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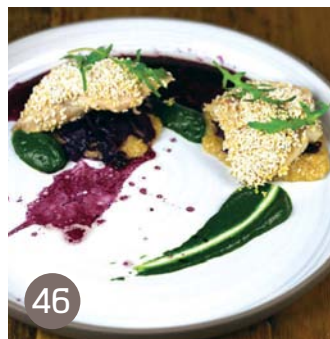
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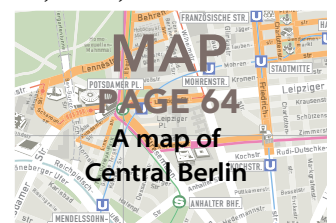
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WELCOME TO BERLIN



The Right Season

As a compulsive explorer, I have a tendency to rush to a new place as soon as I hear about it. Which is usually fine, unless you get the season entirely wrong. So when I first heard of the *Thaiwiese*, an area in Preußenpark (Wilmersdorf) where Thai families meet, cook their delicious foods, and sell it, I immediately took an U-Bahn to Fehrbelliner Platz, only to realize that this event takes place only in the summer, and only in good weather – not on frosty December mornings.

So this year I decided to turn my “to-see” list into a more seasonal affair, vowing not to visit any of the springtime sites if the trees are not yet entirely green. Now that summer is around the corner, the time has come for me to get out and start crossing some of these places off my list, and I would like to share them with you: One place I have grown particularly curious about is the Naturpark Südgelände, a tangle of once-busy railway tracks abandoned more than 50 years ago. This was enough time to allow a whole forest to grow back on the tracks themselves, showing how quickly and powerfully nature wins back its spaces but also providing fabulous photo opportunities.

Also on my list are the Tierpark zoo, which I want to see again, this time in its leafy version; the *Pfaueninsel*, an idyllic island on lake Wannsee inhabited by free-roaming peacocks; and a strawberry-picking excursion, as suggested by Annabelle Mallia on p. 48. The sunshine also inspires me to go shopping, either on the Ku’damm, with its good mix of high-end and high-street shops (p. 12), or in Prenzlauer Berg, which is also a great spot for a pleasant coffee break in the sun. Enjoy your stay!

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HOT DATES

Add some groove to your Berlin visit with our selection of highlights! From design festivals to music at every street corner and scientific experiments for all to enjoy, June is bound to be an explosive month!





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TAKE A JOYRIDE

Roxette, the Swedish duo from the '80s, is back on tour after a 10-year pop break, bringing back to life hit singles such as *The Look*, *Listen To Your Heart*, *It Must Have Been Love*, and *Dressed For Success*, at O2 World Berlin.

www.o2world-berlin.de



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James Horner's epic soundtrack to the 1997 blockbuster *Titanic* will be performed like never before in *Titanic Live* at O2 World, thanks to a 100-member orchestra, a 30-member children's choir, and a Celtic soloist who worked on the original film, all while the film plays on a 24-meter-wide screen. www.o2world-berlin.de



ROLLIN'

Two albums, *Chocolate Starfish and Hot Dog Flavored Water* and *Significant Other* are what brought Limp Bizkit to commercial success in the late 1990s. A mix between hip-hop and heavy metal, their distinctive sound is back with original band members reunited again at Zitadelle Spandau. www.zitadelle-spandau.de

FROM THURSDAY

11 TIME TRAVEL

"Back to the future" is the concept behind the 13th edition

of the DMY International Design Festival. The four-day exhibition is all about contemporary design objects and upcoming trends, but this time with new categories, an exciting talent competition, and a brand-new location at Kraftwerk, the old heat and power station of former East Berlin. www.dmy2015.com





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TEST TUBES & BUNSEN BURNERS

On one night of the year, from 5pm until midnight, scientists invite you to visit laboratories, archives, and research institutions and take a closer look at their work. Scroll through the website for the Long Night Of The Sciences' full program of workshops, guided tours, lectures, and interactive experiments covering all aspects of science, from natural to social. A special program for kids is also on offer.

www.langenachtderwissenschaften.de

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3 KISS ME

Face painting, protruding tongues, comic stage outfits, and elaborate live performances including shooting rockets, levitating drum kits, and pyrotechnics... you know who we are talking about. Join one of the greatest rock bands of all time on the KISS: 40th Anniversary tour at O2 World Berlin.

www.o2world-berlin.de



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TUNE IN

It began in Paris but has spread throughout the world: the Fête de la Musique, a celebration of music every year on the first day of summer, is free for all to enjoy. Check out the website for a list of musical performances taking place across Berlin, in (hopefully) sunny open spaces.

www.fetedelamusique.de

- 1 Kids will love playing around on the vintage games at the Computer Game Museum.
- 2 Take a musical lunch break at the Philharmonie's free "lunch concert" at 1pm.
- 3 Visit the just-reopened Berlinische Galerie to get a colorful overview of Berlin-made art.
- 4 Climb the Siegestsäule column in Tiergarten for unbeatable views of the park.
- 5 Be wowed by the Berlin Staatsballet and Tchaikovsky's classic *Sleeping Beauty*.
- 6 Shake a leg at Mitte's legendary, century-old dance hall, Clärchens Ballhaus.
- 7 Last chance! Catch the final *Breakin' Mozart* show of the season at Wintergarten Varieté.
- 8 Today's the final day of the ZERO exhibition at Martin-Gropius-Bau. Don't miss it!
- 9 Head to the Sammlung Scharf-Gerstenberg to see surrealist masters like Dali or Magritte.
- 10 Discover more than 120 works by Picasso with the Museum Berggruen's rare collection.
- 11 Watch the boats go by from your seat in the Schleusenkrug beer garden in Tiergarten.
- 12 Stay up late to catch tonight's concert in the Philharmonie's "Late Night" series, at 11pm.
- 13 Time for classic romance. Every Saturday, Lichtblick Kino screens *Casablanca*.
- 14 Dig for retro treasures and antiques at the Mauerpark flea market, held every Sunday.
- 15 Fassbinder fans: don't miss the exhibit on the famed filmmaker at Martin-Gropius-Bau.
- 16 Like chamber music? Händel will be performed on historic instruments at the Philharmonie.
- 17 Take in the *Impressionism - Expressionism* exhibition at the Alte Nationalgalerie.
- 18 Cheers! The four-day Weinsommer wine festival starts at the Botanical Garden today.
- 19 Walk on the wild side at Berlin's famed zoo, located at the edge of Tiergarten Park.
- 20 Join Berliners in their fave summer weekend pastime: taking a swim in Schlachtensee lake.
- 21 Enjoy Staatsoper für Alle, a massive open-air classical concert on Bebelplatz in Mitte.
- 22 Catch a movie under the starry sky at Freiluftkino Kreuzberg, an open-air cinema.
- 23 Cruise the Spree River! Hop on a boat tour leaving from the Schiffbauerdamm pier.
- 24 Visit Nikolaikirche church, home to Berlin's oldest room, to see 8 centuries of city history.
- 25 Foreign Affairs performance festival starts at Haus der Berliner Festspiele today.
- 26 Don't miss 48 Hours Neukölln, a weekend-long, neighborhood-wide art festival.
- 27 Wave a rainbow flag at the giant CSD Pride Parade, the biggest LGBT event of the year.
- 28 Weekends are for brunching. Try Chippis at Jägerstr. 35 for a European/American feast.
- 29 Last chance! The Staatsballett performs its final show of *Multiplicity* for the season.
- 30 To sing along with Tom Jones to *Sex Bomb*, don't miss his concert at Zitadelle Spandau.

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Berlin's historic centre

The city's first and oldest church is surrounded by architecture stretching back over eight centuries, four other museums, numerous cafés and restaurants, and twice as many galleries and shops.

St. George's deadly battle with a dragon is probably the most frequently photographed statue in Berlin.

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SHOP IT LIKE IT'S HOT



With summer weather finally here, it's high time to stroll, browse, and window-shop your way through some of Berlin's most interesting shopping neighborhoods. **Hilda Hoy** tells you where.

First-time visitors to Berlin are often surprised to discover how spread out the city is, and how each of its many districts and neighborhoods has its own uniquely distinctive character, history, and even aesthetic. This holds true even when it comes to shopping. The genteel boutiques of west-end Charlottenburg are a pretty stark contrast to the hip, minimalist boutiques in Mitte, not to mention the starkly modern shopping centers in Berlin's budding commercial core. Lest you get overwhelmed by the wide breadth of Berlin's shopping scene, it's best to focus your attention on one neighborhood at a time. Read on to discover our top three destinations.

1 IN THE MITTE OF IT ALL

There's a reason the area of Mitte around Hackescher Markt and Rosenthaler Platz is so popular with shopping fans: these neighborhoods offer close-set streets of concentrated shops where you can browse to your heart's content without having to walk too far. Start across from S-Hackescher Markt station, where Japanese lifestyle brand **Muji** (Hackescher Markt 1) has a spacious flagship store stocking everything from high-quality wardrobe basics to functional design objects for the home to stationery that will inspire you to start keeping a journal, pronto. Round the corner into Neue Schönhauser Straße, a short street

chockablock with clothing and footwear shopping options like a boutique from Spanish shoemaker **Camper** (No. 11) and a **Birkenstock** store (No. 6), the ultra-comfortable German sandals making a fashion comeback.

You'll also find **The Kooples**, **Sisley**, and **Weekday** (Nos. 11, 12, and 17), coquettish French lingerie from **princesse tam-tam** (No. 16), plus upmarket chains like **& Other**

Stories and **COS** (Nos. 15 and 20). Even Karl Lagerfeld has his **Karl** boutique here (No. 8). There are plenty of options for men, too. **14 oz.** at Neue Schönhauser Str. 13 carries a well-curated selection of refined casualwear for fashionable gents, as does the **Ben Sherman** boutique (Rosenthaler Str. 31). For something truly special for the man in your life, don't miss the flamboyant bowties, suits, and accessories from **Herr von Eden** (Alte Schönhauser Str. 14).

With a wide variety of tasty cafés and restaurants to choose from, you're now at the perfect junction to take a break and refuel. **Mamecha** (Mulackstr. 33) is a calming spot for a pot of Japanese tea and a bento box, **Zeit für Brot** (Alte Schönhauser Str. 4) has good coffee, quiches, and tasty sandwiches, while **YamYam** (Alte Schönhauser Str. 6) has

spicy Korean soups and dumplings.

Afterward, head west along Torstraße, where fans of hip urbanite fashion can have their fill at **SOTO** and **No. 74** (Torstr. 72 and 74). Pop across the street to visit

Grober Unfug too, the best comic book store in the city (No. 75). Once you've reached Rosenthaler Platz, make a sharp right and head uphill into the Prenzlauer Berg district, filled with

plenty of small, cute shops for browsing, like **Kauf Dich Glück** (Kastanienallee 54) and **Kwikshop** (Kastanienallee 54). If you make it all the way up to Oderberger Straße, you'll be rewarded with some great secondhand stores stocking retro chic.

"The genteel boutiques of Charlottenburg are a stark contrast to the hip, minimalist boutiques in Mitte."

2 GET MALLED

In contrast to the many small boutiques around Rosenthaler Platz, the area of Mitte around Friedrichstraße and Potsdamer Platz is dominated by big shopping centers, making this the perfect destination for high-powered shoppers. Start on Friedrichstraße, where the French **Galleries Lafayette** department store and shopping complex **Quartier 206** have their home (Nos. 76 and 71). The latter houses exclusive boutiques like **Moschino** and **Etro** within its dazzling,



Art Deco-style interior, plus the two-level **Departmentstore Quartier 206**, which carries a careful selection of fashion and cosmetics brands from around the world.

Just a short walk away is the enormous **Mall of Berlin**, which opened to much fanfare last autumn on the very spot where the largest shopping center in all of Europe stood at the turn of the past century. With four sprawling levels and nearly 300 shops, the Mall of Berlin boasts fashion, electronics, cosmetics, food, and fun to keep shoppers entertained for hours. **Liebeskind**, **Navyboot**, **Intimissimi**, **Laurèl**, **7 For All Mankind**, and menswear emporium **Wormland** are just a few of the outlets to look for here. For a meal break that's miles above your average food court find, treat yourself to a delectable steak from the **Beef GrillClub by Hasir**.



