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1. Geographical location

Berlin, the capital city of Germany, lies in the north-eastern part of the country on the banks of rivers Spree and Havel. It is located in the vast European Plain and is approximately 180 kms south of the Baltic Sea and 60 km from west of the Polish border. Approximately a third of the total area of Berlin is made of rivers, forests, low-lying marshy woodlands and green spaces.



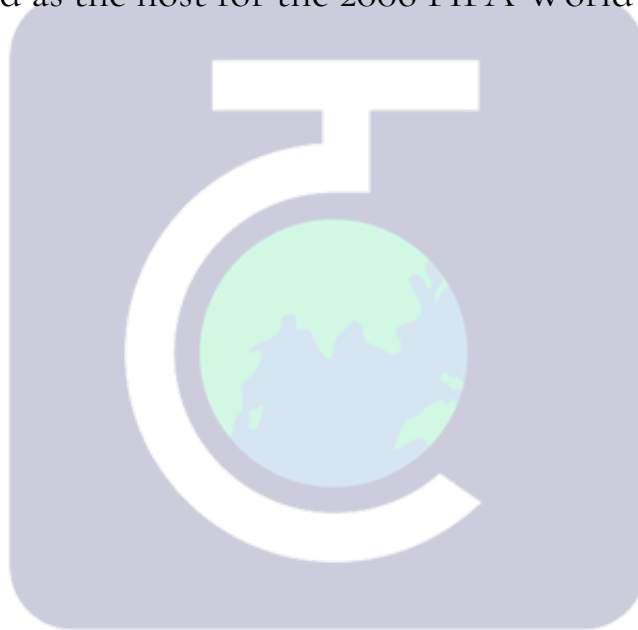
Index**2. Neighbouring cities/countries**

The Cities Closest To Berlin Are Ahrensfelde (13 Kms), Potsdam (35 Kms), Schönefeld (17 Kms) Oberhavel (45 Kms), Nordsachsen (118 Kms), Magdeburg (128 Kms), Leipzig (150 Kms), Dresden (165 Kms) And Görlitz (186 Kms). They Are All Very Beautiful And Worthy Of A Visit.



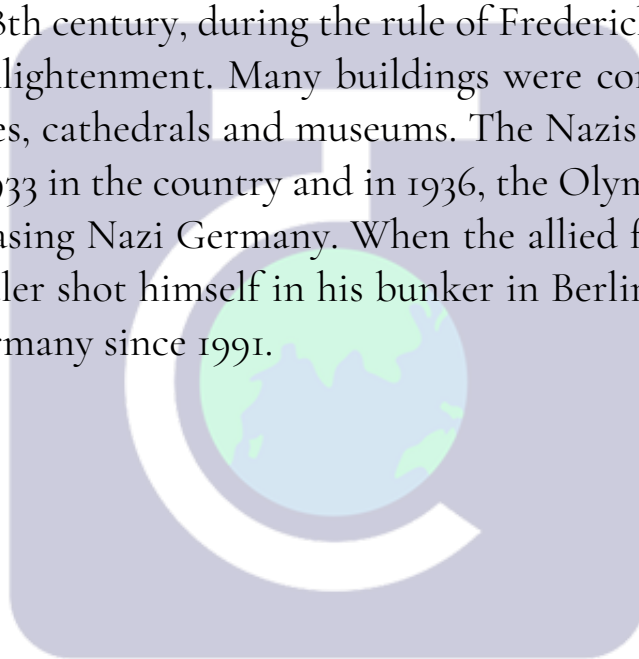
Index**3. Significance**

Berlin became the capital of German Empire in 1871 and has always been an important landmark. The story of Berlin is incomplete without 'Fall of the Berlin Wall'. Built in 1961 during the infamous Cold War between USA and USSR, the Berlin Wall idolized the difference between the western democrats and the eastern communists. The Fall of Berlin Wall symbolized the end of Communist rule. Berlin also served as the host for the 2006 FIFA World Cup Final.



4. History

Berlin was founded in the 13th century. The city across Spree river in what is now called the Nikolaiviertel, finds reference in a document from 1244. That said, the excavations from 2008 show that it might have been even older. During 1618 – 1648, Berlin saw the damage from what they call the "Thirty Years' War". A lot of people died during this time and the population of Berlin was reduced to only a third. From 17th to 18th century, during the rule of Frederick II, Berlin developed as a centre of the Enlightenment. Many buildings were constructed during this time including palaces, cathedrals and museums. The Nazis (under Adolf Hitler) took over power in 1933 in the country and in 1936, the Olympics were held in the city, aimed at showcasing Nazi Germany. When the allied forces invaded Berlin, on 30 April 1945, Hitler shot himself in his bunker in Berlin. Berlin has been the official capital of Germany since 1991.



Index**5. Cultural identity**

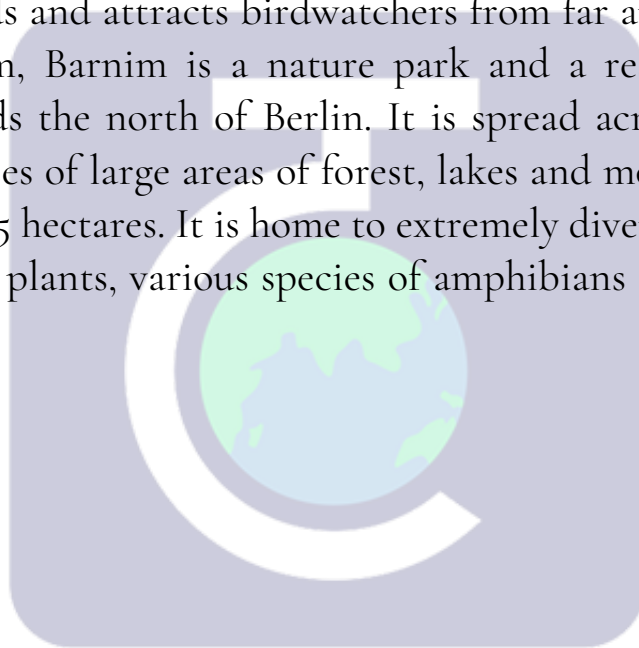
Berlin has an amazing culture and is widely known for its cultural institutions. Many of these institutions enjoy an internationally acclaimed stature. It is regarded as a popular entertainment center for young millennials all around the world. Berlin has 138 museums and about 400 art galleries. Half of an island in the Spree river in the Mitte district of Berlin is dedicated art and is called the Museum Island. In 1999, the museum complex was added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. The Gemäldegalerie, is an art museum, it holds one of the world's leading collection of European paintings from the 13th and the 14th centuries.



