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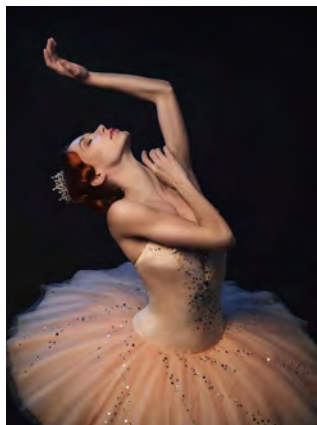
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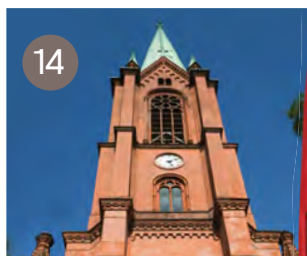
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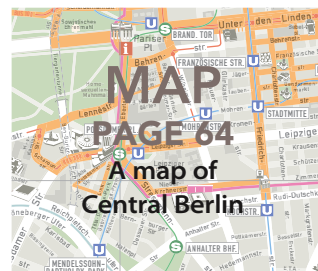
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TIME TO CELEBRATE!

Where Berlin is turning one this month, and to celebrate our first birthday we would like to introduce you to our extended team: because it's not just us writers and editors who create the magazine every month. There's a whole crowd of people who help produce and distribute Where and its products, as well as give us tips on anything from clubbing and music to sports and environmental issues. They are the people that keep us informed on what's going on in the city.



The Where editorial office is housed inside the big Dinamix warehouse in Schöneberg, where more than 30 people sort the hundreds of promotional postcards and flyers for cultural events that end up in the display units you find in almost every restaurant and hotel in Berlin. Every day, while writing our articles and discussing editorial plans, we get to observe all the action outside, staying connected to the big, lively city we write about.

The experts we have on hand include our trainee **Catharina**, who composes songs and knows where to go for the best jazz. Rumor has it that **Aimée**, one of our distributors, is a real singer, some say even better than Beyoncé: her favorite place is the Alte Kantine (www.alte-kantine.de) "for the good vibes and the good choice of music." Our instrument and concert expert, **Mike**, who works as a courier, believes everyone should spend an evening at Magnet Club at least once for the great bands who play there. **Christian**, our publisher, is an avid collector of conductors' autographs and a real expert in post-Beethoven classical music. **Christoph** goes dancing at Tresor for authentic Berlin techno, while stock person **Sebastian** prefers the hip hop and reggae scenes and recommends places like Eisclub (www.eisclub.de) and Bohannon (www.bohannon.de). Delivery coordinator **Anja** doesn't really like clubs but she is a precious source of information when it comes to cinemas.

What I love about the team is that it reflects the character of Berlin itself: international, young, and lively. Vietnamese food is a common favorite, but lots of people, like distributor **Kerstin**, love Russian places like Datscha (www.cafe-datscha.de) in Friedrichshain.

Then there are bicycle enthusiasts like **Annabelle**, who wrote *The Hill of Change* (p. 14), masterful gardeners like our staff writer **Hilda** and like **Dodo**, our operations manager; sports lovers like volleyball player **Emilie**, who works in distribution together with French food expert **Alex**; skilled bakers like **Bernd** (*Where Berlin's* sales manager), and nature fans like courier **Jan**, who enjoys sailing around Berlin's lakes and rivers. **Serene**, our intern, a great city explorer and the latest addition to our editorial team, always comes back with valuable information about abandoned GDR spots, Soviet memorials, and ethnic markets, and as for me... well, I am into the secrets of West Berlin, Cold War spy stories, and piano music, but what I love most is listening to what everybody else in the team has to say about this wonderful city.

Have a great stay!

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EDITOR, WHERE BERLIN

HOT DATES

Add some adventure to your Berlin visit! From tourism and bicycle fairs to pop stars and lots of music, this month is packed with unmissable events.

FROM FRIDAY

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FULL OF GRACE

The Staatsballett Berlin program for March is jam-packed with tutus and pointe shoes – from *Sleeping Beauty* (6 and 15 March, Deutsche Oper), one of the most treasured classics of all, to a collection of stories from the Orient in *The Nights* (23 March, Deutsche Oper), and a homage to composer Johann Sebastian Bach in *Multiplicity. Forms of Silence and Emptiness*, which premieres on 14 March at the Komische Oper.



FROM SATURDAY

7 BON VOYAGE!

Get ready for your next trip at ITB Berlin, the world's largest travel trade fair covering all aspects of tourism. Open to the public for just two days (7-8 March), the expo is full of tour operators, airlines, hotels, and country representatives that will leave you longing to pack your bags and discover the world. www.itb-berlin.de

10 TUESDAY

4.6 BILLION YEARS OLD

Planet Earth – Live in Concert presents the most beautiful spots on our planet captured by filmmaker Alastair Fothergill over five years of filming at 200 locations. The images of animals and nature will be accompanied by equally moving music from Georges Fentons, played live at O2 World by the National Symphony Orchestra. www.o2world-berlin.de



16 MONDAY

ICONS UNITE

Two of music's most iconic songwriters, Paul Simon and Sting, will be blending their voices and their bands on their *On Stage Together* tour for one night only at O2 World. Performing their best-known and classic songs both together and individually, they continue to speak the language of generations of fans. www.o2world-berlin.de

17 TUESDAY
GUINNESS ALL 'ROUND

Originally a church celebration in honor of Saint Patrick, the Christian missionary and patron saint of Ireland born in the 4th century, St. Patrick's Day has turned into a celebration of Irishness around the globe. Following the traditional street parade, Irish pubs all over Berlin will open their doors for live music and many rounds of Guinness. www.stpatricksfestival.de



FROM FRIDAY

20 ON YOUR BIKE

The Berliner Fahrradschau is not your average trade fair: It is a celebration of the prolific cycling culture deeply rooted here in Berlin. Bikes ranging from start-up brands to global players, stylish cycling accessories, and fun events will take over the halls of Station-Berlin from 20 to 22 March. Velophiles, pedal your heart out! www.berlinerfahrradschau.de



29 UNTIL SUNDAY
THE GHENT ALTARPIECE IN THE WARS

It's your last chance to see the Ghent Altarpiece by the Van Eyck brothers, one of the treasures of early Netherlandish painting. The wings of the altarpiece, acquired by Berlin in 1821 and ceded as reparations to Belgium in 1920 under the Treaty of Versailles, have returned to the central hall of the Gemäldegalerie. www.smb.museum

- 1 Enjoy Weimar-era jazz with a Max Raabe & Palast Orchester concert at Admiralspalast.
- 2 Take in the electrifying Irish dance of Riverdance at O2 World.
- 3 Gape at the amazing ice dancing of the *Holiday on Ice* show at Tempodrom.
- 4 Get energized with an afternoon "Espresso Concert" at the Konzerthaus.
- 5 Oh, those men in blue. See the Blue Man Group tonight at the BLUEMAX Theater.
- 6 Catch a movie at CineStar Potsdamer Platz, one of few theaters to play films undubbed.
- 7 Enjoy a cozy afternoon by the fireplace at Café am Neuen See in Tiergarten Park.
- 8 Weekends are for brunching. Try Chippis at Jägerstr. 35 for a European/American feast.
- 9 Warm up from head to toe at the gorgeous and exotic Vabali sauna and spa complex.
- 10 Take a musical lunch break at the Philharmonie's free "lunch concert" at 1pm.
- 11 Check out *Dummy Lab*, the newest acrobatic show at Chamäleon Variete.
- 12 Opera fans won't want to miss Puccini's *La Rondine* at Deutsche Oper.
- 13 Be wowed by *The Wyld*, the stunning, futuristic Las Vegas-style show at FriedrichstadtPalast.
- 14 The music of Bach meets modern ballet in the *Multiplicity* show at Komische Oper.
- 15 The legend lives on: The Frank Sinatra Show at Admiralspalast brings classic songs back.
- 16 Alt-rock band The Dandy Warhols will get you dancing at their Postbahnhof concert.
- 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day! Wear something green and visit The Oscar Wilde pub in Mitte.
- 18 An exhibit of Papua New Guinean art and artifacts opens at Martin Gropius Bau today.
- 19 Visit the reopened Kunstgewerbe museum to see highlights of European design.
- 20 Check out world-renowned photography at the C/O Berlin gallery.
- 21 Don your best flapper outfit for the 1920s Bohème Sauvage party at Konzerthaus.
- 22 The weekend flea market on Straße des 17. Juni in Tiergarten park is a Berlin must.
- 23 Visit kid-friendly Deutsches Technikmuseum to explore old planes and trains.
- 24 Be blown away by the choreography of the BLAZE street dance show at Admiralspalast.
- 25 Head to the Sammlung Scharf-Gerstenberg to see surrealist masters like Dalí or Magritte.
- 26 Deutsche Oper's month of Puccini continues with *Madame Butterfly* tonight.
- 27 Art fans will love Gemäldegalerie, a museum of paintings by the likes of Rembrandt.
- 28 Enjoy the raucous 1932s operetta *Ball im Savoy* at the Komische Oper house.
- 29 Dig for retro treasures and antiques at the Mauerpark flea market, held every Sunday.
- 30 Explore the 1960s art of the ZERO movement at Martin Gropius Bau.
- 31 Walk on the wild side at Berlin's famed zoo, located at the edge of Tiergarten Park.

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A year has passed since our first issue: 12 months of exciting discoveries and explorations of the city's history, flavors, spaces, and neighborhoods. Solveig Steinhardt put together our most notable findings.





MOST DELICIOUS PIECE OF CAKE

Craving one of those large slices of German *Kuchen* that have been calling your name from inside bakery windows? A while ago, Michelin-starred chef and true Berliner Tim Raue told us that his favorite place for great cakes is the pastry counter at the KaDeWe department store. The choice is dizzying, but if you want to follow his advice, ask for his all-time favorite, The Mascot, made with hazelnut buttercream and meringue. **KaDeWe** - Tauentzienstr. 21-24.

MOST INTIMATE WALK

Berlin is certainly interesting, innovative, unexpected, trendy... If it's lacking anything though, it's the romantic feel and intimacy many European cities have, replaced by grandiose boulevards and large buildings that make you feel small and insignificant. If you are looking for those winding alleys with small shops and cafés and picturesque piazzas with benches in the middle, head to the **Hackesche Höfe**. The snug, little courtyards hidden in this network of back alleys were once home to workshops and factories, but today they're window-shopping paradise.



MOST ORIGINAL MALL

The Berlin shopping scene is constantly growing. It is not just whole new shops and boutiques areas that are popping up daily, but also entirely new shopping concepts. The **Bikini Berlin** mall on Budapester Straße transformed a run-down retro building with the idea of providing a platform for concept stores. But the real highlights of the mall are the great cafés and the windows overlooking the animals in the Berlin Zoo, which, whether or not you decide to shop, make the experience both relaxing and unusual.

HOTTEST NIGHTLIFE

We sent our explorers out and about in search of Berlin's best new clubs, and here is what they came back with:

Neue Heimat (www.neueheimat.com) – Housed in a Friedrichshain industrial building off Warschauer Straße, Neue Heimat holds on to the soon-to-be-gone Berlin everybody still wants to be a part of: urban, edgy, ever-changing. Check website for party dates.

Katerblau (www.katerblau.de) – Born out of the ashes of the legendary Katerholzig, this exciting club features top-notch sound, the best DJs out there, and other fun details like photo booths, a wood-burning fireplace, and confetti.

Horns and Hooves (www.hornsandhooves.de) – This eccentric Prenzlauer Berg newcomer is a club, piano bar, cabaret, and circus in one (photo below).

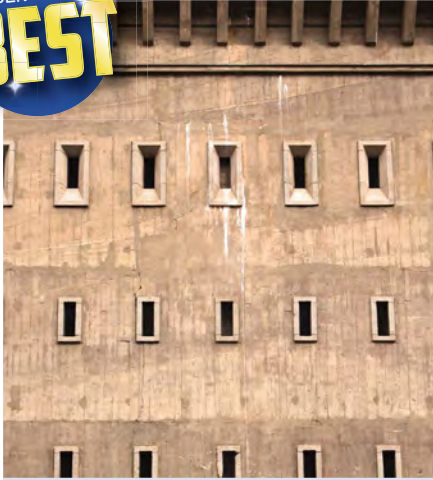


JUICIEST DÖNER KEBAB

The *kebab*, one of Turkey's national dishes, has become so popular in Germany that it's now a staple of the German food culture, served the local way: stuffed in a bread pocket. For most locals, the pinnacle of

döner kebab perfection can be had at **Mustafa's** (www.mustafas.de), a shack on the Mehringdamm sidewalk with a perpetual line of hungry Berliners. The *kebabs* there are fresh, juicy, and filled with delicious curry-seasoned vegetables. If you were planning on sitting down, however, pay a visit to **Hasir** (Adalbertstr. 10), one of Berlin's best Turkish restaurants and allegedly the inventor of the *döner kebab* sandwich as we know it.





MOST STRIKING REMINDER OF WWII

When the Wall came down, most of East Berlin looked like WWII had just ended. The facades of the buildings that had survived the air raids still bore the scars caused by the bombs, while the buildings that had not survived had been replaced by large, desolate, and unkempt empty spaces. Although Berlin's aim is "never to forget" the horrors of the war, reminders are not always what you expect. The bunker on Reinhardtstraße, for example, is an intimidating war shelter, now turned into a contemporary art gallery, the **Sammlung Boros** (see p. 43).

BEST FOOD EXPERIENCE

There's no fun in exploring the city on an empty stomach. Berlin itself is a food experience, with restaurants from every corner of the world offering delicious meals at affordable prices. This makes it hard for gourmet souls to limit themselves to just one spot, but since simple things are often the best things, our favorite place to indulge in pure gluttony is the weekly **Street Food Thursday** event at Markthalle Neun (Eisenbahnstr. 42), an indoor street food market where stands from all over the world congregate, offering anything from tacos to grilled beef, homemade focaccia, Thai tapioca dumplings, Peruvian *ceviche*, and much more. Get there early (from 5pm) to try as many different delicacies as possible.



TOP 5 NOSTALGIA SPOTS

- 1 Karl-Marx-Allee:** former East Berlin's most important boulevard. It is a prime example of GDR architecture and some of its old shops are still standing, abandoned and desolate.
- 2 The Stasi Museum:** provides tangible proof of the espionage techniques used by the East German secret police to control the population (p. 41).
- 3 VEB Orange:** This store near Mauerpark (veborange.de) sells original GDR design, from retro lamps to armchairs and kitchen utensils, including the iconic chicken-shaped egg holders.
- 4 Tränenpalast:** the old border control building between East and West was part of the Friedrichstraße station and was dubbed "Palace of Tears" because of the sad farewells it had to witness every day (S Friedrichstraße).
- 5 Ostpaket:** aimed at former GDR residents who miss the flavors of their childhood, this grocery store sells GDR products like bestsellers Rotstern Schokolade, Osta-Cola, or Novum soap (Spandauer Str. 2, Mitte).



BEST KIEZE

People first visit Berlin for its history and for its scene, but what most surprises them is the relaxed atmosphere of its *Kieze*, or neighborhoods, the streets where the local



community swarms with life. Every *Kiez* has its own personality: luxurious Savignyplatz still bears reminders of its Bohemian, West Berlin past; the Akazienkiez is perfect for an evening drink. But don't even think of leaving Berlin without a walk around **Kollwitzplatz**; known as the family *Kiez*, it is dotted with pleasant cafés and small boutiques (see p. 14).

GREATEST OUTDOOR PLACE

It's still a bit too cold to enjoy the beauty of Berlin's many green spaces, from the gigantic parks to the dense forests that surround the lakes. At **Tempelhofer Feld**, however, it doesn't really matter what season it is: ever since it was transformed into an urban park, Berliners have used the runways of the former Tempelhof Airport all year long for all kinds of activities, from cycling and kitesurfing to skating and picnicking. Its urban desert feel has earned this esplanade the title of best outdoor place in Berlin, and when the city dared to try and sell part of it to property developers, Berliners demanded a referendum to defend their right to keep their park; and they won.



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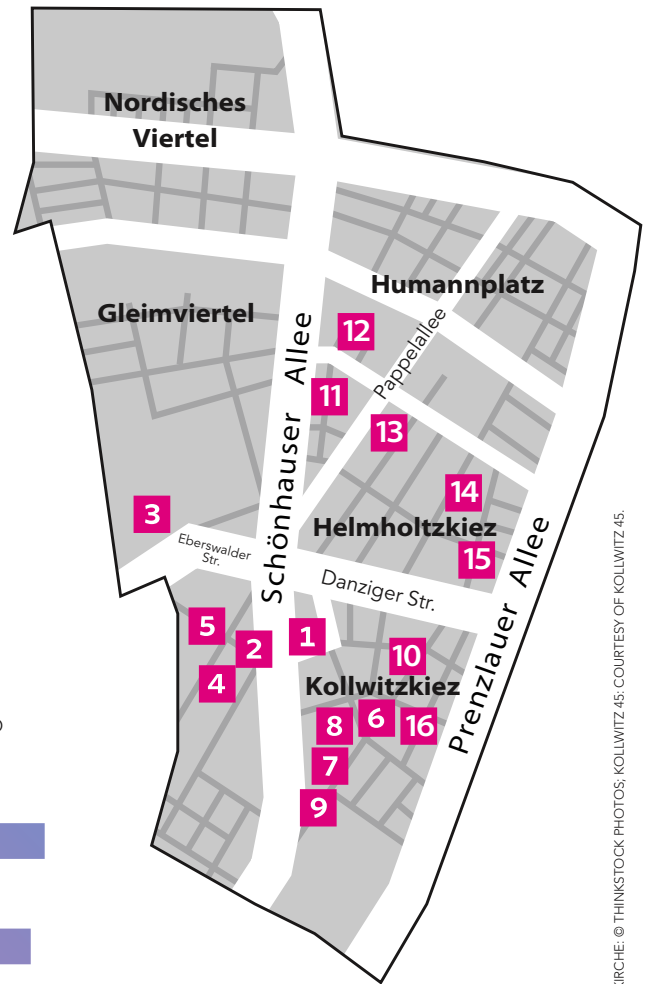
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THE HILL OF CHANGE

With historic buildings and popular parks, Prenzlauer Berg provides a stunning backdrop to a round of shopping. **Annabelle Mallia** set out with comfy shoes on and credit card in hand.



When the Wall came down, the world discovered Prenzlauer Berg. Located on the border with former West Berlin, this neighborhood is fairly central, decently green, and, surprise surprise, most of it had been spared from WWII air raids – and what hadn't went to create the 90-m-high hill that is now the Volkspark. Sure, the building facades looked abandoned and run-down at best, but the cost of living was so low and the old buildings so charming that artists, students, and squatters started moving there. Legend has it that on any night you could knock on the door of a stranger who was having a party and join in.

Twenty-five years have passed, and these students, artists, and squatters are now fully grown adults with office jobs or art galleries. A few years ago, when they all started having kids, some journalists began referring to Prenzlauer Berg as "pregnant hill." Now those babies are schoolchildren, 99% of the facades have been renovated, and Prenzlauer Berg has become a mixture of hip, trendy stores, pleasant cafés, and a Tower of Babel of international languages.

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ON THE MAP

1 NIGHTLIFE ▶ Originally built and operated as a brewery, the **Kulturbrauerei** complex is one of the few well-preserved examples of 19th-century industrial architecture and is now home to cinemas, theaters, and the popular Franz Club. Schönhauser Allee 36.

2 SHOP ▶ Hidden away in an apartment courtyard is **BLESS HOME BERLIN**, a combination of showroom and home. Make an appointment (shop@blessberlin.com) and visit from Wednesday to Sunday afternoon for a cup of tea and chat, and shop from the cupboards. Oderberger Str. 60.

3 SHOP ▶ One of the best-known attractions in this district is the **Mauerpark flea market** (every Sunday), a treasure trove of goods right next to a preserved strip of the Berlin Wall. Aside from the delicious food and creative shopping, you're also likely to find huge crowds surrounding karaoke singers in the park amphitheater. Bernauer Str. 63-64.

4 SHOP ▶ **Above + Dost** was originally a tiny clothing store selling sporty fashion and hip accessories, but demand got so high they split into two bigger stores: Above, selling men's clothing and shoes and Dost, the matching counterpart for women. Kastanienallee 87.

5 SHOP ▶ Described as the mothership of streetwear and vintage clothing, **Paul's Boutique** is packed with sneakers, t-shirts, and jeans and the walls covered with toy robots, boom boxes, and Star Wars collectibles. Take your time to rummage. Oderberger Str. 47.

6 SIGHTSEEING ▶ Leafy **Kollwitzplatz**, named after the famous German painter Käthe Kollwitz, hosts a Saturday farmers' market selling unbeatable fresh produce and gourmet food.

7 SHOP ▶ At **Kollwitz45** you'll find classy interior design pieces beyond the mainstream trends, such as the Pina metal frame rocking chair or Luciola bird cage chandelier, handpicked by the owner of the store. Kollwitzstr. 45.

8 SHOP ▶ Step inside **L'etage** for the finest Italian leather crafted into delicate women's shoes and handbags, topped off with fashion from a selection of Berlin designers. Kollwitzstr. 45.

9 CAFÉ ▶ The fact that this café is mentioned in many magazines speaks for itself. **Meierei** serves up homemade Alpine specialties for lunch: hearty goulashes, delicate broths, and salads. It also functions as a small-scale deli and bakery, selling freshly baked bread, hot chocolate mixes, and more. Kollwitzstr. 42.



10 FOOD ▶ On Sundays **Anna Blume Café** is a hotspot for breakfast and brunch fans serving up tiered platters of cheese, deli meats, and dips together with hearty bread and delicious yoghurt drinks. If it's not too early for something sweet, take a slice out of their *Milchreis Torte*. Kollwitzstr. 83.

11 SHOP ▶ If you're feeling spontaneously creative, just head to Schönhauser Allee 69 – **Atelierhaus im Hinterhof** on a Wednesday evening, pay 12€, choose between painting, drawing, and etching, and see what flows. Talented artists are also there to help should you need it.

12 SIGHTSEEING ▶ The **Gethsemane Church** and its congregation played a crucial role in the peaceful revolution leading to the fall of the Berlin Wall in autumn 1989. Stargarder Str. 77.

13 NIGHTLIFE ▶ The area around the Eberswalder Straße junction is buzzing with nightlife. **Beckett's Kopf** cocktail bar takes its name from the avant-garde playwright Samuel Beckett, who is still highly revered in Germany. The drink menu, woven into hardcover copies of Beckett's plays, contains a vast selection of intriguing cocktails. Pappelallee 64.

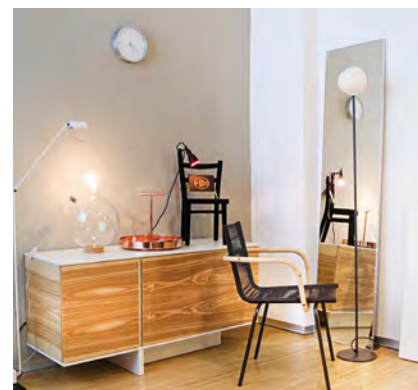
14 SHOP ▶ Café-lined **Helmholtzplatz** is a great place to people-watch. Perhaps that's where **Victoria met Albert** and fell in love. Their motto, "for the woman who has everything, for the man who needs nothing," sums it up: it's a fashion and lifestyle store, selling anything from unique fashion to candles and stuffed animals, because, they say, you don't need a reason to buy something beautiful. Dunckerstr. 81.

15 SHOP ▶ An in-house workshop at **Katalka** churns out a huge selection of Germany's best wooden toys and games, marble tracks, balance bikes, kids' design objects, and much more. Raumerstr. 21

16 SIGHTSEEING ▶ Built in 1877, "Fat Hermann" was the first **water tower** in Berlin and a landmark in Prenzlauer Berg. During National Socialism, it was also used as an early concentration camp. Rykestr./Knaackstr.



From top to bottom: the interior at Anna Blume Café, a fabulous spot for brunching; gift shelves at Victoria met Albert; the Gethsemane Church; designer furniture at the Kollwitz45 store.





If you really need some supplies on Sunday, the train stations at Hauptbahnhof, Friedrichstraße, Zoo, or Ostbahnhof are home to supermarkets and pharmacies that are open on Sundays.

It's traditionally supposed to be the day of rest, and accordingly, most shops in the city stay closed. But do you really want to spend your Sundays in Berlin doing nothing? **Hilda Hoy** plotted out a full itinerary for the best conclusion to your weekend.

