chocolate beverages, as well as the array of delectable mini tortes, are not to be missed, try the yellow root soup complete with dragon fruit, grapefruit, and chocolate shavings on top for one of their more fantastical creations. The helpful, informative, and English-speaking staff will happily guide you through the weird and wonderful delights on offer.

Georgina D'Souza



## Café Am Neuen See

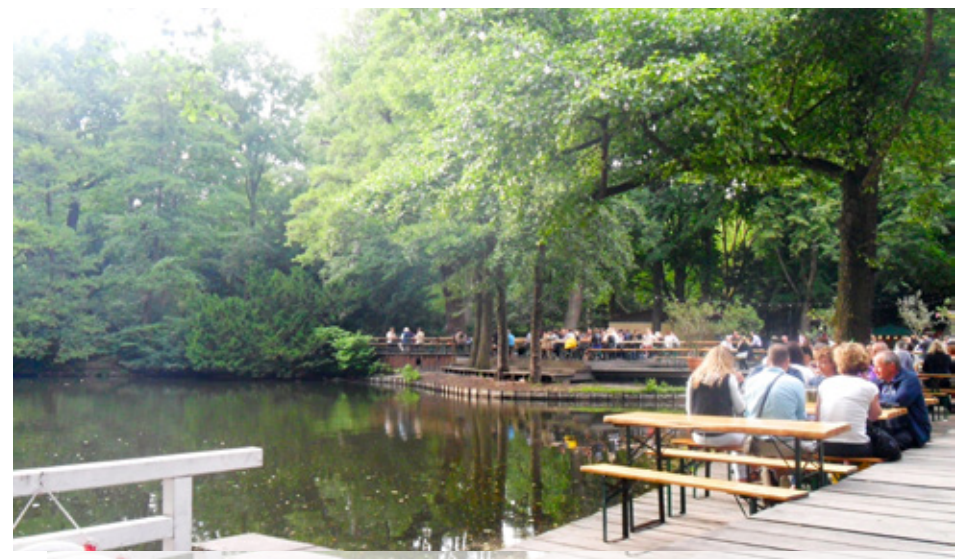
<b>Address</b>	Lichtensteinallee 2, 10787 Berlin-Tiergarten
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 09:00-24:00
<b>Transport</b>	Zoologischer Garten U12
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.cafeamneuensee.de">www.cafeamneuensee.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

**A** secluded haven in one of Europe's busiest cities, this beer garden is situated between the immense greenery of Tiergarten and the Zoological gardens. Away from the bustling streets, the forest walkway opens up to a large array of rows of benches where tourists and locals can enjoy popular beers such as Kristall and Weißbier for 4,50 €. Grab a pretzel and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere, watching the row boats float by.

The café includes a small but perfectly tasty menu. Choose between a beer or wine for 3-6€ and soft drinks for 2,70€. Pizzas cost 9€ and snacks cost a handful of change from your pockets.

With fairy lights strung among the trees, colourful flowers blossoming in the surrounding plant pots and a tree-lined lake, offering the chance to rent a row boat, this is the perfect place to escape the city and relax for a few hours. Encircled with nothing but woodland and free from the usual roar of traffic, Café Am Neuen See is one of the most idyllic spots in the middle of Berlin. So much so that you can almost forget that's where you are for a moment.

Ally McLaren





## Streetfood Thursday at Markthalle Neun

<b>Address</b>	Eisenbahnstraße 42-43, 10997 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Thurs 17:00-22:00
<b>Transport</b>	Görlitzer Bahnhof U12
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.markthalleneun.de/maerkte/street-food-thursday">www.markthalleneun.de/maerkte/street-food-thursday</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

Beer and wine are on tap from several vendors throughout the hall. Grab a glass of something before completing a lap around the market – you'll want to know what's on offer for the week before making a final decision. If you're having trouble deciding, simply pick a vendor with a long queue and wait to be impressed. With prices hovering around 5€, you'll likely take the opportunity to savor more than one delectable dish over the course of the evening.

Of particular interest are the Berlin Beef Balls stall, where you can taste four delicious varieties of meatball for only 6€, and the unique Taiwanese burgers from Bao Kitchen, which come in a steamed bun. Start your Thursday night in Kreuzberg right with a stomach full of something tasty from Streetfood Thursday.

Lauren Lamson



## Café Anna Blume

<b>Address</b>	Kollwitzstraße 83, 10435 Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 08:00-24:00 Flower Shop: Mon-Fri 10:00-18:00 Sat 08:00 - 18:00
<b>Transport</b>	Eberswalde Straße U2
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.cafe-anna-blume.de">www.cafe-anna-blume.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

Shaded by a Sycamore tree, this romantic and sensuous café is situated right next to the cobble, picturesque Kollwitz Platz square. The large area of outdoor seating available and the indulgent selection of cakes on offer ensures its lasting popularity.

Ideal for an al fresco brunch experience, Anna Blume's refined menu is just what you have been waiting for. The eponymous brunch ensemble comes complete with an appealing array of



meats, cheeses, and olives, scrumptiously topped off with a selection of refreshing fruits and compotes to cleanse the palate. At a slightly higher than average cost, the queue out the door for a table supplies all the assurances needed that it will be money well spent.

Alternatively, the attractive setting makes it the perfect spot for an afternoon of catching up with friends, whilst sipping on any one of their four Prosecco's on offer. The floral tones of the hibiscus Prosecco, along with the sweeter rose petal syrup infused variety are worthy of particular mention. Or if tea is more your thing, then work your way through the interesting and fragrant flower-based range on offer.

Through the glass door in the café's interior, the adjoining flower shop of the same name is visible, enabling the sophisticated set of customers the café attracts to watch the florists' at work, creating beautiful bouquets in abundance.

Georgina D'Souza







## Azzam

<b>Address</b>	Sonnenallee 54, 12045 Berlin-Neukölln
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 08:00-24:00
<b>Transport</b>	Rathaus Neukölln U7
<b>Telephone</b>	+49 30 30131541
<b>Price</b>	€

For authentic Middle Eastern food, look no further. Frequently cited amongst the top Lebanese restaurants in the city, this is hype you should believe.

The exterior suggests it's no more than a local canteen, but don't let this dissuade you - it's the simplicity that makes it so magical. The unrivalled quality of the food is what keeps the customers

arriving in masses. Whilst virtually an unofficial meeting place for Berlin's Middle Eastern community, there remains a healthy mix of both locals and tourists alike.

Differing to your traditional restaurant, there's no table service, meaning you order upon arrival at the counter. There's also no English menu, and the prices are indecipherable, but don't be afraid to take the plunge and choose randomly; you're guaranteed a huge serving at an alarmingly cheap price. All food is speedily prepared before you, and during your wait you can help yourself to the free tea available.

The basic restaurant décor becomes irrelevant once the food begins to take your taste buds on a tantalising journey. You can't argue with good food, so get stuck in and indulge.

Kate Griffiths

## Cô Cô Bánh Mì Deli

<b>Address</b>	Rosenthaler Straße 2, 10119 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Fri 11:00-22:00 Fri-Sat 11:00-23:00 Sun 12:00-22:00
<b>Transport</b>	Rosenthaler Platz U8
<b>Website</b>	www.co-co.net
<b>Price</b>	€

This delightfully low-key Vietnamese eatery sits merely steps away from Rosenthaler Platz. Long, high tables dominate this space filled with jars of preserved vegetables and baskets of fresh apples, oranges, and ginger. Phở, noodle salads, and most other typical Vietnamese fare can be had here, but the real star of the show is the bánh mì sandwich. Served on perfectly crisp, freshly baked French rolls - a vestige of Vietnam's colonial past

- and topped with marinated chicken, beef, pork, or tofu along with a litany of pickled vegetables, fresh lemongrass and coriander, each bite of this sandwich is a glorious symbiosis of tastes and textures.

The Vietnamese coffee is also a treat. Brewed traditionally with a small French drip filter and served with condensed milk, the sweetness of which isn't enough to overpower the delicious flavor of the dark Vietnamese-grown roast. It's the perfect accompaniment to a spicy sandwich or a bowl of cold noodle salad.

All food is freshly prepared behind a large glass deli case, giving you a front row seat to the creation of the mouthwatering cuisine you're about to devour. A bánh mì will set you back 4,95€, adding a coffee to your order only costs 2,50€ more. Noodle salads and phở are slightly more expensive, starting at 5,95€.

Lauren Lamson







## Berlin Homemade Icecream

<b>Address</b>	Elßholzstraße 10, 10781 Berlin-Schöneberg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Fri 12:00-20:00 Sat-Sun 12:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Kleistpark S1, U7
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.leckmich.it">www.leckmich.it</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

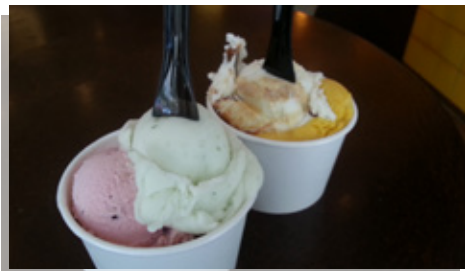
**T**hough it's not placed in the most convenient part of the city, this ice cream parlour lives up to the hype. With a variety of seventeen different flavours, plus milkshakes and coffees, anyone can find a favourite treat. From popular scoops of chocolate, strawberry, and mango to the more unusual cream cheese with caramel, blueberry, and the ultimate gem - basil and lemon - you won't leave this modest shop unsatisfied.

A row of benches sits outside the shop entrance as well as a few high top tables indoors. It's a tight squeeze, but the efficient service means you won't be waiting for long.

Berlin Homemade Icecream sits between rows of flats, practically alone with the exception of a small duty free store and a park around the corner. However, it's a short walk away from the U-Bahn and well worth the trip, especially to try the delectably creamy and unique chocolate or orange heaven.

Scoops are 1,20€ each and milkshakes start at 3€. A latte costs 2,50€ and is the most expensive coffee on the menu. So if you've got some free time and a craving for some of the best ice cream in Berlin, make your way to Schöneberg for this extremely well priced and mouth-watering goodness.