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6. Natural resources

There are 29 Nature Reserves in Berlin at present which collectively cover 1.4% of the total urban area of the city. Some of the most popular nature reserves are Nature Park Sudgelände, Barnim Nature Park and SG Sandgrube im Jagen 86 des Grunewaldes. A nature and landscape conservation area, Sudgelände is spread across 18 hectares and is built with metal materials from train stations. The park has 49 species of birds and attracts birdwatchers from far and wide. Also known as Naturpark Barnim, Barnim is a nature park and a reserve in the state of Brandenburg, towards the north of Berlin. It is spread across an area of 75000 hectares and comprises of large areas of forest, lakes and moors. It is a protected area spread across 13.5 hectares. It is home to extremely diverse flora and fauna. It includes 334 vascular plants, various species of amphibians and underwater flora among others.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Charlottenburg Palace

Among the most famous sights in Berlin, the Charlottenburg Palace and Park is a Baroque summer palace with charming gardens and a world-famous collection of KPM porcelain. It was erected as the summer residence of the first Queen of Prussia and was subsequently remodeled as per the tastes of royal families that lived there. The Palace includes interior decorations in baroque as well as rococo styles, and a large garden including the belvedere, a theatre, a mausoleum, and a pavilion was later added behind the palace.

Address : Spandauer Damm 20-24, 14059 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 14059

Location : 52.52093190000001, 13.295616500000051

Contact : +4930320911

Website : <https://www.spsg.de/schloesser-gaerten/objekt/schloss-charlottenburg/>

Nearest Public Transport : Klausenerplatz (Berlin) Bus Station

Entry Fee : Old Castle: Adults- €12; Reduced- €8 Belvedere: Adults- €3; Reduced- €2.5 Mausoleum: Adults- €2; Reduced- €1 New Pavilion: Adults- €4; Reduced- €3

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Closed on Mondays

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Zoo Berlin

One of the oldest establishments in Germany, it was opened to public in 1844 and was rebuilt after the second World War, remaining one of the most popular attractions in the city. Among the largest facilities of its kind, the zoo is home to approximately 15,000 animals. Its aquarium is one of its focal points, with close to 250 tanks which collectively hold around 9,000 aquatic animals like tiger sharks, tropical fish, reptiles and insects.

Address : Hardenbergplatz 8, 10787 Berlin

Zipcode : 10787

Location : 52.5079196, 13.33775460000004

Contact : +493025410

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

Nearest Public Transport : Bahnhof Zoologischer Garten Travel Terminals (Train, Commuter train, Subway, Bus)

Entry Fee : Zoo: Adult- €14.50 Children - €7.50 Zoo and Aquarium: Adult - €20 Children - €10

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-18:30hrs

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Berlin Victory Memorial

One of the best-known symbols of Berlin, the Victory Memorial commemorates Prussia's victory in the Franco-German war. The 67-meter high iconic memorial is located in Berlin's largest inner city park – the Tiergarten with the added bronze sculpture of Victoria weighing 35 tons on the top. Having been given the nickname of Goldelse meaning 'Golden Lizzy', its observation deck offers spectacular views of the city.

Address : Großer Stern, 10557 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10557

Location : 52.5145963, 13.350011900000027

Contact : +4930/3339509

Website :

<http://www.berlin.de/sehenswuerdigkeiten/3560160-3558930-siegessaeule.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Großer Stern (Berlin) Bus Station

Entry Fee : Entrance fee: €3 Reduced fee: €2.50

Open & Close Timing : April to October: Monday – Friday 09:30hrs-18:30hrs Saturday and Sunday 09:30hrs-19:00hrs November to March: Monday – Friday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday 10:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Gemäldegalerie

Gemäldegalerie or the Painting Gallery of Berlin exhibits awe-inspiring collections of European paintings and other art forms between the 13th and 18th centuries. It includes works by Rembrandt and Rubens as well as other as other noteworthy Flemish moralistic paintings displaying an interaction between the religious purposes of the artists' patrons and often sensual innovations of the artists.

Address : Matthäikirchplatz, 10785 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10785

Location : 52.5090131, 13.366013599999974

Contact : +49 30 266424242

Website : <http://www.smb.museum/museen-und-einrichtungen/gemaeldegalerie/home.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Tiergartenstr. (Berlin) Bus Station Kulturforum (Berlin) Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €1 Reduced: €5

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Thursday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Jewish Museum

Opened in 2001, this museum is one of the biggest museums in Europe and exhibits the social and cultural history of the Jews in Germany. The museum has German-Jewish history on display in the form of collections in the library and archives, as well as in the computer workstation at the museum's Rafael Roth Learning Center. Along with permanent exhibitions, it also holds frequent temporary ones.

Address : Lindenstraße 9-14, 10969 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10969

Location : 52.5023115, 13.395446900000024

Contact : +493025993300

Website : <http://www.jmberlin.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Jüdisches Museum (Berlin) Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €8 Reduced: €3 Children under 6 years: free

Open & Close Timing : Monday: 10:00hrs-22:00hrs Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. New Synagogue

Not only a sacred place of worship but a center for teaching and learning as well, the New Synagogue is an exotic amalgam of styles, with a Moorish feel and resemblance to the Alhambra. An important architectural monument of the 19th century, it is a restored 1800s synagogue with landmark gilded dome and functions as a museum to exhibit the history of the building and Jewish life in the city.