Top: Mall of Berlin, Zeit für Brot, and Filipa K. In the middle row is the chic Departmentstore Quartier 206. Bottom: Auguststraße in Mitte, Berlin's shopping district.

3 THE BEST OF THE WEST

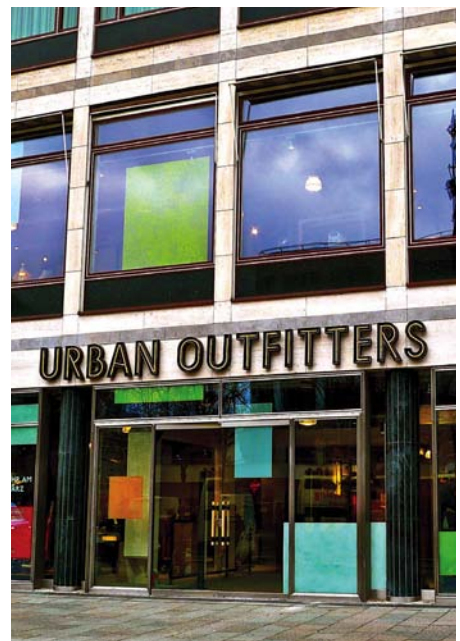
While the shopping area around Friedrichstraße is still relatively new, out west is where Berlin's shopping history was made. The venerable Kaufhaus des Westens – or **KaDeWe** (Tauentzienstr. 21-24) for short – dates back to 1907 and is not only Berlin's oldest shopping destination, but also the most luxurious. Today, the eight-story behemoth is still a must-see – even non-shoppers will find plenty to love in KaDeWe's famous food hall, where the oyster counter is a favorite spot amongst in-the-know gourmands.

There's much more to discover in this area than just KaDeWe, however. Tauentzienstraße and adjoining Kurfürstendamm – or **Ku'damm** as the locals call it for short – are both big shopping boulevards, with the latter especially known for its luxurious tenants: **Burberry**, **Rolex**, **Prada**, **Louis Vuitton**, and **Chanel** (Nos. 183, 184, 186, 56-57, 188-189) are just some of the upper-crust boutiques you'll find along this street, while the new concept mall **BIKINI HAUS** is just around the corner on Budapester Straße. Without breaking the budget, you can also pick up some sweet local souvenirs at the **Laysieffer** (No. 218) chocolaterie, check out the latest youth trends at the big **Urban Outfitters** flagship (No. 19), or indulge in some plant-essence-based beauty products at the **Aveda lifestyle salon** (No. 26A).

When it's time to take a much-deserved break, skip the Starbucks and go for one of the area's elegant, old-fashioned coffee houses instead. Afternoon tea at the opulent **Grosz** comes with three tiers of sweet and savory delicacies (No. 193-194), while the nearby **Café im Wintergarten Literaturhaus** (Fasanenstr. 23) is an elegant, old-fashioned spot for coffee and strudel or a light lunch.

A short walk north of the Ku'damm is Savignyplatz, a stately little square surrounded by residential streets teeming with upscale shops. Check out British mens- and womenswear at **Chelsea Farmer's Club** (Schlüterstr. 50), Mediterranean trends at the **0039 Italy** boutique (Schlüterstr. 51), rare and exquisite teas at **Paper & Tea** (Bleibtreustr. 4), and beautiful photo books in the shops under the train arches at S-Savignyplatz station. **W**

Photos from top: The Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtnis-Kirche in the background of the Ku'damm. Below that is the stylish Swedish clothing brand Filippa K. On the bottom, the Urban Outfitters flagship store on Ku'damm.





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THE BERLIN JUNGLE

Annabelle Mallia's fascination with the animal kingdom inspired her to explore the wilder side of town.

A red squirrel scurrying up a tree, rabbits darting in and out of bushes at the local Volkspark, perhaps a bushy-tailed fox in search of food scraps, and if you're lucky, a wild boar in the Grunewald forest: these are the usual wild animal sightings in Berlin. If you don't want to take your chances, there are plenty of places to visit where animal encounters are guaranteed.

LIFE'S A ZOO

Berlin Zoo (Hardenbergplatz, www.zoo-berlin.de) has over 20,000 animals of more than 1000 different species, making it one of the biggest collections of fauna in the world. Favorites are the monkey house, the nocturnal level in complete darkness, and the petting zoo where kids can get up close and personal with all of old McDonald's farm animals. Its eastern counterpart is **Tierpark** (Am

Did you know?

For a dizzying (and free) bird's eye view of the whole zoo and all its inhabitants, take the elevator to the top floor of the 25Hours Hotel (Budapester Str. 40) and visit Monkey Bar.

Tierpark 125, www.tierpark-berlin.de). Covering a wide area around the Friedrichsfelde palace, this is one of the largest parks in Europe and home to the ever-popular vari and lemur forest, a large enclosure you can walk through while the animals walk above your heads – or, sometimes, on your shoulders. On a smaller scale, **Domäne Dahlem** (Königin-Luise-Str. 49, www.domaene-dahlem.de) is a functional farm (they call themselves an open-air museum) conceived to give kids and grown-ups a peek into living off the land, with farm animals, a veggie garden, and an old tractor and manor house. Should you wish to squeeze in some zoological highlights while shopping, head to the towering cone-shaped bird cages at **Neues Kranzler Eck** just off the Ku'damm, home to a variety of parrots and other exotic birds, happily pecking and squawking away.

GOING BATTY

If you're keen on an excursion, **Pfaueninsel** (Pfaueninselchaussee 100, www.pfaueninsel.de) in the city's south will bring you face to face with the beautiful bright-blue feathers of about 100 peacocks. Requiring a short ferry ride to get there, the island is a true city escape, completely secluded and car free. Not far from there, **Biosphäre Potsdam** (Georg-Hermann-Allee 99, www.biosphaere-potsdam.de) is an indoor jungle landscape with a waterfall, hourly thunderstorms, and a path that winds its way through 20,000 tropical plants and a variety of animals from birds to lizards to walking leaves, plus a beautiful butterfly house. Or take the U7 to **Zitadelle Spandau** (Am Juliusturm, www.zitadelle-spandau.de), where one



of Europe's largest bat colonies has been occupying the vaults of this 16th-century military fortification pretty much since it was built. Torch-lit tours during the summer months provide a fascinating glimpse into their dark habitat. In the **Fledermauskeller** (bat cellar), a population of tropical bats hangs out year-round with just a glass screen separating you from the swarm.

A BATTY FACT

Each year Berlin sees an ever-increasing influx of bats from the surrounding Brandenburg forests, which come to hang out in the city's dingy, unused corners and see out the winter in hibernation. Some 4500 bats flew in this year, two-thirds of which found refuge in the waterworks buildings in Tegel and Friedrichshain.




UNDER THE SEA

Taking a dive underwater, the much-loved **Aquarium Berlin** (Budapester Str. 32, www.aquarium-berlin.de) is conveniently attached to the city zoo and features reef sharks, a shark nursery where you can observe fetuses as they move around inside their see-through egg capsules, crocodiles that live surprisingly peaceably together with turtles, and iridescent jellyfish tanks. Sticking purely to the oceanic theme is the pricier and more commercial **AquaDom & Sea Life** (Spandauer Str. 3, www.visitsealife.com), featuring less species diversity than the Aquarium but still boasting more than 5000 creatures. Highlights include an interactive rock pool with starfish and sea anemones and, as a grand finale, a glass elevator ride through the AquaDom itself, an amazing 25-meter-tall cylindrical tropical fish tank.

A ZOO STORY

In January, the Berlin Zoo saw the birth of baby orangutan Rieke. Rejected by her mother, she had to make herself a new home at Monkey World in England, where she will now be raised by an orangutan nurse together with her playmate Bulu Mata from Budapest until they are ready for integration into the resident orangutan population.

PLAYING DEAD

To marvel at some long-dead animal specimens, the **Museum für Naturkunde** (Invalidenstr. 43, www.naturkundemuseum-berlin.de) is host to the largest mounted dinosaur skeleton in the world and a famous fossil of an *Archaeopteryx*, the 150-million-year-old bird that marked the transition between dinosaurs and feathered creatures, referred to as the Mona Lisa of paleontology for its beauty. The museum also has an impressive wet collection of 276,000 vials of spiders, fish, crustaceans, amphibians, and mammals preserved in over 81,000 liters of ethanol. Lastly, a list of animal encounters just wouldn't be complete without including the **United Buddy Bears** (www.buddy-baer.com). What started out as an exhibition outside KaDeWe in 2001 has spread all over the city. The uniquely painted, 2-meter-tall bear statues with friendly and optimistically raised arms have turned into global ambassadors of Berlin. 



BRINGING BERLIN HOME

There's so much more out there than key rings with vintage traffic light symbols and pull-back model Trabants. **Solveig Steinhardt** made a list of "easy-to-find" "only-in-Berlin" souvenirs you can treat your friends or yourself to.



The desire to collect mementos has accompanied us since the beginning of time. When Marco Polo landed back in Venice after his expedition in China, he was most probably wearing a silk scarf and holding a Ming vase, while the upper-class Englishmen who traveled Europe in the Grand Tour liked to collect all kinds of antiquities and archeological treasures as keepsakes of the cities visited, sometimes after looting the tombs with their own hands. On a more personal, everyday level, a souvenir is like a little trophy symbolizing that slice of the world we've just conquered, be it geographic or cultural. But you don't have to break the bank in a souvenir shop to for great reminders of your trip: the right item might be closer than you think. Read on and get inspired!

1 Gummibärchen of course! These Berlin-bear-shaped jelly babies are the perfect gift for kids and adults alike. Bring back a bag of KaDeWe-branded ones (www.kadewe.de), made with natural fruit juice. For **more Berlin bears** of the non-edible kind, head to KPM-Berlin and browse the shelves for luxury porcelain souvenirs including a Berlin bear dressed like the Kaiser.



2 Turkish delights: Berlin is Turkey's other capital, and the Turkish market on

Maybachufer in Kreuzberg (open Tue and Fri) carries lots of great souvenir ideas, from patterned fabrics to lokum and spices.

3 Bring back the Berlin spirit in a bottle of **Berliner Brandstifter gin** (www.berlinerbrandstifter.com) or **Our/Berlin vodka** (www.ourberlin.de), or get the TV Tower-shaped **Berliner Luft** schnapps. It will look great on your shelf even after the peppermint liquor inside is long gone. Find it at Galeria on Alexanderplatz.

4 Photo booth pictures: The B&W photos from the retro machines scattered around town are a Berlin hipster classic. Wear your vintage clothes and take home a strip of "yous" from back in the late 1970s. There's a machine at Checkpoint Charlie (Zimmerstr. 97), and one inside Markthalle Neun (Eisenbahnstr. 42).

5 Support Berlin's bees! The **BerlinerHonig honey** is made by urban hobby beekeepers and comes in jars bearing the name of the producer and neighborhood where it was made. Get it in the bigger supermarkets.

6 With a bottle of **Frau Tonis perfume**, handmade with French essential oils to remind you of Berlin, you can choose to wear Marlene Dietrich's Pure Violet

fragrance or the urban Linde Berlin and Eau de Berlin concoctions (Zimmerstr. 13).

7 Bring back some **essential bath oils from Tetesept or Kneipp** from any DM or Rossmann drugstore: a few drops in your bath will relax your muscles and nerves, lift you up, ease a cold, remind you of the ocean, or transport you to an Indian bazaar or a Moroccan hamam, depending on which blend you choose. They even have fizzy, colored baths and crackling salts for the kids.

8 Marzipan, the great German classic. **Niederegger marzipan** dipped in dark chocolate melts in your mouth and simultaneously excites both the sweet and the bitter receptors on your tongue. Get it at Karstadt (Kurfürstendamm 231). Or visit **Fassbender & Rausch** (fassbender-rausch.de) for great chocolate.

9 German cosmetics are reliable, effective, and high-quality. Stock up on **Dr Hauschka lotions** at KaDeWe.

10 The crafty **DaWanda** community produces funky Berlin-themed T-shirts and products year round. Go to www.dawanda.com to see what's new, or visit their **Snuggery** shop at Windscheidstr. 18. **W**





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Clockwise from left: Navyboot, Riccardo Cartillone, Buffalo Boots, Birkenstock.