Jasmine Richards



## Que Pasa

<b>Address</b>	Skalitzer Straße 107, 10997 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Thurs 15.00-Late Fri-Sat 12.00-Late Sun 10.00-Late
<b>Transport</b>	Kottbussestr Tor U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.quepasa-berlin.de">www.quepasa-berlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

**S**erving up tasty Mexican food and offering the best-priced cocktails for miles around, every day is a fiesta at Que Pasa. The sounds of chatter and catchy pop hits mingle in the air and the delectable smells of Mexican cuisine waft down Skalitzer Straße, drawing in crowds of hungry wanderers. Inside, guests bask in warm orange light surrounded by blazing sun motifs and sombreros.



It's no wonder Que Pasa is so popular. The menu is everything you would expect from a good Mexican joint, serving a variety of tacos, enchiladas, burritos, and fajitas, all priced reasonably at around 8€. Keep the cocktails coming at only 3,50€ each. Que Pasa serves up their own fruity concoctions, such as Mango and Pineapple Zorro, alongside the classic mojitos, strawberry daiquiris, and piña Coladas. You can also share an enormous platter of nachos, topped with cheese, chilies, and jalapeños, complete with a side of sour cream and guacamole, for just 5,90€. There are plenty of vegetarian options and smaller portions for children.

The outdoor terraced area is a tight squeeze, but the international crowd of backpackers creates a friendly and upbeat vibe. You might even make a friend!

Annabelle Lauder





## Tommi's Burger Joint



<b>Address</b>	Invalidenstraße 160, 10115 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 12:00-22:00
<b>Transport</b>	Brunnenstraße /Invalidenstraße M8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.burgerjoint.de">www.burgerjoint.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

**Y**ou're craving a classic meal, done correctly. Upon entrance you see the order counter adorned with handmade cardboard signs saying things like, "Be Nice or Leave" and "Burger Love". You feel relief after a glance at the menu, a simple offering of burgers and toppings. There is even a veggie burger to appease your vegetarian friend. Then you notice that they offer milkshakes in a multitude of flavors and now you know this place means business, after all

what kind of burger joint would it be without milkshakes? Before you finalize your order you see dipping sauces for your fries, including Tommi's Sauce which of course you have to try. After you decide to go all out with a burger, fries and milkshake your patience comes in handy as you notice everything is made to order right behind the counter. As you try to contain your eager stomach, you take in the fun, hip atmosphere while the tantalizing smells from the grill taunt you. Classic American billboard hits are pumped through the speakers, then you hear your name called from the pickup counter. A few bites later you realize that you are never going to be able to look at another burger the same.

Matt Lyne



## Pee Pees Katzencafé



<b>Address</b>	Thomasstraße 53, 12053 Berlin-Neukölln
<b>Hours</b>	Tues-Fri 11:00-19:00 Sat 12:00-20:00 Sun 12:00-19:00
<b>Transport</b>	Leinestraße U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.quepasa-berlin.de">www.quepasa-berlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

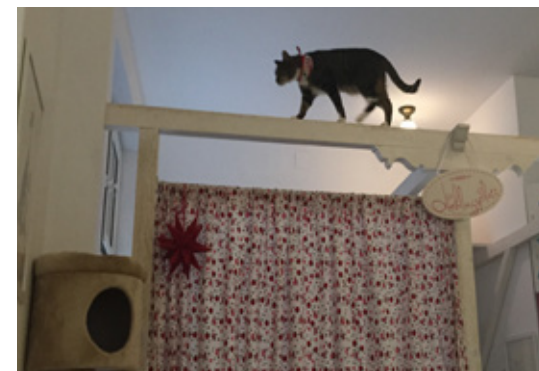
of cake will set you back 3,50€. Try the fresh peppermint tea, which comes in a cat-themed mug, to unwind after a stressful day or a specialty coffee for an afternoon pick-me-up, and watch Pelle and Caruso play and chase after treats.

Make sure you read the rules about interacting with the cats before reaching your hand out for Pelle or Caruso to take a sniff, and don't expect the owner to be particularly chatty. She would rather you enjoy the company you've brought and marvel at all of the cat décor she has so meticulously displayed throughout her café.

Hayleigh Syens

**C**razy cat ladies, rejoice! Pee Pees Katzencafé, a quaint café located in Neukölln (sometimes called 'Little Istanbul'), is filled to the brim with every kind of cat-themed decoration that your heart could ever desire. Paintings, picture frames, salt-shakers, chandeliers and more are all adorned with cats, cats, and more cats. Two real cats, named Pelle and Caruso, greet you at the door while their human mother stands proudly by her display of homemade sweets.

The menu is small, but everything on it is made with love and is incredibly affordable. A small brownie will cost you 0,80€, and a massive piece







# D R I N K

A trip to Berlin is not complete without an oversized glass of beer, and there are plenty of places to enjoy a refreshing drink in this city. There are bars with their own beer breweries in the back, and tranquil beer gardens next to lakes where you can rent boats.

Whether you prefer a casual drink in a sunny beach bar or a classy cocktail in a high-end bar, or a place dedicated to wine, Berlin has it all. There are unique theme bars that you can find only in Berlin, such as a bar with upside-down apartment furniture stuck to the ceiling and a place where you can rent a wine glass for 2€, filling it up as many times as you want and paying what you think you owe at the end.





# Prater Garten Berlin (Prater Beer Garden)

Address	Kastanienallee 7-9, 10435 Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg
Hours	Mon-Sat 18:00-Late Sun 12:00-Late
Transport	Eberswalder Straße U2
Website	www.pratergarten.de
Price	€€

Nestled in the shade of mighty chestnut trees, Berlin's oldest beer garden has a long history which sets it apart from some of the city's more run-of-the-mill watering holes. Reportedly, beer was being served here as early as 1837, but in 1852 it was the Kalbo family who began to turn it into the fantastic, social hub it is today. Over the years it has been a meeting point for radical political groups, a theatre for everything from burlesque to opera, and an exciting outdoor dance floor.

The vibrant atmosphere this space created has survived the test of time, and on a fine day can

still be enjoyed as you sit at one of the many long tables; though the lack of indoor seating makes it a decidedly summer destination. Whether you are a fan of the famous wheat beer Hefeweißbier, or prefer the sweeter taste of Berliner Weiße, Prater Garten Berlin has something for everyone. Drinks cost between 3€ and 4€, and they also serve a range of food, from pretzels for 2,50€ to soup of the day for 4,50€. Though it is not the cheapest beer you could find, it is certainly not overpriced, and a bottle of Maisel's Kristallweißbier is the perfect way to refresh yourself after a hard day's sightseeing.

Emily Brearley-Bayliss



# Klunkerkranich



Address	Karl-Marx-Straße 66, 12043 Berlin-Neukölln
Hours	Mon-Sat 10:00-01:30 Sun 12:00-01:30
Transport	U Rathaus Keukölln -U7
Website	www.klunkerkranich.de
Price	€

On top of Neukölln Arcaden, a shopping mall in the Neukölln borough, there is a car park that found a different use for its top floor than just letting cars bake in the hot sun.

Klunkerkranich, a rooftop bar and garden, is a truly immersive social hangout. Soon after you arrive you'll forget that you are on top of a garage

as you walk through beautifully manicured gardens and rustic gateways. Once you've grabbed a beer (3) or a cocktail (7) from one of their many charming little wooden huts that specialize in different drinks, take a look around. With a little exploring you will find a private little nook amongst the gardens for you and your friends to kick back with a few drinks. No matter what time of day you arrive you are sure to find a mixture of mature socialites and hip young people sharing a common interest in a beautiful view and some delicious handcrafted cocktails.

When you make your way to Klunkerkranich be sure to take the elevator in the mall to the level P5 then walk up the last bit of parking to find the entrance. Also check out their website for information on upcoming special events.

Matt Lyne







## Madame Claude

<b>Address</b>	Lübbener Straße 19, 10997 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Everyday 19:00-Late
<b>Transport</b>	Schlesisches Tor U1
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.madameclaudede.de">www.madameclaudede.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

Located in a former brothel, this bar is well-known for its weird décor – specifically the upside-down apartment furniture attached to the ceiling. The variety of objects suspended above you is transfixing: look out for the innocuous pair

of trainers with laces hanging down, or the table with playing cards stuck to it.

Opened in 2008 by three French friends, Madame Claude has played host to hundreds of DJs and bands. In 2011 'Marie Antoinette' was launched. Hosting a string of regular events: from concerts to fashion shows, and even private parties for people that have hired the venue out, the night is highly popular. Entry is generally a chosen donation of between 1€ and 6€. Funds collected are used to pay the performers, who play downstairs in a soundproof basement. Choose to watch them, or stay upstairs and enjoy a beer for around 2,50€, a soft drink for 2,30€ or a long drink for 4,50€.

Ally McLaren



## Soul Cat

<b>Address</b>	Reichenberger Straße, 10999 Berlin-Neukölln
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sat 19:00-Late
<b>Transport</b>	Hermannplatz U7, U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://soulcat-berlin.com">soulcat-berlin.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

Festooned in swathes of fairy lights, with seating that spills out onto the cobbled street, this 50s/60s soul bar feels faintly Parisian in its aesthetic – and somewhat indistinguishable from its counterparts along Wernerstraße. Once you're inside, it's a completely different territory though. With its LP paved walls and cluttered collection of assorted taxidermy, the finished effect is endearingly unconventional, and oddly redolent of a particularly tasteful collector's front room.



Staff are friendly, and the vibe is definitely one of calm contentment. Enjoy a beer on tap (4-6€), or smoke at one of the tall bistro style tables whilst listening to a soundtrack that varies from classic Motown hits from the likes of Stevie Wonder and The Supremes, to the more dulcet tones of Barbara Lynn and Eddie Holland. There's live music and a resident DJ on some nights too – although the lack of dance floor gives this a questionable purpose.



Whilst reasonably priced (6-7€ for board menu cocktails, which include creamy White Russians and Whiskey Sours with a delightfully zingy kick), the extensive 'Wine & Prosecco' list is illustrative of the predominantly older crowd. Not quite the place for a wild night of partying, but certainly an interesting glimpse into the life of the mature Hipster after hours.