Address : Oranienburger Str. 28-30, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10117

Location : 52.5249168, 13.394178699999998

Contact : +493088028300

Website : http://www.centrumjudaicum.de/cjudaicum_wp/en

Nearest Public Transport : Berlin Oranienburger Straße Travel Terminal (Train)

Entry Fee : Museum: Adults: €3.50; Reduced: €3; Children under 6: free Dome: Adults: €2; Reduced: €1.50; Children under 6: free Special exhibitions are subject to an additional fee; Children under 6 years: free

Open & Close Timing : March to October Sunday–Monday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs Tuesday–Thursday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Friday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs (14:00hrs in March and October) November to February Sunday–Thursday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Friday: 10:00hrs-14:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.7. Berliner Unterwelten e.V.

If you wish to experience the history of Berlin from an unusual perspective, then this is the place for you! The Berlin Underworlds Association has constant tours

of underground structures since 1999. They have put together several tours around the regional and mainline station, Gesundbrunnen, and also in other places of the city which run through mysterious and long-forgotten bunker and traffic facilities of Berlin Underground. Filming and photography are not permitted. It is mandatory to carry hoodies as it is cold inside, closed footwear and also equipments like flashlights.

Address : Brunnenstraße 105, 13355 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 13355

Location : 52.547868, 13.388919999999985

Contact : +493049910517

Website : <http://berliner-unterwelten.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Berlin Gesundbrunnen Travel Terminals (Commuter train, Subway, Bus)

Entry Fee : €6 - €14 depending upon the type of tour you take. However there are few detailed tours that range between €42 - €45

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen

Sachsenhausen or Sachsenhausen-Oranienburg was a Nazi concentration camp in Oranienburg which was principally used for political convicts from 1936 to the end of the Third Reich in May 1945. The Oranienburg was in the Soviet Occupation Zone post-World War II when this structure was used as an NKVD special camp until 1950. The remaining buildings and grounds are now open to the public as a museum.

Address : Str. der Nationen 22, 16515 Oranienburg, Germany

Zipcode : 16515

Location : 52.767081, 13.262475399999971

Contact : +4933012000

Website : <http://stiftung-bg.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Sachsenhausen, Bahnhof Travel Terminals (Train, Bus)

Entry Fee : €17 - €59 (Varies as per tour taken)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:30hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. Olympiastadion Berlin

Originally built for the 1936 Summer Olympics, this is one of the largest stadiums in Germany and at present a part of the Olympiapark Berlin. Olympiastadion is a UEFA category four stadium and also a distinguished venue for sporting and other entertainment events. Having built a strong footballing tradition, this stadium has an enormous capacity of around 74,000 seats and is known to be the home ground of Hertha BSC football team.

Address : Olympischer Platz 3, 14053 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 14053

Location : 52.5146971, 13.239498599999934

Contact : +493030688100

Website : <http://www.olympiastadion-berlin.de/en.html>

Nearest Public Transport : S Olympiastadion (Berlin) Train Station (Commuter train, Bus)

Entry Fee : Adults: €7 Reduced rate: €5.50 Children: €4 Family card: €16

Open & Close Timing : November to March: Daily 10:00hrs-16:00hrs April to October: Daily 09:00hrs-19:00hrs August: Daily 09:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Tropical Islands

Located 50 kilometers away from the southern boundary of Berlin, the Tropical Island Resort is a theme park situated in the Cargo Lifter airship hangar known as Aerium, and is the biggest free-standing hall in the world. These islands have a capacity of 6,000 visitors a day and in the first year of its operation itself, it attracted 975,000 visitors. The islands are divided into many areas namely water slide tower, crazy golf course, African Jungle Lift, evening show area and internal accommodation area, with different admission fees. It also houses the biggest indoor rainforest in the world, many tropical plants, a beach, and a number of bars and restaurants.

Address : Tropical-Islands-Allee 1, 15910 Krausnick, Germany

Zipcode : 15910

Location : 52.03892399999999, 13.7486169999999967

Contact : +49 35477 605050

Website : <https://www.tropical-islands.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Tropical Islands Bus Station Brand, Tropical Islands Personaleingang Bus Station

Entry Fee : Pure Tropics (admission to Tropical World and Outdoor Area Amazonia): Adults - €42 Reduced - €33 Children (up to 5 years of age) - Free entry Sauna and Tropics (admission to Tropical World, Tropical Sauna and Spa Complex, Fitness Club and Outdoor Area Amazonia): Adults - €49 Reduced - €39.50 Children (up to 5 years of age) – Free entry Both ticket are valid for 19 hours. At 01:00hrs, the follow ticket is booked automatically.

Open & Close Timing : Tropical Islands Amazonia: Daily 10:00hrs-22:00hrs Sauna and Spa Complex: Daily 09:00hrs-00:00hrs Closed on 24th December

Time Required : 12

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.11. Museum für Naturkunde

Leading in world's most important research facilities in the field of biological and earth science revolution and biodiversity, this museum experiences 500,000 visitors every year. Their collections include more than 30 million objects from zoology, paleontology, geology and mineralogy with two famous displays: the largest dinosaur in the world, and a preserved specimen of the earliest bird, Archaeopteryx. Known as the largest museum in Germany, the collections date back to 1700s and being extensive, it attracts researchers and tourists from all over the world.

Address : Invalidenstraße 43, 10115 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10115

Location : 52.5305726, 13.3791754999999974

Contact : +49 30 20938591

Website : <https://www.naturkundemuseum.berlin/>

Nearest Public Transport : U Naturkundemuseum (Berlin) [Invalidenstr.] Bus Station U Naturkundemuseum (Berlin) [Invalidenstr.] Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults - €8 Groups of 10 people - €5 Concessions - €5 Families (2 adults and up to 3 children under 14 years) - €15 Mini Family (1 adult with up to 2 children under 14 years) - €9

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Friday 09:30hrs-18:00hrs Saturday, Sunday and public holiday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.12. Pergamon Museum

Packed with classical sculpture, colorful tapestries, historical artefacts and imposing architecture, the Pergamon Museum has amazing collections worth boasting about. Major works come from Rome, Babylon, ancient Greece and the Middle-East displaying how advanced these societies were back then. One major highlight at the Perg (locally known) is the Ishtar Gate, which is a blue wall decorated with Gods of the city in shapes of dragons, lions and bulls.