Putting Your Best Foot Forward

Annabelle Mallia's weaknesses are cake, earrings, and yes, shoes!

"Give a girl the right shoes, and she can conquer the world," Marilyn Monroe once said. If this also rings true for you, we recommend adding these stores to your Berlin shopping itinerary.

Appalled at the state of Berlin's fashion scene when he came here in 1978, Italian immigrant **Riccardo Cartillone** (www.riccardocartillone.com) vowed

to return to his home country and bring back the most modern shoes for Berliners to try on. With nine stores across the city, Cartillone continues commissioning small Italian designers to craft beautiful lace-ups, high heels, boots, and ballerinas. For more of a cowboy look, head to the large **Buffalo Boots** (www.buffalo-boots.com) showroom

"Give a girl the right shoes, and she can conquer the world."

on Kurfürstendamm. This popular brand began selling its cowboy boots in Germany in 1979, and has now evolved into a trendy international shoe label. From the Wild West look to black biker boots, Buffalo is also famous for the sports shoes with platform midsole, which have adorned the feet of stars such as Cameron Diaz and The Spice Girls.

Another must-go destination for Carrie Bradshaw think-alikes has got to be **Budapester Schuhe** (Kurfürstendamm 199/204, www.budapester.eu), featuring the classic shoe with low-heels, wingtips, and Lyra perforations, paired up with other high-end brands such as Jimmy Choo, Gucci, and Prada. All three of their stores are on

Ku'damm – one for the ladies, one for the men on the opposite side of the road, and an outlet store next door. At **Navyboot** (Mall of Berlin, Leipziger Platz 12, www.navyboot.com), you'll find time-tested shoes, manufactured in superior, reliable quality that suit all foot shapes – ankle boots, pumps, loafers, and sneakers as well, with bags to match.

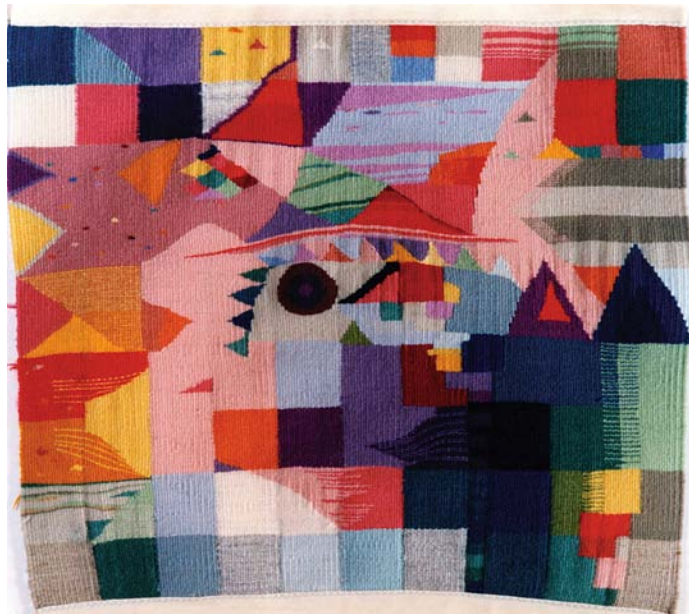
And if you're looking for the comfortable yet curiously fashionable German sandal, with the familiar chunky cork base and thick, buckled straps, then head to the **Birkenstock** store (Neue Schönhauser Str. 6-7, www.birkenstock.com) where you'll find a huge assortment of Birkenstock sandals in quirky and colorful designs. Because, as we all know, a girl can never have enough shoes.

Tactile Textiles

Ever wondered how to weave a bolero? Ever dreamed of working with paper lace, marbling fabrics with shaving cream, or making jewelry with wooden beads?

These are just some of the workshops you can register for at **Textile Art Berlin**, the international fabric art fair taking place at Carl-von-Ossietzky-Schule (Blücherstr. 46) on 27 and 28 June. This year, the show will be exploring how the Eastern world has been meeting Western fashion in recent years, with 20 exhibitors from Asia and Europe as well as lectures, films, a gala evening, and fashion show, plus more than 120 stalls to browse and discover.

Blücherstr. 46 – 47.
www.textile-art-berlin.de



THE **where** GUIDELINES

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

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 certain Sundays of the year. This year, these are: **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.

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

Michal Negrin

The Israeli designer has been creating a unique lifestyle for 20 years, specializing in fashion, jewelry, and home decor. Inspired by vintage themes with romantic and Victorian elements, her creations are made with Swarovski crystals and valuable fabrics. www.michalnegrin.com. T: 030.20143466. Mall of Berlin, Leipziger Str. 12. 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**

LIEBESKIND Berlin

High-quality leather accessories and shoes, from casual to classic, designed in Berlin. de.liebeskind-berlin.com. Neue Schönhauser Straße 8. T: 030.24781600. U Weinmeisterstraße. **F2**; Alexa Center, Grunerstr. 20. T: 030.27878090. S+U Alexanderplatz; **F3**; Mall of Berlin, Leipziger Platz 12. T: 030. 20620210. U Mohrenstraße. **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

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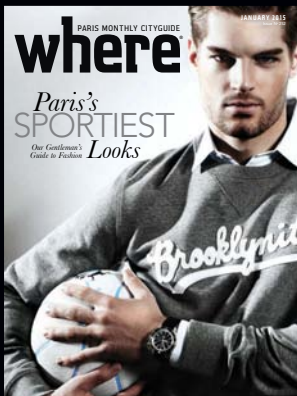
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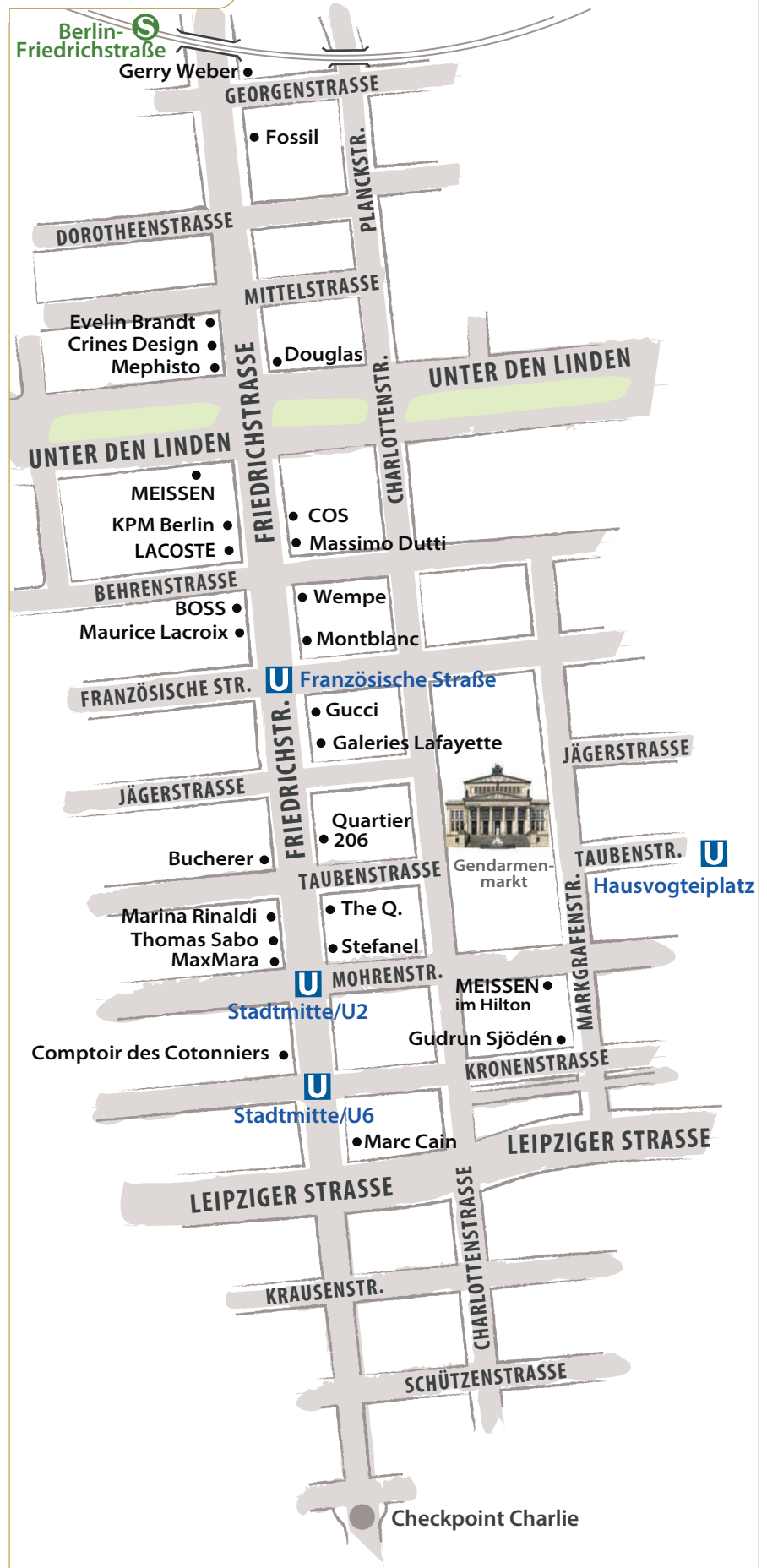
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Lucky "A"

Described as a German brand with an Italian soul, the **Etienne Aigner** brand was born in Munich in 1965 and draws inspiration from the rampant years of the '60s and '70s, featuring products with a rural, countryside feel and a small horseshoe logo. Handbag classics such as the Saddle Bag and unmistakable Doctor's Bag made Aigner world-famous. Today, the Aigner "A" embellishes jewelry, fashion, fragrances, and accessories, and has become a symbol for unique craftsmanship, superb quality, and perfection.

Kurfürstendamm 50. T: 030 88683668. www.aignermunich.com

into smaller bottles upon request and sold by weight. www.parfum-individual.de. Kantstr. 106. T: 030.3243582. U Wilmersdorfer 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 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 Quartier 206

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.ds206.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



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Minimalism Heaven

"No brand quality goods." Can this be a store's philosophy? Walk into any of the two **MUJI** locations in Berlin, one in the Mall of Berlin and the other at Hackescher Markt, and you'll find yourself in an oasis of aesthetic, quality minimalism, with the resounding answer of "Yes!" MUJI has been achieving the extraordinary through their unbranded products since its founding in 1980. The biggest draw to the store is their practical household products and eye-catching simple stationery, but high quality clothing and minimalist furniture are also to be found here.

Leipziger Platz 12. T: 030 20629579. www.muji.de

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**

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. Budapeststr. 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. 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**

Armani Jeans

Delve into the world of Italian fashion house

Giorgio Armani, with their stylish Armani jeans and denim clothing for men and women. Their first store in Berlin inside Mall of Berlin also carries the Giorgio Armani, Emporio Armani, Armani Collezioni, and EA fashion lines. www.armani.com. Mall of Berlin. Leipziger Platz 12. U Mohrenstraße. **E3**

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 Schlosstrasse 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. 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: 030.20444444. 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

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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 Köhl and Alexandra Fischer-Röhler also specialize in bridal wear. www.kaviargauche.com. Linienstr. 44. T: 030.28873562. U Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz. **F2**



Jacket by Boggi Milano, Kurfürstendamm 195-196.

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. 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.