Isabella Taylor







# Deck 5

Address	Schönhauser Allee 79, 10439 Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg
Hours	Daily 12:00-24:00
Transport	Prenzlauer Allee S8, S9, S41, S42, S85
Website	www.freiluftrebelln.de
Price	€



Sitting on the seventh floor of Schönhauser Allee Arcaden, Deck 5 is Berlin's highest Beach Bar. The roofless lounge provides mesmerising views of the cityscape, including the TV Tower and Brandenburg Gate. Make sure you get there in time to find a good seat to watch the sky turn to hypnotic pinks and oranges as the sun sets into the night.

Although the many flights of stairs to the top of the building may leave you short of breath, one of the many cocktails, such as the famous Mojito or the refreshing Passion Caipirinha, will feel well deserved. Beer is also available, as well as hot drinks and a food menu of various pizza, wraps, and salads.

Deck 5 is decorated with a tropical selection of sand, palm trees, cabanas, and deck chairs, as well as a few cosy corners for a comfier lounging experience. Red and green spotlights, hidden within pots and plants around the terrace, switch on at night, setting a pre-party atmosphere before it closes at midnight. Prepare yourself for an exhausting climb to one of the best views in Berlin.

Jasmine Richards

# Vagabund Brauerei (Brewery)

Address	Antwerpener Straße 3, 13353 Berlin-Wedding
Hours	Mon-Fri 17:00-Late Sat & Sun 13:00-Late
Transport	Seestraße U6
Website	www.vagabundbrauerei.com
Price	€

Tucked away in the Northwest borough of Wedding, this brewery and taproom has truly set itself apart in Berlin's craft beer scene. Vagabund Brauerei is a nano-brewery founded by three American friends in 2013 with the intention of providing Berlin's residents not only some fantastic craft brews but also the chance to become a part of the brewery.

Annual memberships are available for anyone interested in fostering creativity within the brewery by being a part of recipe designs and tastings.

You won't find any German Pilsners on tap here. The gentlemen behind Vagabund take pride in offering something different to their patrons. As soon as you see the four tappers at the bar spit out beautiful golds, browns and ambers into you're eagerly awaited glass, you know this place means serious business when it comes to beer. If you make it through the four on tap, not to worry, there is a fully stocked double door fridge full of every type of beer you could ask for. When it comes to quality, the beer doesn't get much better than at Vagabond and it comes at a very reasonable price. If you claim to enjoy beer, you'd be a fool to pass on this place.

Matt Lyne







## Dr. Pong

<b>Address</b>	Eberswalder Straße 21, 10437 Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sat 20:00-Late Sun 19:00-Late
<b>Transport</b>	Eberswalder U2
<b>Website</b>	www.drpong.net
<b>Price</b>	€ <input type="text"/>

A quick Google search of this bar shows Dr. Pong as a table tennis facility. While this label is technically correct, you might be incredibly confused when you walk inside.

This highly unconventional and hard-to-find bar revolves around the universally loved sport of table tennis, also known as ping pong. The bar lit-

erally does revolve around table tennis, as eager players walk in one giant circle around a single table. With paddles and beers in hand, they wait with hopes of showing off their skills or simply having a laugh.

Each player is allowed one hit every time they make it to either side of the table, their time to shine, in this crazy round robin style match. As players are eliminated, the pace quickens, until you have people running around the table attempting to keep the ball in play. When just two survivors are left, a quick five point match is conducted to crown the round's champion. Then the spectators jump to their feet and it all begins again. Does it sound strange? Well, thats because it is, and that's what makes it so amazing.

Matt Lyne



## Hops & Barley

<b>Address</b>	Wühlischstraße 22/23, 10245 Berlin-Friedrichshain
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Fri 17:00-Late Sat-Sun 15:00-Late
<b>Transport</b>	Warschauer Straße S5, S7, S75, U12
<b>Website</b>	www.hopsandbarley-berlin.de
<b>Price</b>	€ <input type="text"/>

At first glance, this pub is a seemingly unremarkable brew house, indistinguishable from its surrounding competitors. Yet step through the threshold to find a little slice of home. From the welcoming and informative staff to the rustic interior, this cosy den generates a hospitable and warm haven for newbies and seasoned beer drinkers alike.

The pub boasts a selection of home-brewed beers, and the four regulars on the menu include both a pale and dark bottom fermented lager, a top fermented fruity wheat, and a fresh cider. A regularly rotated special is also available. The combination of traditional brewing and innovative beer styles (which they cite as their philosophy) is what makes their beers so exceptional, while the tiled walls and piping gives the impression you are amid the brewing process.

At only 3,10€ for 0.5l, first time visitors are likely to find themselves returning. The unobtrusive music allows free-flowing conversations to fill the air and contributes to the overall atmospheric buzz. There is also a generous amount of outdoor seating, perfect for warm days and evenings.

Kate Griffiths







# Weinerei Forum

<b>Address</b>	Fehrbelliner Straße 57, 10119 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Daily 10:00-24:00 Wine Tasting: 20:00-24:00
<b>Transport</b>	Brunnenstraße/Invalide- straße M8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.weinerei.com">www.weinerei.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	€ <input type="text"/>



**B**y definition, a forum is a meeting place where ideas and views on a particular issue or topic can be shared and discussed. This innovative little wine bar in Mitte promotes the consumption of wine and they're friendly and knowledgeable staff is there to help you along the way.

The crowd drawer here is without a doubt they're pricing strategy. For 2€ you receive a glass that you can fill as much as you want. Then at the end of the night you pay what you think you owe. While the wine may flow like water out of a faucet, this doesn't mean there is a sacrifice in quality. You won't find a 1961 Medoc or a Grand Cru Chablis but they pride themselves on offering an assortment of international wines at mid tier quality.

The Forum is a beginner wine drinkers paradise because of all the different wines you get the opportunity to try. Whether you have a weakness for French Sauvignon Blancs or if you've always wanted to taste an Italian Sangiovese, there are as many as 20 different wines available any given night. Go be adventuresome and explore all the wonderful smells and tastes that the world of wine has to offer.

Matt Lyne



<b>Address</b>	Mehringdamm 77, 10965 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Thurs 14:00-24:00 Fri-Sat 14:00-3:00 Sun 14:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Platz der Luftbrücke
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.barbiebar.de">www.barbiebar.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€ <input type="text"/>

**W**hen someone announces 'let's go to the Barbie Bar', certain things might pop into your head: Pink is probably your first thought, followed by girly cocktails and Barbie dolls stuck to the walls, floors, and probably you. But that is all a misconception. Located in Kreuzberg, Barbie Bar is home to some of the best cakes in Berlin. With the choice between ten different flavours such as the delicate apple cake and the sickly prosecco truffle cake, this bar makes for a great daytime treat between your usual shenanigans.

At night, however, it's a different story. The fluorescent and almost Moulin Rouge-styled watering hole serves a range of alcoholic beverages such as beer, wine, champagne, a variety of strongly mixed long drinks, as well as numerous other concoctions including an extra long list of vodka mixes.

Regular comedic drag shows take place most nights, making for greatly enjoyable and hilarious entertainment. Barbie Bar is also extremely popular with Berlin's LGBT community and not far from other popular Kreuzberg nightlife destinations, making for a great night out with friends or a partner.

Jasmine Richards







# PARTY

Berlin boasts an impressive collection of some of the most unique clubs in Europe. Known for their strict door policies and their love of techno music, you can choose from the top picks of venue – such as a former indoor swimming pool, abandoned mansions, beach bars, or the infamous Berghain (which is known for not letting people in, but it's worth a shot just to say you tried).

Impressive venues aside, if you are not a techno fan, smaller clubs can provide indie music and some 90s hits that you can dance along to. There are so many choices that you could go somewhere new every single night and never have the same experience twice.





## K17 der Club

**B**erlin is anything but lacking in clubs and popular nightlife. With each one offering something special, what makes K17 stand out from the crowd?

Consisting of four floors, this tucked away clubs has discovered a way to please anyone and everyone. Each floor pumps out a different style of music: The first floor is home to Electro, Punk, Rock, New Wave, Goth and more. The second floor holds the capacity of 350 people and is the largest floor. Private parties and live music can be found here, but mostly this floor blasts popular music from the 80s, 90s, and all-time favourites. If you're a metal fan, floor three is for you, blast your eardrums with deathcore, hardcore, beatdown, and nu-metal. The final floor also houses some of K17's concerts. Holding up to 150 people, the fourth floor creates a more intimate vibe yet still manages to throw the same eccentric energy into the music.

To make K17 even more extraordinary, they also have a beer garden serving popular beverages such as vodka and coke, beer and more, as well as delicious food from the grill, suitable for both meat lovers and vegetarians a like.

'What's the catch?' you may think. Well, there isn't one. Shots cost only 1€, and food is extremely affordable. Entry is 10€ for full access to the club; however, you gain entry to the first three floors and the beer garden for merely 6€.

<b>Address</b>	Pettenkoferstraße 17 10247 Berlin-Friedrichshain
<b>Hours</b>	Fri-Sat 22:00-05:00
<b>Transport</b>	Frankfurter Allee S8, S9, S41, S42, U5
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.k17.de">www.k17.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

## Robin's Nest Jam Session at B-flat



Wearing a peculiar hat or a vintage bag, as well as sporting a beard or a singular hairdo, might help in blending in with the mass of self-proclaimed artists that pack the jazz club. Avoid bruising the delicate egos of these artists with the occasional energetic nod to show that you appreciate and understand their performance.

Once you're inside, prepare to stay for a while, as a crowd will quickly fill the room and block any chance of a quick and easy escape. Order a drink from the club's surprisingly lengthy and affordable menu. Sit back and enjoy the music as people from the audience get on stage and take turn at the drums, entertain with a saxophone solo accompanied by a guitar, or play an original song on the piano.

Show up around 20:30 if you want a decent seat, or you'll be subject to the endless pushing and pulling of the crowd.

Paolo Pidello

**J**ust 200 meters away from Rosenthaler Platz, this jazz club hosts a jam session every Wednesday starting at 21:00. The club doesn't charge a cover, and the music makes the jam session worth a visit.

Pictures of jazz artists fill the tiny music hall and scratches on the walls grant the place a sophisticated, laid-back attitude.