9:00AM SWEET, SWEET SLEEP

One thing is universal: Sundays are for sleeping in. Start your Sunday the best possible way and laze in bed a little longer.



11:00AM FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

Brunch was made for Sunday. By many Berliners' standards this is still early for brunch, but you've got a full day ahead, so up and at 'em. Visit Charlottenburg's **Café Wintergarten im Literaturhaus**

(Fasanenstr. 23, www.literaturhaus-berlin.de) for an elegant breakfast surrounded by literary grandeur, or try Prenzlauer Berg's **Pasternak** (Knaackstr. 22-24, www.restaurant-pasternak.de) for a lavish Russian-inspired buffet.

Digging around in flea markets is a popular weekend activity. If you've brunch'd at the Café Wintergarten im Literaturhaus, head to the weekly antique bazaar on **Straße des 17. Juni**

(open 10am-5pm, opposite S Tiergarten). If your belly is full of Pasternak's *blini* pancakes, stroll over to the two flea markets in the area at **Mauerpark** (open 9am-6pm) and **Arkonaplatz** (10am-4pm).

3:00PM CULTURE HOUR

With more than 170 museums across the city, taking in a little art and culture is a beloved Sunday pastime, especially when the weather makes staying indoors a necessity. The five museums on **Museum Island** are all worth a visit, though the **Gemäldegalerie** museum of classic

painting is usually less crowded. If the lack of shopping on Sunday is making your wallet feel too heavy, you can also indulge in a little consumerism at museum gift shops, which are a great place to browse for souvenirs and beautiful books, like at the three-room gift shop in the **Martin-Gropius-Bau**. Most museums also have their own on-site café for a post-visit cup of coffee and slice of cake. The Sarah Wiener café at the **Hamburger Bahnhof** modern art museum is one of the nicest. (Most museums close at 6pm on Sundays, www.smb.museum)

6:30PM TIME TO UNWIND

Relax with an aromatic sauna at **Liquidrom** (Möckernstr. 10, www.liquidrom-berlin.de), which features a hip, modern vibe and frequent appearances by DJs to provide a trippy soundtrack. If you're dreaming of an exotic getaway, the **Vabali** sauna complex (Seydlitzstr. 6, www.vabali.de) takes its inspiration from the lush spas of the Far East. Both are open until midnight.

On a few Sundays a year, the city lifts its ban on shops opening on Sunday. This month, March 8 will be one of those "shopping Sundays."

1:00PM RETRO EXPLORATIONS



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The Platz To Be

Potsdamer Platz sprang back to life in the late 1990s, with one shopping center in the middle of it all.

Hilda Hoy paid a visit to Potsdamer Platz Arkaden for gelato and more.

Once the commercial heart of the city, not to mention a hub for Berlin's much-famed nightlife, Potsdamer Platz spent much of the 20th century in ruins. Bombed to smithereens in WWII, the sprawling square was subsequently left desolate during the Cold War because the Berlin Wall ran straight through this area. After the Wall came down, it was finally time to rebuild and Potsdamer Platz became the biggest construction site in Europe. By the end of the 1990s the square had transformed into a bustling commercial district once again, with hotels, skyscrapers, restaurants, museums, movie theaters, and **Potsdamer Platz Arkaden**, one of the city's first

post-reunification shopping centers and to this day one of Berliners' favorite malls to pass an afternoon.

It's the center's airy, generously sized atrium that makes it an attractive place to kill some time, together with the famed **Caffè e Gelato** café upstairs – many locals swear this is the best place for gelato in the city. And of course there's the Arkaden's prime location, making it a popular itinerary stop for city visitors wandering down after a visit to the Brandenburg Gate or the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, or post-stroll in Tiergarten park.

"This is one of Berlin's favorite malls to pass an afternoon."

Once you've filled up on gelato, you'll no doubt be tempted to follow the crowds into **TK Maxx**. This is the popular discount department store's only outlet in central Berlin, carrying everything from fashion for all ages to home décor. Shoe lovers won't want to miss the **Camper** store, carrying quirky and

fashionable footwear from the Spanish label, and there's also **Natura**, a Mother Nature-inspired shop stocking gifts

galore. For a flavorful souvenir, stop by the **Tee Handelskontor Bremen** shop and pick up one of their unique tea blends from the East Frisia region of northwest Germany.

www.potsdamer-platz-arkaden.de

THE Where GUIDELINES

This directory, grouped by category, is a compendium of establishments recommended by the editors of Where Magazine and includes regular advertisers. Every effort is made to provide accurate and updated information. However, information may be subject to last minute changes, so it is always advisable to call ahead.

INDEX TO ABBREVIATIONS

T: Telephone number
S: Above-ground train system
U: Underground

MAP LOCATIONS

Note that the reference **bolded** at the end of each listing (A1, B5, etc.) refers to the coordinates on the street maps on pages 64-65.

OPENING HOURS

Opening hours may vary so it's best to call ahead. Shops are open Mon-Sat only, and Sunday shopping is only possible on some Sundays of the year. This year, these are: **8 March, 3 May, 6 September, 4 October, 25 October, 6 December, 20 December.** Groceries can be bought on Sundays at major train stations (Hauptbahnhof, Friedrichstraße, at Ullrich at Zoologischer Garten, or Ostbahnhof). Shopping malls are open 10am-8pm and smaller stores only until 6pm.

TOURIST INFORMATION

VisitBerlin is the official source of information on the city. Call T: 030 25002333 for specific Berlin information, or go to www.visitberlin.de for details on all information centers, events and sights.

Tourist Info Points:

Neues Kranzler Eck – Kurfürstendamm 22, Mon-Sat 9:30am-8pm.

Brandenburg Gate – Pariser Platz, daily 9:30am-6pm (until 7pm in summer).

Hauptbahnhof – Europaplatz 1, Level 0, daily 8am-9pm.

TV Tower Alexanderplatz – Panoramastr. 1a, daily 10am-4pm.

Berlin, Leipziger Str. 12. T: 030.20647995. U Mohrenstraße. **E3**

MCM

Mode Creation Munich, or MCM, crafts luxury leather goods, handbags, apparel, footwear, and accessories for the world's most seasoned travelers. www.mcmworldwide.com. Kurfürstendamm 186. T: 030.8811104. U Uhlandstraße. **B4**

Mulberry

The British accessory label is synonymous with timeless elegance. Famous for their top quality leather, Mulberry carries everything from bags and belts to shoes and clothes. www.mulberry.com. Kurfürstendamm 184. T: 030.23257450. U Adenauerplatz. **E3**

AIRPORT SHOPPING

Heinemann Duty Free

With locations in both Terminal A and C of Tegel Airport and Terminal A of Schönefeld Airport, Heinemann is the only name you need to know for duty-free shopping in Berlin. Look for irresistible deals on fine liquors and spirits, luxurious cosmetics and perfumes, gourmet chocolates and other treats, and gift items and souvenirs before boarding your flight home. www.heinemann-dutyfree.com. **Off Map**

BEAUTY AND WELLNESS

Aveda Lifestyle Salon

Aveda's objective is to respect the environment, and this is reflected in the herbal products they use and in their commitment to the well-being of others. A cup of tea welcomes you before you

retreat to the spa or hairdressers. www.aveda.de. Kurfürstendamm 26a. T: 030.88708790. U Uhlandstraße, U Kurfürstendamm. **C4**

Harry Lehmann

The grandson of this perfume shop's founder continues an 80-year-long family tradition, mixing perfume from a variety of 50 scents. They are kept in big glass jars then siphoned into smaller bottles upon request and sold by weight. www.parfum-individual.de. Kantstr. 106. T: 030.3243582. U Wilmsdorfer Straße, S Charlottenburg. **C4**

CHILDREN

Dolly Rocker

Two fashion designer moms had the great idea of transforming second-hand clothes and new materials into colorful one-offs for kids. There are toys, décor, booties, and the ever-popular trousers with adjustable legs that grow as the child does. Gärtnerstr. 25. T: 030.54719606. U Frankfurter Tor, U Samariterstraße. **H3**

Finkid

The philosophy of this Finnish brand is unrestricted freedom of movement and the pleasure of discovery. Their simple design and functionality supports this principle. Characteristic of their style is the funny pointed hat jacket with removable inner lining. www.finkid.de. Leonhardtstr. 24. T: 030.31016350. S Charlottenburg. **A4**

Lego Store

KIDS' PICK Assembled Lego models surround the entirety of this flagship store. There is also an interactive play area, a pick-a-brick wall where you can select individual Lego bricks from a diverse

Did you know?
The quiet Suarezstraße in Charlottenburg is Berlin's "antique street."

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ACCESSORIES

Coach

Classic and instantly recognizable, luxury accessory brand Coach specializes in leather items for both men and women, and is particularly famous for its bags, often inspired by vintage themes. Find it at Galeries Lafayette, Friedrichstr. 76-78, or online on www.coach.com.

AIGNER

The Munich label is one of Germany's most important leather accessory brands, combining tradition and innovation with luxury classics. Choose between handbags, belts, and luxury travel luggage, as well as gift items such as leather-encased cigarette lighters, corkscrews, keyrings and backgammon boxes. Kurfürstendamm 50. T: 030.88683638. U Uhlandstraße. **B4**

Falke Flagship Store

This legwear shop caters to both men and women with all kinds of socks, stockings, tights, knee-highs, and anything that will keep your legs warm. They also have a good selection of sports accessories and knitwear, as well as delightful kids' socks. www.falke.com. Kurfürstendamm 36. T: 030.88553565. U Uhlandstraße. **B4**; Mall of



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Meinekestr. 2. T: 030 32593239. www.titus.de

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For Spring/Summer 2015, German Luxury leather purveyor MCM embarks on a new design adventure with the launch of its brand-new Bebe Boo line, boasting an exquisite, feminine design. The Bebe Boo backpacks are made of soft and luxurious leather and designed with German functionality and traditional craftsmanship. Kurfürstendamm 186. T: 030 8811104 www.mcmworldwide.com

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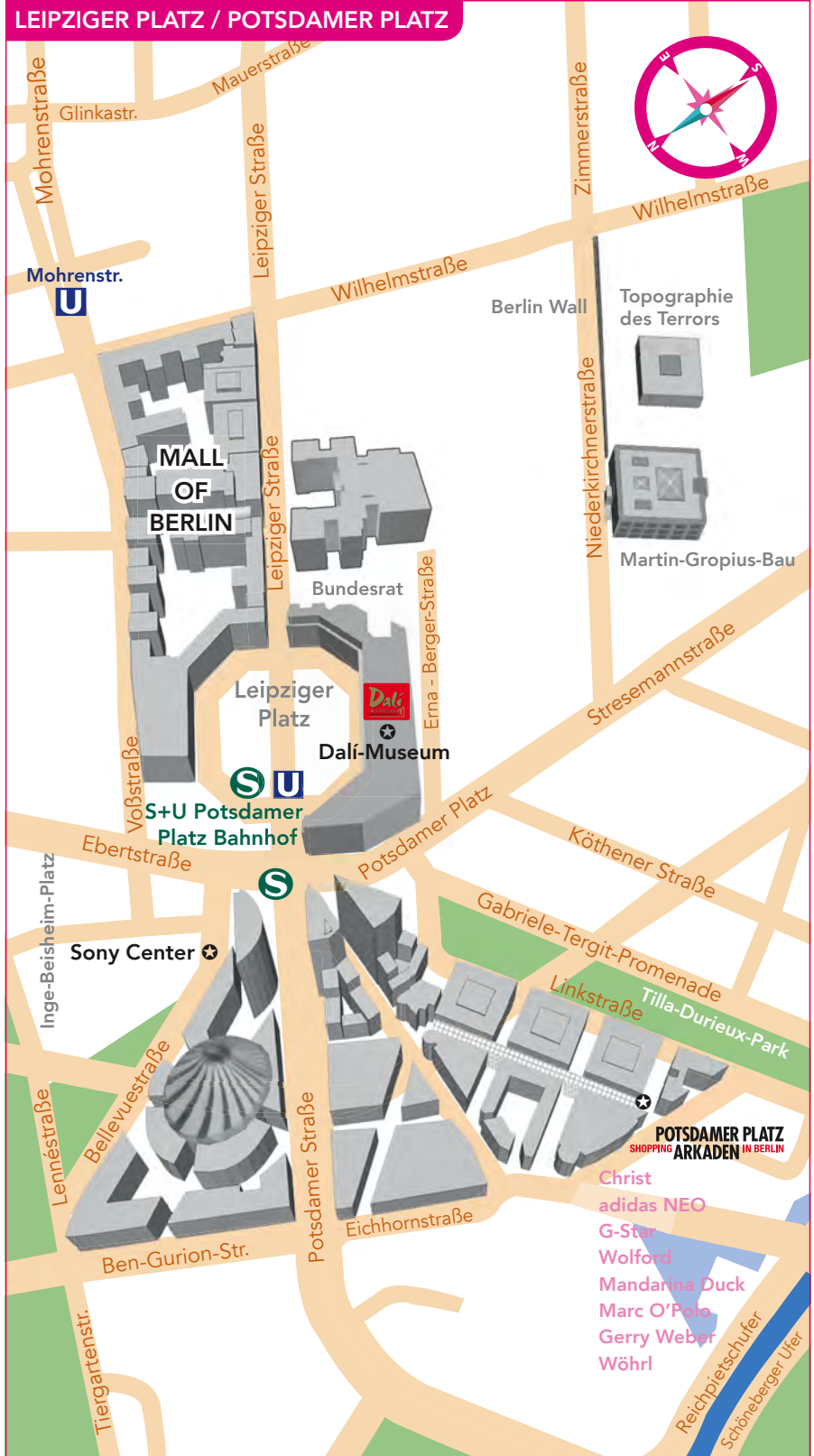
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range of colors and shapes, and Lego education classes. www.lego.com. Tauentzienstr. 20. T: 030.21016222. U Wittenbergplatz. **C4**

Steiff Galerie in Berlin

Founded in 1880 by Margarete Steiff, this stuffed animal company has developed into an international brand of quality cuddles. In 1902 she created a bear for U.S. president Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt; since then our kids' cuddly bears are called teddy bears. www.steiff.de. Kurfürstendamm 38–39. T: 030.88625006. U Uhlandstraße. **B4**

CONCEPT STORES

Departmentstore

This multi-brand store inside the Quartier 206 luxury mall carries selected men's and women's fashion, beauty products, books, art, and flowers. www.dsq206.com. Friedrichstr. 71. T: 030.20946500. U Französische Straße. **E3**

Herrlich

Germany's first concept store for men's presents. From an old fashioned brush and blade shaving set to a miniature espresso machine for *en route*, you'll find fun and creative gift ideas rather than just socks. www.herrlich-berlin.de. Bergmannstr. 2. T: 030.7845395. U Gneisenaustraße. **E5**

DEPARTMENT STORES

Galeria Kaufhof

This former GDR department store was renovated in 2006. Browse over 600 exclusive brands and an exquisite gourmet section covering 35,000 square meters of space. www.galeria-kaufhof.de. Alexanderplatz 9. T: 030.247430. S+U Alexanderplatz. **F3**

Galleries Lafayette

The Berlin branch of the exclusive Parisian department store is developed around an extraordinary glass cone. The three circular floors rise up around this centerpiece, packed with perfumes, clothing, and accessories. The food counter offers a wide range of French specialties and there's a corner selling teas from the famed French tea house Mariage Frères. www.gallerieslafayette.de. Friedrichstr. 76–78. T: 030.209480. U Französische Straße. **E3**

KaDeWe

This is the biggest and oldest department store in Germany. Only products of the highest quality are sold in this luxurious building. If you are short on time, the legendary gourmet food hall on the 6th floor is not to be missed. www.kadewe.de. Tauentzienstr. 21–24. T: 030.21210. U Wittenbergplatz. **C4**



Precious porcelain pieces, crockery, artwork, ornaments, jewelry, and accessories: all graced with the MEISSEN trademark (see p. 30).

MALLS & ARCADES

Alexa

Hardcore shoppers love this mall for its sheer size, with over 180 stores spread over five levels. High-street retailers are well represented, and there's a large food court when hunger overwhelms your desire to shop. www.alexacentre.com. Grunerstr. 20. T: 030.269340121. S+U Alexanderplatz. **F3**

Bikini Berlin

Opened in April 2014, Bikini Berlin is an extraordinary urban market square combining living with public spaces and commercial endeavors. The central element is a striking rooftop the size of a football field, with sensational views of Tiergarten and access to a plethora of restaurants and shopping attractions. www.bikiniberlin.de. Budapest Str. 42–50. T: 030.55496425. S+U Zoologischer Garten. **C4**

Designer Outlet Berlin

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Europa Center

This shopping mall on the Ku'damm offers a range of goods from over 70 shops. For some culture instead, visit their permanent exhibition about the Berlin Wall or check out the ingenious water clock designed by Bernard Gitton in 1982. www.europa-center-berlin.de. Tauentzienstr. 9–12.

T: 030.26497940. U Kurfürstendamm, U Wittenbergplatz. **C4**

Mall of Berlin

270 shops, 270 apartments, gyms, and pedestrian areas define the new Mall of Berlin on Leipziger Platz, a world of shopping opportunities a stone's throw from the city's main tourist attractions. www.mallofberlin.de. Leipziger Platz 12. U Mohrenstraße. **E3**

Potsdamer Platz Arkaden

This large shopping center offers more than 120 shops over three floors, stocking everything from clothes and accessories to electronics and groceries. Its restaurants and bars also make it a very popular meeting spot. www.potsdamer-platz-arkaden.de. Alte Potsdamer Str. 7. T: 030.2559270. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

FASHION

0039 Italy

The 0039 Italy womenswear label stands for everything that makes the Italian lifestyle so envied by the rest of the world: casual luxury and timeless style are the brand's trademarks. Blouses are one of 0039 Italy's specialties, from airy, cottony ones in casual prints to 100% silk ones that embody classic elegance. Expect a wide range of colors, prints, and flattering cuts. www.0039italy-shop.com. Schlüterstr. 51. T: 030 88708483. S Savignyplatz. **C4**

Airfield

Exclusive, extraordinary, personal. This Austrian brand sells what they call "fashion made with passion," blurring the boundaries between sporty and classy outfits and harmoniously combining styles to create wearable garments for everyone, leaving lots of room for individual and personal interpretations. www.airfield.at. Mall of Berlin. Leipziger Platz 12. U Mohrenstraße. **E3**

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Mulackstr. 8 (check website for other locations).
T: 030.40041884. U Weinmeisterstraße. **F2**

Evelin Brandt

Evelin Brandt offers an urban, feminine look with a skilful mix of elegance, casualness and extravagance. The label's distinctive designs highlight a woman's individuality and personal charisma. Whether in beautiful jackets, flowing dresses, or accessories, customers will be strikingly well dressed. www.evelin-brandt.de. Friedrichstr. 153a. T: 030.2044444. S+U Friedrichstraße. **E3**

Darklands

Relocating to a new space every few seasons, Darklands is a nomadic, multi-branded men's fashion store. It stocks clothing by leaders in German avant-garde design with a strong preference for the darker end of the color spectrum. It's hard to find, so check their website for instructions. www.darklandsberlin.com. Heidestr. 46-52, Building 7. S Hauptbahnhof. **D2**

G-Star RAW

For more than 20 years, Dutch label G-Star RAW has been producing urban clothing inspired by military apparel made with raw denim. On the Ku'damm since 2013, the G-Star Raw flagship store responds to the label's philosophy, combining their original designs and materials with friendly expert service. www.g-star.com. Kurfürstendamm 16. T: 030.88001973. U Uhlandstraße. **B4**

HUGO BOSS

The German luxury fashion brand is synonymous with elegance and caters to men, women and kids. www.hugoboss.com. BOSS: Kurfürstendamm 25. T: 030.88624614. U Kurfürstendamm. **C4**; BOSS: Friedrichstr. 165. T: 030.20613890. U Französische Straße. **E3**; HUGO: Rosenthaler Str. 49. T: 030.28884550. U Weinmeisterstraße. **F2**; BOSS: Mall of Berlin, Leipziger Platz 12. U Mohrenstraße. **E3**

Kaviar Gauche

Signature pieces fuse dynamic patchwork cuts and femininity, first realized in their classic Lamella bag. In the last few years, motivated by the success of their cocktail dresses, fashion designers Johanna Kühl and Alexandra Fischer-Röhler have also specialized in bridal wear. www.kaviargauche.com. Linienstr. 44. T: 030.28873562. U Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz. **F2**

Konk

One of the few stores that stocks Berlin label collections by renowned designers such as C. Neon and Anntian. Founded by fine art alumna Ettina Berrios-Negrón, Konk focuses on the interplay between fashion and art in her displays. www.konk-berlin.de. Kleine Hamburger Str. 15. T: 030.28097839. U Oranienburger Tor, U Weinmeisterstraße. **E2**

Lacoste

Besides their classic polo shirt bedecked with that cute crocodile logo, this classic French sportswear label also creates classy, sport-chic fashion items and footwear for men, women and kids. Kurfürstendamm 213. T: 030.88676945. U Uhlandstraße. **C4**; Friedrichstr. 158-164. T: 030.20058886. U Französische Straße. **E3**; Leipziger Platz 12. T: 030.20614423. S+U Potsdamer Platz, U Mohrenstraße. **E3**

Marc Cain

A worldwide premium brand for women's fashion with its own production facility in Germany.

She's Got The Look

Sometimes, shopping is about the in-store experience as well as the products themselves, and the latest **Marc Cain** shop in the Mall of Berlin is a source of inspiration for many women. Its canopy ceilings, swings featuring mannequins, white, high-gloss furnishings, accessory boxes edged in pearl-beige, and metallic champagne-colored walls enhance the ambiance with a touch of pure exclusivity. It's the perfect setting to enjoy the explosion of colors of the garments on offer, all made with innovative, luxurious materials to create a refined, feminine look that is both elegant and casual, capturing the designer's signature clash of styles.

Mall of Berlin. Leipziger Platz 12. www.marc-cain.com.

Basler

Founded in Berlin in 1936 and now sold around the globe, Basler stands for femininity and versatility, aiming to make women of all ages and sizes look and feel good. From everyday style to business casual to something elegant for a night out, you'll find plenty to add to your wardrobe. Second store at Schlossstrasse 28. www.basler-fashion.com. Kurfürstendamm 220. T: 030. 88472949. U Kurfürstendamm. **C4**

BCBGMAXAZRIA

From evening gowns to everyday apparel to must-have accessories, BCBGMAXAZRIA makes it all with a fine eye for what makes a woman look and feel good. www.bcbg.com. Schlüterstr. 39. T: 030.88624770. S Savignyplatz, U Uhlandstr. **B4**

Boggi Milano

Italian elegance for men. Specializes in high-quality suits that are formal while also remaining comfortable, and also carries a sport casual collection. www.boggi.com. Kurfürstendamm

195-196. T: 030.88921730. U Uhlandstraße, U Adenauerplatz. **B4**

Burberry

This well-known British luxury fashion house carries classic clothing and fashion accessories. Its distinctive tartan pattern is famous worldwide, and the company is best known for its trench coat, designed by Thomas Burberry. www.burberry.com. Kurfürstendamm 183. T: 030.8854811. U Uhlandstraße. **B/C4**

Cinque

Exquisite elegance for men and women defines this label, whose products are inspired by the Italian lifestyle and Mediterranean views. www.cinque.de. Rochstr. 1. T: 030.28099999. U einmeisterstraße. **F2**

Claudia Skoda

She used to party with Bowie and Iggy Pop and transformed knitwear into high fashion. Skoda is one of the most famous Berlin designers and this beautiful new boutique houses her latest figure-hugging ensembles. www.claudiaskada.com.

Marc Cain effortlessly combines aesthetics and innovation in design and materials, making a declaration of love to women.
www.marc-cain.com. Friedrichstr. 61 (check website for other locations).
 T: 030.20077219. U Stadtmitte.