Michael Kors

The New York-based designer Michael Kors is known for his ready-to-wear fashion and luxury accessories – bags, watches, jewelry, shoes, and other award-winning designs. www.michaelkors.com. Kurfürstendamm 219. T: 030.81825760. U Uhlandstr. **C4**; Rosenthaler Str. 37. T: 030.24088690. **F2**

One Green Elephant

This Japanese, European designed brand brings innovative fashion for women and men. Designed

as everlasting 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**

Pennyblack

This popular Italian brand dresses a woman in every hour of the day. The "black" label is for sophistication, the "grey" label for a more casual style, and the "pink" for romantic, special moments. www.pennyblack.com. Mall of Berlin, Leipziger Platz 12. T: 030.20644346. U Mohrenstr. **E3 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**

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**

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

Marheineke Markthalle

One of key market halls over 100 years ago, Marheineke Markthalle continues to be a culinary highlight today. Meats, cheese, deli items, baked goods, fruit and vegetables, juices, and flowers – everything is of exquisite quality and much of it produced organically and regionally. Rounding off the offerings are crafts and regular art exhibitions. www.meine-markthalle.de. Marheinekeplatz 15. T: 030 61286146. U Gneisenaustraße. **E5**

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**

LUXURY BRANDS

AIGNER

www.aignermunich.com.
Kurfürstendamm 50. T: 030 88683668.
U Uhlandstr. B4

BALLY

www.bally.com. Kurfürstendamm 52.
T: 030 88707688. U Uhlandstr. B4

BOGGI MILANO

www.boggi.it. Kurfürstendamm 195-196.
T: 030 88921730. U Uhlandstr. B4

BOSS

www.hugoboss.com. Friedrichstr. 165.
T: 030 20613890. U Französische Str. E3

BOTTEGA VENETA

www.bottegaveneta.com.
Kurfürstendamm 59-60.
T: 030 70550770. U Adenauerplatz. B4

BUCHERER

www.bucherer.com. Friedrichstr. 45.
T: 030 2041049. U Kochstr. E4

BULGARI

www.bulgari.com. Kurfürstendamm
190-192. T: 030 8857920. U Uhlandstr. B4

EMPORIO ARMANI

www.armani.com. Friedrichstr. 169-170.
T: 030 20615660. U Stadtmitte. E3

ERMENEGILDO ZEGNA

www.zegna.com. KaDeWe, Tauentzienstr.
21-24. T: 030 21210. U Wittenbergplatz. C4

ESCADA

www.escada.com. Kurfürstendamm 195.
T: 030 88923815. U Uhlandstr. B4

ETRO

www.etro.com. Quartier 206
Departmentstore. Friedrichstraße 71.
T: 030 20946120. U Französische Str. E3

LONGCHAMP

www.longchamp.com. Kurfürstendamm
42. T: 030 88712810. U Uhlandstr. B4

MCM

www.mcmworldwide.com. Rosenthaler
Str. 38. T: 030 28493793.
S Hackescher Markt. F2

PAL ZILERI

www.palzileri.com. Kurfürstendamm
175-176. T: 030 88910700.
U Adenauerplatz. B4

ROLEX

www.rolex.com. Kurfürstendamm 184.
T: 030 55669010. U Adenauerplatz. B4

WEMPE

www.wempe.com. Kurfürstendamm 184.
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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**

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Goldsteg near Savignyplatz sells designer fashion at up to 50% off the original price.

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

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, manufactured with gold and precious stones. www.leicht-jewellery.com. Unter den Linden 77. T: 030.2290212. S+U Friedrichstraße. **E3**

Niessing

Each piece of jewelry at Niessing tells a story about the jewelry house, which has been in this business for over 135 years, always with a personal touch left

behind by its creator. Lively pieces in gold, platinum, or stainless steel. www.niessingberlin.de. Stilwerk / Kantstraße 17. T: 030. 31809075. S Savignyplatz. **B4**

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 (other locations on website). T: 030.8826878. U Uhlandstraße. **C4**; Friedrichstr. 82. T: 030.20399920. U Französische Straße. **E3**

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**

SHOPPING ESSENTIALS

SIZING GUIDE

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



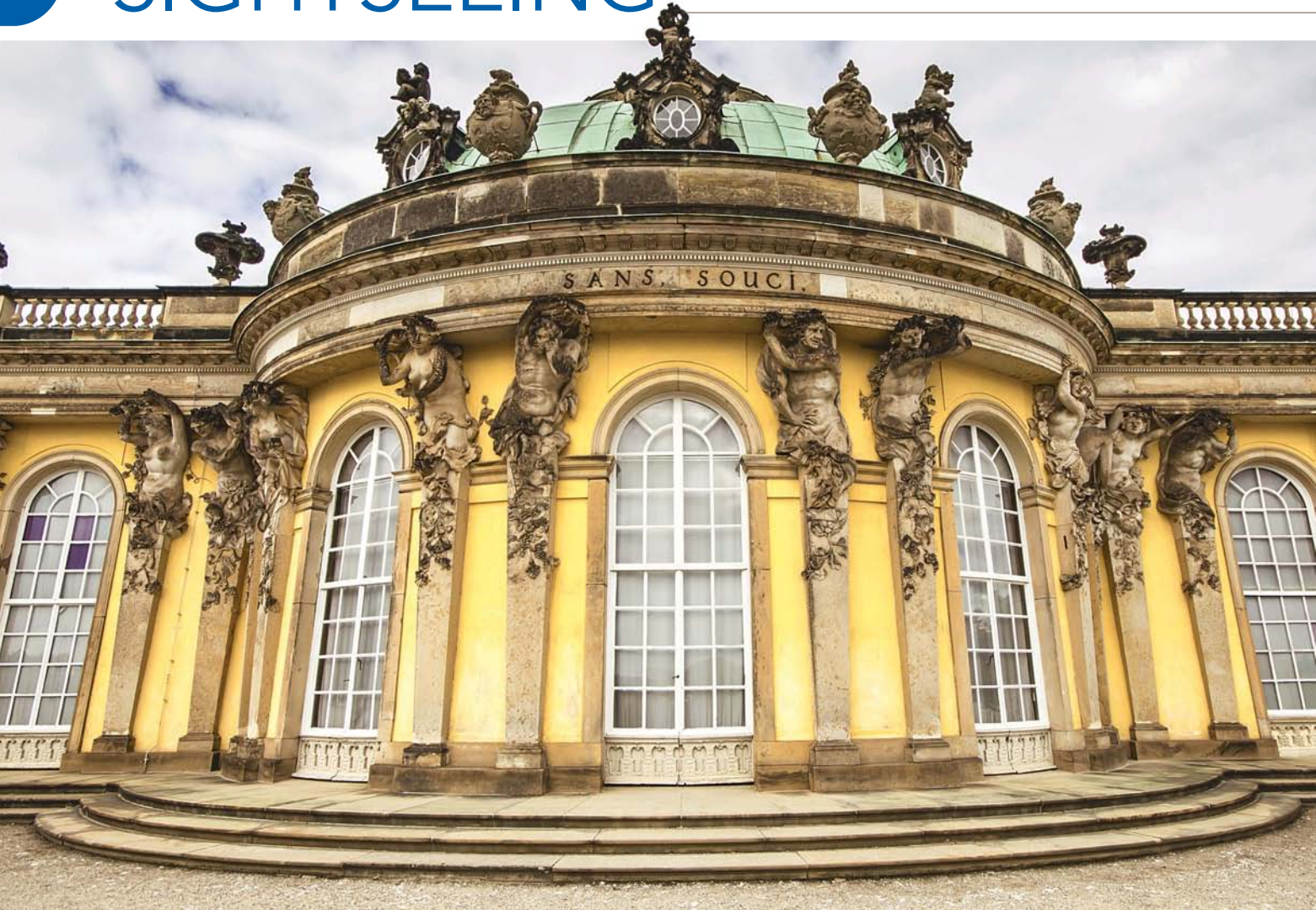
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On the Trail of the Hohenzollerns

Curious about the story behind the many palaces in Berlin, **Serene Tseng** sets off to discover them.

The mere utterance of their name brings back images of grand palaces built during a bygone era. The House of Hohenzollern of Brandenburg-Prussia came to power in 1415 and produced Prussian kings and emperors for the following 500 years, but while the royal family may have ended their rule after WWI, traces of their influence are still evident throughout Berlin. A fun way to learn about the family's history is by visiting the **KPM** porcelain factory museum (p. 36), which traces centuries of Hohenzollern history, hand-painted on the porcelain they had made for their palaces.

As the ruling family, the Hohenzollerns had the means to commission many of the palaces in Berlin, the most famous being **Charlottenburg Palace**. Built in 1695 for

Sophie Charlotte, wife of King Friedrich I, it was meant to be an idyllic summer palace, complete with beautiful Baroque and Rococo architecture, a belvedere, and garden. Nowadays, the palace houses a museum with Hohenzollern artifacts. Not far from the *Schloß* is the late-18th-century **Bellevue Palace**, now the official residence of the president of Germany.

Situated inside Tiergarten park, its location gives the cleanly-designed palace its name, meaning "beautiful view" in French. In eastern Berlin is the **Friedrichsfelde Palace**, now part of the Tierpark zoo. Several princes and princesses were born in this late-17th-

century palace, including Louis Ferdinand, the grandson of Sophie Charlotte. In its later history, the palace was occupied by the Red Army after WWII and had a career change during the Cold War, serving as a storehouse and animal clinic for the Tierpark. Farther south is the **Köpenick Palace**, the oldest of them all. Built in 1558 as the hunting lodge for Elector Joachim II

Hector, this Renaissance castle sits on the foundations of a 6th-century Slavic castle. But the most famous of them all is

the **Schloß Sanssouci** in Potsdam, which was built in the intricate Rococo style for Friedrich the Great as his place of retreat from hectic Berlin.

"The mere utterance of their name brings back images of grand palaces."

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. Panoramastr. 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 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 now hosts 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 Knoblauchhaus

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 Knoblauchhaus, 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 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.



TV Tower

Berlin’s most iconic building, the *Fernsehturm* on Alexanderplatz, was built by the GDR in the 1960s with the double purpose of transmitting television signals and demonstrating the strength and efficiency of the socialist system. Its rocket-like structure showed the East German government’s enthusiasm for technology and space, and the sphere was designed to resemble the Soviet Sputnik satellite. Standing 368 meters tall, it is the tallest building in Germany, and with a 40-second elevator ride, you can reach the observation deck and **Bar 203**, serving drinks and snacks. **Restaurant Sphere** is on the next floor at 207 meters, serving traditional Berlin cuisine and international dishes. Making a full turn every hour, you are guaranteed a spectacular 360-degree sightseeing tour at every table, but you’ll need to reserve in advance.

Alexanderplatz. T: 030 247575875. www.tv-turm.de

SIGHTSEEING

€ 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**

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**

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**

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 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**

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.



500 Years Of History

One of the best-preserved Renaissance fortresses, the 16th-century **Spandau Citadel** (www.zitadelle-spandau.de), has borne witness to the past 500 years of conflict. The Citadel is entirely surrounded by water, located on the convergence of the Havel and Spree rivers, with its walls protected by four bastions. The *Juliusurm*, or Julius Tower, standing at 30 meters tall, is the citadel's most famous feature, but what's perhaps more interesting are the Jewish gravestones from the Middle Ages that were once used as building materials. Now housed in the citadel museum, these gravestones shed light into early Jewish history in the region. This month, the citadel will be hosting its annual Citadel Music Festival - a great excuse to visit the fortress while listening to great music.

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 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**

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.computerspielmuseum.de. Karl-Marx-Allee 93a. T: 030.60988577. U Weberwiese. **G3**

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**



The Checkpoint Charlie guard house is often manned by US and former-USSR 'soldiers' who will be happy to pose with you for pictures.

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**

Filmpark Babelsberg

In the early 1900s, the Babelsberg film studios produced some of the most important films of the silent era, such as *Metropolis*, until they were taken over by the Nazi regime to produce political propaganda. Today, the studios are still in use but part of the complex has been turned into a film theme park, with old sets, stuntmen, special effects, and children's sections dedicated to popular TV characters. Daily 10am–6pm from April to October, closed Mon in May and on Mon and Tues in September, on 6 and 13 October. €21/14, under-4s free. www.filmpark-babelsberg.de. Grossbeerstr., Potsdam-Babelsberg. T: 0331.7212750. S Griebnitzsee. **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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SIGHTSEEING

cruises of the city's canals and rivers.
www.reederei-riedel.de. T: 030.67961470.

Stern und Kreis Schifffahrt

30 different boat tours along the city's rivers and canals, including bus-boat combination tours of the Brandenburg region, a Wannsee cruise, and individual charter options. buchung.sternundkreis.de. T: 030.5363600.

Exclusiv Yachtcharter

This boat tour company offers yacht and luxury boat tours around Berlin, including a bridge tour, and many different cruises through Berlin's network of canals and lakes. www.exclusiv-yachtcharter.de. T: 030.4366836.