<b>Address</b>	Rosenthaler Straße 13, 10119 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Wed 21:00-Late
<b>Transport</b>	Rosenthaler Platz U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.b-flat-berlin.de">www.b-flat-berlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€





# Club der Visionäre

This open-air club, located just past the Kreuzberg-Alt-Treptow border, is more of an after-hours venue than a nightclub. Its rustic aesthetic and canal-side setting, complete with a view of leafy trees and charming houseboats, is the perfect place to spend a low-key summer night. Most guests choose to mingle on the main level under cover of a weeping willow threaded with twinkle lights, while others sway to deep house beats in a small dance hall squeezed between a bar and the DJ booth. A viewing deck above the main level houses a lounging area for those looking to simply sit and chat.

Multiple bars are scattered around the venue, making it easy to obtain a reasonably priced drink without queuing. In fact, any sort of queue is rare at this

establishment. Guests rarely have to wait more than a few minutes to enter the club, and it is uncommon for the door price to exceed 5€, even on the weekends. The club is also relaxed about closing times. It has been known to stay open from Friday evening through Monday, so long as guests are around to continue the party.

Lauren Lamson

<b>Address</b>	Am Flutgraben 1, 12435 Berlin-Alt-Treptow
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Fri 14:00-Late Sun 12:00-Late
<b>Transport</b>	Schlesisches Tor U12, S7, S75, U12
<b>Website</b>	www.clubdervisionaere.com
<b>Price</b>	€

## Privat Club

There is an abundance of alternative nights in Berlin. Its youthful demographic has a clear penchant for all things unconventional, and this club, which is located in an old post office, certainly fits the criteria.

Swathed in a warm red light, its décor is ambient: low hanging lamps and tall bar stools are dotted about the heaving dance floor, and there are black leather armchairs and tasseled lampshades in the 60s-style indoor smoking room.

It's not a big place, and it's perhaps not as trendy as Kreuzberg's more illustrious nightclub options such as Prince Charles or Watergate. But with its wide assortment of live music events, and a playlist that crafts a smooth blend of soul classics and indie bangers, it's impossible to feel small. Any suggestion

of claustrophobia is crushed immediately as you bop in sync to an eclectic mix of thumping beats.

Lose your inhibitions with a cocktail (6-8€) or three, and lose yourself to the music. Rock up with the crowd at midnight and prepare to dance.

Isabella Taylor

<b>Address</b>	Skalitzer Str 85-86 10997 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	19:00-Late
<b>Transport</b>	Görlitzer Bahnhof U1
<b>Website</b>	www.privatclub-berlin.de
<b>Price</b>	€

# Cassiopeia

<b>Address</b>	Revaler Straße 99, 10245 Berlin-Friedrichshain
<b>Hours</b>	Tue-Sun 23:00-6:00
<b>Transport</b>	Warschauer Straße U1, S5, S7, S75
<b>Website</b>	www.cassiopeia-berlin.de
<b>Price</b>	€€

Like many Berlin clubs, Cassiopeia occupies an abandoned industrial building. Its exterior is run down and covered with graffiti, but the huge variety of music it plays, along with its friendly, inclusive atmosphere sets it apart from the techno clubs that also line Revaler Straße.

The large, open room retains its distinctly industrial feel, with metal girders hanging from the ceiling, exposed brick walls, and concrete floors. It is made inviting by the well-stocked bar and series of pool tables in the corner, at which a tense game is often in progress. This is complemented by an enormous outside area, featuring yet another bar, as well as masses of chairs and tables, where people can drink and chat in a quieter, more relaxed way. This area doubles as a beer garden during the day.

Cassiopeia often has live music, and features acts from all over the world. Their amazing range of punk, hip hop, reggae, and electro means you are guaranteed to find a night you will enjoy. Be sure to check their website first, as some gigs are ticket-only. Grab a beer for 3€ and dance the night away.

Emily Brearley-Bayliss





# Chalet

Behind the solid doors of an old, abandoned mansion sits one of the most popular destinations on Berlin's clubbing circuit. The patterned wallpaper and the vintage upholstery that decorates the rooms, however, provide Chalet with a distinctly original feel that separates it from the rest.

Despite the dark glamour of its setting, Chalet continues the tradition of Berlin's preference for music over bling. The dilapidation of the mansion only increases the illusion of like-minded clubbers finding union with one another amidst ruinous surroundings that exist in a constant state of disrepair. A regular line-up of renowned DJs play out over multiple floors and the international crowd is invited to revel in the hedonistic atmosphere until long after the sunrise.

A decadent and enchanting garden consumes the majority of the space, and is well utilised on warm summer evenings. With lily ponds, ham-

Address	Vor dem Schlesischen Tor 3, 10997 Berlin-Alt-Treptow
Hours	Mon-Sun 12:00-Late
Transport	Treptower Park S8, S9, S41, S42, S85
Website	www.chalet-berlin.de
Price	€

mocks, and foliage dimly lit by lanterns, the garden creates the perfect spot to cool down and regroup between sets.

The door policy at Chalet is slightly less strict than you will find at other clubs in the city, yet groups of particularly rowdy and unaware tourists may still find themselves unwelcome.

Georgina D'Souza



# Prince Charles

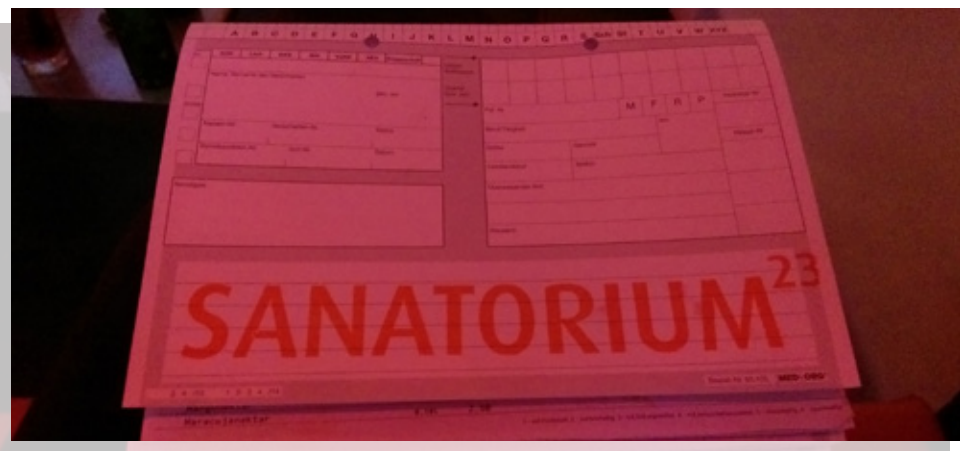
Address	Prinzenstraße 85f, 10969 Berlin-Kreuzberg
Hours	Thurs-Sat 19:00-8:00
Transport	Moritzplatz U8
Website	www.princecharlesberlin.com
Price	€

This club, like many of Berlin's late night establishments, is located in a former abandoned building. However, Prince Charles is the only club that can claim it was a former swimming complex. Once you've shown your ID to the bouncer, paid your entry fee, and received your 'Lady Diana' entry stamp, you walk through the doors to realize that the club takes full advantage of its unique setting.

Lauren Lamson







## The Sanatorium

Hospitals and bars are not two things that traditionally go together, but this club has somehow managed to use aspects of medical institution-inspired interior design to create a bar that is incredibly cool, if a little creepy. Eerie red lights leave the room in a state of half-darkness, and the squeaky, PVC chairs could easily be used as sick beds. To pick a drink you must look through medical data charts, and the jagged lines of heartbeat monitors adorn the walls.

Because of this morbid theme, the upbeat soundtrack, which includes classics from Nicki Minaj and Outkast, seems a little out of place. However, as the tunes get louder, and more people enter into the bizarre spirit of the place, it is clear that Sanatorium 23 is not just a bar with novelty decorations. With beer that ranges from 2,50€-3,50€, and eye-watering vodka-lemonades a steal at just 5€, this bar is the ideal place to have chilled drinks early in the night, or as a place to dance later on.

Emily Brearley-Bayliss

<b>Address</b>	Frankfurter Allee 23, 10247 Berlin-Friedrichshain
<b>Hours</b>	Tue-Thu 18:00-2:00, Fri-Sat 18:00-4:00, Sun 17:00-1:00
<b>Transport</b>	Samariterstraße U5
<b>Website</b>	www.sanatorium23.de
<b>Price</b>	€

## Golden Gate

If you want the ultimate Berlin clubbing experience, head to Golden Gate. Usually remaining under tourists' radar, this is not a place you would stumble across: it's situated under a bridge and the exterior looks like a squat - but don't let this dissuade you.

Arrive early and you should have no problems with entry. Leave your inhibitions at the door and immediately become absorbed by the techno beats filling the dance floor. As smoke lingers in the air, dance elbow to elbow with Berliners and become accustomed to this intimate clubbing experience.

If the dancing gets to be too much, slip into the bar area, grab a 2,50€ beer and relax on one of the many sofas available. An astronaut suit and illuminated planets hang from the ceiling, making the experience even more out-of-this-world.

Golden Gate is known for its long operating hours and you could easily find yourself spending twelve hours in here. Your night of debauchery awaits.



## Tresor

Behind the closed doors and camera-free spaces of one of Europe's elite techno clubs, the sunrise passes revellers by unaware. It would be more apt to say that the party goes on all morning than all night, as in this clubbing institution the music never stops. Existing in a number of locations over the years, this pioneer of the scene, which rose to prominence shortly after the city's reunification, now packs an international hipster crowd into a maze of underground tunnels in a large, dilapidated former power station. It continues the city's preference to party in dark, unglamorous ruins and takes its name from the abandoned building in which it was originally housed.

The hedonistic crowd dances freely, lost in the electro beats of Detroit origins played out by top techno DJs from around the world, all coming together to delight in the unrivalled sense of euphoria gener-

<b>Address</b>	Schicklerstraße 4, 10179 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Thurs-Sun 24:00-13:30
<b>Transport</b>	Jannowitzbrücke S5, S7, S75, U8
<b>Website</b>	www.goldengate-berlin.de
<b>Price</b>	€



ated. Backpackers and easyjetters on pilgrimages to the Berghain with hopes of passing through its holy doors would be foolish to miss out on one of the clubs that paved its way. Admission fee is usually around 10€ and mixed gender groups are preferable. It is also advisable to know the name of the acts playing when attending to guarantee your entrance.