Marc O'Polo

For nearly five decades, Marc O'Polo has stayed true to its philosophy of authenticity, creating casual, wearable lifestyle clothing with an upscale feel. From womenswear and menswear to children's clothing and home accessories, a visit to a Marc O'Polo boutique has plenty in store.
www.marc-o-polo.de. Kurfürstendamm 220 (check website for other locations).
 T: 030.88923901.
 U Kurfürstendamm, U Uhlandstraße. **C4**

One Green Elephant

This Japanese, European designed brand brings innovative fashion for women and men. Designed as ecer-lasting go-to brand, they create high-quality garments that are affordable and trendy.
www.onegreenelephant.com. Mall of Berlin. Leipziger Platz 12. T: 030.20216742.
 U Mohrenstraße. **E3**

Oska

This German womenswear label stands for feel-good design and top-quality materials that are not only comfortable, they let the wearer's personality shine through. Muted, earthy tones combine with Asian-inspired silhouettes to make OSKA pieces elegant yet easy to wear on an everyday basis. Look for their second shop location at Lindenstr. 50 in Potsdam. www.oska.de. Oranienburger Str. 84. T: 030 20089791. S Hackescher Markt. **E2**

Picard

A family-run German company making top-quality leather handbags since 1928, Picard has continued to keep pace with trends and fashions throughout its many years. Their collection today includes everything from women's purses to briefcases for the chic business traveler to wallets and phone cases. Kurfürstendamm 216. T: 030.88728374.
 U Uhlandstraße. **C4**; Grunerstr. 20 (Alexa Mall).
 T: 030.20054060. S+U Alexanderplatz. F3;
 Friedrichstr. 68 (Quartier 205). T: 030.20944460.
 U Stadtmitte. **E3**

Pal Zileri

First-class men's fashion. All of the suits, jackets, shirts, and knitwear exude the finest quality of materials and craftsmanship. In addition to clothing, they also offer a made-to-measure service and accessories such as belts, shoes, and colognes. www.palzileri.com. Kurfürstendamm 175-176. T: 030.88910700. U Adenauerplatz. **B4**

Patrick Hellmann

Among the most successful luxury brands in the fashion world, Patrick Hellmann stands for timelessness, elegant designs, quality materials, and extravagant details. There are also clothes by Giorgio Armani, Christian Dior, and Dolce & Gabbana. www.patrick-hellmann.com. Kurfürstendamm 190-192. T: 030.88487711.
 U Adenauerplatz, U Uhlandstraße. **B4**

rich&royal

This fashion store on the first floor of the Mall of Berlin carries everyday clothes for passionate women. All items are designed in Europe, boasting a glamorous, bold style with a slightly rock-oriented touch. Open 9am-10pm Mon-Sat.

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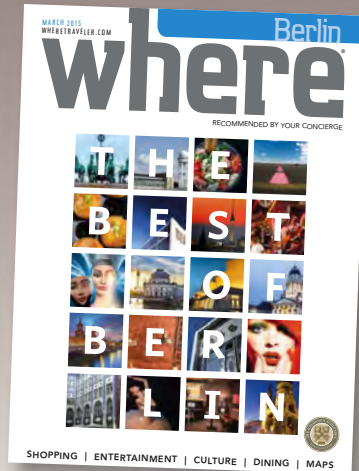
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SHOPPING

www.richandroyal.de. Mall of Berlin, Leipziger Platz 12. S Potsdamer Platz. **E3**

Sportalm Kitzbühel

Sport meets fashion in a conglomeration of elegance and coolness. This Austrian brand specializes in clothes that enhance the sporty character of feminine elegance. www.sportalm.at. Mall of Berlin, Leipziger Platz 12. T: 030.30329261. S Potsdamer Platz. **E3**

Strellson

This Swiss company creates fashion for men who are on their way up or, as they say, for young men with big plans. Concentrating on clarity, the Strellson philosophy is based on clear cuts and top quality for their suits and other urban wears, as well as transparent values and work attitudes. www.strellson.com. Münzstr. 8. T: 030.24724042. U Weinmeisterstraße. **F2**

Uniqlo

In less than a decade, this Japanese casual wear designer has become Asia's biggest clothing retailer and has conquered the rest of the world, providing men, women, and children with high-quality basics and year-round wardrobe essentials that come in dozens of colors. www.uniqlo.com. Tauentzienstr. 7B/C. T: 030.29028260. U Wittenbergplatz. **C4**

Wormland

This men's boutique carries the best German and international brands, catering to a demanding man and offering a variety of styles, from classy to casual, from business to sporty. Brands include

Calvin Klein, Black Kaviar, Lee Jeans, and Hugo Boss. www.wormland.de. Mall of Berlin, Leipziger Platz 12. Direct entrance from Voßstr. T: 030.229088200. U Mohrenstraße. **E3**

FOOD & GOURMET

Fassbender & Rausch

This is Berlin's undisputed temple of chocolate. As if the longest chocolate counter in the world weren't enough, the shop also features eye-popping displays of chocolate masterpieces, like a model of the Reichstag made from 300 kg of dark chocolate.

www.fassbender-rausch.de. Charlottenstr. 60. T: 030.20458443. U Stadtmitte. **E3**

Markthalle Neun

KIDS' PICK Built in 1891 and one of only three historic market halls remaining in Berlin, Markthalle IX has undergone a revival in recent years, now hosting a farmers' market every Friday and Saturday from 10am to 6pm. Check the website for other foodie events, like the popular Street Food Thursdays. www.markthalle9.de. Eisenbahnstr. 42-43. T: 030.577094661. U Görlitzer Bahnhof. **G4**

HOME DÉCOR

MEISSEN

Founded over 300 years ago by Augustus the Strong himself, this was Europe's first porcelain manufacturer. Visit their Berlin stores for their

range of tableware, jewelry, artwork, and figurines; all identified by the signature crossed swords. www.meissen.com. Unter den Linden 39b. T: 030.22679028. U Französische Straße. **E3**; Kurfürstendamm 21. T: 030.88625085. U Kurfürstendamm. **B3**

Pylones

These household products are created to add a spark to our daily lives, filling it with color and fun. The designers choose zoomorphic themes. www.pylones.com. Kurfürstendamm 225 (check website for other store locations). T: 030.92362488. U Kurfürstendamm. **C4**

JEWELRY & WATCHES

Antique & Vintage Jewellery

Travel back in time with a vintage collier, a retro bracelet, or a pair of earrings from the roaring '20s. This inspiring shop stocks a true connoisseur's collection of luxury antique and vintage jewelry. www.antique-jewellery.de. Linienstr. 44. T: 030.20689155. U Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz. **F2**

Bucherer

With a dedicated Rolex and Patek Philippe corner, and a wide range of other prestigious watch brands, as well as exclusive jewelry creations, the Bucherer store provides customers with first-class service and a unique shopping experience. www.bucherer.com. Friedrichstr. 176-179. T: 030.2041049. U Französische



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SHOES

UK	US	Euro
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WOMEN

3	5	36
4	6	37
5	7	38
6	8	39
7	9	41
8	10	42

MEN

7	8	41
8	9	42
9	10	43
10	11	45
11	12	46
12	13	47

CHILDREN

7	8	24
8	9	25.5
9	10	27
10	11	28
11	12	29
12	13	30.5

CLOTHES

	UK	US	Euro
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WOMEN

XS	6	2	34
S	8	4	36
	10	6	38
M	12	8	40
	14	10	42
L	16	12	44

MEN (CHEST)

S	34	34	44
	36	36	46
M	38	38	48
	40	40	50
L	42	42	52
	44	44	54

CHILDREN

4-5yrs	4-5yrs	110cm
6-7	6-7	116-122
8-9	8-9	128-134
10-11	10	140-146
12-13	12	152-158
14-15	13	164-170



Dress and shoes by Escada, Kurfürstendamm 195 and Friedrichstr. 176-179.

Straße. **E3**; Kurfürstendamm 45. T: 030.8804030.
U Uhlandstraße. **B4**

Jundef & Co.

An exclusive collection of timepieces and sparkling gems awaits you at this gallery-like jewelry store. Luxury brands including Urweck, Zenith, and Harry Winston. www.jundef-co.de. Kurfürstendamm 199. T: 030.88916411. U Uhlandstraße. **B4**

Glanzstücke

This small jewelry boutique sells carefully selected custom jewelry items from the past decades, from luxurious pins from the 1920s to colorful 1960s necklaces. www.glanzstuecke-berlin.de. Hackesche Höfe. T: 030.2082676. S Hackescher Markt **F3**

Juwelier LorenZ

A family saga since 1874, LorenZ is one of the most prestigious watchmakers and jewelers in Berlin, showcasing manufacturers such as Rolex, Cartier, Tudor, and Raymond Weil. www.juwelier-lorenz.de. Rheinstr. 59. T: 030.8512020. U Friedrich-Wilhelm-Platz. **Off Map**

Juweliere Leicht

This jewelry shop has its own manufactory and also carries luxurious brands like Bulgari, Utopia, Noor, and Meissen. Check out Leicht's marvelous creations, each uniquely manufactured with gold and precious stones. www.leicht-jewellery.com. Unter den Linden 77. T: 030.2290212. S+U Friedrichstraße. **E3**

ROLEX Boutique

One of the most famous brands in luxury, Rolex has been making wristwatches since 1905. First created in England, the company soon moved to Switzerland, and its perfect timepieces are recognized worldwide as the ultimate symbol of elegance and refinement. www.rolex.de. www.wempe.com. Kurfürstendamm 184. T: 030.55669010. U Uhlandstraße. **E2**

Wempe

In operation for more than 135 years, Wempe is one of the oldest family businesses in Germany and their passion for fine jewelry and watches is unquestionable. They also have a Rolex boutique on the Ku'damm. www.wempe.de. Kurfürstendamm 215 (check website for other locations). T: 030.8826878. U Uhlandstraße. **C4**; Friedrichstr. 82. T: 030.20399920. U Französische Straße. **E**

SHOES

Budapester Schuhe

It is said that no wardrobe should be without a pair of Budapester shoes. The high-quality shoes with their unique features, such as the low heel, wingtips, and Lyra perforations, are an absolute classic. Many other high-end brands available. www.budapester.eu. Kurfürstendamm 43. T: 030.88624206. U Uhlandstraße. **B4**

Buffalo Boots

Buffalo Boots is one of the most famous shoe brands in Europe, carrying pumps as well as classic, lace up, ankle, and low boots, evening shoes, and a wide variety of trendy handbags. The Berlin stores also offer the latest trends in men's shoes. www.buffalo-shop.de. Kantstr. 31. T: 030.3135998. S Savignyplatz. **B4**; Rosenthaler Str. 46. T: 030.24047092. U Weinmeisterstraße. **E2**; Kurfürstendamm 24. T: 030.81825794. U Kurfürstendamm. **C4**



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Standing On The Destroyed City

Breathing in the fresh air at the top of Teufelsberg, **Annabelle Mallia** feels the charge of history beneath her feet.

Gazing out at the marvelous view from atop **Teufelsberg** hill in Grunewald forest, it's hard to believe that this man-made "mountain" was created out of 25 million cubic meters of WWII rubble. As you might imagine, 363 air raids and about 69,000 tons of bombs over five years must have done quite some damage to the city. Thirty-three percent of Berlin was destroyed, and the war debris had to go somewhere. When the Soviets arrived, they decided to move what was left of entire neighborhoods to this desolate spot in the middle of the forest, where a half-completed Nazi military technical college already stood. That complex was proving too sturdy to

demolish, so it was easier to just cover it up. Teufelsberg must have looked unimpressive at the beginning, but once the greenery grew over, the 115-meter-high mountain became a picturesque hill in flat Berlin – and the city's highest point. In no time, it also became a prime spot for a ski jump. In the 1950s, American soldiers and later the National Security Agency, searching for the best vantage point to intercept Soviet and East German military airwaves, set up post and built one of their largest listening stations here, which continued to operate until the fall of the Berlin Wall. The ski jump was removed as it

allegedly disturbed the radio signals, but the five large radar domes still remain today, though heavily run down and vandalized. The site is currently fenced off and manned by guards, so don't try and explore on your own, but visit on a guided tour instead (www.berliner-teufelsberg.com). Since the

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Wall fell, this has also become a recreational spot for locals, who come here to fly kites, paraglide, and hike all year round. The nearby Teufelssee Lake (from which the mountain gets its name) is great for swimming, if you don't mind nudity, and in winter the area is perfect for tobogganing and snowball fights.

MAJOR SIGHTS

The “Alex” TV Tower

The 368m(1,027 ft)-high TV tower of Alexanderplatz can be seen from almost any point in the city and has been iconic of Berlin ever since it was built by the GDR in 1969. The giant steel-clad sphere houses a revolving restaurant and café as well as a viewing platform. The elevator ride lasts 40 seconds. Get there early to avoid lines. Open from 9am–midnight (from 10am Nov–Feb). €13/8.50. www.tv-turm.de. Panoramstr. 1a. T: 030.24757537. S+U Alexanderplatz. **F3**

Berliner Dom

The city’s neo-Renaissance cathedral was begun in the late 1700s, finished in 1905, and renovated in simplified form after WWII damage. Walk up 267 steps for glorious views of the city from the dome, or stay on the ground floor to gaze at elaborate sarcophagi containing the royal remains of Hohenzollern family members. Thanks to the church’s perfect acoustics and a 7,200-pipe organ, the Berliner Dom is also an important concert venue. Open Mon–Sun 9am–8pm (until 7pm in winter). €7/4. www.berlinerdom.de. Am Lustgarten. T: 030.20269119. S Hackescher Markt. **E3/F3**

Brandenburg Gate

MUST SEE Berlin’s icon *par excellence*. Gotthard Langhans’ neoclassical triumphal arch has witnessed the city’s best and worst moments, from the military parades of the Third Reich to the Wall being raised and torn down. During the Iron Curtain years, it stood on the East side. Today, it is mainly the backdrop for festivals, New Year’s Eve parties, and tourist snapshots. U Brandenburger Tor. **D3/E3**

Charlottenburg Palace

The summer home of Sophie Charlotte, wife of King Friedrich I of Prussia, reflects the grandeur of the Hohenzollern family. Begun in 1695, the luxury Baroque complex consists of a main building with a central cupola and two side wings that enclose a courtyard. The two additional wings were added at a later stage. The picturesque park surrounding the castle includes a formal French-style garden and an English garden with a pond, flower beds, and statues. There is also a belvedere and a mausoleum. Today, the castle hosts temporary art and history exhibitions. Open Tue–Sun 10am–6pm (until 5pm in winter). €12/8. www.spsg.de. Spandauer Damm 20–24. T: 030.9694200. U Sophie-Charlotte-Platz. **A3**

Hackesche Höfe

An intricate series of interconnected courtyards providing a good example of early-19th-century German Secessionist style. The first courtyard is entirely decorated with glazed blue and white tiles in geometrical designs. The apartment buildings and the small maze-like alleys lined with cafés, shops and theaters give the Höfe a familiar and



During the Cold War, the Oberbaumbrücke was used as a pedestrian border crossing for West Berlin residents.

fascinating atmosphere. Rosenthaler Str. 40–41.

S Hackescher Markt. **E2/F2**

Haus der Kulturen der Welt

Dubbed the “pregnant oyster” by locals because of its curvy shape, the Haus der Kulturen der Welt was built as a congress hall in 1956. The building quickly became a symbol of western freedom and creativity, in contrast to East German architectural projects of the time. Computer-guided chime concerts ring daily at noon and 6pm and the building now hosts concerts and intercultural events. Open daily 10am–7pm. € prices vary.

www.hkw.de. John-Foster-Dulles-Allee 10. T: 030.397870.

U Bundestag. **D3**

Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche

This church’s bombed-out bell tower has been an anti-war memorial and a symbol of West Berlin ever since its ruins were restored to their present state in 1957.

The old church’s ruins now host an exhibition of before and after photos documenting its former

splendor and showing the Ku’damm before the bombs. Look up to admire what is left of the old mosaic. Open daily from 9am to 6pm. www.gedaechtniskirche-berlin.de. Breitscheidplatz. T: 030.2185023. U Zoologischer Garten, Kurfürstendamm. **C4**

New Synagogue

MUST SEE Before the war, this Moorish-Byzantine-style synagogue was Berlin’s largest Jewish place of worship. The synagogue was seriously damaged during the infamous Kristallnacht pogroms in 1938, while Allied bombs gave it the *coup de grace* in 1943. The exotic gold dome is today the icon of Berlin’s Jewish rebirth, and the partially reconstructed building now houses a Jewish center and a museum. Museum: €3.50/3. Dome

€2/1.50. Under-6s free. www.cjudaicum.de.

Oranienburgerstr. 28–30.

T: 030.88028300.

S Oranienburgerstraße, Hackescher Markt. **E2**

Nikolaiviertel and Knoblauch Haus

This is where Berlin was born. The area still retains its ancient character although most of the buildings in the narrow medieval alleys are replicas of the destroyed originals, many of which dated back to the 1200s. The late-Gothic Nikolaikirche is Berlin’s oldest surviving building and is now a museum. Other points of interest include the Ephraim Palais Museum and the Biedermeier-style Knoblauch Haus, a 19th-century middle-class townhouse that escaped WWII damage. Knoblauch Haus: Open Tue–Sun 10am–6pm. www.knoblauchhaus.de. Poststr. 23. T: 030.240020171.

S+U Alexanderplatz. **F3**

Panoramapunkt am Potsdamer Platz

A 100-m-high platform offering one of the best views in Berlin. The elevator takes you to the top in 20 seconds, and there’s a café where visitors can enjoy drinks and cake with the city’s skyline as a backdrop. Open daily 10am–7:30pm (until 6pm Nov–Mar). €6.50/5. www.panoramapunkt.de. Kolhoff Tower, Potsdamer Platz 1. S Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Philharmonie

MUST SEE The seat of the world-famous Berliner Philharmoniker orchestra is one of Germany’s finest post-war architecture achievements. The exteriors slightly recall a circus tent, while the pentagonal concert hall is arranged with a central podium for the orchestra and galleries for the audience around the five sides. See Entertainment section for full program. Guided tours offered daily at 1:30pm. €5/3.

www.berliner-philharmoniker.de.

Herbert-von-Karajan-Str. 1. T: 030.254888156.

S+U Potsdamer Platz, U Mendelssohn Bartholdy Park. **D3**

Potsdamer Platz and Sony Center

Before the war, Potsdamer Platz was the city’s beating heart, with department stores, banks, internationally known theaters, dance halls, and



Visitors learn about Berlin’s favorite sausage at the Currywurst Museum (p.36).

SIGHTSEEING

cafés. WWII bombs obliterated 80% of the square, which was left in limbo for a few years and then enclosed in an empty and desolate no man's land between the Wall and barbed wire fences. The square came back to life in the 1990s and the new Potsdamer Platz is a modern reinterpretation of the original. Divided in three slices, it includes the Sony building with its central plaza, the Daimler City, home to a large shopping mall, and the Manhattan-style Beisheim Center building. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Reichstag and Foster's Glass Cupola

MUST SEE In the last 100 years, this massive neo-Renaissance building has been set on fire, bombed, wrapped in paper by artist Christo, and renovated by Lord Norman Foster. It is now the seat of the German Parliament. Climb the mesmerizing glass cupola and enjoy a breathtaking 360-degree-view of the city, then look down to watch the parliamentary proceedings taking place. The plenary hall can be visited on guided tours only. Cupola: Open daily 8am–midnight by appointment only. Register on website. Audio tours available. € free. www.bundestag.de. Platz der Republik 1. T: 030.22732152. U Bundestag. **D3/E3**

Siegessäule (Victory Column)

The triumphal column on the Straße der 17. Juni commemorates victory in the Prusso-Danish war, while the angel on top was added after two further war victories against Austria and France. The monument originally stood in front of the Reichstag building and was moved to its present location in 1938. The terrace offers great vistas. Open 9:30am–6:30pm (until 7 on weekends). Winter 10am–5pm (until 5:30 on weekends). €3/2. Großer Stern 1. T: 030.3912961. U Hansaplatz. **C3/D3**

HISTORIC SITES

Asisi's Wall Panorama

Artist Yadegar Asisi created a panorama of divided Berlin presenting everyday life against the backdrop of the Berlin Wall on an imaginary day in the 1980s. His aim was to show how the population came to terms with the situation and the circumstances, and the result gives onlookers a very interesting glimpse of GDR life. Open daily 10am–7pm. €10/4. www.asisi.de. Friedrichstr. 205. T: 0341.3555340. U Kochstraße. **E3/E4**

Berlin Wall Documentation Center

MUST SEE Walk along one of the few surviving stretches of the Berlin Wall, then have all your questions answered at the information centre, offering detailed explanations on the Wall's history and politics. Documents, photographs, and original radio broadcasts from the East and the West document one of Germany's saddest

historical periods. Open Tue–Sun 9:30am–7pm (until 6pm Nov–Mar). € free. www.berliner-mauer-gedenkstaette.de. Bernauer Str. 111. T: 030.467986666. U Bernauer Straße. **E2**

Checkpoint Charlie

During the Cold War, Checkpoint Charlie was the main gateway between East and West. Shortly after the Wall went up, US and USSR tanks faced each other on this spot. Today, this Cold War symbol is mainly the backdrop for tourist photographs. U Kochstraße, U Stadtmitte. **E3/E4**

East Side Gallery

While West Berliners loved to express their creativity by drawing graffiti and painting on the Wall, East Berliners were never allowed to use the dividing structure as their canvas. To make up for all the artless years, artists from 21 countries were called upon in 1990 to decorate one mile of the eastern segment of the Berlin Wall with their work, creating what is now known as the East Side Gallery. Mühlenstr. S+U Warschauer Straße, S Ostbahnhof. **G4**

Gleis 17

Between 1941 and 1945, 50,000 Berlin Jews were packed into the freight and cattle cars of 186 trains leaving from Track 17 of the Grunewald Station, destined for the concentration camps and ghettos of Auschwitz, Theresienstadt, Riga, and Lodz. The track is no longer in use, and a plaque commemorates the tragic events. The small square in front of the S-Bahn station also features sculptures and installations dedicated to the deportees. S Grunewald. **Off Map**

Holocaust Memorial

MUST SEE Berlin's tribute to the victims of the Shoah is as big as a soccer field and consists of 2711 tombstone-like slabs of equal size and varying heights placed on an uneven ground to convey a sense of claustrophobia and disorientation. The underground information centre provides a timeline of Jewish persecution. Accessible 24 hours a day. € free. www.holocaust-mahnmal.de. Cora-Berliner Straße. T: 030.2639430. U Brandenburger Tor. **E3**

Karl-Marx-Allee

Berlin's best example of GDR-era neo-realist architecture. Built between 1950 and 1960, the 90-m-wide boulevard was meant to provide housing for thousands of people and a backdrop for military parades, and quickly became a source of national pride for the GDR. The residential tower blocks were inspired by Moscow and by Stalin's ideal style, nationalistic in form but socialist in content. The boulevard is an important architectural showcase. Karl-Marx-Allee. U Weberwiese, Strausberger Platz. **F3/G3**

KPM Berlin

Once upon a time in Berlin, a German king bought a local porcelain factory, and Königliche Porzellan-Manufaktur was born. Today known as KPM Berlin for short, the company still makes exquisite, world-renowned porcelain tableware and decorative goods. At its Tiergarten headquarters, the oldest still-running manufactory in the city, visitors can take a tour, take a break in the café, and – of course – shop for beautiful hand-painted porcelain. www.kpm-berlin.com. Wegelystr. 1. T: 030.390090. S Tiergarten. **C3**

Mauer Museum (Haus am Checkpoint Charlie)

This privately-run exhibit explores the means and tools used by East Germans to escape the GDR until 1989: Trabant cars with hidden doors, hot air balloons, tunnels, and chairlifts were just some of the crafty inventions devised by GDR residents. Open Mon–Sun 9am–10pm. €12.50/6.50. www.mauermuseum.de. Friedrichstr. 43-45. T: 030.2537250. U Kochstraße. **E3/E4**

Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp

Built by prisoners as a model concentration camp in 1936, Sachsenhausen's first inmates were mainly political prisoners, whereas Jews, gypsies, homosexuals, and people considered "inferior" were brought here a few years later. The iron gate bears the infamous "Arbeit macht frei" sign, and the barracks host a number of exhibitions about extermination methods, daily life of prisoners and the medical experiments performed on them. Open 8:30am–6pm (until 4:30pm mid-Oct–mid-March). Museums and exhibitions closed on Mondays. € free. Guided tours available. www.stiftung-bg.de. Straße der Nationen 22, Oranienburg. T: 03301.200200. S Oranienburg or RE Oranienburg train from Hauptbahnhof. **Off Map**

Stasi Prison

MUST SEE Between 1945 and 1989, more than 20,000 people suspected of opposing the GDR's political system were arrested by the Stasi and brought to this custody building. In its first and darkest years, the prison's cellars, known as "the submarine," were used to inflict psychological torture on the inmates, while the relatively more humane cells are on the upper floors, next to a seemingly never-ending corridor filled with interrogation rooms. Tours in English on Wed, Sat, and Sun at 2:30pm. €5/2.50. en.stiftung-hsh.de. Genslerstr. 66. T: 030.98608230. S Landsberger Allee, then Tram M5 to Freienwalder Strasse, then 10-minute walk. **Off Map**

Topographie des Terrors

MUST SEE On the site of the former headquarters

THE BERLIN WALL

Main moments in the Wall's 29-year history.