TOURS AND GUIDED WALKS

Berlinagenten

These luxury tour agents specialize in what they call "urban lifestyle guidance," introducing their clients to unique locations, people, shops, clubs, and more. Tours include a "pimp me up" spa and make-over tour, culinary experiences, Berlin creativeness, private house visits, and limo tours. They even offer a graffiti workshop for the real urban experience. From €300.
www.berlinagenten.com. Bornholmer Str. 4.
T: 030.43720701.

Berlin Music Tours

Explore Berlin's rock&pop history with Berlin Music Tours, which include a visit to the famous Hansa Studios, a musical walk through Prenzlauer Berg, a David Bowie tour, and a classic tour through the history of Berlin music. Booking on the website required.
From €12. www.music tours-berlin.com.

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. www.berliner-unterwelten.de. Brunnenstr. 105. T: 030.49910517.

City Segway Tours

Discover the city on board a Segway human transporter. Full Segway training provided. €67. www.citysegwaytours.com. Panoramastr. 1a. T: 030.24047991. S+U Alexanderplatz.



Discover the heart of Berlin aboard a Segway. segBerlinways offers 1- and 3-hour tours of Berlin's top attractions. www.seg-berlin-ways.de



Cruising Along

It is said that there are more bridges in Berlin than in Venice. If you don't believe it, then hop aboard a river boat and start counting them from one of the many **Berlin Bridge Cruises** offered by the main river cruise companies (this page). The classic three-hour tours take visitors under 63 of Berlin's 900+ bridges, some of them so low you'll have to duck down to prevent bumping your head. They also pass by sites such as the Reichstag and government quarter, Museum Island, Berliner Dom, and Nikolaiviertel, as well as through several of the city's colorful districts, including Kreuzberg, Neukölln, and Friedrichshain. While the live guides will explain the sites in German only, the multilingual audio-guides provide detailed accounts of interesting facts on historical and modern Berlin in up to six languages.

CoolTourings Segway Tours

Covering Berlin's Top 20 sightseeing highlights, CoolTourings take individual visitors or large groups on an exciting ride aboard a Segway human transporter. A fun and fast way to explore the city. www.seg-berlin-ways.de. T: 030.26321381.

Fat Tire Bike Tours

Comfort comes first on Fat Tire Tours, and they created their whole concept around their curvy bicycles with soft seats, individually adjusted handbars and, obviously, fat tires. Tour themes vary and their all-in-one city bike tour is particularly famous. Times vary seasonally. Call ahead in winter. From €25. 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.

Original Berlin Walks

Offering eight themed walking tours in summer and four in the winter. Themes include the Third Reich, Jewish life in Berlin, Potsdam, the Cold War, gay Berlin and Christmas markets (in December). No advance booking required, just show up at the meeting point shortly before the tour begins. www.berlinwalks.de.

Neue Bahnhofstr. 9-10.
T: 030.3019194.

rent-a-guide

Explore Berlin with rent-a-guide, a booking platform specializing in tailor-made sightseeing tours and activities. Cooperating with more than 150 tour guides, they offer just about anything from social culinary tours to private museum tours including a chauffeur. T: 0234.9155632.
www.rent-a-guide.com

Trabi World

This company organizes fun tours aboard real Trabants, the iconic cars of the former GDR. Visitors drive their personal Trabis, 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.de. Zimmerstr. 97. T: 030.30201030.

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MUSEUMS & GALLERIES



The German-German Transition

Solveig Steinhardt heads to the Deutsches Historisches Museum to learn more about everyday life in unified Germany.

Spend enough time in Berlin and you'll probably hear dozens of fascinating stories about how people lived in the divided city: from dramatic escape attempts to tearful encounters with relatives on the other side, from standing in line for food to simply longing to see what was beyond that wall, there are a million stories that make that part of history seem so much closer. One mistake many of us make is identifying the fall of the Wall with the solution to all these problems; we tend to forget that 1989 was not just a euphoric moment for two societies, but also the beginning of a difficult transition in which the two Germanies had to get to know each other all over again and unify their views, an enormous effort of adjustment and integration that is still ongoing today. Until 25 October, the **Deutsches Historisches Museum** (p. 41) will be

exploring this difficult integration through representative objects and photographs from the first few years of the 1990s.

The unification of Germany wasn't only cultural and political, it also deeply affected the personal sphere. While many young East Germans saw the end of communism as a dream come true, the older generations had to watch their whole world crumble beneath their feet, the foods of their childhood disappear from the shelves, and their beliefs shattered by the new system. Many people lost their government jobs, and deep internal conflict became a common feeling in the Eastern part of the country, where citizens had to slowly adapt to the consumer habits of the West. Exploring the first reactions of East

"The unification of Germany deeply affected the citizens' personal sphere."

Berliners right after the borders opened, **Unification - German Society in Transition** shows the destiny of many workplaces, examines interesting phenomena such as the "mobile banks," Deutsche Bank busses traveling through the Eastern regions to bring Deutsche Marks to the East German population, and focuses on

simple questions pertaining to everyday life. For example, what did the East Germans do with the 100DM

"welcome money" they received from the Federal Republic's banks after the Wall came down? Many reportedly spent it on bananas, thinking there wouldn't be any the next day, while others, like the parents of a 6-year-old girl called Katharina, bought her a Barbie doll, the symbol of Western childhood.

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 3 Jun to 21 Sep: Dialogues: photography by Helene Binet** explores the black-and-white world of the famous architecture photographer. Open Wed–Mon 10am–5pm. €7/4, Wed–Fri €6/3. www.bauhaus.de. Klingelhöferstr. 14. T: 030.25400278. U Nollendorferplatz. **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 25 Oct: 1945–Defeat. Liberation. New Beginning** exposes the efforts of various European nations made to rebuilding and recovering from WWII. 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**

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 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. Open Mon, Wed–Fri, Sun 2–6pm, Sat 2–7pm. €6/4 www.schwulesmuseum.de. Lützowstr. 73. T: 030.69599050. U Nollendorferplatz. **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. **To 13 Sep: Gehorsam: An exhibition of the works by Saskia Boddeke and Peter Greenaway** examines the works of multimedia art and the films of the two artists. 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 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. **To 7 Jun: Gerhard Altenbourg. I Drew That** shows the graphic work of the GDR artist. **26 Jun to 20 Sep: We come from dogs.** This year's summer exhibition focuses on the relationship between man and dog with a varied selection of paintings and artworks dedicated to man's best friend. Open Tue–Fri 10am–6pm, Sat & Sun 11am–6pm. €6/3. www.smb.museum. Matthäikirchplatz. T: 030.266424242. 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. **To 28 Jun: West Berlin Scenes** presents snapshots of 40 years of West Berlin life through the lens of Harry Croner. 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 14 Jun: Dance Of The Ancestors** is an exhibition on the art of the Sepik Region of Papua-New Guinea. **To 8**



A Musical Palette

Swiss-born artist Dieter Roth (1930-1998) spent his entire career experimenting with widely varied media, from painting and installation to printmaking, literature, and film. Under the weight of these important projects, Roth's music-related works have often been underestimated, but are now being presented for the first time in a comprehensive exhibition at **Hamburger Bahnhof** (p. 44). A lover of music in all its forms, he managed to integrate it in his oeuvre in many ways: he assembled actual instruments in his sculptures or used them as motifs in paintings, and he even performed on stage as a musician as part of his installations. Until 24 August, the Hamburger Bahnhof will be hosting all of his music-related work, drawing parallels with pieces by selected artists who address similar issues.



The Good Im(Ex)pression

First came the French Impressionists, who attempted to capture the impression of light in a scene, emphasizing the visual effects of what they saw. Then came German Expressionism, which reacted to Impressionism by adding emotion by exaggerating reality to depict the feeling caused by the event. Until 20 September, these opposing but closely related movements will be compared and juxtaposed in **ImEx – Impressionism-Expressionism: Turning Point in Art**, the new exhibition at the **Alte Nationalgalerie** (p. 43). Gaze at more than 170 French and German masterpieces by important painters like Max Liebermann, Lovis Corinth, Claude Monet, Edgar Degas, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Emil Nolde, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, and many more.

Jun: *ZERO – The International Movement of the 1950s and 1960s* explores the movement founded by Otto Piene, Heinz Mack and Günther Uecker. **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. **To 23 Aug:** *Fassbinder – NOW* provides a new impetus to engage with one of the most significant German directors. **From 28 Jun to 8 Aug:** *Tino Sehgal* explores the work of the Berlin-based British-German artist. 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. 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: 030.266424242. 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. **To 23 Aug:** *Dialogue With Time* explores one's future in relation with time and aging interactively. 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 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. 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. **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: 030.266424242. 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: 030.266424242. 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. Open Tue–Fri 10am–6pm (until 8pm on Thu), Sat & Sun 10am–6pm. €12/6. www.smb.museum. Bodestr. 1–3. T: 030.266424242. U Friedrichstraße, S Hackescher Markt. **E3**

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 7 Jun:** *Kunst für Alle* presents a collage of political art since the 1960s. 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. €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 20 Sep:** *Impressionism–Expressionism: Turning Point in Art*. The exhibition traces the similarities and differences between the two movements and examines their enduring popularity. 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. **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 of art in the two fires that occurred in the Friedrichshain bunker. **To 13 Sep:** *ONE GOD–Abraham's Legacy on the Nile* takes a closer look at Jews, Christians, and Muslims in Egypt from antiquity to the Middle Ages. 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



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One God

Think Egypt, and the pyramids of the ancient Egyptians will come to mind. The large North-African country is mostly associated with pharaohs and their multiple gods, from Ra, the god of the sun, to Anubis, the jackal-headed god of death. But Egypt also served as an important cradle for monotheism. Until 13 September, the **Bode Museum** (p. 43) presents **ONE GOD - Abraham's Legacy on the Nile**, a large exhibition examining religious life and day-to-day coexistence of the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian communities in Egypt, showing us how they developed and interacted from the time of the Romans to the 12th century.

museum explores the history of the movement through the paintings of artists like Nolde, Kirchner, Heckel, and more. **To 19 Jul:** *Otto Müller. Harmony and Grace*. At the center of the exhibition stand nine color lithographs depicting Sinti and Roma people. 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 16 Aug:** *Sebastiao Salgado: Genesis* is a homage to the blue planet: archaic volcanic landscapes, Arctic ice masses, meandering river canyons, mountain chains enveloped in mist, and endless sand dunes. Open daily 11am–8pm. €10/5. www.co-berlin.org. Hardenbergstr. 22–24. T: 030.28444160.

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 30 Aug:** *From a Poem to the Sunset*. First part of a double exhibition showing the new acquisitions of contemporary Chinese and international art. 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. 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. 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**

Georg Kolbe Museum

An idyllic pine tree garden houses the former studio of German Secessionist artist Georg Kolbe. Kolbe used the human body as an expression of the human spirit, challenging the role of sculpture as a representation of mythological or heroic symbolism. The museum displays a wide selection of his works and hosts frequent exhibitions. Open Tue–Sun 10am–6pm. €5/3. www.georg-kolbe-museum.de. Sensburger Allee 25. T: 030.3042144. S Heerstraße. **Off Map**

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. **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. **To 11 Oct:** *Two by Two* is the first joint exhibition of New York-based artists Mary Heilmann and David Reed, who will be presenting their works of post-Abstract Expressionism. **To 6 Sep:** *Moby Dick*. Installations by Michael Beutler, occupying and transforming spaces through cultural intervention. **To 23 Aug:** *Drawing Double Reversal* is the first exhibition to focus on the graphic oeuvre of Elaine Sturtevant. **From 6 Jun to 27 Sep:** *Black Mountain: an Interdisciplinary Experiment*: an exhibition about the legendary American arts college, which existed from 1933 to 1957 near Asheville in North Carolina. Open Tue–Fri 10am–6pm (until 8pm on Thu), Sat & Sun 10am–6pm. €14/7. www.hamburgerbahnhof.de. Invalidenstr. 50–51. T: 030.266424242. 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. **5 Jun–16 Aug:** *Nezaket Ekici – Everything We Own Owns Us*. Open Tue–Sun 11am–6pm. €7/5. www.hausamwaldsee.de. Argentinische Allee 30. T: 030.8018935. U Krumme Lanke. **Off Map**

Did you know?