Georgina D'Souza

<b>Address</b>	Köpenicker Straße 70, 10179 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 23:45-Late
<b>Transport</b>	Heinrich-Heine-Straße U8
<b>Website</b>	www.tresorberlin.com
<b>Price</b>	€€





# House of Weekend

**B**erlin's nightlife is notorious for a reason; clubbing is not a pastime in this city, it's a way of life. If you want a unique Berlin experience, go and get your mind blown at House of Weekend.

Staying loyal to techno beats, this club has taken the underground scene and elevated it into the stratosphere, literally. Taking residence on the fourteenth floor and the roof of a former Soviet tower block, the main attraction is the roof terrace bar that has unrivalled views of the city. Open daily from 18:00 you can grab a drink and catch the sunset before your wild night commences.

When you become restlessly desperate to dance, take the stairs down to the swanky studio floor and find solace on the dance floor — but be sure to make it back to the roof for sunrise.

The sun may rise, but the party continues as hedonism takes over. This venue is one of few within the city where glamour is embraced.

Kate Griffiths

<b>Address</b>	Alexanderstraße 7, 10178 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Club Thurs-Sat 23:00-06:00, Roof Terrace Bar Mon-Sun 18:00-Late
<b>Transport</b>	Alexanderplatz S5, S7, S75, U2, U5, U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.houseofweekend.berlin">www.houseofweekend.berlin</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€







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Shopaholics will be spoilt for choice in Berlin. This city has a vast array of shopping districts and arcades, offering all the usual favourites like Zara and H&M, as well as all kinds of vintage shops, flea markets, farmers' markets and antique fairs. The lovely thing about Berlin is that you never know what you will stumble upon next, and often the best shopping spots are the ones that lie on undiscovered side streets. KaDeWe is the largest department store in Europe, and offers a chic selection of high end brands and exclusive designer labels. Hold onto those purse strings.



# Trash-Schick

<b>Address</b>	Wühlischstraße 31, 10245 Berlin-Fried-
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sat 12:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Warschauer Straße S5, S7 S75, U12
<b>Website</b>	www.trashschick.de
<b>Price</b>	€€



The area surrounding the popular Warschauer Straße is known for many things – vegan supermarkets, edgy cafes, hipsters – but above all, it is famous for its vintage clothing shops. You can barely walk ten steps without seeing one, but even in this crowd, Trash-Schick stands out. Established in 2000, Trash-Schick wants their customers to know that their way of running a business is as vintage as their clothes. The friendly staff, who can invariably be found smoking in the doorway, pay meticulous attention to the quality of their stock, making this one of the best vintage shops to visit in Berlin.

Trash Schick's range of clothes is eclectically chaotic, and extends through two rooms. Their specialities are garishly-patterned silk shirts and oversized knitwear. The plastic mannequins that lurk in the corners are slightly disconcerting, but necessary to showcase some of the accessories on offer. Some pieces are as cheap as 10€, but other prices go upwards of 50€, so whether you're looking for quantity or quality, there is something for every vintage clothing enthusiast. The stock tends to move pretty quickly though, so if you've got your eye on something make sure you get in there fast.

Emily Brearley-Bayliss



# Mulackstraße

<b>Address</b>	Mulackstraße 10119 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Always Open
<b>Transport</b>	Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz U2S7, S75, U12
<b>Price</b>	€€€

You will find Mulackstraße tucked away in an exclusive side street which is widely regarded to be one of the most fashionable thoroughfares in Berlin and is jam packed with many exclusive designer boutiques.

Many independent labels can be found here, stocking a wide range of original clothing including streetwear, summer and evening formal wear, and footwear. Prices are steep, but are a reflection of the true quality and design on offer.

Shops along this street include the Swedish store Acne, which promises the best jeans you could wish for; the Berlin Lala store; and the famous French A.P.C. store, whose collection recently featured at the Berlin fashion show. The Hecking Concept store stocks a vast selection of chic handbags and clothing and is definitely worth a look, if only to soak up the atmosphere and the delicious smell of leather. You will also find familiar labels such as Lacoste, Hugo Boss, Fred Perry, Converse, and Adidas, in a cluster of chic flagship stores dotted about.

Das Neue Schwarz, which specialises in elegant second-hand designer clothing, is also worth checking out for high quality pieces at good prices.

Mulackstraße promises a unique selection of fashion boutiques and is most definitely the place to be seen.

Carys Thomas







## Shakespeare and Sons

Is there ever a more perfect combination than books and bagels? This combination of bookshop and café provides just that. Shakespeare and Sons has a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere, and is the ideal place to meet up with friends, study, or to just curl up and read.

The shop is split into three parts. In the lower café area, you can buy a tasty hummus and black olive bagel for just 4,70€. The raised study area provides free WiFi and has everyone glued to their computer screens. However, the highlight is the cosy reading room in the back, where you can sit quietly and become engrossed in your favourite novel, or simply sit and chat to other book-lovers.



<b>Address</b>	Warschauer Straße 74, 10243 Berlin-Friedrichshain
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sat 09:00-20:00 Sun 10:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Samariterstraße U5
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.shakesbooks.de">www.shakesbooks.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

In here, computers are banned on pain of death.

The main shop stocks books in both English and French, which cost around 8,99€ for a standard paperback. There is even an extensive children's section. The spacious store can also be booked as an entertainment venue, and has hosted many literary-themed events such as this year's 'Valentine's Reading for the Loved Up and Loveless'.

Shakespeare and Sons is a shop that expertly combines reading and socialising. You are guaranteed to want to escape here again and again.

Emily Brearley-Bayliss

## Cache Coeur

<b>Address</b>	Schönhauser Allee 174, 10119 Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg
<b>Hours</b>	Tue-Fri 14:00-20:00 Sat 12:00-18:00
<b>Transport</b>	Senefelder Platz U2
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.cachecoeur.de">www.cachecoeur.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

An eclectic mix of clothes and piled jumble makes the prospect of browsing this vintage shop appear a little daunting to an untrained eye. Gird your loins though: a spot of treasure hunting will be well worth the effort. Selling a wide array of pieces bought from auctions and warehouse sales, owner Gerlinde has accumulated an interesting collection



of niche items over the years, ranging from the ordinary to the completely obscure. Don't be surprised to find objects like a 60s style swing seat, which hangs innocuously in the centre of the room as if it belongs there; or an assorted collection of fruit inspired brooch pins ordered neatly on a kitsch floral plate.

Pieces have all been selected specifically for their quality – and there is a healthy mix of designer clothes from brands such as Vivienne Westwood and Comme des Garçons available for anyone willing to invest. Prices range from 10€ to the more extravagant 400€ – but a bargain is always available, and there is certainly no shortage of items to choose from.

Isabella Taylor





## Blank Vintage

<b>Address</b>	Warschauer Straße 29, 10243 Berlin-Friedrichshain
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Fri 13:00-19:00 Sat 13:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Warschauer Straße S5, S7, S75
<b>Website</b>	facebook.com/Blank-Vintage
<b>Price</b>	€€

For anyone who appreciates a good vintage shop but is not cut out for digging through piles of dirty clothes that may or may not have belonged to the recently deceased, this is the place for you. In the effortlessly cool, grungy neighbourhood of Friedrichshain, surrounded by vegan cafes and splashes of graffiti, the interior design of the shop is just as enticing as the clothes. Minimalist but still stylish, the clothes are laid out in a way that makes the vintage shopping experience enjoyable and stress free. The displays are even colour coordinated.

The store offers the classic selection of faded Levi jeans, Nike sweaters, and plaid shirts, but there are also some more unusual pieces to discover, which make this second hand shopping excursion so rewarding. Their sign's assertion that they provide the cheapest vintage clothing in Berlin is up for debate, with most items costing between 10€ and 15€. However, compared to some vintage stores in Berlin, their prices are very reasonable, and make Blank Vintage the perfect place to find a new favourite outfit.

Emily Brearley-Bayliss



## KaDeWe (Kaufhaus des Westens)



<b>Address</b>	Tauentzienstraße 21-24, 10789 Berlin-Charlottenburg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sat 10:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Augsburger Straße U3, U12
<b>Website</b>	www.kadewe.de
<b>Price</b>	€€€

At seven storeys high, Berlin's biggest department store sells a range of designer brands and products at high end prices. Each floor offers something different, from womenswear to men's clothes to household furniture to entertainment. The seventh floor has the distinction of selling gourmet food and drink, such as a collection of champagnes and wines, teas and coffees, and delicate gâteau's and cakes, just to name a few.

KaDeWe opened its doors in 1907, committing itself to becoming Germany's leading

department store. The founder, Adolf Jandorf, sought out to give customers the opportunity to buy goods from all over the world, including fashion trends from Paris and exotic fruits from south of the Equator. After the fall of the Berlin Wall, KaDeWe's sales skyrocketed. Its gourmet restaurant opened two years later, turning the immense building into the successful masterpiece it is today.

If you have a particular interest in fashion or designer brands, KaDeWe should be high on your list of places to visit, even if you only intend to do a bit of window shopping. The prices are pretty extortionate, so if you're on a budget you probably won't be buying a new pair of jeans here. However, the store is home to a small souvenir shop selling a mixture of Berlin-themed goodies at decent prices. Its massive exterior is worth a picture or two, so if you're in the area, pop down to have a look, just to say you've been there.

Jasmine Richards





# Sing Blackbird Vintage

<b>Address</b>	Sanderstraße 11, 12047 Berlin-Neukölln
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 14:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Kottbusser Tor U7, U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.singblackbird.tumblr.com">www.singblackbird.tumblr.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€



Located in the fashionable Kreuzkölln, Sing Blackbird is a vintage store with a difference. The store combines unique vintage fashion pieces with a tempting vegan café, which serves an appealing selection of food and drink, including homemade vegan cake, pancakes, coffee, smoothies, and cold pressed juice. The store was opened in 2010, and has seen great success. It has even featured in Vogue and Elle.