1961 Walter Ulbricht, head of the Socialist Unity Party, erects a barbed-wire fence dividing Germany into two parts.

1963 West Germans wishing to visit the East must obtain a visa from the government.

1963 US President John F. Kennedy delivers his "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech at West Berlin's Rathaus Schöneberg.

1970 Economic dissatisfaction grows in East Germany, as food supplies run short. 22 strikes attest to the civil unrest.

1974 Günter Guillaume, aide to West German chancellor Willy Brandt, is arrested as a spy.



of the SS and the Third Reich's most important offices, this permanent exhibition recounts the tragic history of Nazi forced labor, focusing on the central institutions of the SS and Third Reich police and the crimes they committed throughout Europe. A preserved segment of the Berlin Wall runs along the exhibition grounds. Open daily 10am–8pm. € free. www.topographie.de. Niederkirchnerstr. 8. T: 030.2545090. U Kochstraße, Potsdamer Platz. **E4**

Tränenpalast (Palace of Tears)

Until 1990, this departure hall of the Friedrichstrasse station was also a border crossing for West Berliners on their way back home after visiting relatives and friends in the East. The many painful farewells brought locals to rename the building “palace of tears.” The building now hosts the permanent exhibition *Border experience. Everyday life in divided Germany*, which recounts the effects of the border in German everyday life. Open Tue–Fri 9am–7pm, until 6pm on Sat and Sun. € free. www.hdg.de. Reichstagufer 17. T: 030.4677790. S+U Friedrichstraße. **E3**

KIDS AND FAMILIES

Berlin Dungeon

Much like the London Dungeon, the Berlin Dungeon provides a terrifying interactive journey through the dark past of the city's history through a sometimes-spooky, actor-led experience. Visitors are taken through attractions such as the old library of Berlin, a plague-infected street, a torture chamber, a secret court, and more. Not recommended for young children. Open 10am–6pm (until 5pm on winter weekdays. Closed 24 Dec). €20/16 (discount when booking online). Under-14s must be accompanied by an adult. Combined tickets with Madame Tussauds, Sea Life, and Legoland available. www.thedungeons.com. Spandauer Str. 2. S+U Hackescher Markt. **F3**

Berlin Zoo and Aquarium

MUST SEE One of the city's main attractions and the oldest zoo in Germany. The pavilions provide lots of indoor space, making this zoo suitable for rainy days. The aquarium is one of the largest in Europe, featuring large tanks with piranhas, sharks, and alligators. Open 9am–6pm daily. Zoo or Aquarium: €13/6.50, under-5s free. Combined Zoo-Aquarium ticket: €20/10. www.aquarium-berlin.de, www.zoo-berlin.de. Hardenbergplatz 8. T: 030.254010. S+U Zoologischer Garten. **C4**

Botanischer Garten

This large park was designed in the Romantic English style, with hills, lakes, and pretty greenhouses. There is a palm house and a whole section dedicated to exotic plants, including



Life Against The Wall

It's an imaginary autumn day in the 1980s, and as a family moves out of their apartment, some artists draw graffiti on the Berlin Wall and punks drink beer next to their trailer van, all under the scrutinizing eyes of a few East German guards, who watch Western life from the watchtower on the other side of the death strip. Artist Yadegar Asisi lived in Kreuzberg during this time, and his impressive **Wall Panorama** (p. 34), encased in a cylindrical structure near Checkpoint Charlie, shows the banal yet cruel everyday reality of the divided city. Visitors enter an amphitheater surrounded by a 3-m-high and 20-m-long Wall diorama that comes to life through light effects and sounds, with the aim of conveying the disquieting feeling the Wall generated. **Open daily from 10am to 6pm.**

orchids, cacti, and carnivorous plants. Open daily 9am–ca. one hour before sunset. Museum closes at 6pm. €6/3. www.bgbm.org. Königin-Luise-Str. 6-8. T: 030.83850100. S Botanischer Garten. **Off Map**

Children's Museum Labyrinth

One of Berlin's two children's museums. Two floors of activity stations on the theme of construction. Pleasant outdoor area for the warmer days. Open Mo–Fri 9am–6pm, Sat 1–6pm, Sun 11–6pm. €4.50 for all over-3s (3.50 on Fridays).

www.labyrinth-kindermuseum.de. Osloer Str. 12. T: 030.800931150. U Osloer Straße then tram. **Off Map**

Children's Museum MachMit

MUST SEE A hands-on museum for children. There is a climbing structure, a maze, a soap making workshop, a cinema, and lots of activities to encourage discovery through playing. Tue–Sun 10am–6pm. €5.50 for all over-3s. www.machmitmuseum.de. Senefelderstr. 5/6. T: 030.74778200. S Prenzlauer Allee. **F1**

1984 East Germany boycotts the Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

1987 Ronald Reagan gives a speech at Brandenburg Gate demanding that Mikhail Gorbachev “tear down this wall.”

1989 Dismantling of the Iron Curtain begins as Hungary cuts the barbed wire around its border.

1989 9 November: Socialist Politbüro member Schabowski mistakenly tells a press conference the border will be opened immediately.

1989 By 11pm that night, thousands of Berliners have swarmed Wall checkpoints and guards open the borders.

1990 On the eve of 3 October, the city officially celebrates its first German Unity Day with fireworks and bells.



Shall We Play?

Berlin kids are lucky kids: The city invests ample money and creativity into making its playgrounds spectacular, and each of the 2000+ play areas has its own personality and theme. Here are our favorite five:

DRAGON PARK (FRIEDRICHSHAIN):

This small playground hidden between two buildings at Schreinerstr. 48 features a green dragon you can walk into and slide down, plus climbing facilities galore.

THE RUBBER PLAYGROUND (SCHÖNEBERG):

Kids love jumping around, and this adventurous playground on Winterfeldtplatz is made entirely of bouncy rubber sheets.

THE ARKONAPLATZ PLAY AREA (PRENZLAUER BERG):

Tunnel slides, cableways, climbing towers, and jumping mattresses are just some of the attractions you will find at this 1,600sqm play park.

THE SNOW WHITE PLAYGROUND (CHARLOTTENBURG, MOMMSENSTRASSE):

There's the prince's castle with real rooms and lots of ladders and slides, the dwarves' house, and the mine with a real water pump so kids can splash around on hot days.

THE SHIP PARK (KREUZBERG):

Pirate kids will enjoy the gigantic pirate ship inside the Görlitzer Park playground.



Computer Game Museum

Over 300 items, including rare originals, walk visitors through the development of computer games from the 1959 Brown Box to the Playstation and beyond. Visitors can test most of the games. Open Wed–Mon 10am–8pm. €8/5. www.computerspielemuseum.de. Karl-Marx-Allee 93a. T: 030.60988577. U Weberwiese. **G3**

Currywurst Museum

Learn about Berlin's most famous street food, the *currywurst*, at this small but entertaining museum. Delve into its history, discover the secrets of its yellow sauce in the so-called spice chamber, and watch movies starring the delicious sausage. Open 10am–8pm. €11/7, under-6s free. www.currywurstmuseum.de. Schützenstr. 70. T: 030.88718647. U Kochstraße, U Stadtmitte. **E4**

Deutsches Technikmuseum

MUST SEE All things technology, as well as a hands-on section where kids can conduct experiments. The old locomotives and the aviation rooms are the most popular attractions, and a *Rosinenbomber*, a 1948 Berlin Airlift aircraft, is mounted on the museum's roof. Open Mon–Fri 9am–5:30pm, Sat & Sun 10am–6pm. €6/3.50. www.sdtb.de. Trebbiner Str. 9. T: 030.902540. U Möckernbrücke, U Gleisdreieck. **E4**

Domäne Dahlem City Farm

A real farm in the Berlin suburbs, with a manor house from the 1600s. The farm grounds are still in use and complete with all the usual animals, from cows to pigs to horses and geese. There's also a small exhibition of ancient agricultural tools, and a farmers' market on Saturday mornings. Check website for special events. Open Wed–Mon 10am–6pm in summer. Farm: € free except during special events. Museum: €3/1.50. www.domaenedahlem.de. Königin-Luise-Str. 49. T: 030.6663000. U Dahlem Dorf. **Off Map**

Legoland Discovery Center

Everything is built with the famous plastic bricks at this indoor Lego wonderland. There are videos explaining how Lego is made, a Lego factory, a 4D cinema with tactile effects, a Duplo village for the very little ones, and a medieval world with knights and dragons. Kids can build their own structures and try them out at the test centre. Daily 10am–6pm (last admission 5pm) except 24 Dec. €16 (from €8 if you book online, under-3s free). Combined tickets with Madame Tussauds, Sea Life, and Berlin Dungeon. www.legolanddiscoverycentre.de. Potsdamer Str. 4. T: 01806.66690110. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Madame Tussauds

Have your picture taken with Angela Merkel, Albert Einstein, John F. Kennedy, Marilyn Monroe, One Direction, or Shrek. You can even touch, kiss, and cuddle your favourite personalities. And yes, Adolf Hitler is there too, depicted as a little man standing in despair in his bunker during his final days. The legendary wax museum also has a section explaining how the figures are made. Open 10am–7pm daily (until 9pm in Aug, closed 24 Dec). €21/16, discounts if you book online. Combined tickets with Berlin Dungeon, Sea Life and Legoland are also available. www.madametussauds.com. Unter den Linden 74. U Brandenburger Tor. **E3**

Museum für Naturkunde

The world's largest dinosaur skeleton, extensive collections of shells, insects, and taxidermy, as well as prize-winning mounted animal dioramas. Open Tue–Fri 9:30–6pm, Sat & Sun 10am–6pm. €6/3.50. www.naturkundemuseum-berlin.de. Invalidenstr. 43. T: 030.20938591. U Naturkundemuseum. **E2**

Sea Life & AquaDom

Dazzling clownfish, scary sharks, crawling spider crabs, and lovely seahorses are just some of the 5,000 creatures inhabiting this small but interesting aquarium. Discover the ethereal dance of the jellyfish and observe the eagle rays on your way to the Aquadom, a 16-m-tall cylindrical tropical fish tank that can be viewed from a slow elevator. Daily 10am–7pm. €17.50/12.50 (discounts when booking online). Under-3s free. Combined tickets with Madame Tussauds, Berlin Dungeon, and Legoland also available. www.visitsealife.com. Spandauer Str. 3. S Hackescher Markt, S+U Alexanderplatz. **F3**

Tempelhof Airport Park

MUST SEE What used to be the city's most central airport is now a public park. The six kilometers of runways are used for cycling, skating, and jogging, and the whole field covers four hectares. This is where many Berliners spend their weekends, bringing BBQ equipment or just picnicking on the grass while their kids fly colorful kites. Tempelhofer Damm. S Tempelhof, U Platz der Luftbrücke, U Boddinstraße. **Off Map**

POTSDAM

Biosphäre Potsdam

This tropical amusement park features a greenhouse with more than 20,000 plants, including a palm grove, a mangrove swamp, and many animals such as iguanas, parrots, geckos, frogs, and butterflies. Open daily Mon–Fri 9am–6pm, from 10am on weekends and holidays. €11.50/9.80. Under-3s free. www.biosphaere-potsdam.de. Georg-Halemann-Allee 99. T: 0331.550740. Tram 96 from Potsdam Hauptbahnhof. **Off Map**

Potsdam and Sanssouci

MUST SEE The sumptuous Rococo castle of Sanssouci in Potsdam was commissioned by Frederick the Great (1712–86), who wanted “a place to be without cares.” The king of Prussia employed the finest architects of the day to design the Baroque park, the *Schloss* placed above terraced vineyards, the more sober New Palace, and a few other pavilions scattered in the park. The park and its palaces have been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1990. Open 10am–6pm (until 5pm in winter). Closed Mon. €15/11. www.spsg.de. An der Orangerie 1, Potsdam. T: 0331.9694200. S Potsdam or regional train from Zoologischer Garten to Potsdam Hauptbahnhof. **Off Map**

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www.berlinagenten.com. Bornholmer Str. 4.
T: 030.43720701.

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Berliner Unterwelten (Underground Tours)

Since 1997, the Berlin Underworlds Association has been offering regular tours of underground structures and subterranean complexes that are otherwise inaccessible. Cold War nuclear shelters, Hitler's underground fortress, escape routes to the West, and WWII bunkers are just some of the adventures on offer. From €10.
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www.fattirebiketours.com.
Panoramastr. 1a. T: 030.24047991.

Insider Tours

This popular tour company offers nine different tours including Jewish Berlin, a pub crawl, Third Reich, Cold War, and a day trip to Dresden. No pre-booking required, simply show up at their meeting points (U Zoologischer Garten or S Hackescher Markt). €12/10.
www.insidertour.com. T: 030.6923149.

OnTour-Berlin

This company offers guided tours with expert guides. Walks include the city center and the city's most important districts of Berlin and Potsdam and concentrate on different themes, such as city history, literature, cemeteries, and criminal history. www.ontour-berlin.de, email: info@ontour-berlin.de.
T: 030.67515046.

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No advance booking required, just show up at the meeting point shortly before the tour begins. (See website for times and places).
www.berlinwalks.de.
wNeue Bahnhofstr. 9-10.
T: 030.3019194.

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www.rent-a-guide.com/berlin

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This company organizes fun tours aboard real Trabants, the iconic cars of the former GDR. Visitors drive their personal Trabi, while the group leader in the first car provides information via radio about historical facts and quirks. Three different tours available, lasting one or two hours. You need to know how to drive a stick shift. €30-50. www.trabi-world.com.
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From Margin To Center

Always eager to learn about current endeavors to empower women, **Serene Tseng** checked out the new *Queensize* exhibition at the me Collectors Room.

Like the musical queen Beyoncé herself, women deserve to be revered and recognized for their artistic contributions, and this year, ***Queensize – Female Artists from the Olbricht Collection*** at the **me Collectors Room** (p. 43) presents its first-ever exhibition completely dedicated to female artists. Symbolically named after one of the biggest bed sizes, *Queensize* aims to explore conception, birth, life, dreams, death, and the experiences in between, how we see ourselves and how we wish to be seen, all through the exclusive perspective of women.

Bold and striking, dark and slithering, fascinating and unsettling, the blown

glass *Bloodline* winds through the exhibition practically underfoot, separating the photo wall from the rest of the exhibition, daring the viewer to step over to formally engage with the photography. Alluding to Instagram culture, the quadratic *Chambre Close* series defiantly depicts women in confident poses traditionally reserved only for men, with self-assured, challenging gazes.

Follow the *Bloodline* around the corner, and you'll find yourself in front of a mysterious-looking black curtain, behind which the eerie soundtrack to the short

film *The Experiment (Greed)* by Swedish artist Nathalie Djurberg can be faintly heard. Prompting critical discussion on institutionalized patriarchy, the short film explores the extent to which modern society can be mutilating to young women.

The deeper into the exhibition, the darker and more serious the subjects and issues brought forth by the works. Due to the explicit content, children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or have permission to visit the exhibition alone. Catch the first all-female exhibition *Queensize* at the me Collectors Room until 30 August.

"The deeper into the exhibition, the darker the subjects."

MUSEUMS

Altes Museum

Berlin's collection of classical antiquities, housed inside a breathtaking neo-Classical building. Take in the mosaic floor of Hadrian's villa, a wealth of Greek sculptures and vases, and a number of Etruscan and Roman archeological finds. Open Tue–Fri 10am–6pm (until 8pm on Thu), Sat & Sun 10am–6pm. €10/5. www.smb.museum. Am Lustgarten. T: 030.266424242. U Friedrichstraße, S Hackescher Markt. **E3**

Bauhaus Archiv

The avant-garde building designed by Walter Gropius is home to documents, photographs, models, objects, and projects illustrating the Bauhaus philosophy, which combines artistic beauty with architectural functionality. **From 18 Mar to 25 May:** *New Acquisitions* shows the museum's carefully selected purchases and the generous gifts received, for a total of 80 new works added to the collection in the last ten years. Open Wed–Mon 10am–5pm. €7/4, Wed–Fri €6/3. www.bauhaus.de. Klingelhöferstr. 14. T: 030.25400278. U Nollendorflplatz. **D4**

DDR Museum

Learn about daily life in the former East Germany at this hands-on museum. Everyday objects, closets filled with GDR fashion, and a Trabant (the GDR car) are just some of the items on display, while photographs illustrate and explain Communist habits, such as collectively potty-training babies or going on nudist holidays. Open Mon–Sun 10am–8pm, until 10pm on Sat. €7/4. www.ddr-museum.de. Karl-Liebknecht-Str. 1 (in front of the Berliner Dom). T: 030.847123731. S Hackescher Markt, U Alexanderplatz. **E3**

Deutsches Historisches Museum

MUST SEE Learn about the milestones in German history. Medieval body armor, paintings, books, dishes, machines, and more, illustrate a timeline that extends from the Roman occupation of the Germanic areas until the present day. **To 8 Mar:** *RAF - Terrorist Violence* explores the effects of the violence of terrorist group Red Army Faction. Open daily 10am–6pm. €8/4 (under-18s free). www.dhm.de. Unter den Linden 2. T: 030.203040. S+U Friedrichstraße. **E3**

Ephraim-Palais

Temporary exhibitions on local cultural history fill this great Baroque building. Demolished in 1935, the Palais was rebuilt in 1983 using its original façade, which had been stored in a warehouse for almost 50 years. **To 28 Jun:** *West Berlin, An Island In Search Of Mainland* explores daily life in West Berlin through photographs, videos, and documents. €7/5 (under 18s free, first Wed of month free entry). www.stadtmuseum.de. Poststr. 16. T: 030.24002162. U Alexanderplatz. **F3**

Ethnology Museum

500,000 objects from pre-industrial societies and a fabulous collection of Inca jewelry. Costumes, toys, tools, and huts are among the items shown. Open Tue–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat & Sun 11am–6pm. €8/4. www.smb.museum. Arnimallee 25. T: 030.266424242. U Dahlem Dorf. **Off Map**

Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg Museum

Kreuzberg enthusiasts can learn more about the history and radical legacy of this legendary neighborhood at this small museum housed in a



Ubiquity And Solidarity

World-renowned and iconic artist Käthe Kollwitz's prints and sculptures still resound with relevance today, despite having been created in the early 20th century in solidarity with the working class and in response to the tragedies of two world wars. Having lost her own son and grandson to World War I and World War II respectively, Kollwitz was a staunch pacifist and appealed for the end of violence through her works. The **Käthe Kollwitz Museum** (this page), on the site of where Kollwitz herself lived for more than 50 years, spans four floors and offers a tour through Kollwitz's life and the events that inspired her timeless works.

typical red-brick building. Open Wed–Sun noon–6pm. www.kreuzbergmuseum.de. Adalbertstr. 95a. T: 030.50585233. U Kottbusser Tor. **F4**

The Gay Museum

One of the world's largest and most significant institutions for archiving, researching, and communicating the history and culture of LGBTQ+ communities. Changing exhibitions take diverse approaches to lesbian, gay, transsexual, bisexual, and queer biographies and concepts in history, art, and culture. **To 28 Mar:** *Leonard Fink Comes Out:* photographs taken by the Jewish photographer and actor document the gay liberation and the New Waterfront of the West Side. **To 31 Mar:** *Porn That Way* explores the history and developments of queer porn, from past to present. **To 31 Mar:** *And That's a Good Thing – 13 Years of Klaus Wowereit As Mayor Of Berlin* remembers the life of Klaus Wowereit as mayor of Berlin, from his political triumphs and failures to his relationship with tabloids. Open Mon, Wed–Fri, Sun 2–6pm, Sat 2–7pm. €6/4 www.schwulesmuseum.de. Lützowstr. 73. T: 030.69599050. U Nollendorflplatz. **D4**

Jewish Museum

MUST SEE Daniel Libeskind's architectural jewel is shaped as a deconstructed Star of David. Walk through millennia of German Jewish history and discover the alternating glories and persecutions of this community. Open daily 10am–8pm, until 10pm on Monday. €8/3. www.jmberlin.de.

Lindenstr. 9-14. T: 030.25993300. U Hallesches Tor, Kochstraße. **E4**

Käthe Kollwitz Museum

Introduces the powerful and tortured art of one of the most relevant German women artists of the last century. Her primary focus was the daily struggles of the poor and the tragedy of war, which she experienced directly after losing both her son and her grandson in battle. Open 11am–6pm. €6/3. www.kaethe-kollwitz.de. Fasanenstr. 24. T: 030.8825210. U Uhlandstraße. **C4**

Kunstgewerbemuseum

With exhibitions of some of the most famous and outstanding European handcrafts from the early Middle Ages to the present, the Kunstgewerbemuseum, or Museum of Decorative Arts, is the first of its kind in Germany. With a brand-new reopening after years of renovations, the most intricate and exquisite handworks from all eras of art history, including masterpieces of medieval goldsmithing, are once again on display at the Kulturforum. Open Tue–Fri 10am–6pm, Sat & Sun 11am–6pm. www.smb.museum. Matthäikirchplatz. T: 030.266424242. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Kupferstichkabinett (Museum of Prints and Drawings)

This print and drawing collection was started by the Great Elector in 1652, and its oldest works date



On Paper

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Museum Frieder Burda in Baden-Baden, the Deutsche Bank Kunsthalle (p. 42) is presenting a selection of 113 works on paper that give insight into a virtually unknown side of the **Burda Collection**, including works by Georg Baselitz, Willem de Kooning, Sigmar Polke, Arnulf Raiiner, Neo Rauch, and Gerhard Richter. **Until 8 March.**

musical instruments, including bagpipes, harpsichords, and instruments once owned by celebrities. Check the website for the weekly demonstrations of the most impressive musical machines, such as a silent film-era cinema organ. Open Tue, Wed, Fri 9am–5pm, Thu 9am–8pm, Sat & Sun 10am–5pm. €6/3 (under 18s free). www.sim.spk-berlin.de. B&T Tiergartenstr. 1. T: 030.254810. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Museum of Photography

All types of photography, from the 19th century to the present, are on exhibit at this comprehensive museum, housed in a grand 1090 building built for the Prussian army's officer corps. The diverse exhibitions are curated from the Berlin Art Library's vast photographic collection, while the lower two floors are occupied by the Helmut Newton Foundation, showcasing an extensive selection of work and personal items from the late, great German fashion photographer. **From 21 Mar to 2 Aug:** *Willy Maywald: Portraits, Fashion, Reportages*. The work of Willy Maywald, one of Paris' most important photographers in the 1930–1960s period. Open Tue–Fri 10am–6pm (until 8pm on Thu), Sat & Sun 10am–6pm. €10/5. www.smb.museum. Jebensstr. 2. T: 030.26642424. S+U Zoologischer Garten. **C3–C4**

Museum The Kennedys

When he delivered his famous "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech, John F. Kennedy automatically became Berlin's favorite US president. This museum is a tribute to him and his family. Films, photographs, and even comic books tell us about his visit to Berlin, his assassination, and his children. Open Tue–Sun 11am–7pm. €5/2.50. www.thekennedys.de. Auguststr. 11–13. T: 030.20653570. S Oranienburger Straße. **E2**

Neues Museum

MUST SEE The gorgeous bust of Queen Nefertiti is the museum's top attraction. Examine a world-famous Egyptian collection that includes many important papyruses, and let hundreds of artifacts tell you about early human history. Badly damaged during WWII, the Neues Museum was reopened in 2009. Open Tue–Fri 10am–6pm (until 8pm on Thu), Sat & Sun 10am–6pm. €12/6. www.neues-museum.de. Bodestr. 1–3. T: 030.26642424. S+U Friedrichstraße, S Hackescher Markt. **E3/F3**

Pergamon Museum

One of Berlin's main attractions, the Pergamon Museum houses the outcome of Germany's early 20th-century archeology excavations. The imposing Ishtar Gate of Babylon with its glazed blue bricks is a feast for the eyes, as are the Market Gate from Myletus, the reconstructed interiors of an Assyrian palace, and many other splendid testimonies to the ancient world. From September 2014 to all of 2019, the altar room will be closed for restoration works. **To 15 Mar:** *Mschatta in focus. The Jordanian desert palace in historical photographs* shows the richly decorated facade of the early Islamic desert palace of Mschatta as seen in photographs taken in the 1950s. Open Tue–Fri 10am–6pm (until 8pm on Thu), Sat & Sun 10am–6pm. €12/6. www.smb.museum. Bodestr. 1–3. T: 030.26642424. U Friedrichstraße, S Hackescher Markt. **E3**



back to medieval times. The 150,000+ pieces (inc. masterpieces by Botticelli, Dürer, and Goya) are very sensitive to light exposure; for this reason, there is no permanent exhibition but works are only shown temporarily. Open Tue–Fri 10am–6pm, Sat & Sun 11am–6pm. €6/3. www.smb.museum. Matthäikirchplatz. T: 030.26642424. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Märkisches Museum