Address : Bodestraße 1-3, 10178 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10178

Location : 52.521183, 13.3968999999999

Contact : +49 30 266424242

Website : <http://www.smb.museum/museen-und-einrichtungen/pergamonmuseum/home.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Am Kupfergraben (Berlin) Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults - €12 Reduced - €6

Open & Close Timing : Friday to Wednesday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Thursday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.13. Neues Museum

Located on the Museuminsel or the Museum Island, Neues Museum has Egyptian, prehistory and early history collections on display. The museum was heavily damaged during the bombing in Berlin and officially reopened after renovation in

October 2009. The artefacts displayed inside the museum comprise of the iconic bust of the renowned Egyptian Queen Nefertiti. It corroborates the neoclassical architecture of the 19th century and falls among the few remaining examples of the interior layout of this period in Germany.

Address : Bodestraße 1-3, 10178 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10178

Location : 52.5201349, 13.3976462

Contact : +49 30 266424242

Website : <http://www.smb.museum/museums-institutions/neues-museum/home.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Am Kupfergraben (Berlin) Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults - €12 Reduced - €6

Open & Close Timing : Friday to Wednesday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Thursday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.14. Berliner Fernsehturm

One of the tallest 3 structures in Europe, Fernsehturm or the television tower was constructed between 1965 and 1969 as a prominent symbol of Germany. Having a height of 368 meters, it has a sphere also known as a panoramic floor which is a visitor platform at the height of 203 meters with a revolving restaurant right in the middle. The views offered from the top are outstanding and can reach up to 42 kilometers on a clear day.

Address : Panoramastraße 1A, 10178 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10178

Location : 52.520815, 13.409419

Contact : +49 30 247575875

Website : <https://tv-turm.de/en/homepage/>

Nearest Public Transport : S+U Alexanderplatz Bhf/Gontardstr. (Berlin) Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults - Ranges €15.50 to €17.50 Children - Ranges from €8.50 to €10

Open & Close Timing : March to October: 09:00hrs-00:00hrs November to

February: 10:00hrs-00:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.15. DDR Museum

Being one of the most-visited museums in Berlin, DDR Museum depicts the everyday life in the former East Germany. Focusing on the grassroots of the country, the museum gives a 'hands-on experience of the history' and has exhibits that show the daily life of people. Being an interactive museum, it is known to stimulate all senses.

Address : Karl-Liebknecht-Str. 1, 10178 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10178

Location : 52.5196077, 13.4027330999999

Contact : +49 30 847123731

Website : <http://www.ddr-museum.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Spandauer Str./Marienkirche (Berlin) Travel Terminals (Light Rail, Bus)

Entry Fee : Adults: €9.50 Reduced: €6 Groups per person: €6.50 Student groups per person: €4.50

Open & Close Timing : Sunday to Friday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs Saturday: 10:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.16. Museum für Gegenwart

Dedicated exclusively to contemporary art dating from the 1950s to present, Museum für Gegenwart is Berlin's most important exhibition space housed in a former 19th-century railway station. The collections include masterpieces from some of the greatest legacies and are favored by tourists and locals alike. It is also known as Hamburger Bahnhof and was previously used a railway museum before being transformed into an art museum.

Address : Invalidenstraße 50-51, 10557 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10557

Location : 52.5284401, 13.3721163

Contact : +49 30 39783411

Website : <http://www.smb.museum/museen-und-einrichtungen/hamburger-bahnhof/home.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Döberitzer Str. (Berlin) Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €10 Reduced: €5

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs
Thursday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 11:00hrs-18:00hrs Monday closed

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.17. German Historical Museum

Founded in October 1987, German Historical Museum is devoted to Germany's history and claims to be the place of enlightenment and understanding of the shared history between Germans and Europeans. Being the most important and frequented museum, it includes over 8000 collections holding great historical value.

Address : Unter den Linden 2, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10117

Location : 52.5188334, 13.3968688999999

Contact : +49 30 203040

Website : <http://www.dhm.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Am Kupfergraben (Berlin) Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €8 Reduced (people with apprentices over 18 years, students, unemployed and disabled people): €4 Free for people up to 18 years Guided tours: Adults: €4 plus admission fee Children: €2 plus admission fee Family ticket: €18 (admission plus guided tour for 2 adults and max. 3 children) Groups € 75 (for up to 25 participants plus admission fee)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.18. Berliner Philharmonie

Not only a musical venue, Berliner Philharmonie is also an architectural marvel. It has been ranked as one of the best orchestras in the world and is the home of Berlin Philharmonic. The logo of the orchestra is based on the pentagon shape of the concert hall and numerous guest orchestras, soloists and chamber groups perform in the main hall and the smaller adjoining Kammermusiksaal.