The clothing collection mainly includes pieces from the 70s, 80s, and 90s, and is very reasonably priced. The pieces are good quality and well presented. Everything is hung elegantly on wooden



hangers and organised into a fresh, colour coordinated layout. Unlike other vintage stores, the space is not crowded or bursting at the seams with clothes and accessories, rather there is space to appreciate what is on offer in a relaxed environment.

Sing Blackbird is very much rooted in the community, and has an active Facebook page which is regularly updated with events held at the store, including music and film nights. During the long summer evenings, music sessions are often held outside on the sidewalk, making it a very satisfying way to relax at the end of the day.

Food and fashion; what a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all you vintage lovers out there.

Carys Thomas



# Another Country Bookshop

<b>Address</b>	Riemannstr 7, 10961 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon 14:00-20:00 Tues-Fri 11:00-20:00 Sat 12:00-18:00
<b>Transport</b>	Gneisenau U7
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.anothercountry.de">www.anothercountry.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

Often named in top bookshop lists, Kreuzberg's Another Country is a wonderfully quirky English Language Bookshop, which is mostly used as a library.

Owned and run by Sophia Raphaeline, the store has around 20,000 books that are available to buy or borrow. Customers can bring books back to the store to receive a refund of the purchase price minus a 1,50€ charge. Everything is neatly ordered into practical categories and there is a wide selection of science fiction and fantasy titles.

The attractive store is perfect for spending an afternoon browsing, and there is something reassuringly homely about the brightly painted décor with striking red door, black and white floor tiles and 'bold coloured' shelving. There is a jolly selection of clutter, of potted plants sprouting out of cracked flower pots, colourful vases and books both stacked into neat piles and spilling out of boxes and bags. You will want to stay for hours, getting in some undisturbed reading.



Another Country is also a lively social club which hosts readings, cultural events, film nights, social evenings and dinner nights. The store is well-worth its accolade, it's a real find and will make you wonder why the big chain stores even exist.

Carys Thomas





<b>Address</b>	Greifswalder Straße 33, 10405 Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sat 09:30-20:30
<b>Transport</b>	Rosenthaler Platz U1
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.buchboxberlin.de">www.buchboxberlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

**S**t George's is the kind of bookstore you remember from your childhood. It's perfect.

The store was opened in 2001 by Paul Gurner and his brother Daniel, and today boasts an impressive selection of books stacked on floor-to-ceiling shelving, arranged into neat piles on display tables and overflowing in recycled cardboard boxes. The books are all written in English and are both new and second-hand. They operate a refreshingly honest system of in-store trading and swapping. Customers have the option to re-sell books to the store after reading them.

St George's has everything you could wish for

## St. George's English Language Bookshop

in a bookshop, vintage wooden floorboards, a perfectly positioned comfy sofa and interesting knick-knacks dotted about. It has a charming higgledy-piggledy feel about it which makes it instantly welcoming and homely. Everything is meticulously organised into useful categories and neatly priced, and it is all-too-easy to stumble upon a book which you are unable to leave without.

As an additional service, many books can also be ordered before 5pm in the evening to arrive at the store for the next day.

Carys Thomas



## Waschsalon 115

<b>Address</b>	Torstraße 115, 10119 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 06:00-22:00
<b>Transport</b>	Rosenthalerplatz U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://waschsalon-berlin-mitte.de">waschsalon-berlin-mitte.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€

**S**it amongst the trundling washers and doze in the warm, fuggy ambience of Waschsalon 115, a launderette and café located directly in the heart of busy Rosenthalerplatz. The shop caters predominantly to the area's abundance of tourists, who rock up with weeks worth of dirty clothes. A standard cycle will set you back 3€, washing powder is 50 cents, and 10 minutes of dry time is a steal at just 70 cents. Simply turn up with your bundle of washing and get straight down to business.

Owner Ulrich Guttman and his identical twin brother will undeniably be a noteworthy addition to your washing journey. A spectacle to see with their shared penchant for floral shirts and quirky eyewear, their garish demonstration of the machines is easy to understand – even if they don't speak much English.

Their hospitality extends beyond the clothes, too. The in-house coffee bar offers double shot macchiato for just 2€ – as well as an assortment of other reasonably priced snacks and beverages. Why not try a 2.50€ Panini while making full use of the complimentary WLAN? Sudsational.

Isabella Taylor







## Buchbox! (Buchhandlung am Boxi)

<b>Address</b>	Greifswalder Straße 33, 10405 Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sat 09:30-20:30
<b>Transport</b>	Rosenthaler Platz U1
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.buchboxberlin.de">www.buchboxberlin.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

Let your loved ones back home know how much you're enjoying Berlin with a postcard from this charming Prenzlauer Berg bookstore. The lime green exterior makes it hard to miss, and the dozen or so racks full of quirky greeting cards and postcards for just 1,40€ catch the attention of almost every passerby.

If you're looking for a more substantial souvenir, step inside the shop and check out their 'Notebooks & Things' section.

Everything from holographic postcards – now you see the Berlin Wall, now you don't – to pens decorated with woodland creatures and miniature painted Berlin bears can be bought and are sure to put a smile on anyone's face.

Unless you're fluent in German, don't expect to pick up your next read here, since an English book section doesn't exist. Instead, pick up a journal to detail your Berlin adventures, or maybe grab a few of the more interesting or beautiful postcards to keep for yourself.

Hayleigh Syens

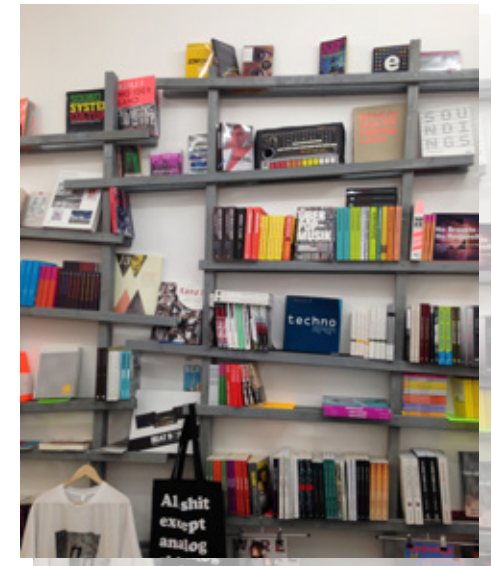


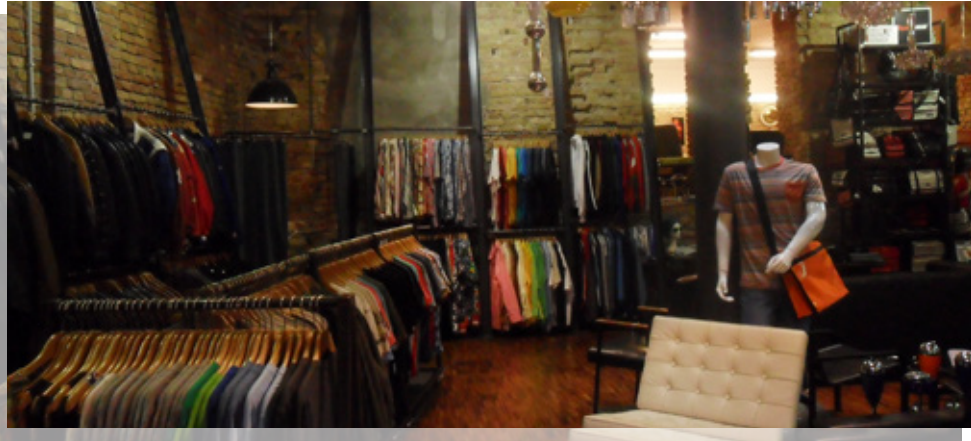
## Echo Buecher

Tucked inconspicuously down a quiet side street you will stumble upon this specialist book shop, which is known for catering solely to books about electronic music and Berlin's club culture. Besides selling books (in both English and German) and records, the shop plays host to live electronic acts and DJ sets. On occasion, and book and magazine launches are held here too. Free WiFi is available, meaning it is an ideal workspace – bring your laptop along for a productive afternoon. Alternatively, read a book and simply take in the impressive décor of clean white walls and grey floors, with an interesting array of finishing touches, such as the triangle-shaped shelving or the choice selection of neon quotes on the walls such as 'music in the soul can be heard by the universe'. Prices vary from 10-50€ depending on what it is you're looking for, but the wide number of goods on offer means there is something for both the milder music lover to indulge in as well as the electronic music enthusiast to splash out on.

Ally McLaren

<b>Address</b>	Grüntaler Straße 9, 13359 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Tue-Sat 12:00-19:00
<b>Transport</b>	Gesundbrunnen S1, S2, S25, S41, S42, U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.echobuecher.com">www.echobuecher.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€





## Waahnsinn Berlin

<b>Address</b>	Rosa-Luxemburg-Straße 17, 10119 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sun 12:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Weinmeisterstraße U8
<b>Website</b>	waahnsinn-berlin.blogspot.dev
<b>Price</b>	€€

Clothes are not all that is on offer.. A show room next door displays second hand furniture such as sofas and chairs, and vintage phones with cords. There is also a large range of lighting on display. The lamps and bulbs glitter over everything, adding to the chaotic but intriguing displays.

So whether it's clothes or furniture that you're looking for, Waahnsinn can provide something different to other places.

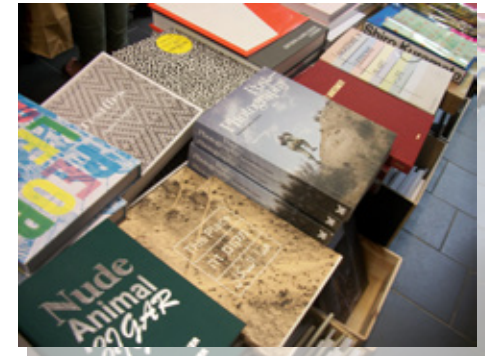
Ally McLaren



A second hand shop with a retro theme, Waahnsinn has a selection of items with a punk-rock kind of feel. Drawn in by the flashing lights around the door, you are immediately overwhelmed upon entry as you are hit with loud music and a bold assortment of colours. There is a vast selection of first and second-hand clothing available for both men and women, as well as handbags, shoes, sunglasses, and a large selection of colourful wigs. Prices tend to vary. Pick up a t-shirt for between 10€ and 20€, or a fully sequinned skater dress for around 50€.