Documents, photos, books, and weapons walk visitors through 750 years of Berlin history at this neo-Gothic museum. Open Tue–Sun 10am–6pm. €5/3 (under-18s free. Free entry first Wed of month). www.stadtmuseum.de. Am Köllnischen Park 5. T: 030.24002162. U Märkisches Museum. **F3**

Martin-Gropius-Bau

MUST SEE One of the city's best art and photography exhibition spaces and an important example of early 20th-century architecture. Martin Gropius' imposing building combines Italian Renaissance elements with local features, such as a series of German cities depicted between the windows and mosaics of allegorical figures. **To 6 Apr:** *VKhUTEMAS – A Russian Laboratory Of Modernity* focuses on the architectural works of the avant-garde movement VKhUTEMAS, also known as "Russian Bauhaus," which flourished before Socialist realism took over. **From 18 Mar to 14 Jun:** *Dance Of The Ancestors* is an exhibition on the art of the Sepik Region of Papua-New Guinea. **From 21 Mar to 8 Jun:** *ZERO – The International Movement of the 1950s and 1960s* explores the movement founded by Otto Piene, Heinz Mack and Günther Uecker. **From 27 Mar to 21 Jun:** *The Tel Aviv Museum of Modern Art visits Berlin* showcases many works borrowed by the Martin-Gropius-Bau from the Tel Aviv Museum of Mosert Art. Open Wed–Mon 10am–7pm. Prices vary depending on exhibition.

www.gropiusbau.de. Niederkirchnerstr. 7. T: 030.254860. U Kochstraße. **E4**

Museum of Things

Showcases a varied selection of objects representing 20th-century design and everyday culture, from kitsch souvenirs to TV sets and teddy bears. **To 16 Mar:** *Made In Germany, Politics Through Things. The German Werkbund in 1914* shows how the seal "Made in Germany" became a sign of quality and helped develop modern marketing. Thu–Mon noon–7pm. €5/3. www.museumderdinge.de. Oranienstr. 25. T: 030.92106311. U Kottbusser Tor. **F4**

Museum of Asian Art

The Museum of Asian Art hosts an important collection of East Asian and Indian works, including fabulous lacquered objects, ceramics, Japanese paintings, and a whole section on art along the Silk Route. Open Tue–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat & Sun 11am–6pm. €8/4. www.smb.museum. Arnimallee 25. T: 030.26642424. U Dahlem Dorf. **Off Map**

Museum of Communication

An entertaining journey through the history of communication inside the neo-Baroque building that once hosted Berlin's post office museum. Robots welcome visitors and iPads make perfect tour guides through the most intriguing steps in the development of postal and telephone communication, all the way to the era of information technology. Open Tue 9am–8pm, Wed–Fri 9am–5pm, Sat & Sun 10am–6pm. €4/2. www.mfk-berlin.de. Leipziger Str. 16. T: 030.202940. U Mohrenstraße, Stadtmitte. **E3**

Museum of Musical Instruments

A fascinating collection of ancient and modern

Stasi Museum

The GDR's Ministry of State Security, the Stasi, has been described as one of the most repressive intelligence and secret police agencies to ever have existed. Explore the agency's headquarters and learn about their spying techniques, inc. cameras hidden in watering cans or inside fake trees. Open Mon–Fri 10am–6pm, Sat & Sun noon–6pm. €5/4. www.stasimuseum.de. Ruschestr. 103. T: 030.5536854. U Magdalenenstraße. **Off Map**

Story of Berlin

Almost 800 years of Berlin history arranged into 23 rooms, each describing a different theme or era and an atomic bunker for visitors to better understand the WWII air raid experience. An entertaining way to learn about the development of the city. Open daily 10am–8pm. €12/5. www.story-of-berlin.de. Kurfürstendamm 208. T: 030.88720100. U Uhlandstraße. **B4**

ART GALLERIES

Akademie der Künste Hanseatenweg

The Berlin art academy's long and prestigious history dates back to 1696. Today, this is an important exhibition space, housing one of the most comprehensive interdisciplinary archives of 20th-century art. **To 1 Mar:** *The Khmer Rouge and The Consequences* explores Cambodia's recent history while not forgetting the genocide of the past through the work of artists. Open Tue–Sun 11am–7pm. €6/4 (Free entry Tue 3–7pm). www.adk.de. Hanseatenweg 10. T: 030.200572000. S Bellevue, U Hansaplatz. **C3**

Akademie der Künste Pariser Platz

The Pariser Platz branch of Berlin's art academy, housing an important exhibition space and an extensive archive. Open daily 11am–7pm (Free entry Tue 3–7pm). €6/4. www.adk.de. Pariser Platz 4. T: 030.200571000. S+U Brandenburger Tor. **E3**

Alte Nationalgalerie

A splendid collection of 19th-century art. German artists, such as the romantics Caspar David Friedrich, Schinkel, and Blechen are well represented, while the second floor features French impressionists, including Monet, Degas, Renoir, and Cezanne. **To 12 Apr:** *Gottfried Lindauer. The Maori Portraits.* The exhibition presents the work of little-known German painter Gottfried Lindauer, one of the few artists of the late 19th century to have devoted his work almost exclusively to depicting the Maori of New Zealand. **To 12 Apr:** *Tower Residents.* Sketches from the 1780s for the Gendarmenmarkt cathedrals by Chadowiecki and Rode, two of the most prominent Berlin artists of the times. Open Tue–Fri 10am–6pm (until 8pm on Thu), Sat & Sun 10am–6pm. With exhibition €12/6, €10/5 museum only. www.smb.museum. Bodestr. 1–3. T: 030.266424242. U Friedrichstraße, S Hackescher Markt. **E3**

Bode Museum

An extensive collection of Old Masters' paintings, a section dedicated to ancient coins, and many works of Roman and Byzantine art adorn the impressive interior of the Bode Museum, built by Ernst von Ihne in 1904. **From 19 Mar to 7 Sep:** *The Berlin Sculpture and Paintings Collections 70 Years After World War II* commemorates the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII and the loss of numerous works art in the two fires that occurred in the

Friedrichshain bunker. Open Tue–Fri 10am–6pm (until 8pm on Thu), Sat & Sun 10am–6pm. €8/4. www.smb.museum. Am Kupfergraben. T: 030.266424242. U Friedrichstraße, S Hackescher Markt. **E3**

Bröhan-Museum

Starting in 1966, collector Karl Bröhan amassed hundreds of Art Nouveau and Art Deco objects and various paintings from the Berlin Secessionist movement. Browse through pieces of furniture, housewares, ceramics, and glassware from this fascinating artistic period. Open Tue–Sun 10am–

6pm www.broehan-museum.de. Schloßstr. 1a. T: 030.32690600. U Sophie-Charlotte-Platz. **A3**

Brücke Museum

Founded in Dresden in 1905, the Die Brücke movement drew inspiration from primitive art and expressed extreme emotion and political opposition through lively, exaggerated color. This museum explores the history of the movement through the paintings of artists like Nolde, Kirchner, Heckel, and many more. **To 16 Mar:** *Landscape Figure: Still Life* shows the beginning and development of the art group *Die Brücke* and how

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Born in Peru in 1954, Mario Testino is one of the most prolific magazine and fashion photographers in the world. He has shot superstars like Claudia Schiffer and Kate Moss for *Vogue*, and was the creator of the iconic *Vanity Fair* pictures of Princess Diana, taken a few months before her death. He has since built a close relationship with the British Royal Family, and recently took the official portraits of Prince William and his wife Kate. For the first time in Europe, the **Kunstbibliothek** (Matthäikirchplatz) will present his work in the exhibition **Mario Testino: In Your Face**, showing 125 of his images and placing particular emphasis on its provocative contrasts. Juxtaposing formal portraits with private snapshots, nudes with fashion, and black-and-white with full-blown color, the exhibition explores and celebrates the innovation and diversity of this true artist. **Until 26 July.** www.smb.museum

it inspires art today. Open Wed–Mon 11am–5pm. €5/3. www.bruecke-museum.de. Bussardsteig 9. T: 030.8312029. U Oskar-Helene-Heim. **Off Map**

C/O Berlin

NEW After being evicted from its previous location in Mitte, the C/O Berlin center for contemporary art and photography has finally reopened in the Amerika Haus, which housed the American library in the Cold War era. **To 10 Apr:** *A Suitcase Full Of Pictures, Photography Between 1934 and 1944* showcases the photographs of resistance fighter Lore Krüger. **To 10 Apr:** *Niina Vatanen – Beyond the Visible Surface* explores the work of the contemporary Finnish photographer. **To 10 Apr:** *Blow Up* is an exhibition on Michelangelo Antonioni's classic film and photography in the Swinging Sixties in London. Open daily 11am–8pm. €10/5. www.co-berlin.org. Hardenbergstr. 22–24. T: 030.2844160.

Daimler Collection

The renowned car corporation has a small but impressive collection of 20th-century art that can be viewed in the historic Haus Huth, the only building on Potsdamer Platz to escape WWII destruction. **To 29 Mar:** *Willi Baumeister International* presents works by Willi Baumeister, also known as

“the German Picasso.” Open daily 11am–6pm. € free. www.sammlung.daimler.com. Haus Huth. Alte Potsdamer Str. 5. T: 030.25941420. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Dalí Berlin

More than 400 works by the Surrealist painter, with a focus on drawing, illustration, and film. Dalí fans will explore new perspectives of the artist's life and work. Open daily noon–8pm (Sun from 10am). €11. www.daliberlin.de. Leipziger Platz 7. T: 0700.3254237546 (toll number). U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Deutsche Bank KunstHalle

With an emphasis on paper and photography, the Deutsche Bank's art collection is a stroll along the timeline of modern art. Every year, the bank pays tribute to young artists by organizing an international prize. **To 8 Mar:** *Paper works from the Frieder Burda Collection* traces an arc through the art history of the second half of the 20th century, opening with one of the heroes of Abstract Expressionism, the “father figure” Willem de Kooning. **From 26 Mar to 25 May:** *Koki Tanaka* shows the work of a young Japanese artist who represents a new generation of art producers, who connect their aesthetic concerns to social issues. Open daily

10am–8pm. €4/3. www.deutsche-bank-kunsthalle.de. Unter den Linden 13/15. T: 030.2020930. S+U Friedrichstraße. **E3**

Gemäldegalerie – Old Masters Painting Gallery

MUST SEE One of the finest collections of European art from the 13th to the 18th centuries. Lots of Dutch and Flemish painters, inc. Rembrandt and Vermeer, and a vast collection of Italian Renaissance art, inc. Botticelli, Titian, and Canaletto. **From 3 Mar to 31 May:** *The Creation of a Masterpiece: Rembrandt's “Susanna and the Elders”*. The exhibition focuses on the work on Rembrandt, departing from his masterpiece *Susanna and the Elders*. **To 29 Mar:** *The Ghent Altarpiece by the van Eyck brothers in Berlin 1820–1920*. Open Tue–Fri 10am–6pm (until 8pm on Thu), Sat & Sun 10am–6pm. €10/5. www.smb.museum. Matthäikirchplatz 50. T: 030.266424242. U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Hamburger Bahnhof

MUST SEE A former railway station turned into a contemporary art museum in 1996. The permanent collection includes a selection of works from the Friedrich Christian Flick Collection, and the many temporary exhibitions focus on painting and sculpture from the past 50 years, as well as videos, music, and design. **From 14 Mar to 16 Aug:** *And away with the minutes. Dieter Roth and Music* shows Roth's music-related art projects for the first time. **To mid-Aug:** *Official Welcome* takes seven artists concerned with the exploration of a specific media, from photography to performance and assemblage. **To 31 Aug:** *A-Z. The Marzona Collection* is a celebration of the conceptual art of the 1960s and 1970s. Open Tue–Fri 10am–6pm (until 8pm on Thu), Sat & Sun 10am–6pm. €14/7. www.hamburgerbahnhof.de. Invalidenstr. 50–51. T: 030.266424242. U Naturkundemuseum, S Hauptbahnhof. **D2**

Haus am Waldsee

Since 1946, this villa in Zehlendorf has been organizing contemporary art exhibitions covering a wide spectrum of media and styles. Each show is accompanied by a number of events for children and adults, lectures, concerts, and performances. There's also a multi-sensory sculpture garden. **From 6 Mar to 17 May:** *Martin Assig, Glückhaben*. Assig plays on the notion of the medieval anonymous artist who submits to a higher ideal and surveys his own work with a sense of wonder, as though from the outside. Open Tue–Sun 11am–6pm. €7/5. www.hausamwaldsee.de. Argentinische Allee 30. T: 030.8018935. U Krumme Lanke. **Off Map**

Helmut Newton Collection

Before dying in a car accident, the art photographer donated all of his work to Berlin, the city in which he was born in 1920. Best known for his nude photography of American stars, Newton now has a whole museum dedicated to his work. **To 17 May:** *Helmut Newton: Permanent Loan Collection* The original photographs of Helmut Newton, many of which have never been shown in Berlin, are now exhibited in this permanent loan selection. Open Tue–Sun 10am–6pm, until 8pm on Thu. €10/5. www.helmut-newton.de. Jebensstr. 2. T: 030.31864856. S+U Zoologischer Garten. **C3**

Liebermann Villa on Lake Wannsee

MUST SEE The artist's former summer residence, located on Lake Wannsee. Max Liebermann was co-founder and head of the German Secessionist

movement. Before being dismissed and banned by the Nazis in 1933, he painted around 200 works in this villa, some of which are on display in his studio on the upper floor. **To 9 Mar:** *Under The Spell of Desolation:* At the start of WWI, artists Max Liebermann and Max Stevovt depicted what they saw at the western front with enthusiasm, but that enthusiasm waned as the brutalities of war became apparent. €3 plus museum entry. Open Wed–Mon 10am–6pm (11am–5pm in winter). €7/4 (€6/4 in summer). www.liebermann-villa.de. Colomierstr. 3. T: 030.80585900. S Wannsee. **Off Map**

me Collectors Room

Thomas Olbricht created this space to bring together other international art collectors like himself and to organize exhibitions, themed workshops, and concerts. The upper floor houses his “cabinet of curiosities:” hundreds of mysterious and sometimes spooky objects. **To 30 Aug:** *Queensize: Female artists from the Olbricht Collection.* Open Tue–Sun noon–6pm. €7/4. www.me-berlin.com. Auguststr. 68. T: 030.86008510. S Oranienburger Straße. **E2**

Museum Berggruen

MUST SEE Picassophiles should not miss this museum. The Spanish painter is the real star of this Charlottenburg museum, with dozens of rooms filled with his paintings. The collection encompasses 75 years of his life and all of his creative phases. Extended in 2013, this museum also features many famous works by Matisse, Klee, Giacometti, Van Gogh, Cézanne, Braque, and many more. Open Tues–Fri 10am–6pm. €10/5. www.smb.museum. Schloßstr. 1. T: 030.266424242. U Sophie-Charlotte-Platz. **A3**

Sammlung Boros

No more than 12 guests at a time can visit this former Nazi bunker turned art gallery. Collector Christian Boros bought the historic building in 2003 to fill it up with contemporary art by artists like Damien Hirst, Olafur Eliasson, and more. Open by appointment only (book online). €12/6. www.sammlung-boros.de. Reinhardtstr. 20. T: 030.27594065. S+U Friedrichstraße. **E2/E3**

Sammlung Scharf-Gerstenberg

The Scharf-Gerstenberg collection next to the Charlottenburg Palace now houses three floors of works by Surrealist painters, such as Klee, Max Ernst, Dali, and Dubuffet. **To 6 Apr:** *Das Wunder in der Schuheinlegesohle. Works from the Prinzhorn Collection* showcases the greatest artistic works by German psychiatric patients. Open Tue–Fri 10am–6pm, Sat & Sun 11am–6pm. €10/5. www.smb.museum. Schloßstr. 70. T: 030.266424242. U Sophie-Charlotte-Platz. **A3**

Commercial Galleries

Galerie Berlin, 7 Mar–25 Apr: Bernhard Heisig. Auguststr. 19. www.galerie-berlin.de;
C&Kunterwegs Galerie, 7 Mar–25 Apr: Axel Anklam, Jan Muche: Stahl in Aspek. Joachimstr. 17. www.cundkunterwegs.de; **Galerie Kornfeld, 14 Mar–18 Apr:** collective exhibition, and video works by Sonny Sanjay Vadgama. Fasanenstr. 26 www.galeriekornfeld.com; **Galerie Gilla Lörcher, To 4 Apr.** Ab van Hanegem: Installation, Pohlstr. 73. www.galerie-loercher.de. **Salongalerie Die Möwe, To 18 Apr:** Collective exhibition. Invalidenstr. 90. www.salongalerie-die-moewe.de;
Galerie Tammen & Partner, to 14 Mar: Jacques Sehy. Hedemannstr. 14. www.galerie-tammen-partner.de.

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Surf & Turf

Wagyu beef? King crab? Yes please! **Hilda Hoy** checked out the sleek and stylish Dae Mon, where Korean cuisine and fine dining come together in perfect union.

Forget everything you thought you knew about Korean food. At **Dae Mon** the menu may take its inspiration from this Asian cuisine, but departs from there to take diners on a wild gastronomic adventure that exemplifies the exciting potential of contemporary fusion cooking.

One step into this hyper-stylish spot in Mitte and you know you're in for an upscale treat. With dramatic dark walls, minimalist lighting, and meals artfully plated on shards of dark slate, no visual detail has been left neglected. The open kitchen lets diners watch chef Song Lee, who left his position as

chef de cuisine at Berlin's Grand Hyatt to help launch Dae Mon, work his magic.

The menu is a study in ambitious, carefully considered pairings, plumbing the depths of the ocean and butchers from the far corners of the world for the premium meat and seafood that is Dae Mon's calling card. Super-fresh mackerel

sashimi is served with pure grated wasabi root, king crab legs are paired with a shrimp tartare, and richly flavored duck is matched with tangy shiso leaves. But for meat lovers at least, the star of the show will be the beef.

"Premium meat and seafood is Dae Mon's calling card."

Though the classic option of Black Angus is nothing to sneeze at, gourmands can splurge on an upgrade to a Japanese Wagyu steak, either of which chef Lee masterfully serves up in not merely one but three

different ways: as a fine tartare, a Korean-style bulgogi croquette, and rosy-pink strips of filet, served with a vivid smear

of sweet potato puree. After all, this is clearly a restaurant that has set its creative and culinary standards sky high.

Monbijouplatz 11. www.dae-mon.com. T: 030 26304811.

DINING KEY

Alc (à la carte): Prices are per person for three courses (excl. drinks) €: under €15. €€: €15–€40. €€€: €40–€80. €€€€: over €80.



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FINE DINING

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Part of the andel's Hotel, a.choice brings a welcome touch of luxury to the Lichtenberg district and was accordingly crowned with a Michelin star in 2014. Try chef Alexander Koppe's four-course "From Berlin to the Sea" regional menu for creative, modern takes on traditional favorites. €€€. Tue–Sat D. www.vi-hotels.com. Landsberger Allee 106. T: 030.4530532620. S Landsberger Allee. **H2**

5 – Cinco by Paco Pérez

Catalan star chef Paco Pérez's very first endeavor outside Spain is this Michelin-starred restaurant in Das Stue Hotel. His aim is to tickle all five senses with avant-garde taste experiences that take full advantage of the flavors and ingredients of his home country. €€€–€€€€. Tue–Sat D. www.5-cinco.com. Drakestr. 1. T: 030.3117220. S Tiergarten. **C3**

Facil

Situated in a glass atrium of The Mandala Hotel and ringed by the courtyard's trees, Facil has mastered understated elegance in both its décor and cuisine. Double-Michelin-starred chef Michael Kempf is particularly masterful with seafood when creating his fine menus. €€€€. Mon–Fri L&D. www.facil.de. Potsdamer Str. 3. T: 030.590051234. S Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

First Floor

Named "Best German Restaurant" of 2012, recipient of a Michelin star, and with head chef Matthias Diether named "Berlin Master Chef 2013," First Floor has clearly earned its gourmet stripes. Part of the Hotel Palace Berlin, the fine dining spot serves inspired French *haute cuisine*. €€€€. Daily D, closed Mon. www.firstfloor.palace.de. Budapest Str. 45. T: 030.25021020. S+U Zoologischer Garten, U Kurfürstendamm. **C4**

Fischers Fritz

Pure, straightforward luxury is the formula at this restaurant in the Regent Berlin Hotel. One of just a handful of Berlin restaurants to earn two Michelin stars, Fischers Fritz will not fail to impress with its elevated cuisine and finely honed service. €€€€. Daily B, L, D. www.fischersfritzberlin.com. Charlottenstr. 49. T: 030.20336363. U Französische Straße. **E3**

Frühsamers

Sonja Frühsammer is Berlin's most celebrated female chef, and her culinary prowess was further confirmed when her restaurant received a Michelin star in late 2014. This gourmet getaway in a quiet, green corner of the city is much loved for its relaxed, approachable take on excellent cuisine. €€. Thu–Fri L, Tue–Sat D. www.fruehsammers-restaurant.de. Flinsberger Platz 8. T: 030.89738628. S Hohenzollerndamm. **A5**

Horvath

Austria-born chef Sebastian Frank has built himself a reputation – and earned a Michelin star – with his highly creative, oftentimes minimalist use of seasonal ingredients, from sunchokes to candied parsley root to spruce needles. Vegetarian options available. Warm, wooden interior and lovely outdoor patio for the warmer months. €€. Wed–Sun D. www.restaurant-horvath.de. Paul-Lincke-Ufer 44a. T: 030.61289992. U Kottbusser Tor. **F4**

Hugos

On the 14th floor of the InterContinental Hotel, Hugos offers great views of the city along with the Michelin-starred French-German cuisine of chef Thomas Kammeier. Its reputation as one of Berlin's go-to gourmet destinations is well earned. €€€€. Tue–Sat D.

www.hugos-restaurant.de.
Budapester Str. 2.
S+U Zoologischer Garten. **C4**

Les Solistes

Refined yet bold top-notch dining has brought this restaurant in the Waldorf Astoria widespread renown. Under the leadership of star chef Pierre Gagnaire, the menu has clear French influences while daring to incorporate flavors from India, the Middle East, and further afield. €€€€. Daily D, closed Sun. www.waldorfastoriaberlin.com. Hardenbergstr. 28. T: 030.8140000. S+U Zoologischer Garten, U Kurfürstendamm. **C4**

Lorenz Adlon Esszimmer

Like Fischers Fritz, the Lorenz Adlon Esszimmer has two Michelin stars and a well-earned spot in the upper echelon of Berlin's finest restaurants. No detail is spared in the creation of an unforgettable dining experience, and the masterful hand of chef Hendrik Otto is evident in every taste. €€€€. Tue–Sat D. www.lorenzadlon-esszimmer.de. Unter den Linden 77. T: 030.2661196. S+U Brandenburger Tor. **E3**

Pauly Saal



Located in the gymnasium of a former Jewish girls' school, Pauly Saal's chic, hip décor is

matched by a menu of equally creative German cuisine, which was newly awarded a Michelin star in 2013. Meat dishes made from local game are a special highlight. €€€. Daily L&D, closed Sun. www.paulyaal.com. Auguststr. 11-13. T: 030.33006070. S Oranienburger Straße. **E2**

Reinstoff

Chef Daniel Achilles didn't earn two Michelin stars by playing it safe. The two nightly dinner menus at Reinstoff – one focused on regional tastes, the other incorporating influences from further afield – are successful experiments in exciting, avant-garde cuisine. How about some licorice algae or *miso praline*? €€€€. Tue–Sat D. www.reinstoff.eu. Schlegelstr. 26c. T: 030.30881214. U Naturkundemuseum, S Nordbahnhof. **E2**

Tim Raue

From his humble beginnings growing up in Kreuzberg, Tim Raue has become one of the most known culinary names in Berlin, plumbing the Far East for his inspiration. His namesake restaurant serves refined interpretations of Asian cuisine, such as his famed personal take on Peking Duck. €€€€. Tue–Sun L&D. www.tim-raue.com. Rudi-Dutschke-Str. 26. 030.25937930. U Kochstraße. **E4**

Vau

Managing to be both luxurious and minimalist at the same time, the Michelin-starred Vau is one of the most high-caliber restaurants in the city. Headed by star chef Kolja Kleeberg, who has since expanded upon his fame with a cooking show on TV, the Vau kitchen combines the best of French and German culinary traditions. €€€€. Mon–Sat L&D. www.vau-berlin.de. Jägerstr. 54-55. T: 030.2029730. U Hausvogteiplatz. **E3**

CHARLOTTENBURG-WILMERSDORF

AndaLucia

Spanish. This Savignyplatz establishment is the place to go for authentic Spanish tapas and food, including paella, tortilla, zarzuela, as well as tasty meat and fish grilled on hot lava stone. Well-stocked wine cellar and very helpful staff. €€.