Address : Herbert-von-Karajan-Straße 1, 10785 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10785

Location : 52.5100319, 13.3696929999999

Contact : +49 30 254880

Website : <https://www.berliner-philharmoniker.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Kulturforum (Berlin) Bus Station

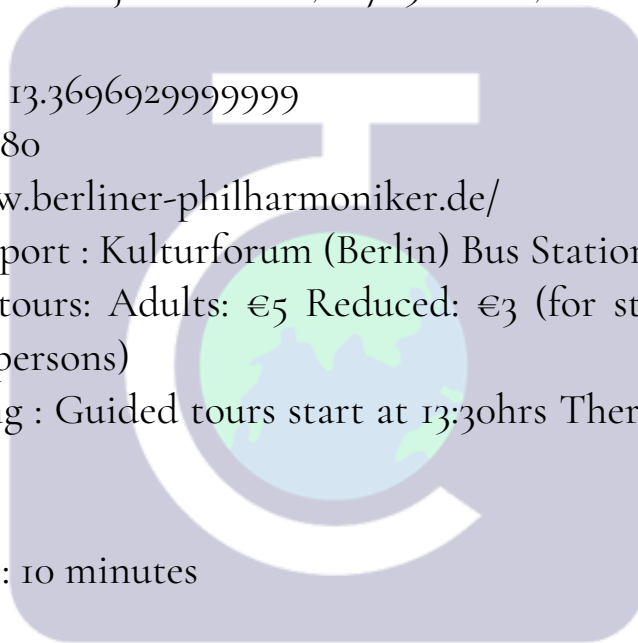
Entry Fee : Guided tours: Adults: €5 Reduced: €3 (for students, unemployed, retired and disabled persons)

Open & Close Timing : Guided tours start at 13:30hrs There are no tours in July and August

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



7.1.19. Berlin Cathedral

With beautiful architecture and a majestic dome, Berlin Cathedral is undoubtedly one of the crowd-pullers of the city. The foundation of this enormous cathedral was laid in 1894, and after suffering heavy damage in World War II, it was restored in 1993. The ministry church and its dome with baptismal and conjugal shrines, the Hohenzollern crypt, the royal stairs and the Cathedral Museum are accessible by the visitors. They can also go to the top of the cathedral to get an exceptional view of Berlin.

Address : Am Lustgarten, 10178 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10178

Location : 52.5190608, 13.4010779999999

Contact : +49 30 20269136

Website : <http://www.berlinerdom.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Lustgarten (Berlin) Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €7 Reduced (school children, students, unemployed, disabled, refugees and groups of 20 people or more): €5 Audio-guide: €3

Open & Close Timing : April to September: Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-20:00hrs Sunday: 12:00hrs-20:00hrs October to March: Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-19:00hrs Sunday: 12:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.20. Friedrichstadt-Palast Berlin

Being the largest modern show palace in Europe, Friedrichstadt-Palast opened in April 1984 and covers an area of 195,000 cubic meters. The architecture of the building maintains the basic ideas of interior vestibule but with an innovative contemporary façade. This place is regularly used as a performing space with a seating capacity of over 1800. Gaultier, a Parisian haute couture superstar, designed 500 extravagant and daring costumes for the shows here that use advanced lighting and technology with performers specializing in acrobatic numbers.

Address : Friedrichstraße 107, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10117

Location : 52.52393, 13.388821

Contact : +49 30 23262326

Website : <https://www.palast.berlin/de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Friedrichstr./Reinhardtstr. (Berlin) Bus Station

Entry Fee : Tuesday to Thursday: Ranges from €16.90 to €109.90 Friday and Sunday: Ranges from €22.90 to €114.90 Saturday: Ranges from 24.90 to €119.90

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:30hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.21. Legoland

A colorful and interactive getaway for children, Legoland provides various

stations for challenging the visitors and leaving them amazed. At this place, you'll get to see and learn about how things work. The main highlight of this attraction is its 4D cinema, which is a different world altogether filled with surprises and extraordinary effects. You are allowed to make a Lego building in the Lego factory and take it home as a souvenir.

Address : Potsdamer Straße 4, 10785 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10785

Location : 52.5097131, 13.3723010999999

Contact : +49 30 3010400

Website : <https://www.legolanddiscoverycentre.de/berlin/>

Nearest Public Transport : Philharmonie Süd (Berlin) Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult or Child (3+ years): €18.50 Children below 3 years: Free admission Check website for more prices.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.22. Stasi-Museum

Situated in the former headquarters of the Stasi, the Stasi-Museum stands as a research and memorial center pertaining to the political system of the former East Germany. The office and the working quarters are the major highlights of the museum. The museum aims to progress as "a center for collection, preservation, documentation, rehabilitation and exhibition of evidence and research materials related to East Germany."

Address : Haus 1, Ruschestraße 103, 10365 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10365

Location : 52.5145379999999, 13.4874069999999

Contact : +49 30 5536854`

Website : <http://www.stasimuseum.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Schottstraße Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €6 Reduced (University students, trainees, senior citizens): €4.50 Pupils (Above 12 years of age): €3 Group rates (10 pax onwards) Adults: €5 per person Reduced (University students, trainees, senior citizens): €4 per person

Pupils (Above 12 years of age): €2.50 per person Guided tours: Adults: €45 plus admission fee Reduced (University students, trainees, senior citizens): €35 plus admission fee Pupils (Above 12 years of age): €25 plus admission fee

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday, Sunday, and holidays: 11:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.23. Story of Berlin

A multimedia exhibition with more than 20 theme rooms displaying 800 years of Berlin's history, Story of Berlin attracts visitors from far and wide. The museum uses modern exhibition qualities combined with original models and luxuriously rebuilt historic replicas, which send visitors to an entirely different historic world. With state-of-the-art technology and walk-through scenes, the museum takes you on a fascinating time-travel journey.

Address : Kurfürstendamm 207, 10719 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10719

Location : 52.5018599999999, 13.32312

Contact : +49 30 88720100

Website : <http://www.story-of-berlin.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bleibtreustr. (Berlin) Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €12 Reduced (Students, unemployed, pensioners, disabled): €9

Children (6-16 years): €5 Family card (2 adults + up to 3 children up to 16 years):

€25 Adult groups (from 8 people): €9 per person Guided tour: €70 plus admission fee Free admission for children below 6 yrs of age

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.24. Madame Tussauds

Berlin's Madame Tussauds gained worldwide popularity as the controversial statue of Adolf Hitler was included in the museum. It opened in 2008 and has

many areas and sections to keep the visitors interested. In the 'behind the scenes' area, people learn about the real Madame Tussaud who sculpted figures of the French Revolution. Visitors can take photographs with the wax figurines and also have the photos printed in four-color panels.