## Do you read me?!

<b>Address</b>	Auguststrasse 28, 10117 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sat 10:00-19:30
<b>Transport</b>	Rosenthaler Platz U8
<b>Website</b>	www.doyoureadme.de
<b>Price</b>	€€



Hidden so well between hip cafes and expensive boutiques that you'll walk right past if you aren't looking for it is do you read me?!, a shop filled with specialty publications from around the world.

Indulge your inner foodie with a copy of American-based food magazine, *Lucky Peach*, or find out what's cool in Berlin with *Exberliner*, a Berlin-based magazine written in English by expats, a steal at only 2,90€ a copy. If you're looking for something a bit more out of left field, check out

the shop's collection of head-scratching novels like *Nude Animal Cigar* by Paul Kooiker, a repetitive photo collection of, as the title hints, nudists, animals and cigars. And don't worry if you're stumped as to what to pick, staff members are on hand to help you navigate the shelves.

After you've selected your new read, take a seat on the bench right outside the storefront and watch hipsters stroll past before heading to your next destination.

Hayleigh Syens







<b>Address</b>	Neue Schönhauser Straße 19, 10178 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sat 12:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Weinmeisterstraße U8
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.kleidermarkt-vintage.de/portfolios/made-in-berlin">www.kleidermarkt-vintage.de/portfolios/made-in-berlin</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€€

A true vintage bonanza, Made in Berlin offers its customers the ultimate treasure hunt. Unlike your typical vintage shop, everything is colour-coded and organized in a systematic fashion, meaning you can breathe a sigh of relief. That being said, customers should still give themselves plenty of time to trawl through the immense amount of stock that is available. The massive space is home to hundreds of weird and wonderful items, including wedding dresses and cowboy boots.

## Made in Berlin

Sourced from all over the world, the collection includes many designer labels; time and again customers have stumbled across a pair of Armani shoes or a Mochino jacket. With this in mind, price tags are generally higher than at most vintage shops - your run of the mill vintage Levi shorts will set you back on average 30€. But fear not, every Tuesday 12:00-15:00 is happy hour, meaning 20% off all items.

Arrive with an open mind and get inspired; you may fall in love with that sequined jacket you never knew you needed until now.

Kate Griffiths



## Tukadu



<b>Address</b>	Rosenthaler Straße 46/47 10178 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sat: 11:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Hackescher Markt S5, S7, S75
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.tukadu.com">www.tukadu.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

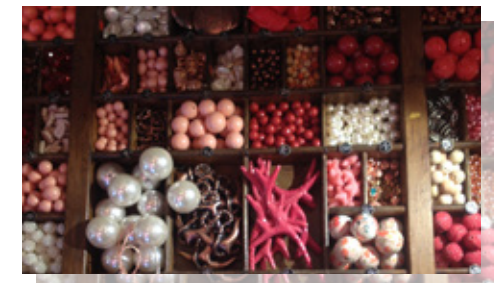
Tukadu is a fashion jewellery store which sells a delightful range of delicate earrings, necklaces, and bracelets made in Berlin. The store also boasts an extensive selection of beads so you can create your own jewellery.

The store is a bit like a sweet shop: rows of wooden trays overflow with beads made of wood and metal, tags, ribbons, and pompoms, all of which are categorised neatly into shapes, sizes, and colours. Beads are presented alongside their most complimentary colours to help you create the perfect piece. There is a huge range of beads, including semi-precious stones like amethyst and

rock crystal, as well as beads made from natural products such as lava rock and coral.

As you enter the store, you are offered a ceramic flower-shaped dish so you can easily collect as many beads as you like. It's impossible not to smile at beads shaped like hearts, bicycles, faces, trees, clocks, animals, and even pizza slices. The staff is more than willing to help and advise you on your design and will even put it together for you. There is also a beautiful selection of ready-made pieces including chains, earrings, and brooches hanging from elegant jewellery stands and dangling behind gold painted photo frames.

Carys Thomas



# Other Nature

<b>Address</b>	Mehringdamm 79, D-10965 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Tues 12:00-18:00 Wed-Sat 12:00-20:00
<b>Transport</b>	Mehringdamm U6, U7
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.other-nature.de">www.other-nature.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

This quaint neighborhood sex shop is unassuming both in name and décor. White-washed walls and high ceilings lend an airy feel to the two-room space, and provide a perfect backdrop for the colorful displays of books and posters, as well as some more risqué items.

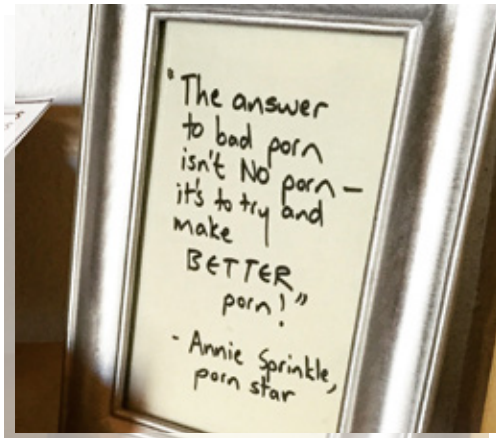
Other Nature has been providing sex positive, ethically sourced, feminist, queer-friendly, vegan, and woman-centric items to the public for going on four years. Building on the tradition of feminist sex shops such as Seattle's Babeland, the world's



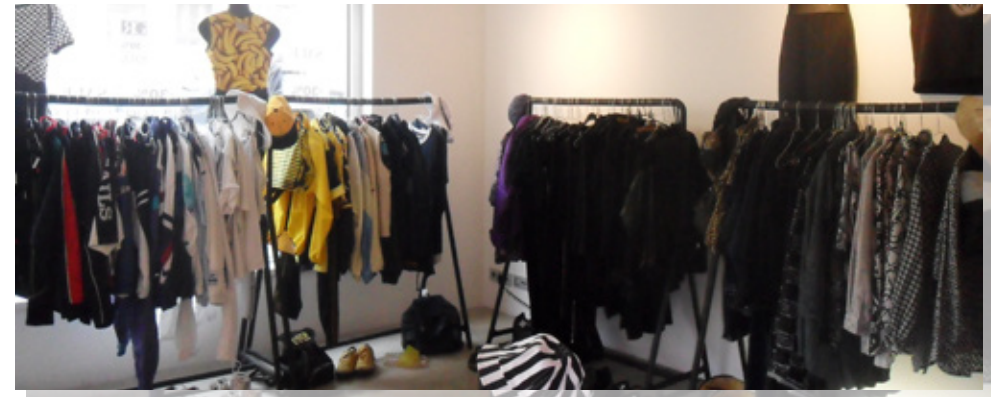
first feminist sex shop, Berlin's own version in an all-inclusive treasure-trove of information, advocacy, and tools of the trade. From humorous position-of-the-day playing cards to practical how-to guides to badges and stickers sporting phrases such as 'unicorns against trans-discrimination' or 'sexistische kackscheisse' (sexist bullshit), Other Nature has something to interest those from the first time casual browser to the most seasoned of kinksters.

Besides the dizzying array of goods on offer, Other Nature also runs workshops and neighborhood events. The store's staff exemplifies their community-based ideology; they're a wonderfully friendly bunch, happy to chat about items on hand, to give tips about queer-friendly Berlin clubs, or even offer advice on where to go for lunch. Other Nature goes above and beyond your run-of-the-mill sex shop in every way.

Lauren Lamson



# Garments Vintage



<b>Address</b>	Linienstraße 204-205, 10119 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	Mon-Sat 12:00-19:00
<b>Transport</b>	Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz U2
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.garments-vintage.de">www.garments-vintage.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

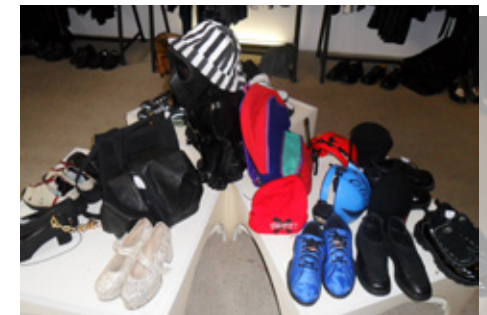
Though not the cheapest vintage shop you can find, with prices between 20€ and 40€ and at an average of 35€, Garments is certainly what you would describe as 'cool'.

The walls are neatly lined with colour-coordinated racks of clothing, so you can do a walk around the entire shop and browse everything as you pass it by. One rack contains funky patterned blue shirts and denim jeans, another has psychedelic rainbow jackets and shorts and sportswear clashing furiously in a row, from another hangs pink blouses and shirts and crop tops and fur jackets. Black jumpers and dresses and mesh netting

make up another. In the centre of the store sits a black plastic dog surrounded by Adidas and Nike trainers, and an assortment of sunglasses and caps, one of which sits decoratively on its head.

There are changing rooms at the back to try on any of the pieces that catch your eye. You're sure to find something - the organised layout means you are unlikely to miss what you are looking for. Garments is the place to buy a one-off piece no longer available for purchase on the high street at a high street price.

Ally McLaren







# S L E E P

In this guide, we'll give you the lowdown on all the best places to stay on a budget. There are loads of cool places to stay near all the main attractions and nightlife, with enough variety to suit every kind of traveller. We've visited a few of the best hostels to ensure you get a good night's kip.

# Eastern Comfort Hostel Boat

<b>Address</b>	Mühlenstraße 73-77, 10243 Berlin-Friedrichshain
<b>Hours</b>	24 Hour Reception
<b>Transport</b>	Ostbahnhof U12
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.eastern-comfort.com">www.eastern-comfort.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	€ <input type="text"/>

Currently docked on the river Spree, this eco-friendly steam boat hostel has been welcoming sea faring backpackers for a decade.

The reception area leads to a narrow cherry panelled hallway, lined with potholed doors hiding surprisingly spacious and light cabins. At the end of the hallway is the floating lounge, where guests can enjoy free wifi and a full breakfast for 6€. The upper deck is a sun trap where visitors can take in a view

of the famous East Side gallery and the red brick Oberbaum bridge with a beer.