From filet mignon to Chateaubriand, T-bone to Porterhouse, the deliciously beefy selection at The Brooklyn (p. 49) has something for every kind of steak lover. Or try their juicy Black Angus burger, served on a homemade brioche bun.

Daily D only. www.andalucia.berlin. Savignyplatz 2. T: 030.54710271. S Savignyplatz. **B4**

Beef Grill Club by Hasir

Steak House. Carnivores will think they've died and gone to heaven. Besides a thorough selection of fantastic steak cuts from around the world, prepared just how you like it, The Beef Grill Club also features specialties like rack of lamb, tender veal, and Canadian lobster, served up in a warm, elegant space at the recently opened Mall of Berlin. Second location at Kurfürstendamm 72. **€€€.** Daily L&D. www.beefgrillclub-hasir.de. Leipziger Platz 12. S+U Potsdamer Platz. T: 030.20644390. E3 **B4**

Café Wintergarten im Literaturhaus

German/Austrian. Classic elegance permeates the high-ceilinged rooms of this café, which is reminiscent of turn-of-the-century literary salons. Snag a table in the greenhouse-like vestibule, or settle down by one of the grand windows to enjoy breakfast, bistro-style meals, or just a glass of wine. **€.** Daily B, L, D. www.literaturhaus-berlin.de. Fasanenstr. 23. T: 030.8825414. U Uhlandstraße. **C4**

Le Faubourg

Mediterranean. This classy brasserie facing the famed Ku'damm features modern art and a crisp, stylish interior alongside its menu of both classic and updated French cuisine. The recently revamped brasserie in the Hotel Sofitel

Kurfürstendamm is the perfect spot for either a posh business lunch or a romantic dinner. The sizable selection of starters, designed for sharing, will tempt as much as the sumptuous main dishes and desserts. **€€.** Daily L&D. www.sofitel.com. Augsburger Str. 41. T: 030.8009990. U Kurfürstendamm. **C4**

Neni

Mediterranean. From its location in a glass penthouse atop the 25Hours Hotel, casual-hip Neni offers panoramic views and a fresh, creative fusion of Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, and North African culinary flavors. Many dishes on the diverse menu can be ordered in various sizes, with the goal of making sharing a part of the meal experience. **€€.** Daily L&D. www.25hours-hotels.com. Budapester Str. 40. T: 030.120221200. S+U Zoologischer Garten. **C4**

Paris Bar

French. A long-time West Berlin institution, Paris Bar has seen such celebrities as Madonna, Sophia Loren, and Robert de Niro as patrons over the years. The bistro-style menu includes French musts like oysters and *steak-frites*, though the legend alone is enough to draw many guests. **€€€.** Daily L&D. www.parisbar.net. Kantstr. 152. T: 030.3138052. S Savignyplatz. **C4**

Zillemarkt

German. Zillemarkt is steeped in old-school Berliner charm. For a taste, try the "Berliner Allerlei" platter for two, with cabbage rolls, mushy

peas, fried potatoes, and no less than five kinds of meat. **€.** Daily B, L, D. Bleibtreustr. 48a. T: 030.8817040. S Savignyplatz. **B4**

Zwölf Apostel

Italian. The interior of this Charlottenburg restaurant is frescoed like a Renaissance church, and the famed pizzas are named after each of Jesus's 12 apostles. Religious influences aside, the thin-crust, wood-fired oven-baked pizzas are sinfully delicious (as are the other Italian menu items). Second location: Georgenstr. 2, Mitte. **€€.** Daily B, L, D. www.12-apostel.de. Bleibtreustr. 49. T: 030.31 21433. S Savignyplatz. **B4**

FRIEDRICHSHAIN

Schneeweiss

German/Austrian. With a crisply white interior reminiscent of snow-capped Alpine peaks, Schneeweiss serves classy takes on Austrian cuisine. Traditional dishes like schnitzel and goulash with *Serviettenknödel* dumplings share the menu with rotating seasonal offerings. **€€.** Mon-Fri D, Sat-Sun B, L, D. www.schneeweiss-berlin.de. Simphonstr. 16. T: 030.29049704. S+U Warschauer Straße. **H3**

Transit

Asian creative. Tapas gone Asian. This Freidrichshain restaurant serves a long menu of Thai and Indonesian dishes tapas-style for just a few euros each, allowing diners to cobble together a meal encompassing a wide range of tastes

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SPHERE RESTAURANT

There's no way you can get lost heading to the Sphere Restaurant, seeing as it's located at the top of Berlin's most prominent landmark, the TV Tower. This sky-high restaurant (Panoramastr. 1a, www.tv-turm.de) is open all day but most impressive at dusk on a clear day, when the 207-meter-high vantage point delivers an unbeatable sunset to accompany your meal. The floor rotates slowly to give every table a panoramic view.

SOLAR

Both restaurant and lounge, 16th-floor Solar (Stresemannstr. 76, www.solarberlin.com) lets you take in dazzling views from dinnertime until the wee morning hours. Fine European cuisine is served downstairs, and as night falls, the upstairs transforms into a hip, popular club night with a slew of DJs.

and ingredients. When in Mitte, try their second location located at Rosenthaler Str. 68. €–€€. Daily L&D. www.transit-restaurants.com. Sonntagstr. 28. T: 030.26948415. S Ostkreuz. **Off Map**

KREUZBERG

Barcomi's

Café. American founder Cynthia Barcomi was one of the first to popularize American desserts in Berlin, from fudgy brownies to pecan pie to New York cheesecake. All those and more have been on offer at her Kreuzberg café since 1994, as well as bagel sandwiches, quiches, and soup. Second location at Sophienstr. 21, Mitte. €. Daily B, L, D. www.barcomis.de. Bergmannstr. 21. T: 030.6948138. U Gneisenaustraße. **E5**

Amrit and Mirchi

Indian and Singapore-style. Berlin's most iconic Indian restaurant, Amrit boasts a total of four locations across the city, serving aromatic curries, tempting meats sizzling off the tandoori grill, and an all-day happy hour offering cocktails for less than €5. Its sister restaurant, Mirchi, serves Singapore-style cuisine in Kreuzberg (Oranienstr. 202) and Mitte (Oranienburger Str. 45). Other Amrit locations in Mitte, Schöneberg, and on Potsdamer Platz; check website for addresses. €–€€.

Daily L&D. www.amrit.de.

www.mirchi.de.

Oranienstr. 202-203. Booking hotline, T: 030.28045481/82. U Görlitzer Park. **F4**

Barcelona

Spanish. Savor the best Spain has to offer, from original paella, fish and meat dishes grilled on lava stone, as well as a large selection of imported wines and home made tapas. Lunch served daily from 11:30am to 3:30pm. €€. Daily L&D. www.barcelona.berlin. Friedrichstr. 211. T: 030.70228336. U Kochstraße. **E3/4**

Hasir

Turkish. The little Turkish grill house rumored to be the birthplace of the döner kebab in the 1970s has since expanded to six locations around the city. The original restaurant near Kottbusser Tor is a very popular spot for trying the full spectrum of what Turkish cuisine has to offer – far beyond the kebab. €€. Daily L&D. www.hasir.de. Adalbertstr. 10. T: 030.6142373. U Kottbusser Tor. **F4**

Restaurant Richard

French/Swiss. The indistinct street belies the splendor of Richard's interior, complete with carved wooden ceilings and stained-glass windows. The 19th-century architecture gets a modern boost with the décor, as does the menu, which combines Swiss and French influences with gourmet results. €€–€€€. Tue–Sat D. www.restaurant-richard.de. Köpenicker Str. 174. T: 030.49207242. U Schlesisches Tor. **G4**

Sale e Tabacchi

Italian. A stone's throw from Checkpoint Charlie, an area that's something of a culinary wasteland, lies this elegant Italian restaurant known for attracting celebrities and journalists from the *Tageszeitung* newspaper office upstairs. Try the ricotta- and mint-stuffed zucchini blossoms, a popular starter. €–€€. Daily L&D. www.sale-e-tabacchi.de. Rudi-Dutschke-Str. 23. T: 030.2521155. U Kochstraße. **E4**

Spindler & Klatt

Asian-European fusion. Restaurant, lounge, and club in one, Spindler & Klatt makes full use of its prime river location. In the summer, the waterside terrace is a memorable spot to enjoy the menu of Pan-Asian dishes, from fine sushi to sizzling tuna steaks and dry-aged Irish steaks hot off the grill. Even in colder months, the chic, post-industrial interior – built in the 1800s as an army bakery – is unforgettable too. On Fridays and Saturdays, the spot transforms into a club from 23pm. €€€. Daily D. www.spindlerklatt.com. Köpenicker Str. 16–17. T: 030 319881860. U Schlesisches Tor. **G4**

MITTE

Al Contadino Sotto Le Stelle

Italian. A neighborhood favorite, this restaurant's Italian owners take pride in sourcing top-quality ingredients directly from their home country. Besides the homemade pastas, the creative, seasonal antipasti are a menu highlight. Their next-door mozzarella bar serves fresh mozzarella and burrata made by hand near Naples.

€€. Daily D, closed Tue.

www.alcontadino.eu. Auguststr. 36.

T: 030.2819023. U Rosenthaler Platz. **E2**

Balikci Ergün

Turkish. This quirky, hole-in-the-wall restaurant, with the look and feel of a fish market, serves fresh seafood the traditional Turkish way. Whole fried sardines and grilled fillets of the catch of the day are served simply with lush salads, lemon wedges,

and warm Turkish bread. €€.

Daily D. Lüneburger Str. 382.

T: 030.3975737. S Bellevue. **D3**

Barist

Italian. From a healthy, filling breakfast to a quick business lunch to happy hour cocktails and dinner with friends, Barist serves it all, and right in the heart of Mitte's busiest neighborhood. Located in the red-bricked arches right under the trains at S Hackescher Markt station with a big terrace out front, this spot makes for a perfect meal break any time of day. €€. Daily B, L, D. www.barist.de. Am Zwingraben 13. T: 030.24722613. S Hackescher Markt. **F2/F3**

Borchardt

German/French. A favorite hobnobbing spot of the rich and famous, Borchardt is popular for both its food as well as the opportunity to see and be seen. Be sure to try the house specialty, the schnitzel. €€. Daily L&D. www.borchardt-restaurant.de. Französische Str. 47. T: 030.81886262. U Französische Straße. **E3**

Café Einstein Stammhaus

German/Austrian. The 1878 villa housing this Viennese-style coffee house has survived a long and storied history. Today, the establishment is back to its former grandeur, a lovely spot for a meal or to while away the afternoon with a coffee and something to read. €€. Daily B, L, D. www.cafeeinstein.com. Kurfürstenstr. 58. T: 030.26391918. U Nollendorfpplatz. **D4**

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Cocolo

Japanese. Hungry diners pack themselves into this tiny, hole-in-the-wall noodle joint to slurp soupy Japanese ramen noodles. The menu is equally small but each bowl is a masterpiece. A second, much bigger location in Kreuzberg at Paul-Lincke-Ufer 39-40. **€**. Daily D. Gipsstr. 3. U Weinmeisterstraße. **E2**

Cookies Cream

Vegetarian. A whole new kind of vegetarian dining. First, there's getting there, which feels more like going to an underground club than a restaurant – down a concrete back alley and up graffitied stairs. Then there's the food, vegetarian eating gone *haute cuisine*, thanks to the mastery of celebrity chef Stephan Hentschel. **€€–€€€**. Tue–Sat D. www.cookiescream.com. Behrenstr. 55. T: 030.27492940. U Französische Straße. **E3**

Dudu

Asian creative. This trendy spot just off busy Rosenthaler Platz has earned many fans with its modern, fresh pan-Asian cuisine. Inventive fusion-type sushi is a mainstay of the menu, plus noodle and rice bowls that take advantage of Asian seasoning. The daily lunch combos are very popular. **€€**. Daily L&D. www.dudu-berlin.de. Torstr. 134. T: 030.51736854. U Rosenthaler Platz. **E2**

Grill Royal

German/French. A beloved destination of Mitte's well-dressed creative scenesters. There's more to the menu than just grilled meat, though the steaks are indeed excellent. Lobster cocktail, ceviche, and oysters are just a few other additions to the fine menu. **€€€**. Daily D. www.grillroyal.com. Friedrichstr. 105b. T: 030.28879288. S Friedrichstraße. **E3**

Grand Rocka

International. If you want to be in the center of the action, you can't beat the location of Grand Rocka. Inside, takes over the historic arched space under S Hackescher Markt station, featuring a grand old wooden bar that lives up to the restaurant's name, and out front, the terrace spills out across the busy Platz. The large international menu ranges from steaks to pizzas to burgers. **€€**. Daily B, L, D. www.grandrocka.de Am Zwirngraben 6–7. T: 030.24638606. S Hackescher Markt. **F2**

Käfer Dachgarten-Restaurant of the German Bundestag

German. The Reichstag is much more than a sightseeing destination. Thanks to the culinary team behind Käfer, it's a fine dining destination too. Located on the roof of the Reichstag building, the restaurant boasts splendid views in addition to the refined, modern German cuisine. Booking needed. Due to security precautions, each guest must provide official photo I.D. upon entry. **€€€**. Daily B, L, D. www.feinkost-kaefer.de. Platz der Republik 1. T: 030.2262990. U Bundestag, S Brandenburger Tor. **D3/E3**.



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For many of us, it's the most important part of the day: coffee. Whether a cappuccino with breakfast, a post-meal espresso, or a reviving mid-afternoon flat white, good coffee can make or break the day of many a caffeine addict. Thanks not only to its great coffee and menu but also its prime location at the junction of a popular shopping neighborhood, **KAFFEEMITTE** is a popular spot for coffee lovers from morning until early evening. The Mitte hipsters that congregate here complement the sleek, purist décor – think polished concrete, bare bulbs and lots of pale wood. The prime shopping in the area makes it a big draw for fashionistas, too. Enjoy not only grilled-to-order panini sandwiches and other small bites, but also a changing menu of Italian lunch dishes like fresh pastas and risottos, salads, and antipasti. Or choose one of the cakes and other sweet treats that pair perfectly with coffee.

Weinmeisterstr. 9a. T: 0157. 51641787. www.kaffeeMitte.de

Nante Eck

German. With delightful dishes from Berlin's traditional cuisine and a menu that changes every month, the Nante Eck restaurant offers a refined cuisine made with fresh local ingredients. Specialties range from the extra-big currywurst with potato and cucumber salad to *Flammkuchen* pies, to a number of meat dishes. Very long beer menu. **€**. Daily L&D in summer. www.nante-eck.de. Unter den Linden 35. T: 030.22487257. S Friedrichstraße, U Französische Straße. **F2**

Restauration 1840

German. Located in one of the bricked arches directly under at S Hackescher Markt station, elegant, old-timey Restauration 1840 has been lovingly decorated in the style of Berlin's Golden 1920s. Think curved brick ceilings and lots of warm wood everywhere, plus an outdoor terrace that bustles with action on warm days. The menu: classic German meets modern European. **€€**. Mon–Thu L&D, Fri–Sun B, L, D. www.berlin-1840.de. Am

Zwirngraben 10. T: 030.24727401. S Hackescher Markt. **F2/F3**

Sra Bua

Thai/Japanese. Berlin's home-grown star chef Tim Raue has done it again. Sra Bua, in the Hotel Adlon, is his latest restaurant to show off his love for the cuisines of Asia. Guests can expect only the most high-caliber Thai and Japanese cooking, and the Raue specialty: curries that are refined yet exploding with flavor. **€€€**. Tue–Sat D. www.srabua-adlon.de. Behrenstr. 72. S+U Brandenburger Tor. **E3**

The Brooklyn

American. Where's the beef? Not in Brooklyn, but in this subterranean meat-lovers' paradise specializing in steaks, American-style. Filet mignon, porterhouse, chateaubriand, and steak tartare are all represented, plus a burger made from the finest rib eye. **€€€**. Daily L&D. www.thebrooklyn.de. Köpenicker Str. 92. T: 030.20215820. U Märkisches Museum, U Heinrich-Heine-Straße. **F3**

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I Due Forni

Italian. The atmosphere at this expansive pizza hall is on the raucous side and the service is notoriously surly, but that doesn't keep the pizza-loving crowds at bay. The generously sized thin-crust concoctions are famed around the city. €€. Daily L&D. Schönhauser Allee 12. T: 030.44017333. U Senefelderplatz. **F2**

Lucky Leek

Vegetarian. It's not luck that makes Lucky Leek so good, but rather a dedication to creating top-notch gourmet cuisine that is also 100% vegan and incorporates international tastes. The small but comprehensive menu changes regularly. €€. Wed–Sun D. www.lucky-leek.de. Kollwitzstr. 54. T: 030.66408710. U Senefelderplatz. **F2**

The Bird

American. The hefty burgers here have a real cult following, and many swear they're the best in the city. The menu also includes steaks, chicken wings, and a mean club sandwich – vegetarians will leave hungry. €. Daily L&D. www.thebirdinberlin.com. Am Falkplatz 5. T: 030.51053283. S+U Schönhauser Allee. **F1**

SCHÖNEBERG

Café Aroma

KIDS' PICK **Italian.** A longstanding neighborhood favorite, this Italian restaurant believes in pairing high-quality food with a relaxed, homey atmosphere. The Sunday brunch buffet, served from 11am, is a generous mix of irresistible cold and warm Italian dishes. €€. Mon–Fri D, Sat L&D, Sun B, L, D. www.cafe-aroma.de. Hochkirchstr. 8. T: 030.7825821. S+U Yorckstraße. **D5**

Double Eye

Café. This tiny coffee shop regularly has a line snaking out the front door, and no wonder: the owner has won multiple European and worldwide barista championships. Some pastries are also on offer, but it's the excellent coffee that draws the crowds. €. Mon–Sat B&L. www.doubleeye.de. Akazienstr. 22. T: 0179.4566960. U Eisenacher Straße. **D5**

Renger-Patzsch

German. All dark wood and white tablecloths, the look at Renger-Patzsch is as simple and elegant as is its menu of refined German-Austrian cuisine. Meat dishes are a specialty, as are the Alsatian *Flammkuchen*, bases of thin dough baked with topping combos like apple and blood sausage. €€. Daily D. www.renger-patzsch.com. Wartburgstr. 54. T: 030.7842059. U Eisenacher Straße. **C5**

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In Time, Out Of Time, Ahead Of Time

Hoping to get a glimpse of the future, **Solveig Steinhardt** bought tickets for the MaerzMusik contemporary music festival.

For more than a decade, Berlin has been presenting international avant-garde music at the MaerzMusik festival. If you are having a hard time grasping the exact meaning of the term avant-garde, imagine music that follows the traditional parameters of Western music while trying to break its boundaries in some way. It's a very broad genre, often difficult to recognize, and each year the festival makes an effort to unite its guest composers and their works under a common theme, either geographic or conceptual. When it explored the contemporary music of Baltic countries in 2003, performances were filled with Eastern

European folkloric inspirations. In 2006, the focus was "Japan and the West," or more precisely, on the interactions and analogies between Japanese and American music. In 2010, it examined music as a realm of utopian thought and practice.

This year, the festival's brand-new artistic director, Berno Odo Polzer, decided to rename the festival altogether, and not just for this edition, but for the future, too. By giving MaerzMusik a new subheading, "A Festival for Time Issues," Polzer intends to tell us that time determines our lives and our

history, as well as the production patterns guiding contemporary music. From 20 to 29 March, installations, concerts, performances, and film projects will explore temporal experiences in music with the aim of offering

"The MaerzMusik festival unites composers and works under one theme."

visitors ways to access the phenomenon of time. The first performance, **Liquid Room** at the Haus der Berliner Festspiele, is a

four-hour concert/installation involving four stages where sounds and audience can move freely, and learn more about the 20+ events scheduled for this year's edition at www.berlinerfestspiele.de

BALLET AND OPERA

Deutsche Oper

A 1960s décor-free box of acoustic magic. Director and conductor Donald Runnicles puts together rich programs with lots of Verdi, Rossini, and Mozart. **1 Mar:** *Samson and Dalila* (Saint-Saens). **Mar:** *Die Zauberflöte* (Mozart). **8, 12, 14, 18, 27 Mar:** *La Rondine* (Puccini). **13, 19, 22, 28 Mar:** *The Girl of the Golden West* (Puccini). **21, 24, 30 Mar:** *La Boheme* (Puccini). **21, 24, 30 Mar:** *La Boheme* (Puccini). **25 Mar:** *Tosca* (Puccini). **26 Mar:** *Madama Butterfly* (Puccini). www.deutscheoperberlin.de. Bismarckstr. 35. T: 030.34384343. U Deutsche Oper. **B3**

Komische Oper

Young and daring opera productions won this theater the title of "Opera House of the year 2013." Australian art director Barrie Kosky is also the artistic director of some of the performances, with mesmerizing results. **1, 7, 15, 19 Mar:** *Gianni Schicchi*/Herzog Blaubarts Burg (Puccini/Bartók). **4, 13, 28 Mar:** *Ball im Savoy* (Paul Abraham). **5, 8, 16, 17, 20, 27 Mar:** *The Snow Queen* (Valttoni); **6, 29 Mar:** *Orpheus* (Monteverdi). **8 Mar:** *Eine Frau, die weiss, was sie will!* (Oscar Straus). **20–22 Mar:** Tango Festival with Maria de Buenos Aires, Gidon Kremer and the Kremerata Baltica, and a Tango "night concert". **27 Mar:** *Die Zauberflöte* (Mozart). www.komische-oper-berlin.de. Behrensstr. 55-57. T: 030.47997400. U Französische Straße. **E3**

Staatsballett

Berlin's ballet company, currently housed in the Deutsche Oper. **6, 15 Mar:** *Dornröschen* (Tchaikovsky), at Deutsche Oper. **8, 15, 20 Mar:** The Ballettschule Berlin presents *The Little Prince* (Tchaikovsky), at the Schiller Theater. **14, 18, 26 Mar:** *Diversity. Forms of silence and emptiness* (Music by Bach), choreography by Nacho Duato, at Komische Oper. **22 Mar:** *Onegin* (Tchaikovsky), choreography by John Cranko, at Schiller Theater. **27, 29 Mar:** *Kylworks*, choreography by Jiri Kylian, at Komische Oper. www.staatsballett-berlin.de. Richard-Wagner-Str. 10. T: 030.34384140. U Deutsche Oper. **B3**

Staatsoper im Schillertheater

While its glamorous home venue on Unter den Linden gets revamped, the Staatsoper has temporarily moved all performances to the Schiller Theater. Daniel Barenboim's perfect productions range from Baroque operas to contemporary premieres. **1, 7, 13 Mar:** *Lulu* (Alban Berg). **6, 14 Mar:** *Wozzeck* (Alban Berg). **8 Mar:** Special concert: Alban Berg I: with Barenboim, Anna Prohaska, Thomas Hampson. **15 Mar:** Special concert: Alban Berg II: with Barenboim, Yefim Bronfman, Pinchas Zuckerman. **27 Mar:** Wiener Philharmoniker, cond. Barenboim, music by Boulez and Schubert. **28, 31 Mar:** *Parsifal* (Wagner). **29 Mar:** Staatskapelle Berlin, cond. Barenboim, with soprano Mojca Erdmann and alto Anna Lapkovskaja, music by Boulez. **30 Mar:** Michael Wendeborg piano recital. www.staatsoper-berlin.de. Schillerstr. 9/ Bismarckstr. 110. T: 030.20354555. U Deutsche Oper. **B3**

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9 March at 8pm.
www.stummfilmkonzerte.de

www.berlinerdom.de. Am Lustgarten.
T: 030.20269136. S Hackescher Markt. **E3/F3**

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Kammermusiksaal

Part of the Philharmonie, this additional concert hall presents daily concerts of chamber music. Every Tuesday, it also features a free concert at lunch time. **2 Mar:** Tenor Ian Bostridge and pianist Lars Vogt perform works by Ives, Brahms, and Schumann. **13 Mar:** Sharoun Ensemble Berlin and their guests play Bach, Kurtág, Schumann, Dean, and Martinu. **15 Mar:** Family concert. **15 Mar:** The Berliner Barock Solisten play Fasch, Händel, Telemann. **22 Mar:** Sir Andrés Schiff (piano) performs Haydn, Beethoven, Mozart and Schubert. www.berliner-philharmoniker.de. Herbert-von-Karajan-Str. 1. T: 030.254880. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Konzerthaus