Address : Unter den Linden 74, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10117

Location : 52.5169013999999, 13.3815443999999

Contact : +49 30 4000460

Website : <https://www.madametussauds.com/berlin/de/>

Nearest Public Transport : S+U Brandenburger Tor/Glinkastr. (Berlin) Bus Station

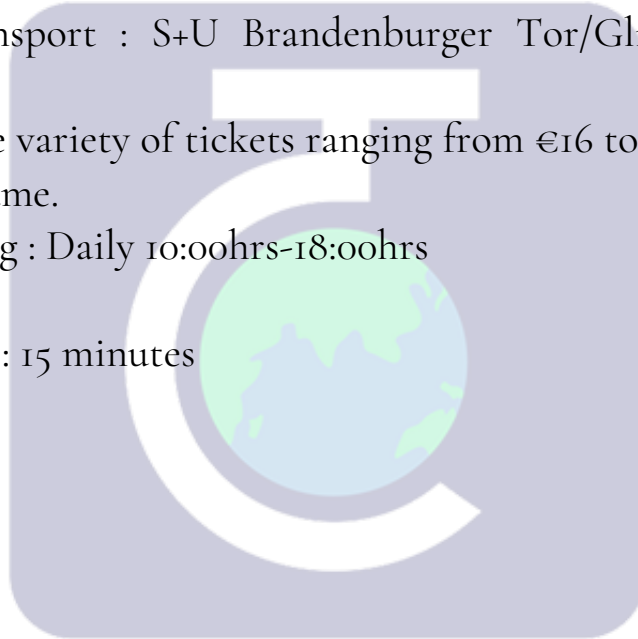
Entry Fee : They have variety of tickets ranging from €16 to €54.50. Kindly check the website for the same.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Brandenburg Gate

From a historical standpoint, The Brandenburg Gate is a beautiful neoclassical monument from 18th century constructed on the site of a former city gate. A pivotal landmark of the city, this gate was built by King Frederick Wilhelm II in 1791 and is considered not only as a symbol of the clamorous history of Europe and Germany, but also of European unity and peace.

Address : Pariser Platz, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10117

Location : 52.5162746, 13.377703999999994

Contact : +4930100200

Nearest Public Transport : Berlin Brandenburger Tor Travel Terminals (Bus, Train, Subway)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Unter den Linden

Named after lovely linden trees that line up a beautiful boulevard, Unter den Linden runs across a lush stretch of 1,400 meters from City Palace to the Brandenburg Gate, and has many noteworthy institutions and tourist attractions along its path. The avenue was once a ground for mass rallies and it came alive in 1990 after German reunification. Known to have evolved from a bridle path, Unter den Linden stands at the heart of the historic segment of Berlin.

Address : Unter den Linden, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10117

Location : 52.51691539999999, 13.38910229999999

Nearest Public Transport : Unter den Linden/Friedrichstr. Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Gendarmenmarkt

It is unarguably the largest and the most attractive square in Berlin dominated by 3 historically eminent buildings: The German and the French Cathedral and Schinkel's Konzerthaus. Having the statue of Friedrich Schiller in the center of the square, it dates back to the 1700s and is a must-see for all visitors to Berlin. Known as a great place to enjoy the festivity around Christmas and New Year, the Christmas Market and ice rink attract a lot of people.

Address : Gendarmenmarkt, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10117

Location : 52.5137224, 13.392669800000021

Nearest Public Transport : U-Bhf Hausvogteiplatz Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Reichstag Building

Built to house the Imperial Diet of the German Empire, this historical edifice is an important landmark in the city. Construction of the building began after the unification of Germany and was made open to the public in 1894. A key highlight of this building is the replacement dome and the supple, made of glass. It offers superb views of the surrounding city, especially at night from the rooftop restaurant. Note: Advance registration is required for the entry to the dome and terrace.

Address : Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin

Zipcode : 11011

Location : 52.5185937, 13.376188200000001

Contact : +493022732152

Website : <http://www.bundestag.de/kulturundgeschichte/architektur/reichstag/>

Nearest Public Transport : Reichstag/Bundestag (Berlin) Bus Station Bundestag Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-00:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. The Nikolai Quarter

The Nikolai Quarter, locally known as Nikolaiviertel, is considered to be the center of the old city where you can find its oldest and most famous attractions. There are medieval lanes full of cafés, restaurants, craft workshops and boutiques. Its highlights cover most of the old fountains, lattice windows, lanterns as well as historic buildings.

Address : Am Nußbaum 3, 10178 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10178

Location : 52.5168828, 13.406525600000009

Contact : +4930115

Website

<http://www.berlin.de/sehenswuerdigkeiten/3559969-3558930-nikolaiviertel.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Nikolaiviertel (Berlin) Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

Known as the Holocaust Memorial, the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe in Berlin is dedicated to the Jewish sufferers of the Holocaust. Designed by architect Peter Eisenman and engineer Buro Happold, it spans an area of 19,000 square meters covered with 2,711 concrete slabs or "stelae" which have been organized in a grid pattern on a sloping field. The monument is situated at the former location of Berlin Wall, where the "death strip" once separated the city.

Address : Mitte, Cora-Berliner-Straße 1, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10117

Location : 52.5139474, 13.378712599999972

Contact : +49302639430

Website : <http://stiftung-denkmal.de/startseite.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Behrenstr./Wilhelmstr. Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Berlin Wall Memorial

The Berlin Wall Memorial was constructed "in memory of the city's division from 13th August 1961 to 9th November 1989 and of the victims of communist tyranny". Checkpoint Charlie was the most important checkpoint between 1945 and 1989 and this is where a lot of people attempted to escape from the East. Today, it is not only a reminder for the division of Germany but also a famous sightseeing attraction.