The Garden of Exile in the Jewish Museum represents the unsettling experience of European Jewish Exiles.

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. 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 10 Aug:** *Max Liebermann and Vincent Van Gogh*. The exhibition brings the two painters together and draws astonishing parallels between the work they produced in the Netherlands between 1882 and 1885. €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*. **From 12 Jun to 30 Aug:** *Falling Fictions: Objects 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. **To 7 Jun:** *Sideways - Alexander Calder/ Paul Klee* – for the second instalment of the exhibition, works are paired together to introduce new interpretations of the respective artists’ work. Open Tues–Fri 10am–6pm. €10/5. www.smb.museum. Schloßstr. 1. T: 030.26642424. 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 Chistian 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. Open Tue–Fri 10am–6pm, Sat & Sun 11am–6pm. €10/5. www.smb.museum. Schloßstr. 70. T: 030.26642424. U Sophie-Charlotte-Platz. **A3**

Commercial Galleries

de freo gallery, to 20 Jun: Michel Meyer: *Jam Town*. Auguststr. 85. www.defreogallery.com; **Galerie Friedmann-Hahn, 19 Jun–18 Jul:** Josef Fischnaller: *Flowers & Friends*. Wielandstr. 14. www.galeriefriedmann-hahn.com; **Galerie Martin Mertens, from 6 Jun to 18 Jul:** Daniel Bodner: *Painting*. Linienstr. 148. www.martinmertens.com; **Galerie Georg Nothelfer, to 27 Jun:** László Lakner: *Traces*. Corneliusstr. 3. www.galerie-nothelfer.de; **Schmalfuss Berlin, 6–27 Jun:** Duo Scheel, Silke Rehberg: *Painting and Sculpture*. Knesebeckstr. 96. www.galerie-schmalfuss.de.

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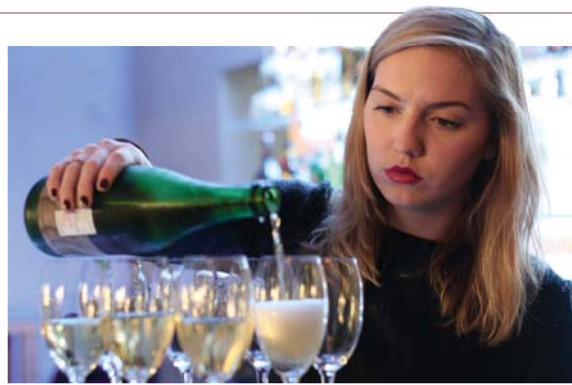
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Move over, old timers – there's a new girl in town. **Martha's** is the most exciting newcomer to Schöneberg's culinary landscape in recent memory, adding a new and welcome flair to dining in the city's west.

Martha's opened last fall in the scenic *Akazienkiez* neighborhood, transforming an old-fashioned storefront space with flashy modern touches like shimmering golden wallpaper and a big, dramatically backlit bar. The menu is equally bold with its interpretations of German culinary traditions, led by head chef Manuel Schmuck, who previously earned his chops at two impressive, double-Michelin-starred locales: Berlin's *Reinstoff*, and *Steirereck* in

Vienna. The seasonal menu is rooted in German and Austrian cuisine with liberal influences from abroad, incorporating such diverse ingredients as Japanese *kombu* kelp and Thai curry spices. Schmuck's high culinary pedigree is evident in every dish, not least in the beautiful platings, marrying such picturesque elements as dollops and smears of bright sauces, edible flower petals, and curls of crisped root vegetables.

Our meal opened with an assortment of warm homemade breads nestled in a wooden box, the memorable highlight

being a soft bread wedge embedded with pieces of melt-in-your-mouth blood sausage. Every dish that followed – from the enormous Australian shrimp in shellfish foam, to the cured river trout in miso vinaigrette, to the medium-rare sirloin steak on a bed of lentils and Jerusalem artichoke puree, to the tangy fruit sorbets to conclude the rich meal – was equally imaginative, impeccable, and plate-licking good. Take note, Schöneberg restaurateurs: the bar has been raised.

Grunewaldstr. 81.
www.marthas.berlin. T: 030 78006665.



DINING KEY

Alc (à la carte): Prices are per person for three courses (excl. drinks) €: under €15. €€: €15–€40. €€€: €40–€80. €€€€: over €80. Letter/number codes correspond to map at back of book.



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FINE DINING

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. Budapeststr. 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**

Horváth

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. Budapeststr. 2. S+U Zoologischer Garten. **C4**

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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.waldorfasteriaberlin.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 well-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 highest caliber restaurants in the city. Headed by star chef Kolja Kleeberg, who has since expanded upon his fame with a TV cooking show, 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**

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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 Uhlendstraße. **C4**

Goldhorn Beefclub

Steakhouse. This meatlover's restaurant offers its guests prime cuts of meat from the finest cattle breeds around the world, including Black Angus, Galloway, and Charolais, cooked on a first class charcoal grill. Iberian pork, French Miral-poultry, and fresh fish and seafood, complemented by fine wines and creative cocktails, round-off the menu. Booking required. €€. Daily L&D. www.goldhorn-beefclub.de. Mommsenstr. 12. T: 030.31806370. U Adenauerplatz. **C4**

Restaurant Le Faubourg

Mediterranean. This classy restaurant facing the famed Ku'damm features modern art and a crisp, stylish interior alongside its menu of both classic and updated French cuisine. Housed in the Hotel Sofitel Kurfürstendamm, this is the perfect spot for either a posh business lunch or a romantic dinner.

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€. Daily L&D. www.sofitel.com. Augsburgstr. 41. T: 030.8009990. U Kurfürstendamm. **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

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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 twelve 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. Simplonstr. 16. T: 030.29049704. S+U Warschauer Straße. **H3**

Transit

Asian Creative. Tapas gone Asian. This Friedrichshain 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 and ingredients. When in Mitte, try their second location at Rosenthaler Str. 68. €–€. Daily L&D. www.transit-restaurants.com. Sonntagsstr. 28. T: 030.26948415. S Ostkreuz. **Off Map**

KREUZBERG

Amrit and Mirchi

Indian/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**

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

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, this spot with a big terrace out front makes for a perfect meal break any time of day. €€. Daily B, L, D. www.barist.de. Am Zwirngraben 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**

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**

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

Austria All The Way

Vienna meets Berlin at **Aigner**, a Mitte restaurant that has not only an elegant interior and a menu of delectable Austrian and German favorites going for it – it also boasts an outlook onto stately Gendarmenmarkt. Styled after the genteel coffeehouses that the Austrian capital is famous for, Aigner adds a local touch with dishes like Brandenburg roast duck and "Schwarz Rot Gold," an appetizer that mimics the three colors of the German flag: golden potato pancakes layered with reddish smoked salmon and jet-black caviar. Austrian classics to try include the schnitzel, of course – either Vienna-style with milk-fed veal, or with a tenderized pork chop. Or go for the *Tafelspitz*, a boiled beef dish that many see as the national dish of Austria. The restaurant has its own vineyard in Germany's famous Palatinate wine region, so the perfect Riesling or Spätburgunder to pair with your meal is a given.

Französische Str. 25. T: 030 203751850.
www.aigner-gendarmenmarkt.de



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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**.

Maximilians

German. Maximilians recreates the feel of a cozy Bavarian beer hall with hearty food and plentiful beer to match. Meaty specialties include pork knuckle served with dumplings and sauerkraut, freshly baked pretzels, and the tempting “Munich sausage parade.” From the four kinds of Paulaner beer on tap to the warm hospitality, Maximilians goes to great lengths to transport a piece of Bavaria to the heart of Mitte. €–€€. Daily L & D. www.maximiliansrestaurant.de. Friedrichstr. 185-190. T: 030.20450559. U Stadtmitte. **E3**

Paris-Moskau

International. This rustic house, built in 1898 and lucky to survive two World Wars, was a pub and a Russian restaurant in two of its many past lives. Today, it’s a fine restaurant that seamlessly incorporates French, Russian, and German culinary influences. €€€. Daily D. www.paris-moskau.de. Alt-Moabit 141. T: 030.3942081. S+U Hauptbahnhof. **D3**

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 highest 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**

PRENZLAUER BERG

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-percent 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 long-standing 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**

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.

FURTHER AFIELD

Zitadellenschänke

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Ideas on the Waterfront

Solveig Steinhardt sips a cold beer at the waterfront bar of the Radialsystem V as the music starts to play.

This city has a thing for converting old industrial spaces and giving them an entirely new face. One of my favorite examples is the **Radialsystem V** (www.radialsystem.de), an old water pumping station on the Spree between Friedrichshain, Mitte and Kreuzberg. The red bricks give the building its characterful, turn-of-the-century soul, a glass structure was fitted to add a modern touch, and the industrial interior was slightly modified – or should I say “emptied” – to host a stage and space for an audience. The patio is now a waterfront bar, adding to that unforgettable Berlin feel you get when sipping your cold beer

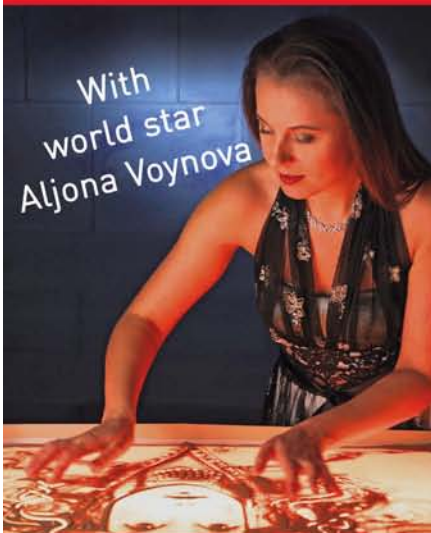
while boats sail by on a summer evening. They say we shouldn’t judge a book by its cover, and we’re not: what happens inside this lovely space is even more exciting than its location. The Radialsystem was created to be a “space for ideas” and is now a magnet for artists from all over and spanning all disciplines, from Baroque quartets to video art to children’s events and dance festivals, and June is one of the best months to visit. On 5 June, the **Friends of Amarillis** group will perform *Urban Strings*, which starts as a Baroque harp concert but

then turns into a bizarre game full of surprises. On the 13-14th, the **UM:LAUT** live platform will bring various artists on stage with their experimental and electronic sounds. On 28–29 June, three acclaimed artists will be performing *Inside Partita*, a combination of choreographic concert and interactive sound installation based on Bach’s *Partitas*, with violin, dance, and electronic sounds. Or join the **Swing by the Riverside** workshop on the 27th (4pm) for a swing dance class and concert held by Swingspiration Dance School on the terrace, with a free trial hour starting at 3pm.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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. **4, 12 Jun:** *Die Liebe zu den drei Orangen* (Prokofiev). **5, 7 Jun:** *Sleeping Beauty* (Tchaikovsky). **6, 11, 13, 17, 20 Jun:** *Nabucco* (Verdi). **14 Jun:** *Die Zauberflöte* (Mozart). **19, 24, 27, 30 Jun:** *Faust* (Gounod). **29 Jun:** *La Rondine* (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 intendant Barrie Kosky is also the artistic director of some of the performances, with mesmerizing results. **2 Jun:** Traditional German songs. **4 Jun:** *Odysseus* (Monteverdi). **5, 30 Jun:** *Carmen* (Bizet). **6, 11, 14, 27 Jun:** *Giulio Cesare in Egitto* (Händel). **7, 19 Jun:** *West Side Story* (Bernstein). **12, 20, 24, 28 Jun:** *Rigoletto* (Verdi). **13 Jun:** *Così fan tutte* (Mozart). **23 Jun:** *Don Giovanni* (Mozart). www.komische-oper-berlin.de. Behrensstr. 55-57. T: 030.47997400. U Französische Straße. **E3**

Staatsballett

Berlin's ballet company, performing at various locations: **1, 3, 22, 29 Jun:** *Diversity. Forms of silence and emptiness* (Music by Bach), choreography by Nacho Duato, at Komische Oper. **5, 7 Jun:** *Dornröschen* (Tchaikovsky), at Deutsche Oper. **13 Jun:** *Duato/Kylian* (choreography by Duato and Kylian), at Schiller Theater. **21, 23, 25, 26, 28 Jun:**