This charismatic 1821 concert hall is the base theater of the Konzerthausorchester, but other orchestras and soloists grace its stage regularly. **1 Mar:** Bach's *St. John's Passion*. **5 Mar:** The Wind Ensemble of the Konzerthaus Chamber Orchestra in concert. **6, 7 Mar:** The Konzerthausorchester Berlin, cond. Kitajenko, with Elisabeth Leonskaja (piano). **9 Mar:** Die Deutsche Kammer Philharmonie Bremen and the Junge Deutsche Philharmonie. **13-15 Mar:** The Konzerthausorchester Berlin, cond. Stenz, with soprano Annette Dasch. **18 Mar:** The King's Singers. **20, 21 Mar:** The Konzerthausorchester Berlin, cond. Fischer. **29 Mar:** The Konzerthausorchester Berlin, cond. Zacharias. www.konzerthaus.de. Gendarmenmarkt. T: 030.203092330. U Hausvogteiplatz. **E3**

Philharmonie

The iconic concert venue is home to the acclaimed Berliner Philharmoniker, currently led by Sir Simon Rattle, but also hosts other stellar ensembles and soloists. Free lunch concerts every Tuesday at 1pm. Check website for program. **1 Mar:** The Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin, cond. Marek Janowski, perform Scriabin and Ravel. **2 Mar:** The Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra, cond. Sylvain Cambreling, perform Ives, Bartók, and others. **4-6 Mar:** The Berliner Philharmoniker, cond. Haitink, perform Beethoven's *Concerto for Violin and Orchestra op. 61* and the *6th Symphony*. **10-12 Mar:** The Berliner Philharmoniker, cond. Runnicles, perform Messiaen, Debussy, Duruflé. **15 Mar:** Special concert: Alban Berg II: with Barenboim, Yefim Bronfman, Pinchas Zuckerman. **25 Mar:** Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France, cond. Chung, perform Tchaikovsky and Berlioz. **29 Mar:** The Berliner Symphoniker, cond. Lior Shambadal and Schmitt-Leonardy at the piano perform music by Weber, Grieg, Brahms. **28, 29 Mar:** The Deutsches Symphonie Orchester Berlin, cond. Sokhiev, with Thibaudet at the piano, perform Shostakovich, Khachaturian, the Brahms. www.berliner-philharmoniker.de. Herbert-von-Karajan-Str. 1. T: 030.254880. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Rundfunk Sinfonie Orchester Berlin

Injecting new expression into 19th- and 20th-century classical works under the lead of Marek Janowski, the oldest German radio orchestra with its 103 members has won a place in the top tier of European concert orchestras. The orchestra performs in various locations, often including the Philharmonie and the Konzerthaus. **1 Mar:** The Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin, cond. Marek Janowski, perform Scriabin and Ravel

at the Philharmonie. Ticket hotline: 030.20298715. tickets@rsb-online.de

DANCE AND EXPERIMENTAL SPACES

Dock 11 Studios & Eden*****

Avant-garde dance shows and contemporary performances inside an old factory. **1 Mar:** *Never The Less* at Dock 11. www.dock11-berlin.de. Dock 11 Studios: Kastanienallee 79. T: 030.4481222. U Eberswalder Straße, Rosenthaler Platz. **F2;** Eden***** Studios: Breite Str. 43 (Pankow). T: 030.35120312. S+U Pankow. **Off Map**

HAU (Hebbel am Ufer)

Cutting-edge shows and hip performances at this off-theater and cultural point. **6 Apr:** Kurt Vile in concert. www.hebbel-am-ufer.de. Stresemannstr. 29; Tempelhofer Ufer 10; Hallesches Ufer 32. T: 030.2590040. U Hallesches Tor. **E4**

Radialsystem V

Once a turn-of-the-century pumping station for the Berlin Water Services, this creative space is now a cultural center and idea factory that hosts performances of all kinds, from classical concerts to jazz jam sessions to contemporary dance. www.radialsystem.de. Holzmarktstr. 33. T: 030.288788588. S+U Jannowitzbrücke. **G3**

Sophiensaele

Sasha Waltz's own center for avant-garde dance, contemporary theater (mainly in German) and

music. It is also a space for young experimental performance artists. www.sophiensaele.com. Sophienstr. 18. T: 030.2835266. U Weinmeisterstraße, S Hackescher Markt and Oranienburger Straße. **E2**

Tanzfabrik

This dance research and performance center puts together a rich program of contemporary acts. Check website for program. www.tanzfabrik-berlin.de. Möckernstr. 68. T: 030.7865861. S+U Yorckstraße/Mehringdamm. **E5**

MOVIE THEATERS

CinemaxX Potsdamer Platz

Multiplex cinema. Most of the movies are screened in their original language, with or without subtitles. www.cinemaxx.de. Potsdamer Str. 5. T: 040.80806969. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Cinestar Sony Center

The latest Hollywood blockbusters, in English, every day. www.cinestar.de. Potsdamer Str. 4. T: 030.26066400. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Odeon

This old-school single-screen cinema was Berlin's first English-language theater and still screens both cult movies and new releases. Hauptstr. 116. T: 030.78704019. U Rathaus Schöneberg, S Schöneberg. **C5**



A Mystical Experience

Some pianists get angry when anyone refers to Beethoven's *Opus 111*, the *Piano Sonata n. 32*, as the composer's "swing sonata," or "the one with the jazz movement." But it's very hard not to be reminded of jazz, or some kind of "proto-jazz" at least, when listening to the delightfully syncopated arpeggios midway into the second movement. And that's not the only thing that makes this sonata so appealing to both connoisseurs and classical amateurs: the work's strong emotional prelude is followed by rarefied atmospheres that flow into a joyous final stretch, perfectly expressing Beethoven's love for the Romantic-era ideal of a "brotherhood of men," combined with the sense of forgiveness towards humanity he felt in his last days. Written when the composer was completely deaf, this was also his last sonata. Pianist Alfred Brendel once said that "nowhere else in piano literature does mystical experience feel so immediately close at hand." Skeptical? Experience it for yourself in Andrés Schiff's performance at the Kammermusiksaal on 22 March. www.berliner-philharmoniker.de

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When we think of *nouveau cirque*, we think of that blend of storytelling, acrobatics, and street performance often associated with French-speaking countries – think Cirque du Soleil. Well, take all of that and add interactive video art, urban sound design, robotic dummies, and Berlin’s urban and futuristic spaces, and you get **Dummy Lab**, the first work by director Eiko von Stuckenberg. Premiering on 19 March at the **Chamäleon** theater in the Hackesche Höfe, the show will continue for the rest of the season, bringing dance and technology together in a highly entertaining performance of what the director has defined as “Berlin Neuer Circus.” www.chamaeleonberlin.com

Zoo Palast

The historic seat of the Berlinale is situated near the Zoologischer Garten station and now offers English-language screenings of the latest blockbusters. www.zoopalast-berlin.de Hardenbergplatz 8. T: 030.254010. S+U Zoologischer Garten. **C4**

ROCK, POP, JAZZ, WORLD

A-Trane

A small but popular jazz bar where emerging talent can show their musical skills to the world. Open daily from 8pm, free entry Sunday after 10:30pm. Check website for program. www.a-trane.de. Pestalozzistr. 105. T: 030.3132550. S Savignyplatz. **B3/B4**

Arena

A very large music hall that used to be a bus depot. There is also a heated swimming pool floating on the Spree river and a cocktail lounge. www.arena-berlin.de

[berlin.de](http://www.arena-berlin.de). Eichenstr. 4. T: 030.5332030. S Treptower Park, Schlesisches Tor. **G4**

B Flat Jazz Club

Small jazz bands play almost every night at this bar. Free jam sessions every Wednesday. www.b-flat-berlin.de. Rosenthaler Str. 13. T: 030.2833123. U Rosenthaler Platz. **F2**

Café Bilderbuch

Frequent jazz concerts and readings at this Schöneberg café. Second Wednesday of the month: Michael Gechter’s Vocaljazz Trio. www.cafe-bilderbuch.de. Akazienstr. 28. T: 030.78706057. U Eisenacher Straße. **D5**

Estrel Festival Center Berlin

Enjoy an evening with the world’s top look-and-sound-alike artists and taste a three-course dinner during a live performance of legends like Elvis, Abba, Johnny Cash, Buddy Holly, and more. www.stars-in-concert.de. Wed–Sat at 8:30pm, Sun at 7pm. Sonnenallee 225. €20, from €60 with dinner. **Off map**

Havana

The place to go for salsa, merengue, bachata, R&B, and Reggaeton. Check website for program. www.havana-berlin.de. Hauptstr. 30. T: 030.7848565. S Julius-Leber-Brücke, U Eisenacher Straße. **D5**

Kulturbrauerei

An early-1900s brewery complex that now houses various venues, with a rich combination of programs. Check website for this month’s events. www.kulturbrauerei.de. Schönhauser Allee 36. T: 030.44352614. U Eberswalder Straße. **F1**

O2 World

A massive arena for world-touring pop concerts and sports events. **2 Mar:** Riverdance. **13 Mar:** Katy Perry in concert. **16 Mar:** Paul Simon & Sting in concert. www.o2world-berlin.de. O2 Platz 1/Mühlenstr. 12–30. T: 030.2060708899. S+U Ostbahnhof. **G4**

Quasimodo

One of Berlin’s historic jazz cafés. Diversified program with many musical styles, from jazz to blues, RnB, and soul. Concerts are held in the cellar, but do have a drink in the pleasant café upstairs. www.quasimodo.de. Kantstr. 12a. T: 030.31804560. S+U Zoologischer Garten. **C4**

S036

The heart of Kreuzberg’s radical scene. The Dead Kennedys and Die Toten Hosen played here a few times, while today’s program ranges from punk and hard rock concerts to flea markets and tea afternoons. so36.de. Oranienstr. 190. T: 030.61401306. U Kottbusser Tor. **F4**

Tempodrom

This large concert building resembling a circus tent is now part of the city’s skyline. **Until 15 Mar:** Holiday on Ice. **2 Mar:** Vintage Vegas. **21 Mar:** Massachusetts, the Bee Gees musical. **22 Mar:** Tina, The Rock Legend: musical on the life of Tina Turner. www.tempodrom.de. Möckernstr. 10. Tickets T: 0186.554111 (toll number). S Anhalter Bahnhof. **E4**

UFA Fabrik

More than 18,000 square meters of culture: festivals, conventions, multimedia events, and performances. Program on website. www.ufafabrik.de. Viktoriast. 10–18. U Ullsteinstraße. **Off Map**

THEATER, CABARET & MUSICALS

Admiralspalast

An international, high-caliber program of musicals, cabaret, and concerts in an elegant hall from the 1920s. There are two additional stages for the smaller productions. **1–11 Mar:** Max Raabe & Palast Orchester. **15 Mar:** *The Frank Sinatra Show*. **20 Mar:** *Die Zauberflöte* (Mozart). www.admiralspalast.de. Friedrichstr. 101. T: 030.47997499. S+U Friedrichstraße. **E3**

Bar Jeder Vernunft

A 1912 tent housing song and dance shows, comedy, and cabaret. Many of the shows are in German only. Call for info. **10–15 Mar:** *Ass-Dur*. **23 Mar:** Scott Matthew, album release concert. Sun and Tue–Fri 8pm. Sat 6 and 9:30pm. www.bar-jeder-vernunft.de. Schaperstr. 24. T: 030.8831582. U Spichernstraße. **C4**

Bimah, the Jewish Theater

Most shows are in German, but there are frequent Yiddish song performances. Check website for info. www.juedischestheaterberlin.de. Friedrichstr. 101. T: 030.2511096. S+U Friedrichstrasse. **E3**

Bluemax Theater

Their skin is blue and their outfits are black. The unmistakable Blue Man Group has its own permanent theater and their show is an energetic combination of music, art, gestures, and comedy. The few spoken words are in English. **All month:** Tue and Fri 8pm, Wed and Thu 6pm and 9pm, Sat 3pm, 6pm, and 9pm, Sun 6pm. www.stage-entertainment.de. Marlene-Dietrich-Platz 4. T: 01805.4444 (toll number). S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Chamäleon Variete

An old ballroom where it is not unusual to see trapeze artists, jugglers, tap dancers, and cabaret singers. **All month:** *Dummy Lab*, a successful performance that combines dance, music, and video art. Sun at 6pm, Sat 6 and 9pm, Tue–Fri 8pm. www.chamaeleonberlin.de. Inside the Hackeschen Höfen, Rosenthaler Str. 40/41. T: 030.4000590. S Hackescher Markt. **E2**

Friedrichstadt-Palast

Special effects, glitzy Vegas-style live show productions, and variety shows at this 1920 theater.

All month: *The Wyld*, a Las Vegas-style production featuring dance and light shows. Tue, Thu–Fri 7:30pm, Sat 3:30 and 7:30pm, Sun 3:30pm, no shows on 29 Mar. No shows on Mondays. www.palast-berlin.eu. Friedrichstr. 107. T: 030.23262326. U Friedrichstraße. **E3**

Quatsch Comedy Club

This popular comedy club hosts frequent stand up comedy shows and presents a regular English-language comedy night. www.quatschcomedyclub.de. Friedrichstr. 107. T: 01806.999000969 (toll number). S+U Friedrichstraße. **E3**

Schaubühne

A popular West Berlin theater in the 1960 and 1970s, this Ku’damm performance venue still hosts some interesting productions, many of which with English surtitles. Check website for program. www.schaubuehne.de. Kurfürstendamm 153. U Adenauerplatz. **C4**

Sternbergtheater

Twice a week, this theater inside the Spielbank Berlin hosts comedian Karsten Kaie’s hilarious show *How To Become A Berliner In One Hour?* Marlene-Dietrich-Platz 1. T: 01806.570070 (toll number). S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3/D4**

Theater am Potsdamer Platz

Musicals and international performances. Designed by Renzo Piano, this theater seats 1800 people. **All month:** *Beyond the Horizon*, musical (in German with English surtitles) on the fall of the Wall. Tues–Thu 7pm, Fri 8pm, Sat 3:30 and 8pm, Sun 2:30pm and 7pm. www.stage-entertainment.de. Marlene-Dietrich-Platz 4. T: 01805.4444 (toll number). S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Theater des Westens

One of Berlin’s most popular musical and operetta theaters. www.stage-entertainment.de. Kantstr. 12. T: 0180.54444 (toll number). U Zoologischer Garten. **C4**

Tipi am Kanzleramt

The big tent in the Tiergarten has a vast program musicals, magic, cabaret, dance, and theater. Many of the shows are in German. **24–26 Mar:** *Classic Meets Cuba II*, Klazz Brothers and Cuba Percussion. www.tipi-am-kanzleramt.de. Große Querallee. T: 030.39066550. U Bundestag. **D3**

Wintergarten Varieté

Mirrors, wood, red velvet, and a starry sky define this sumptuous variety theater. **All month:** *Breakin’ Mozart*, Mozart classics combined with breakdance performances. Takes place every week from Tue–Sun www.wintergarten-berlin.de. Potsdamer Str. 96. T: 030.588433. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D4**

Did you know?
B-Flat jazz club has a free jam session on Wednesday evenings.



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The Harp Irish Pub

Cheers To St. Paddy!

There's definitely no shortage of Irish pubs in Berlin to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. **Annabelle Mallia** got caught up in some Irish shenanigans herself.

St. Patrick might have given his name to this month's celebration of all things Irish, but the real star of St. Patrick's Day is the Irish pub. No matter where you are in the world, you can find a bar with wooden paneling, shamrock decorations, and Guinness on tap, often packed with Anglo-Saxon expatriates drinking as much as they can. When it comes to pubs, "Irish" spells a warm, friendly atmosphere, toe-tapping music, and good times. Berlin definitely has its fair share, sure to be in festive full swing on 17 March. **The Irish Pub** (www.irishpubberlin.de) at the Europa Center has supposedly the longest bar in Europe – a full 36 meters inviting you for a cool Irish beer or aged whiskey. Live

music, from Irish folk to rock, plays every night from 9:30pm into the wee hours. Tucked away in a quiet corner of the beautiful Charlottenburg district is **The Harp** (Giesebrechtstr. 15, www.harp-pub.de), one of Berlin's oldest and best-known Irish pubs. Its authentic Irish interior, restored with great attention to detail, creates a cozy atmosphere where sports fans can guzzle down the "black stuff" and cheer on their favorite Gaelic football team. **The Oscar Wilde Irish Pub** (Friedrichstr. 112A, www.oscar-wilde-irish-pub.de) opened its doors in 1991 and was the first Irish pub to be set up in the former

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East after the Wall came down. Due to the amount of development work taking place in Berlin at the time, the pub became an important meeting place for construction workers looking for a hearty fried breakfast. The pub has remained popular with locals and tourists alike looking to chow down on some home-cooked food. For traditional dishes such as fish and chips, shepherd's pie, and the good old Irish stew, head to **The LIR Irish Bar** (Flensburger Str. 7, www.thelir.de). With an open fireplace in winter and a leafy green beer garden in summer, you are guaranteed great *craic*. Just don't try and drink an Irishman under the table.

BEER

Ankerklause

A canal-side nautical tavern. Drinks come with beautiful views of boats passing by. Daily from 10am (Mon from 4pm) www.ankerklause.de. Kottbusser Damm 104. T: 030.6935649. U Schönleinstraße. **F4**

Café am Neuen See and Biergarten

A pleasant lakeside beer garden inside the verdant Tiergarten park. Open daily from breakfast onwards. www.cafeamneuensee.de. Lichtensteinallee 2. T: 030.2544930. S Tiergarten. **C3**

Club der Visionäre

This canal-side boat-shack attracts young crowds till early morning and beyond. Daily from 2pm until very late (from noon Sat & Sun). www.clubdervisionaere.com. Am Flutgraben 1. T: 030.69518942. U Schlesisches Tor, S Treptower Park. **G4**

Dicke Wirtin

This old Berliner *Kneipe* restaurant is a Charlottenburg institution. Great beer and traditional German dishes. Daily from 11am. www.dicke-wirtin.de. Carmerstr. 9. T: 030.3124952. S Savignyplatz, S+U Zoologischer Garten. **B4**

Prater

Berlin's oldest *Biergarten* serves simple and homely cuisine, seasonal specialties, and lots of beer of course! Daily from 6pm (from noon Sat). www.pratergarten.de. Kastanienallee 7-9. T: 030.4485688. U Eberswalder Straße. **F1**

Schleusenkrug

A relaxing spot for beer lovers amid the lush greenery of the Tiergarten. German specialties to go with your beer include a variety of cakes, *Flammkuchen*, and a few breakfast options. Daily from 11am. www.schleusenkrug.de. Müller-Breslau-Str. T: 030.3139909. S+U Zoologischer Garten. **C3**

CASINOS

Spielbank Berlin

A modern casino offering three floors of fun and games, including 20 tables of classic roulette blackjack, and an extensive variety of poker options as well as 350 gaming machines. Open daily from 11am. www.spielbank-berlin.de. Marlene-Dietrich-Platz 1. T: 030.255990. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3/D4**

CLUBS

40 Seconds

A modern and trendy rooftop club frequented by international stars and urban jetsetters. R&B and soul on Fridays, house on Saturdays. Casual smart/elegant dress code. 40seconds.de. Potsdamer Str. 58.

T: 030.8906420. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D4**

Adagio

The crowd is classy and elegant at this Potsdamer Platz dance hall. Housed in a gorgeous vaulted cellar and furnished in decorative-chic style, this nightclub is a popular destination for the posher crowds. Open Fri & Sat 11pm–6am. www.adagio.de. Marlene-Dietrich-Platz 1. T: 030.2589890. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Amber Suite

This fun club for over-27s is the perfect place to socialize while dancing and drinking. There are two dance floors (playing house, dance music, and black beats), three bar lounges, a buffet with barbecue in summer, and a pleasant terrace for chats under the stars. Open Fri from 7pm till late, Sat from 8pm. www.ambersuite.info. Mariendorfer Damm 1. T: 030.74070609. U Ullsteinstraße. **Off Map**

Berghain/Panorama Bar

The number one club for techno lovers. Famous for its incredible sound system, atmosphere, and ultra-selected crowd: the doormen are known to be the toughest in town. Dress code strictly casual. Fri midnight–Mon morning. www.berghain.de. Am Wriezener Bahnhof. T: 030.29360210. S Ostbahnhof. **G3**

Clärchens Ballhaus

Dance to a different style of music every night at this popular, century-old dance hall. It's salsa on Monday, tango on Tuesday, swing on Wednesday, cha cha on Thursday and live *Tanzkapelle* on Friday and Saturday. Daily from 11pm. www.ballhaus.de. Auguststr. 24. T: 030.2829295. U Rosenthaler Platz. **E2**

Felix Club

A favorite among the rich and famous, Felix has welcomed celebrities like Nicolas Cage, Robbie Williams, and Paris Hilton. Open Mon, Thu–Sat. www.felix-clubrestaurant.de. Behenstr. 72. T: 030.301117152. U Französische Straße. **E3**

Gretchen

The DJs play funk, hip hop, drum & bass and electronica at this international and eclectic Kreuzberg club. Occasional live concerts. Fri & Sat. www.gretchen-club.de. Obentrautstr. 19-21. T: 030.25922702. U Mehringdamm, U Hallesches Tor. **E4**

Magnet Club

Rock, indie, and punk evenings, and dance floors both indoors and outdoors. Open Tue–Sun.