Address : Bernauer Straße 111, 13355 Berlin

Zipcode : 13355

Location : 52.53505209999999, 13.390189800000003

Contact : +4930467986666

Website : <http://www.berliner-mauer-gedenkstaette.de/de/>

Nearest Public Transport : S Nordbahnhof/Gartenstr. (Berlin) Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Museum Island

Located right in the heart of Berlin's city center, Museum Island is a grand body of 5 famous museums: Pergamon Museum, Bode Museum, Neues Museum, Alte Nationalgalerie and Altes Museum. The museum island was granted UNESCO National Heritage Site status in the year 1999. The entry to the island is free, however, the entry for various museums is paid. A Museum Island Pass is available for free entry to few museums.

Address : Am Lustgarten, 10178 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10178

Location : 52.51693279999999, 13.401899599999979

Contact : +4930266424242

Nearest Public Transport : Neumannsgasse (Berlin) Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Thursday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs Check out the respective museums for exceptions

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. East Side Gallery

An international memorial for freedom, East Side Gallery is a 1316-meter long segment of the Berlin Wall situated on the so-called "Hinterland Mauer". Possibly the largest open-air gallery in the world, it consists of 105 paintings by artists from around the world painted back in 1990 on the east side of the wall that record a time of change and euphoria for a better and free future for everyone in the world.

Address : Mühlenstraße, 10243 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10243

Location : 52.5050223999999, 13.4396953

Contact : +49 172 3918726

Website : <http://www.eastsidegallery-berlin.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : East Side Gallery (Berlin) Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Topography of Terror

Experiencing more than a million visitors in a year, Topography of Terror is the most frequented museum and memorial site in Berlin that provides information about the significant institutions of National Socialist persecution and terror, creating awareness amongst people. It also showcases the European dimensions of the Nazi rule of terror and conveys many political and historical messages. Visit this museum to get into the depth of the subject. Note: Guided tours for individual visitors are free whereas people in groups of minimum 7 people will have to pay a fee of €70 per group.

Address : Niederkirchnerstraße 8, 10963 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10963

Location : 52.5066835999999, 13.3837022999999

Contact : +49 30 2545090

Website : <http://www.topographie.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Abgeordnetenhaus (Berlin) Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Potsdamer Platz

One of the busiest and liveliest squares of Berlin, Potsdamer Platz is a major public transport hub and entertainment district pulsating with life. With numerous cafés, bars, restaurants, cinemas and a brilliant line up of attraction such as Sony Center, Boulevard de Stars which is a replica of Hollywood's Walk of Fame, traffic light tower and a small section of the Berlin Wall, the square buzzes with urban vibes.

Address : Potsdamer Platz, 10785 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10785

Location : 52.5096488, 13.3759440999999

Contact : +49 30 6883150

Website : <https://potsdamerplatz.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Berlin Potsdamer Platz Bahnhof Travel Terminal (Train, Subway)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No



7.2.12. Großer Tiergarten

One of the oldest urban public parks in Berlin, Großer Tiergarten stretches over an area of 200 hectares and is also the most massive man-made park in the city. With immense importance in domain of history and architecture, the park offers both landscaped areas as well as numerous opportunities for recreation and has been preserved as a garden monument since 1991. Traces of the historical era can also be found in the Tiergarten.

Address : Str. des 17. Juni 31, 10785 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10785

Location : 52.5141516, 13.3591633999999

Contact : +49 30 901833101

Website : http://www.stadtentwicklung.berlin.de/berlin_tipps/grosser_tiergarten/index.shtml

Nearest Public Transport : Schloss Bellevue (Berlin) Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Wednesday: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs Thursday and Friday: 09:00hrs-15:00hrs Saturday and Sunday closed

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Sony Center

An internationally renowned landmark of Berlin, thanks to its picturesque roof construction, Sony Center is a building complex that opened in 2000. The complex has Sony's German headquarters, numerous shops, restaurants, conference center, hotel rooms, museum, cinemas, IMAX theater, and a Legoland Discovery Center. Displaying a "cyberpunk corporate futuristic" aesthetic, the site was formerly a bustling city center in the early 20th-century.

Address : Bellevuestraße 5, 10785 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10785

Location : 52.5098907, 13.3732743

Website : <http://www.sonycenter.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Varian-Fry-Str. (Berlin) Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Volkspark Friedrichshain

Head to Volkspark Friedrichshain for an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city and give yourself some time to reconnect with nature and enjoy the surroundings. The park has always been delighting visitors with pretty lakes and mountains and the beautiful piece "Märchenbrunnen" (Fountain of Fairy Tales). There are many opportunities for recreation at this park that keep the visitors occupied.

Address : 10249 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10249

Location : 52.5280353, 13.4363934

Contact : +49 30 25002333

Website : <http://www.visitberlin.de/de/ort/volkspark-friedrichshain>

Nearest Public Transport : Böttzowstr. (Berlin) Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church

Built in Neo-Romanesque style, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church stands as a memorial to peace and reconciliation and Berliners' will to reconstruct their city post war. The Church has both, ruins of World War II as well as contemporary church architecture depicting a link between modernism and history. It has honeycomb-like solid elements with glass blocks inside it that produce an intense blue light, whereas the memorial hall reminds visitors of the terror of war and destruction.

Address : Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Tauentzienstraße, 10789 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10789

Location : 52.5048241, 13.3351500999999

Nearest Public Transport : Breitscheidplatz (Berlin) Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No



7.2.16. Tempelhofer Feld

What was once an airport has now been transformed into a public park, making it Berlin's new recreational area. Tempelhofer Feld has a 6-kilometer long cycling, skating and jogging trail, a 2.5 hectare BBQ area, and a massive picnic area for all visitors. This urban park makes a huge contribution to the city's quality of life and is becoming increasingly important in urban development.

Address : Tempelhofer Damm, 12101 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 12101

Location : 52.4753909999999, 13.4018929999999

Contact : +49 30 7009060

Website : <https://gruen-berlin.de/tempelhofer-feld>

Nearest Public Transport : U Paradesstr. (Berlin) Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Opening hours vary according to the season

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. Alexanderplatz

Located in the center of the city, Alexanderplatz is one of the city's most visited squares and site for many attractions in Berlin. It was named in honor of Alexander I, the Tsar of Russia, on his visit to Berlin in 1805. Alexanderplatz is coated with the urban history and intertwines centuries of social, architectural and political history. It developed in the latter part of the 19th century with rapid advancements and constructions.

