



Berlin is the city of [art, artists and museums](#). In fact, precious artefacts from all over the world are showcased at more than 170 museums here, some of which can be found on the internationally renowned Museum Island

As [one of the cheapest capital cities in Europe](#), Berlin offers visitors an attractive price-ratio quality. Even on a small budget, you don't have to miss out on museums, operas, karaoke in the Mauerpark and the like. A stay in the metropolis doesn't have to cost the earth to be exciting and full of variety.

Berlin was built along the banks of the [Spree](#) river, which flows into the [Havel](#) in the western borough of [Spandau](#). The city incorporates lakes in the western and southeastern boroughs, the largest of which is [Müggelsee](#). About one-third of the city's area is composed of forests, [parks and gardens](#), rivers, canals, and lakes. <sup>[16]</sup>

Berlin, Germany's capital, dates to the 13th century. Reminders of the city's turbulent 20th-century history include its Holocaust memorial and the Berlin Wall's graffitied remains. Divided during the Cold War, its 18th-century Brandenburg Gate has become a symbol of reunification. The city's also known for its art scene and modern landmarks like the gold-colored, swoop-roofed Berliner Philharmonie, built in 1963