Dia Bajadere (choreography by Duato, music by Bach), at Komische Oper. www.staatsballett-berlin.de. 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, 12 Jun:** *La Traviata* (Verdi). **6, 10 Jun:** *La Straniera* (Bellini). **14, 17, 20, 22, 25, 27 Jun:** *Ariadne auf Naxos* (Strauss). Schillerstr. 9/ Bismarckstr. 110. T: 030.20354555. U Deutsche Oper. **B3**

CLASSICAL CONCERTS

Berliner Dom

Berlin's main cathedral presents a plethora of sacred music concerts year round. www.berlinerdom.de. Am Lustgarten. T: 030.20269136. S Hackescher Markt. **E3/F3**

Chamber Music Hall of the Philharmonie

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. **1 Jun:** Umsungen – A world of vocal music. Bariton Matthias Goerne sings Schumann's *Lieder*. **2 Jun:** Akademie Barock: The Orchester-Akademie der Berliner Philharmoniker perform Telemann and others. **16 Jun:** Concerto Melante performs Händel, Pergolesi, Locatelli, and others on historic instruments. www.berliner-philharmoniker.de. Herbert-von-Karajan-Str. 1. T: 030.254880. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**



Rockin' The Citadel

Like every year, the Citadel Music Festival will be bringing international artists to the Renaissance fortress in Spandau throughout the entire summer. On 2 June, catch **Limp Bizkit's** hip hop/heavy metal sound for a wild night of pure entertainment. On the 6th, join 1990s nostalgics for **Faith No More**, while the 10th will see the return to Berlin of former Guns N' Roses guitarist **Slash**, who will perform together with Myles Kennedy and the Conspirators. *Clandestinos* of all nationalities and ages will swoon at the **Manu Chao** concert on 14 June, but for a night of old classics like *Delilah* or *Sex Bomb*, go see **Tom Jones** on 30 June. www.citadel-music-festival.de



Sizzling Pipers

Formed in Scotland in the early 2000s, the award-winning **Red Hot Chili Pipers** catapulted to fame in 2004, when they performed alongside The Darkness at the T in the Park festival. Their distinctive “bagrock” sound comes from the fusion of bagpipes with a rock band ensemble, and their repertoire is likewise a combination of traditional bagpipe melodies and contemporary covers. Catch the red-hot show at the Columbia Club on 14 June. www.redhotchillipipers.co.uk

Hochschule für Musik Hanns Eisler

One of Berlin’s most prestigious music academies. Its students are members of important orchestras, choirs, and bands, and the stage presents hundreds of concerts every year – many of which are free. www.hfm-berlin.de. Charlottenstr. 55. T: 030.688305700. U Stadtmitte. **E3**

Konzerthaus

This charismatic 1821 concert hall is the base theater of the Konzerthausorchester, but other orchestras and soloists grace its stage regularly. **1, 2 Jun:** The Akademie für Alte Musik Berlin performs Schubert and Onslow. **3 Jun:** The Landesjugendorchester Hamburg in Berlin performs Mozart and Beethoven. **4–6 Jun:** The Konzerthausorchester Berlin, cond. Jurovski, with Blacher (violin), play Shostakovich and Bruckner. **7 Jun:** The Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin, cond Netopil, with Lugansky (piano) perform Brahms and Mozart. **12 Jun:** The Konzerthausorchester Berlin, cond. Fischer, play Stravinsky and Bartók. and Bruckner. **16, 19 Jun:** Arcadi Volodos, piano recital. **21 Jun:** Matinee of the Konzerthausorchester. **30 Jun:** The Staatskapelle Berlin, cond Mehta, perform Mahler’s *Third Symphony*. www.konzerthaus.de. Gendarmenmarkt. T: 030.203092101. 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. **5–7 Jun:** The Berliner Philharmoniker, cond. Barenboim. **11–13 Jun:** The Berliner Philharmoniker, cond. Dudamel, perform Mozart and Mahler. **12 Jun:** The Berliner

Philharmoniker, cond. Rattle, with Hannigan (soprano), perform Grisey. **18–20 Jun:** The Berliner Philharmoniker, cond. Rattle, with Tetzlaff (violin), perform Brahms, Debussy, Enescu. **20–21 Jun:** The Berliner Philharmoniker, cond. Rattle, with young instrumentalists, perform Dove. **24–25 Jun:** The Berliner Philharmoniker, cond. Rattle, with Hannigan (soprano) and Zimerman (piano), play Chin and Brahms. www.berliner-philharmoniker.de. Herbert-von-Karajan-Str. 1. T: 030.254880. S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

Waldbühne

An outdoor arena for the biggest classical and rock concerts. **28 Jun:** The Berliner Philharmoniker, cond. Rattle, with Lang Lang (piano), play Grieg’s *Piano Concerto* and film music pieces. www.waldbuehne-berlin.de. Am Glockenturm. Tickets T: 01806.570070. S Olympiastadion + bus. **Off Map**

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. 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. www.dock11-berlin.de. Dock 11 Studios: Kastanienallee 79. T: 030.4481222. U Eberswalder Straße, Rosenthaler



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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. 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**

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**

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. 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**

Estrel Festival Center Berlin

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Havanna

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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 Berlin

A massive arena for world-touring pop concerts and sports events. **3 Jun**: Kiss in concert; **16 Jun**: Titanic Live. **27 Jun**: Roxette 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**

Tempodrom

This large concert building resembling a circus tent is now part of the city's skyline. www.tempodrom.de. Möckernstr. 10. Tickets T: 0186.554111 (toll number). S Anhalter Bahnhof. **E4**

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THEATER, CABARET & MUSICALS

Admiralspalast

An international, high-caliber program of musicals, cabaret, and concerts in an elegant hall from the 1920s. **8 Jun:** Jackson Browne in concert. 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. **22 Jun:** Carrington-Brown comedy duo. Sun and Tue–Fri 8pm. Sat 6 and 9:30pm. www.bar-jeder-vernunft.de. Schaperstr. 24. T: 030.8831582. U Spichernstraße. **C4**

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:** 8 shows a week, check website for exact times. 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. Shows every day except Monday, check website for exact times. www.palast-berlin.eu. Friedrichstr. 107. T: 030.23262326. **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. Shows daily except Monday. www.stage-entertainment.de. Marlene-Dietrich-Platz 4. T: 01805.4444 (toll number). S+U Potsdamer Platz. **D3**

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. www.tipi-am-kanzleramt.de. Große Querallee. T: 030.39066550. U Bundestag. **D3**

Volksbühne

An experimental multimedia theater and cultural center where you can see plays, readings, lectures, concerts, and more. Check website for program. www.volksbuehne-berlin.de. Linienstr. 227. T: 030.24065777. U Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz. **F2**

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**

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Works by Johannes Brahms,
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart,
Antonín Dvořák

Broadcasted by **Deutschlandradio Kultur**



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Auditorium of
Sophie-Scholl-Schule

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STEFFEN TAST | conductor
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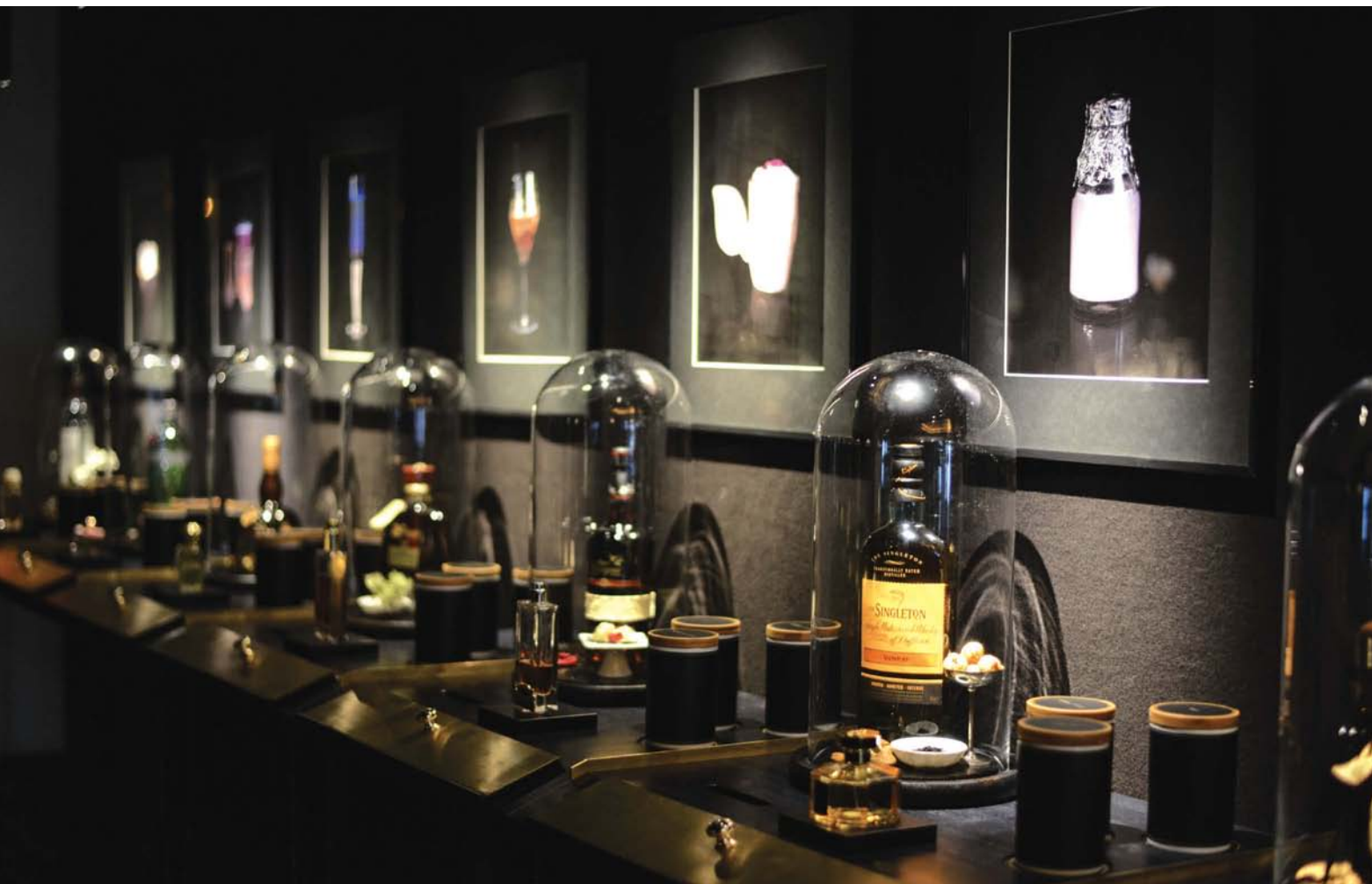
VASILY PETRENKO | conductor
Truls Mørk | violoncello

Works by Dmitri Shostakowitsch

6.45 pm, Pre-concert talk, Südfoyer
Introduction by Steffen Georgi

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Follow Your Nose

If you thought a great drink was simply a matter of taste, think again. **Hilda Hoy** was utterly seduced by the concept and drinks at **Fragrances**, a perfume-inspired bar that takes mixology to the next level.

By the entrance to **Fragrances** is a quote from legendary perfumer Jean-Paul Guerlain: "Perfume is the most intense form of memory." It's a hint of what awaits in the Ritz Carlton's incomparable cocktail bar, where drinks are inspired by a perfume and designed to stimulate every sense.

Enter the bar via its walk-through "menu," where each drink is represented by a tester bottle of the perfume it's based on, an artful still life of key ingredients, and a photo illustrating the final presentation, which ranges from playful – a milk bottle topped with foil – to whimsical, like a pink mug with a pig's ear handle. That drink, inspired by Guerlain's spicy-sweet *Gourmand Coquin* perfume, comes with a chocolate spoon for scooping the white chocolate foam floating

on top. Below is a scrumptious blend of rum, rosewater, single malt scotch, and smoky lapsang souchong tea. It tastes uncannily similar to the sample of *Gourmand Coquin* that I sniff while I greedily slurp the frothy white chocolate with as much decorum as I can.