Get a cocktail and a view at **Solar**, a swanky 17th floor club (www.solarberlin.com).

www.magnet-club.de. Falckensteinstr. 48. T: 030.44008140. U Schlesisches Tor. **G4**

Matrix Club

Located under the basement vaults of the Warschauer Str. railway station, this club is the place to go for disco, RnB, latin, dance, electro, house, and techno, played in five different dance floors. www.matrix-berlin.de. Warschauer Platz 18. T: 030.29369990. S+U Warschauer Straße. **G4**

The Pearl

One of the most luxurious clubs in town, this Charlottenburg newcomer attracts the poshest crowds from all over town. Huge, round bar serving great cocktails and a large dance floor populated by professional dancers. Open Thu Sat until 7am. www.thepearl-berlin.de. Fasanenstr. 81. T: 030.31518890. U Zoologischer Garten. **G4**

Prince Charles

A stylish club set in an old swimming pool building. Tiled walls and concrete flooring are the main elements of its décor. Cocktail bar in the evening, wild dance club at night. Fri–Sun night. www.princecharlesberlin.com. Prinzenstr. 85F. U Moritzplatz. **F4**

Puro Sky Lounge

High-heeled crowds in a sleek, luxurious setting, with fabulous views from the roof of the Europa Center. Dress up. Wed–Sat from 8pm. www.puroberlin.de. Tauentzienstr. 9-12. T: 030.26367875. U Zoologischer Garten, U Wittenbergplatz. **C4**

Roses

Kitsch is the word at this fun gay- and straight-friendly Kreuzberg bar. Cheap drinks. Daily from 9pm. Oranienstr. 187. T: 030.6156570. U Kottbusser Tor. **F4**

Salon zur Wilden Renate

In an old residential building on the cooler side of Friedrichshain, Wilde Renate is hugely popular with young and wild Berliners. Antlers, grand pianos, and heavy curtains create the atmosphere, and the sound system is impeccable. Thu–Sat from midnight. www.renate.cc. Alt-Stralau 70. T: 030.25041426. S Treptower Park, S Ostkreuz. **H4**

Soda Club

This Prenzlauer Berg institution is a hot weekend location for locals and visitors alike. From Thursday to Sunday, dance all night to disco, electro, and techno. www.soda-berlin.de. Alte Kantine, Knaackstr. 97. T: 030.44315155. U Eberswalder Straße. **F1**

Suicide Circus

Friday is techno night, while Saturdays lean more toward house and tech-house at Suicide Circus, a trendy and sweaty club that has hosted some of the best DJs in Europe. Outdoor dance floor in summer. Wed–Sun. www.suicide-berlin.com. Revaler Str. 99. S Warschauer Straße. **H4**

Tresor

Housed in the safe of an old department store, the Tresor was the first techno club in Berlin's post-Wall years. Décor-free and essential, this



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place is exclusively designed for techno lovers. tresorberlin.com. Köpenicker Str. 70. T: 030.69537731. S Ostbahnhof. **F3**

Watergate

A two-storey electro, house, and drum & bass temple, right on the Spree River. Modern interior with floor-to-ceiling glass windows that look onto the water. Doors are tight on weekends. Mon and Wed–Sat from midnight. www.water-gate.de. Falckensteinstr. 49. T: 030.61280394. U Schlesisches Tor. **G4**

WINE AND COCKTAILS

Bar Tausend

Celebrities mingle while watching the expert mixologists do their magic at this futuristic bar. Thu–Sat from 7:30pm. www.tausendberlin.com. Schiffbauerdamm 11. T: 030.27582070. S+U Friedrichstraße. **E3**

Buck and Breck

You'll need to ring the doorbell to get into this tiny bar, hidden away next to a police station in Mitte. Sleek and elegant interior, dim lighting, and great drinks. Daily from 7pm. www.buckandbreck.com. Brunnenstr. 177. U Rosenthaler Platz. **E2**

Das Hotel

The old wooden tables, chandeliers, and high ceilings at this relaxed bar recall old Paris. Next door, the DJ plays vintage music ranging from the 60s to the 90s. Daily from 2pm. dashotelclassic.blogspot.de. Mariannenstr. 26a. T: 030.84118433. U Kottbusser Tor. **F4**

Die Weinerei

€1 will get you a glass, which you can fill as many times as you want. Before you leave, leave as much money as you think your evening was worth. Friendly, unpretentious atmosphere, and good, organic food. Mon–Fri 1–8pm, Sat 11am–8pm. www.weinerei.com. Veteranenstr. 14. T: 030.4406983. U Rosenthaler Platz. **F2**

Green Door Cocktail Bar

One of Berlin's most relaxing cocktail bars, with a retro style and lots of kitsch décor. The cocktail list is long and the barman famous. Daily 6pm–3am (until 4am on Fri & Sat). www.greendoor.de. Winterfeldtstr. 50. T: 030.2152515. U Nollendorfplatz. **D4**

Harry's New York Bar

An international drink menu with 200+ different cocktails to a jazz soundtrack. Mon–Sat from 4pm. www.esplanade.de. Grand Hotel Esplanade Berlin – Lützowufer 15. T: Bus M29, stop Lützowplatz. **D4**

Knutschfleck Cocktailbörse

At Berlin's first cocktail stock exchange, the more people drink, the cheaper becomes the price. Alongside an entertainment program packed full with Moulin Rouge Burlesque nights to Studio 54 dance-offs, karaoke, and open mic on Sundays. www.knutschfleck-berlin.de. Alexanderstr. 3. S+U Alexanderplatz. **F2**

Luzia

Vintage furniture, Baroque elements, and decorated wallpaper give this comfy bar a bohemian feel. Probably the most luxurious bet on



The décor at Green Door (Winterfeldtstr. 50, www.greendoor.de) is sleek yet cozy, kitsch yet classy, and the atmosphere is relaxed and unpretentious. A Schöneberg institution for more than 15 years, this is one of the city's favorite cocktail bars.

shabby Oranienstrasse. www.luzia.tc. Oranienstr. 34. T: 030.81799958. U Kottbusser Tor, Moritzplatz. **F4**

Newton Bar

Cigars, champagne, whiskey, and cocktails define this bar, which is entirely dedicated to fashion photographer Helmut Newton. Daily 10am–3am (until 4am Fri & Sat). www.newton-bar.de. Charlottenstr. 57. T: 030.20295421. U Französische Straße. **E3**

LaBanca Bar

The Hotel de Rome's bar team specializes in avant-garde cocktails made with unusual ingredients such as balsamic vinegar, rose petals, or ginger beer. *Aperitivo* appetizers also served. Live music Wed–Sat and rooftop terrace in summer. 9am–1am. www.hotelderome.com. Behrenstr. 37. T: 030.4606090. U Französische Straße. **E3**

Newton Bar

Cigars, champagne, whiskey, and cocktails define this luxurious bar, which is entirely dedicated to fashion photographer Helmut Newton. Daily 10am–3am (until 4am Fri & Sat). www.newton-bar.de. Charlottenstr. 57. T: 030.20295421. U Französische Straße. **E3**

The Oscar Wilde Irish Pub

The first Irish pub in Mitte, offering classics like Kilkeny or Guinness. Big screen for sporting events. Daily from 4pm (from noon on weekends). www.oscar-wilde-irish-pub.de. Friedrichstr. 112a. T: 030.2828166. U Oranienburger Tor. **E2**

Reingold

A classic cocktail bar, 1920s style. Elegant leather sofas, sumptuous lighting, and gilded elements with a soundtrack ranging from soul and funk

to R&B. Tue–Sat from 7pm. www.reingold.de. Novalisstr. 11. T: 030.28387676. U Oranienburger Tor. **E2**

Riva Bar

Named after an Italian soccer star, this intimate bar underneath the S-Bahn tracks has a central oval-shaped bar and benches along the walls. Outdoor seating in summer. Daily from 6pm. www.riva-berlin.de. S-Bahnbogen 142. T: 030.24722688. S Hackescher Markt. **F2 / F3**

Schwarzes Café

A 24-hour combination of a bar and a café, with a good selection of beer and wine and hot meals at any time of night. Lovely garden in summer. 24h a day except Tue from 3–10am. www.schwarzescapfe-berlin.de. Kantstr. 148. T: 030.3138038. U Uhlandstraße, U Savignyplatz. **B4**

Slumberland

With real sand on the floor, palm trees, and colorful cocktails, this Schöneberg institution is like a Caribbean paradise, minus the ocean. Daily from 5pm. Goltzstr. 24. T: 030.2165349. U Nollendorfplatz. **D4**

Times Bar

A fine and luxurious bar inside the Savoy Hotel, offering modern drinks and Caribbean cocktails alongside a selection of Cuban cigars. Open daily from noon to late evening. www.weinrot-restaurant.com. Fasanenstr. 9–10. T: 030.311030. S Savignyplatz. **C4**

Victoria Bar

Top-notch cocktails and a marvelous, elegant interior with dark wood walls, leather couches, and art on the walls. Open daily 6.30pm–3am (until 4am on Friday & Saturday). www.victoriabar.de. Potsdamer Str. 102. T: 030.25759977. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D4**



ESSENTIALS



Ask The Concierge

Nobody knows the city better than your expert concierge. Cem Wioldt, head concierge at the Titanic Deluxe Berlin, is here to help. www.hotelconcierge.de



What does your perfect Berlin day look like?

The perfect day is when I can say that I have successfully overcome all the challenges thrown at me, and when I know each of our guests has left my desk with a smile.

When friends visit, where do you take them?

If they're visiting Berlin for the first time, then of course I'll show them the main sights: the Brandenburg Gate, Museum Island, Gendarmenmarkt, Checkpoint Charlie, some museums, and, of course, our hotel.

Secret Berlin tips?

Buck & Breck bar (a speakeasy-style cocktail bar in Mitte), the wine bar Cordobar near Hackescher Markt, and the restaurant Mädchenitaliener near Weinmeisterstraße.

Tell us about your hotel.

Young and innovative, with an oriental flair and the right touch of luxury. The Titanic Deluxe Berlin has 208 rooms and a 1000 sq.m. spa with a hamam, and is located on one of the most beautiful squares in Europe, Gendarmenmarkt.

What are some wild experiences you've had as a concierge?

Having to arrange the opening of the KaDeWe on a Sunday for a Hollywood star. Unfortunately, after everything was organized,

the guest decided to go shopping on a regular Monday instead.

Which events would you recommend for the month of March?

The ITB: it is the world's largest tourism fair and definitely a March highlight.

Where is the coziest place in Berlin?

My living room at home. Otherwise, the redesigned Gendarmerie restaurant is almost as cozy.

Describe Berlin in three words.

Everything is possible!

A Berlin specialty our readers should try?

A typical German specialty is of course *Eisbein* (pickled ham hock), but *Blutwurst* (blood sausage) is also always in demand. Typical to Berlin, however, is *Currywurst* and *Döner kebab*.

What differentiates Berlin from other cities?

Berlin regularly reinvents itself.

What Berlin spot would you recommend for romance?

The Neuer See lake in Tiergarten park on a balmy summer evening, especially if you rent a rowboat, pack a bottle of champagne, and simply enjoy a bit of nature in the middle of Berlin.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Emergency numbers

Police, call 110 free from any phone.

Ambulance or fire, call 112 free from any phone.

Medical Services, T: 030.310031.

24h Pharmacy: Hauptbahnhof Apotheke. T: 030.20614190. S Hauptbahnhof.

Tourist Passes

Museum Berlin Pass: allows three days of unlimited access to major museums. www.visitberlin.de

Berlin Welcome Card: public transport for three days, and discounted entry to a long list of attractions. www.visitberlin.de

City Tour Card: as above, but conditions vary, so best to check which is most suitable for you. www.citytourcard.com

BERLIN AIRPORTS

Berlin Tegel (TXL)

Approx. 10 km (5 miles) northwest of the city center. www.berlin-airport.de. T: 030.60911150.

TO AND FROM CENTRAL BERLIN

By bus: Buses 109 or X9 to Zoologischer Garten run every 10 mins, taking approx. 20 mins. The TXL express bus to Alexanderplatz via Hauptbahnhof runs every 5–10 mins, taking approx. 25 mins. Single tickets cost €2.70 and can be purchased on board.

By U-Bahn: Bus 109 or X9 connects to the U-Bahn train system at Jakob-Kaiser-Platz. Bus 128 links to the U-Bahn at Kurt-Schumacher-Platz and runs every 10 mins, taking approx. 25 mins. Tickets cost €2.70.

By taxi: Regular cabs take 10–20 mins to city center. Approximately €20–€35.

Left luggage: Service center in Terminal A (ground floor), T: 030 41012315

Berlin Schönefeld (SXF)

Approx. 20 km (12 miles) southeast of the city center. www.berlin-airport.de. T: 030. 60911150.

TO AND FROM CENTRAL BERLIN

By regional train: Deutsche Bahn-operated RE7 or RB14 to Ostbahnhof, Alexanderplatz, Hauptbahnhof, and Zoologischer Garten. RE9 to Hauptbahnhof via Südkreuz and Potsdamer Platz. Trains take approx. 45 mins, tickets cost €3.30.

By S-Bahn: Trains S9 and S45 to Hauptbahnhof, via Ostkreuz and Südkreuz respectively, run approx. every 20 mins, taking approx. 1 hr, tickets cost €3.30.

By U-Bahn: Bus X7 and X11 to Rudow station connect with the U-Bahn system, run every 10 mins. Journey approx. 1 hr, tickets cost €3.30.

By (night) bus: Arrivals between midnight and 4am Mon–Fri can take bus N7 to central areas.

By taxi: Regular cabs take approx. 30 mins to city center, costing €30–€40.

Left luggage: At the multi-storey car park P4, T: 030.60911150.

GETTING AROUND

Public Transport

www.bvg.de.

Fares

Buy tickets from machines in the station, and be sure to validate them in the posts next to the ticket machines. Single tickets cost €2.70, or 4-trip tickets for €9, which you can validate as you

need. If traveling fewer than three train stations or six bus or tram stops, buy a short-trip ticket for €1.60. Day tickets cost €6.90 for unlimited travel until 3am the following day, or if you are traveling with others, a small group ticket will get up to five people unlimited travel for €16.90. For those staying longer, a seven-day pass valid for seven consecutive calendar days may be better value at €29.50.

U-Bahn

The underground system is extensive. Most lines run every 5 mins (less frequently outside working hours), 4am–12:30am (replaced by night buses outside of these times). The whole U-Bahn and S-Bahn network runs all night on weekends.

S-Bahn

The above-ground system is faster than the U-Bahn but less frequent. Trains run every 10–20 mins. Timing and ticket rules apply as above.

Public Ferries

With a regular BVG ticket you can also hop on one of the six public ferry lines. Most beautiful is the trip from Wannsee to the lakeside village of Kladow. It leaves every hour and takes about 20 mins.

Rail Travel

Deutsche Bahn is the national railway company, including the Regional Bahn (RB) and Regional Express (RE) trains, which operate around greater Berlin and Potsdam. The Intercity (IC) and European City (EC) trains travel further afield and internationally. www.bahn.de, T: 0180.6996633 (toll number).

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Explore Berlin's great sights by bike and choose your own destinations.

Deutsche Bahn Call-a-Bike service:
www.callabike.de

Berlin and Bike: www.berlinandbike.de,
T: 0163.5120124.

Rent a Car

Avis: www.avis.com, T: 0180 6217702 (toll number)

Europcar: www.europcar.com, T: 040 52018765

Hertz: www.hertz.com, T: 0180 6003690 (toll number)

Taxis

Würfelfunk: 030.210101.

MONEY SERVICES

Banks and Foreign Exchange

Exchange AG: Friedrichstr. 172. T: 030.20649296.

Deutsche Bank: Kurfürstendamm 111.
T: 030.8904370.

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American Express: T: 069.97972000

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German law entitles all non-European Union residents to VAT tax refund. Look for stores displaying the Premier Tax Free shopping sign and ask for a Tax-Free Form when shopping. Upon departure from the EU, purchased goods and the completed form must be shown to a customs agent and a customs stamp obtained no later than



U Rohrdamm, which used to be the final station on the west end of the U7 line, lies in an industrial district of Berlin called Siemensstadt. The wall consists of stylized cogs and tubing, reflecting the surrounding industry and continuing ties to the Siemens company.

three months after the date of purchase. Make sure your goods are unused. Go to the refund counter and present the stamped form, or send it to Premier Tax Free as soon as you reach your destination. www.premiertaxfree.com.

REAL ESTATE AGENCIES

Ad Hoc Immobilien

Specializes in Berlin and Brandenburg real estate sales. Apartments, whole buildings, villas, and more. www.adhoc-immo.de. Hohe Allee 36, 15366 Neuenhagen bei Berlin. T: 03342.259560. **Off Map**

Allianz

Offers selected properties and is developing a number of building projects in various areas of Berlin. www.allianz-realestate.com. Joachimstalerstr. 10-12. T: 030.212343562. U Kurfürstendamm. **C4**

Berlin Capital Investments

Specializes in apartment sale in central Berlin for both investment and self-use. Check website to search for small units, big apartments, or penthouses in Berlin's most popular neighborhoods. www.berlin-capital.com. T: 030.52009700.

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Berlinmaegleren

These agents cover a wide range of property types, from villas to apartments, and also offer rental services. Second branch in Prenzlauer Berg. www.berlinmaegleren.de. Rankestr. 30. T: 030.61202398. S+U Zoologischer Garten. **C4**

BNP Paribas Real Estate

With its own subsidiaries and a close-knit network, this real estate agency is present nationwide. Covers all relevant real estate markets and ensures

detailed and comprehensive knowledge of the local market. www.realestate.bnpparibas.de. Neues Kranzler Eck. Kurfürstendamm 22. T: 030.884650 U Kurfürstendamm. **C4**

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One of the world's leading service companies in the provision of high quality residential and commercial real estate and yachts in the premium segment. www.engelvoelkers.com. Bleibtreustr. 34-35. T: 030.88001188. S Savignyplatz. **B4**

Guthmann Estate

Architects, economists, certified real estate agents and apprentices serve international clients on a daily basis. They provide real estate services, building project planning, and supervision, as well as analyses and market reports. www.guthmann-estate.com. Blücherstr. 22. T: 030.69004240. U Gneisenaustraße. **E5**

HIHC Horvat

This real estate service agency will analyze clients' housing needs and find an apartment to buy or rent on their behalf. HIHC Horvat also offers relocation services for expats and international clients. www.hihc.de. Olympische Str. 1. T: 030.33099930. U Neu Westend. **Off Map**

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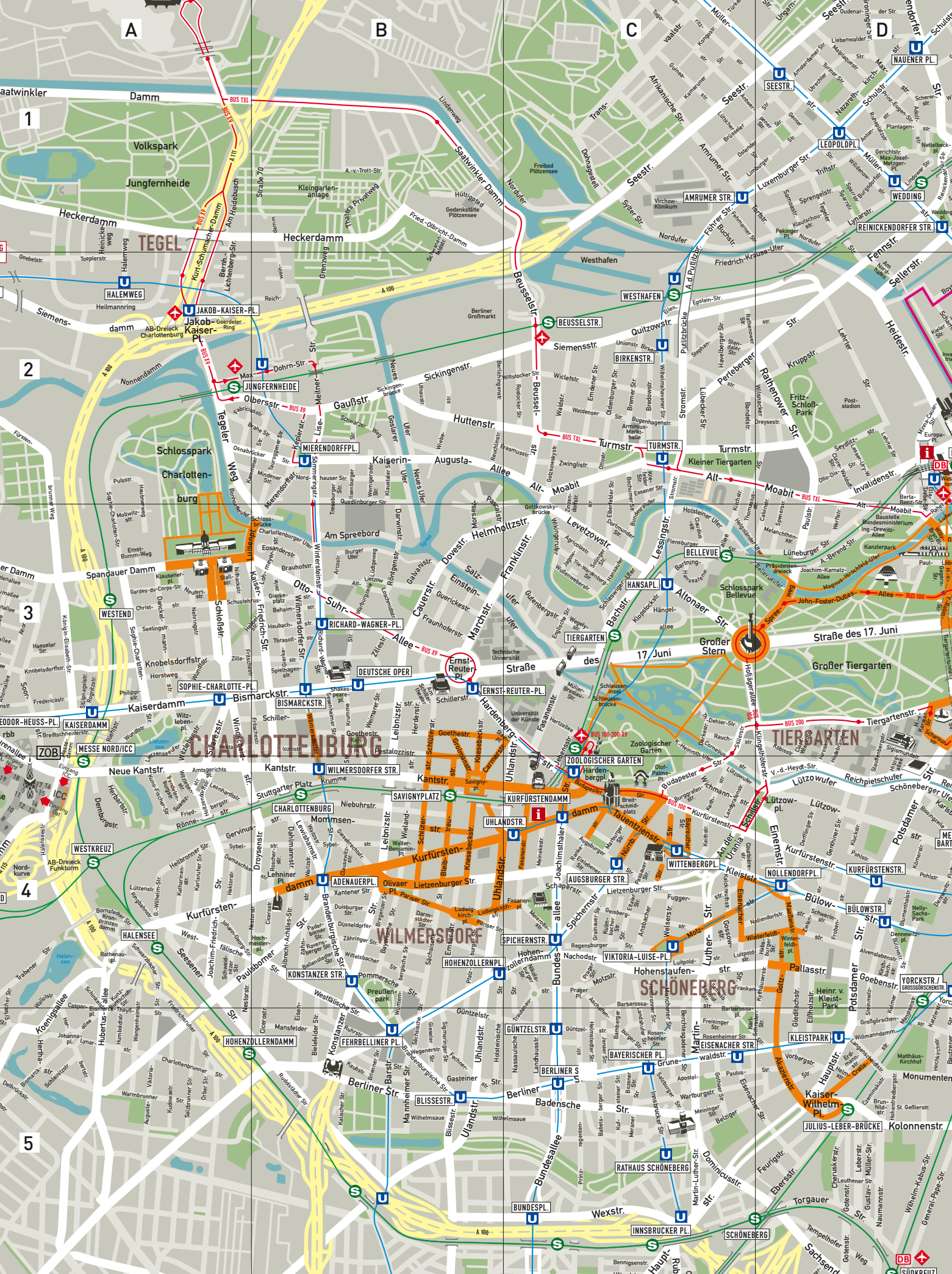
Experts in the field of real estate, law, and economics joined to set new standards in the field of real estate marketing and consulting in Germany. www.virtu.com.de/en/. Jägerstr. 58-60. T: 030.20679590. U Französische Straße. **E3**

Your Place Berlin

These real estate agents and mediators offer personalized services and free consultations, promising to negotiate better deals for their clients. They specialize in clients who live abroad, offering to perform all research and to visit the apartments before the client's arrival. www.yourplaceberlin.com. Willibald-Alexis-Str. 2. T: 030.53064083. U Gneisenaustraße. **E5**

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BERLIN MAP

HOW TO READ THIS MAP:

- The pink line follows the old Berlin Wall trail.
- Orange-colored areas indicate streets of tourist interest.
- Bus lines of tourist interest are outlined in red.
- U-Bahn station
- S-Bahn station



My Perfect Day

What inspired you to start making music, and where is your main inspiration from?

There was a beautiful, old piano in my parents' living room, so I started playing on it naturally, before starting piano lessons at the age of six. The main inspiration to start composing my own music came later, though. A friend of mine gave me a disk with music he had composed with a computer program. I was impressed and thought I could try it, too. I spent the next few years composing literally hundreds of songs in all kinds of styles until I finally found my own style after I moved to Berlin. I draw inspiration mostly from books, movies, old photographs, and dreams.



Where would you take a friend who's visiting Berlin?

I like both the Charlottenburg Palace and Tempelhof Park. I also love taking friends to my favorite cafés, like Fiaker in Moabit or BilderBuch in Schöneberg (www.cafe-bilderbuch.de).



Charlottenburg Palace

What are the origins of the instruments featured in your music?

My music features mainly piano, but also glockenspiel and a programmable chromatic music box. On top of that,

I use things like old typewriters, cameras, and radios to create beats. Piano is my main instrument and all the rest is just me trying to find interesting sounds that support the mood of my music.



You have a great eye for design. What do you use to create your album artwork?

I want my merchandise to be unique and partly handmade, so my approach to my CD artwork and sheet music is to create graphics (out of old photographs, for example) that I can then have transferred to stamps. I often use a stamping technique called embossing to create special effects.



Which one of your songs embodies Berlin the best?

I would pick one of the tracks from my EP *Caelum*, which was created together with

Oskar Schuster

[Composer and Musician]

Oskar Schuster, sometimes referred to as "the German Yann Tiersen" due to his melancholic and waltz-like piano compositions, has been living in Berlin since 2009. All comparisons aside, his music is uniquely influenced by electronic, classical, and musette styles. A truly self-made artist, not only is he a multi-instrumentalist and producer for his music, but he is also the creative force behind his album artwork and music videos. www.oskarschuster.com

Cypix, an electronic musician. It combines piano melodies that remind one of 19th-century waltzes with modern electronic dance music. I think that fits Berlin. One of the striking features of the city is the contrast between beautiful old 19th-century architecture and extremely modern architecture.

What is your favorite Kiez and why?

I really like the Westfälisches Viertel in Moabit. It has nice cafés and little shops, beautiful streets and buildings, and is located near the Spree. Compared to other places in Berlin, it is really calm and not crowded with tourists.

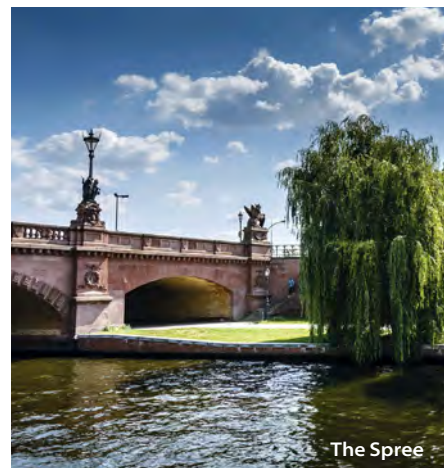
Where do you go for good food?

I really like Umami in Prenzlauer Berg for Asian (www.umami-restaurant.de) and the vegetarian and vegan fast food place Yellow Sunshine (www.yellow-sunshine.com) in Kreuzberg.



Do you have any suggestions in Berlin for music lovers?

Take a walk through Mauerpark on Sundays – there are always interesting bands and musicians playing there, and the atmosphere is quite special. — Interview by Serene Tseng



The Spree

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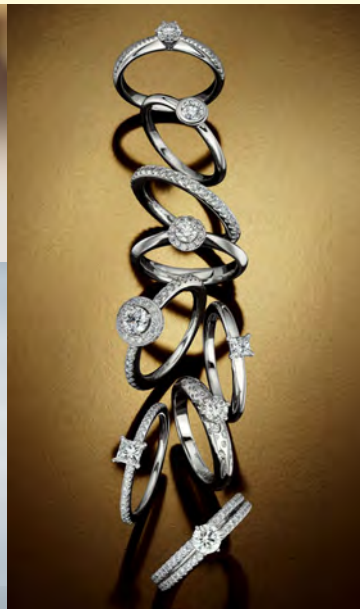
The citywide art guide BERLINER GALERIEN contains the current exhibition program for Berlin's art galleries and museums. Easy-to-use street maps provide clear directions to the exhibition venues. The guide is now available free of charge at Berlin's art galleries and museums, visitBerlin tourist information, selected hotels, restaurants, bars and can also be downloaded from www.berliner-galerien.de. Check it out!

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