Groups can book up to a four bed cabin with ensuite for 23€ each. Alternatively, travel in luxury in a double first class cabin for 78€. Prices are less on the new addition to the hostel, the adjoining Western Comfort boat, where the cabins have community showers. Single beds in the shared dorm are only 16€ a night. You can even set up two man tents on the upper deck for 15€.

Ideally located between trendy burrows Friedrichshain and Kreuzberg, if you have your sea legs, hop on board. The Eastern Comfort makes a great alternative to the average land based hostel.

Annabelle Lauder



# Heart of Gold Hostel

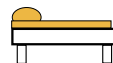
<b>Address</b>	Johannisstraße 11, 10117 Berlin-Mitte
<b>Hours</b>	24 Hour Reception
<b>Transport</b>	Oranienburger Straße S1, S2, S25
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.heartofgold-hostel.de.com">www.heartofgold-hostel.de.com</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€ <input type="text"/>

Situated in a conveniently central location, with many of Berlin's main sights in walking distance or only a few U-bahn stops away, this is a hostel with a twist in the form of a Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy theme. As you walk into the 24-hour reception, you find yourself in a common area with black-painted walls and fluorescent stars hanging from the ceiling. The bar opens at 8am for breakfast and stays open until late into the night, and with sofas and a pool table, it is the ideal place to meet other travellers over a drink. Live bands play on Thursday evenings, and there is also a smoker's room and outside area with tables and umbrellas.



The breakfast buffet costs 4€, though there is constant access to coffee, tea, water, and milk back at the bar. Guest kitchens are open from 9:00 until 22:00, containing appliances such as a fridge and oven, and free pasta and rice are also supplied. Computers in reception, free WiFi, as well as maps, leaflets, and bikes available to rent are all available to help plan your Berlin adventures. Though price depends on season, in popular summer months shared dorms will cost around 30€ per night.

Ally McLaren





# Ostel Hostel Berlin

<b>Address</b>	Wriezener Karree 5, 10243 Berlin-Kreuzberg
<b>Hours</b>	24 Hour Reception
<b>Transport</b>	Ostbahnhof S3, S5, S7, S75
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ostel.eu">www.ostel.eu</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€

This GDR-themed hostel is very different from the usual cheap and cheerful accommodation in the city. As you step over the threshold, the colourful wallpaper, vintage furnishings, and old-school radios will catapult you back in time to the days of the communist regime. Ostel aims to replicate the interior aesthetics of the 70s and 80s, providing a completely authentic experience – you can even borrow GDR-design bikes to tour the surrounding area.

Clean and well organised, the bright block colouring of the exterior walls is continued with the colour scheme inside. The communal kitchen area has everything you need to cook a simple meal, and if you opt for a 'comfort' room you will even get your own private bathroom. The quiet relaxed atmosphere is a welcome break from the thriving party scene in the surrounding area of Kreuzberg.

Ostel's visitors are not limited to young travellers, and you will find as many businessmen as backpackers. With no dorms in sight, it offers single or double rooms for 28€-40€ per night, as well as fully furnished six-person apartments, which will set you back 80€. Considering the high standards of accommodation and the excellent location, these are incredible prices to pay for a trip back in time.

Emily Brearley-Bayliss



# Propeller Island City Lodge

<b>Address</b>	Albrecht-Achilles-Straße 58, 10709 Berlin-Charlottenburg
<b>Hours</b>	24 Hour Reception Gallery: 8:00-12:00
<b>Transport</b>	Adenauerplatz U7
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.propeller-island.de">www.propeller-island.de</a>
<b>Price</b>	€€€

Eclectic artist Lars Stroschen the proprietor of this unique hotel and gallery, decided to turn his flat, and later most of his apartment building, into a proper work of inhabitable art. Each of the 30 guestrooms available has its own stunning theme and music, and is filled with one-of-a-kind pieces of furniture.

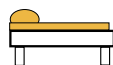
Guests can have their pick of available rooms, either from the hotel's website or when registering: sleep in a lion's cage or a prison cell, stare at your reflected image in a mirrored ceiling and walls all night long, take your beauty sleep in a coffin, or live in an upside down world for a few hours.



Surely pricier than a youth hostel, some of the rooms are still affordable at around 80€ per night, a deal considering this one night could be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Breakfast is available for 7€.

Because of dim lighting, narrow hallways, and claustrophobic rooms, this is not exactly the place for those who are looking for royal comforts. The ability to adapt to new surroundings is required, but it's a small price to pay to get that mysterious, spooky-but-dreamlike atmosphere.

Paolo Pidello



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**Emily Bearley-Bayliss**  
Contributor

Emily just graduated with an English degree from Durham University and actually celebrated her 21st birthday whilst in Berlin. Rarely seen without a book in her hand, pointing out cute dogs on the U-bahn and sampling all noodles in sight to practise the use of chopsticks are some of her favourite past-times.



**Georgina D'Souza**  
Contributor

Pocahontas come Carrie Bradshaw, Georgina was made for the finer things in life. Having spent her summer twirling along avenues and wreaking havoc on the dance floor, Berlin is her new stomping ground. Don't be fooled - every inch of her 5-foot stature oozes sass.



**Kate Griffiths**  
Contributor

With a pilsner in one hand and pie loyalty card in the other, this northern girl has found the perfect fusion of both her great loves in Berlin. Undertaking a masters in International Communication at Leeds University, Kate has taken this summer to fully embrace the city's notorious nightlife, strictly for research purposes she insists.

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**Matt Lyne**  
Contributor & Layout

This future sommelier from the Midwest is a recent graduate of University of Wisconsin-Stout. His adventurous spirit led him to Europe for the summer, where he's spent his time tasting European wines and discovering the best hamburgers known to mankind. If you're ever in need of a helping hand, Matt's your guy. He might even buy you a kebab.



**Ally McLaren**  
Contributor

Ally comes from Cannock (wherever that is) and has just graduated from Nottingham University with a degree in Psychology. Highlights of her CTR experience include lurking in the laundrette for the free WiFi and 'reviewing' every Macdonald's in Berlin, although waking up before 3pm every day for language class has proved to be a struggle.



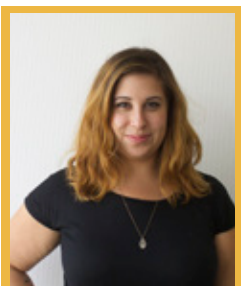
**Chandler Pacheco**  
Contributor

Having moved around the US, Chandler currently lives in Pikeville, Kentucky. She plays defender for her University's women's lacrosse team and usually has at least two broken bones. CTR has taught her how extraordinary Berlin is and hopes to move there after graduation. Chandler has completed 2 out of 3 of her months with the project and has loved every second of it.



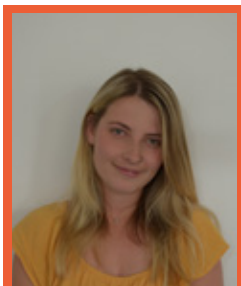
**Nathan Kusisto**  
Contributor

Don't let yourself be tricked by his quietness and apparent lack of interest in human relationships. Go and chat him up! Interested in theater and cultivating an insane passion for history, this witty 26 years old New Jersey guy won't miss to entertain you with his odd but nailing humor.



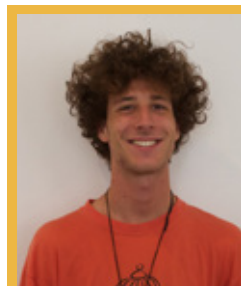
**Lauren Lamson**  
Contributor

This American northwest native loves a good vodka based cocktail and the correct usage of the Oxford comma. If you find her wandering the streets of Morocco, please point her in the direction of the nearest hostel and local food eatery, you are sure to make her a happy traveler.



**Annabelle Lauder**  
Contributor & Layout

Recent Bath Spa graduate Anna enjoys photography, art and 90s punk music. A self confessed hypochondriac, she is surprised she made it through the production of this booklet. Keen on chai lattes.



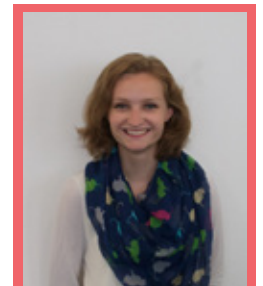
**Paolo Pidello**  
Contributor

The always entertaining Paolo Andrea Pidello, 21, hails from Turin, Italy. He is currently studying business management. Some of his interests include traveling, meeting people from other cultures, and cooking.



**Jasmine Richards**  
Contributor

This beautiful burrito hails from Reading, England but is currently studying film and creative writing at Portsmouth University. She aspires to be work for a publisher putting her editing skills to use. She loves Haribo but don't give her any after Midnight or she'll turn into a gremlin and you will have to hide to save your own life.



**Hayleigh Syens**  
Contributor

The wonderfully talented Hayleigh is currently studying magazine journalism at Drake University. Her hobbies include eating copious amounts of salami and laughing at her British roommate's tendency to drink a little too much tea. She has produced countless top quality reviews and has been able to use her knowledge of journalism and editing to help out anyone who needs it.



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**Isabella Taylor**  
Contributor

This fun-loving London girl has recently graduated with a Geography degree from the University of Leicester. When not asleep, eating or drawing, she loves to read, which is reflected in her remarkable vocabulary and poetic writing. A self-confessed Harry Potter addict, Isabella is sure to have you cracking up with her impressive array of imitations.



**Carys Thomas**  
Contributor

Often referred to as the most British person in the room – even though she hails from Cardiff, Wales – Carys can usually be found drinking a large mug of tea and arguing with her American roommates over the proper definition of “jumper”. She has worked overtime as a feature writer this month, and looks forward to starting her studies in English at Bristol University in the fall.



**Jessica Thomson**  
Contributor & Layout

Foodie and craft beer lover Jessica is a recent graduate from the University of Birmingham, where she studied Law with French. An ardent traveller, she talks constantly of her year abroad in France, where she dreams of returning one day. Jessica's creative streak makes her a vividly descriptive and talented writer, and her work is complemented by her beautiful photography.