Fragrances is the creation of the Ritz Carlton's bar manager Arnd Heißen, who not only came up with the one-of-a-kind concept, he also crafted every drink using his nose, creativity, and 10-plus years of bar experience. He replicated the aroma notes of his favorite perfumes into drinkable form: saffron was infused into rum, tonka beans

were simmered into syrup with vanilla, rose petals were added to gin. Much as I loved the chocolate foam, my favorite drink was the one inspired by Penhaligon's warm, homey *Vaara* perfume, where Heißen really let his creativity out to play. He blended pear puree, saffron rum, bourbon, rosewater, and magnolia-vanilla-honey syrup into a concoction served in a small wooden playhouse. Lift off the roof and out comes an aromatic puff of sandalwood smoke, which lingers in my nose with every sip and will linger in my memory for a great deal longer. **Potsdamer Platz 3. T: 030 337777. www.ritzcarlton.com**



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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**

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



Ready for a Cuban night? **Varadero** (www.varaderobar.de) serves mojitos and cigars to the sound of salsa.



Call It A Night

In a city where every night is extraordinary, the promise to take you out for the Berlin night you will never forget is not an easy one to keep. Luxury tour guides

Berlinagenten have selected the most varied and eccentric nighttime experiences to take you on their three-hour Berlin By Night tour of the city's stylish bars and decadent clubs: the exact locations are kept secret until the last second, and the transfer from one venue to the next happens aboard a luxury limo. Henrik, your guide, will pick you up from your hotel, showing you Berlin sights on the way and filling you in on the ever-evolving nightlife scene. He's well connected too, letting you jump queues like a rock star and ensuring a welcome drink is placed straight in your hand. Just dress appropriately and be ready to start late and finish early in the morning. www.berlinagenten.de

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 Nollendorfpplatz. **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 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 Kilkenny 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**

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.schwarzescafe-berlin.de. Kantstr. 148. T: 030.3138038. U Uhlandstraße, U Savignyplatz. **B4**

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**



Ask The Concierges

Every month, we ask a member of Die Goldenen Schlüssel Deutschland, a society for top concierges, to describe Berlin. They have called it unpredictable, irresistible, ever-changing, pulsating, historical, multifaceted, uncomplicated, vibrant, and green. If anyone knows the city, it's them. Here's a selection of their recommendations over the last year:

ABSOLUTE MUST-DOs:

- Retrace the Berlin Wall trail.
- Starting at Brandenburg Gate, stroll down Unter den Linden past Gendarmenmarkt square and Museum Island, finishing at the TV Tower.
- Reflect upon history at the Holocaust Memorial.
- Take in the view from inside the Reichstag dome.
- Visit the food section on the 6th floor of the KaDeWe.

SECRET SPOTS REVEALED:

- The Max Liebermann Villa, a museum housed in what used to be the artist's summer residence on Lake Wannsee
- Underground tours from the Berlin Underworlds Association (www.berliner-unterwelten.de)
- KPM (www.kpm-berlin.com), the oldest porcelain manufacturer in Berlin
- A tour of Teufelsberg mountain
- Street Food Thursday at Markthalle Neun (www.markthalleneun.de) in Kreuzberg

3, 2, 1, RELAX!

- A walk around Krumme Lanke or Schlachtensee lakes, followed by lunch at the Fischerhütte beer garden
- An escape to Pfaueninsel, the island of peacocks
- A bike ride through Tiergarten

- A stroll and picnic in the gardens of the Charlottenburg Palace
- The Liquidrom (www.liquidrom-berlin.de) spa & sauna

GERMAN DELIGHTS:

- *Sauerbraten* at Marjellchen (www.marjellchen-berlin.de), a roast beef dish that's first been tenderized in brine
- *Königsberger Klopse* (meatballs in white sauce) and *Bienenstich* (honey-and-almond topped cake) at La Soupe Populaire (www.lasoupepopulaire.de)
- Curry36 in Kreuzberg for *Currywurst*
- *Eisbein* (cured ham hock) with sauerkraut, mashed peas, and potatoes at restaurant Max & Moritz (www.maxundmoritzberlin.de) on Oranienstraße in Kreuzberg
- *Wildschweinbraten* (roast wild boar) in the Forsthaus Paulsborn (www.derbundespressstrand.de) restaurant in Grunewald forest

NIGHT CAP:

- Solar Bar at U-Anhalter Bahnhof, offering great views of West Berlin
- Schiffbauerdamm, full of great bars like Bar Tausend (www.tausendberlin.com)
- Cordobar wine bar near Hackescher Markt
- Drinks on the terrace at Monkey Bar (www.25hours-hotels.com), on the top floor of the 25hours Hotel with a great view of the zoo.

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. Approx. €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 and 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 four-trip tickets for €9, which you can validate as you need.

ESSENTIALS

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 pass valid for seven consecutive calendar days may be a 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.

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Europcar: www.europcar.com. T: 040.52018765

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T: 0180.6003690 (toll number)

Taxis

Würfelfunk: T: 030.210101.

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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 three months after the date of purchase. Make



Named after the lake Krumme Lanke, the 1929 U Krumme Lanke station is the terminal station for the U3 line, and its modernist style inspired the design of London's Piccadilly Line. The abundance of lakes in the area makes it the ideal start to a day trip out of the city.

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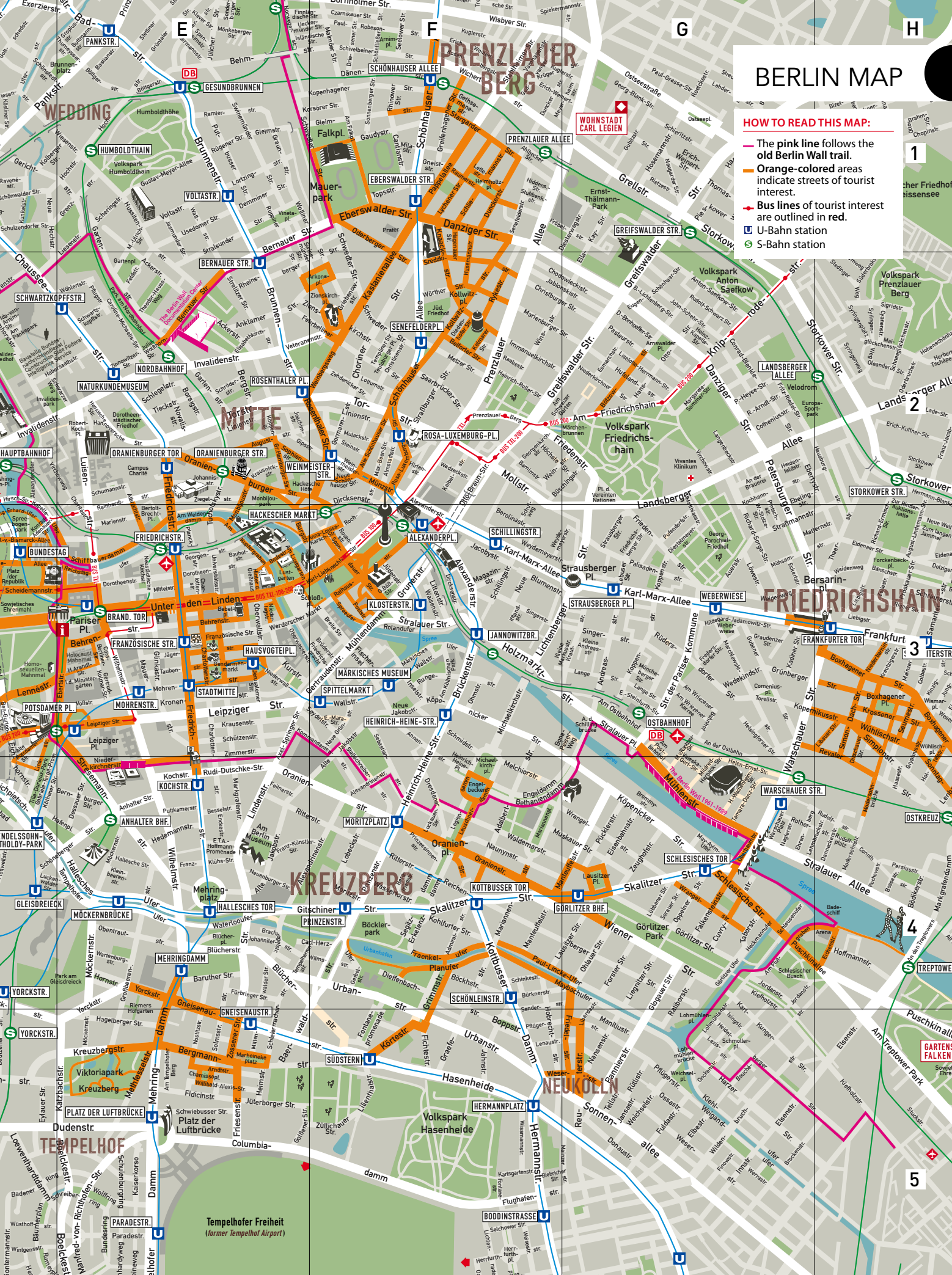
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BERLIN MAP

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 U-Bahn station
- S S-Bahn station



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[WHERE IN BERLIN]

My Perfect Day

How would you explain your work to an absolute layman?

Everyone looks up at the night sky and wonders at the sheer scale of the heavens, from the Incas to modern society.

In astronomy and cosmology we try to make sense of the fireworks that are going on in the night sky, piece by piece trying to put together the puzzle of how the universe formed galaxies, stars and solar systems like our own.



What area of Berlin do you call home, and what drew you to it?

I live in Charlottenburg. I didn't have much choice since it's where I spent much of my childhood. It's poor when it comes to bars and clubs but rich with cafés and restaurants.

As a long-term Berliner, what changes in the city are the most striking to you?

Certainly the transformation of Kreuzberg and the East. Former no-go areas are now hot destinations. Before the Wall fell, places like Kreuzberg and Neukölln were rough, now they are hip. East Berlin had just emerged from decades of communist rule but now Mitte and Prenzlauer Berg are wealthy, colorful, and even corporate.

What would you do in the city if you had a complete day off?

I would probably start off with a coffee in my neighborhood at one of the cafés on Stuttgarter Platz. The bike infrastructure is great here, so I would probably then bike to Tiergarten, making a stop at Café am



Markthalle Neun

Neuen See for a pizza or Kristallweizen beer. After that I would round up the day by going to Kreuzberg and shopping or eating at Markthalle Neun or somewhere in the Wrangelkiez neighborhood.



Noam Libeskind

[Astrophysicist]

Most of us can't even begin to comprehend the depth of the universe, but for Noam Libeskind, such thoughts are an everyday matter.

A cosmology researcher at the Leibniz Institute for Astrophysics in Potsdam, Libeskind has expertise that extends beyond dark matter and black holes: He also has a fine appreciation for Berlin history and a nose for great food in the city.

When you have friends visiting, where do you take them?

Usually I try to give them a taste for the rich history of Berlin, from pre-war iconic landmarks like the Brandenburg Gate and the KaDeWe, the painful history of Nazism and the Holocaust (the Jewish Museum or the book burning memorial on Bebelplatz), up through the Cold War and Berlin Wall era. Places like Gendarmenmarkt can be great reminders of how these three epochs can intersect. One can feel German Enlightenment, World War II, the Holocaust,



Gendarmenmarkt

and East German city planning all in one small square. I usually try and take guests somewhere off the beaten track, like the Soviet war memorial in Treptower Park or the former NSA listening post at Teufelsberg.



Polpo salad

Could you share a special little spot in the Kiez where you live?

My neighborhood has the best Italian deli, Salumeria da Pino (Windscheidstr. 20), this side of the Alps. Pino is a great cook and the deli acts as both a store and a kind of restaurant.

The polpo salad, tagliolini al tartufo and tiramisu are divine. Their wine selection is also pretty fantastic.

Berlin's most underrated place?

It has got to be Tegel Airport. It's small, efficient, and something has to be said for an airport where the check-in, security, immigration and gates are all within 2 minutes of each other.



Tegel airport

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