Address : 10178 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10178

Location : 52.5219184, 13.4132147

Website : <http://www.berlin.de/en/attractions-and-sights/3560109-3104052-alexanderplatz.en.html>

Nearest Public Transport : S+U Alexanderplatz Bhf/Dircksenstr. (Berlin) Light Rail Station Alexanderplatz Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.18. Kurfürstendamm

Kurfürstendamm is an extremely popular fashion street in the west of Berlin. Not only is it home to dainty fashion boutiques but various departmental stores and restaurants as well. There are over 100 shops selling everything from cosmetics to furniture here, making it a go-to destination for all shopaholics.

Address : Kurfürstendamm, 10707 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10707

Location : 52.5002396999999, 13.3101618

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.19. Friedrichstraße

Friedrichstraße is yet another great shopping and cultural street in central Berlin.

Not only does it offer exclusive fashion brands, it also holds the rich history of the city and World War II.

Address : Friedrichstraße, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10117

Location : 52.5137447, 13.3893567

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.20. Alexa

Alexa Mall is one of the biggest shopping destinations in the city. It is conveniently located and has 180 different stores spread across 5 floors to shop from. There is an area for children and a food court inside as well.

Address : Grunerstraße 20, 10179 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10179

Location : 52.5199023, 13.4147944

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.21. LP12 Mall of Berlin

With 250+ stores and 1,000 odd parking spaces, the Mall of Berlin is one of the largest shopping centers in the city. It has all major fashion brands including but not limited to Esprit, Hugo Boss, Armani, Zara, Mango and Guess.

Address : Leipziger Pl. 12, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Zipcode : 10117

Location : 52.5104261, 13.3810634

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

8. Key sites sports & adventure

If you're an adventure sports enthusiast, Berlin is a fabulous destination for you. Berlin gives you an opportunity to reach your adrenaline to the highest levels. The activities here will make your stay in the German capital unforgettably exciting. "Devil's Mountain" (Teufelsberg), one of several hills constructed from the rubble left by World War II bombing, rises to 380 feet (116 metres) and has been turned into a winter sports area for skiing and sledding.

- **Base Jumping -**

Address : Alexanderpl. 7, 10178 Berlin, Germany

Location : 52.5228398,13.412571

Contact No : +498970809010

Website : <http://www.base-flying.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : S+U Alexanderplatz (Berlin) [U2] Subway Station U Alexanderplatz (Berlin) [Tram] Light Rail Station

Entry Fees : Ranges from €49.90-€79.70

Open / Close Time : April to October Friday 15:00hrs-23:00hrs Saturday 12:00hrs-21:00hrs Sunday 11:00hrs-17:00hrs The timings are subject to change. Kindly check the website before visiting.

Time Required : 3

- **Skydiving -**

Address : Knaackstraße 99, 10435 Berlin, Germany

Location : 52.5588327,13.2884374

Contact No : +49 30 24534030

Website : <http://www.gojump.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : U Eberswalder Straße Travel Terminals (Subway, Trams, Buses)

Entry Fees : Ranges from €139-€199. Kindly check website for various

jumps/courses.

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday and Sunday 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 3



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football and baseball are the main sports of Berlin. Many competitions are held all around the year related to these sports. The Berlin marathon is also very popular all over the world. Olympiastadion is a sports stadium which is incredibly popular in Berlin. Ice hockey, volleyball, handball, snooker, skateboarding are other sports enjoyed by the residents of Berlin. And there are some indoor games like indoor football or bowling which are easily accessible. Berlin also offers favourable opportunities for golfing. Few golf courses like Berliner Golf-UND Country Club, Golf and Spa Resort Schloss Wilkendorf and Golf-UND Land-club Berlin-Wannsee are very famous and you can visit these places.



10. Events calendar

Month

Events

Berlin fashion week

It comes twice annually and is globally popular because of its remarkable performances. It attracts ace designers from all across the globe.

International green week

It is the biggest fair in the world for food, agriculture, horticulture and various other food industries.

The long night of museums

This is a cultural event where museums open at late night to launch new possible patrons. There are permanent exhibitions and various artistic performances.

Berlinale

An important cultural event for the international film industry. The event has been going strong since 1951 and offers a great platform for budding filmmakers.

Transmediale

It is a week long festival celebrating the art and digital culture and media in Berlin. It includes live performances and exhibitions.

MaerzMusik

Organized by the Berliner Festspiele, MaerzMusik is a festival of artistic experiences, contemporary music, debates etc. It is attended by a large number of people.

Carnival of Cultures

As the name suggest, this is a 4-day festival which celebrates the cultural diversity of Berlin. It takes place in Berlin's Kreuzberg district. The key highlight of the event is the big carnival parade with dance and music.

Berlin fashion week

It comes twice annually and is globally popular because of its remarkable performances. It attracts ace designers from all across the globe.

Classic open air festival

Staged on the Gendarmenmark, this open air festival presents musical performances and light

show/ fireworks. If you're a fan of classical music, this might interest you a lot.

Beer festival

This is a 3-day folk festival to celebrate the national drink (unofficially) of Germany. It has around 2000 varieties of beer to taste and choose from and is attended by lakhs of people every year.

Berlin air show

A public air show along with conference programmes and trade exhibition for the aerospace and defence industries.

Berlin marathon

An annual running and sporting event for professional athletes as well as amateur runners.

Festival of lights

An annual event that runs for 10 days and transforms Berlin into a city of lights. All the landmarks of the city are illuminated during this time.

German reunification day

On 3rd October every year,

Berlin marks the anniversary of the country's unification. It is a public holiday.

JazzFest

Originally called the "Berliner Jazztage", Jazz Fest celebrates the spirit and various styles of jazz music. The festival is of international renown and draws jazz fans from far and wide.

Christmas Markets

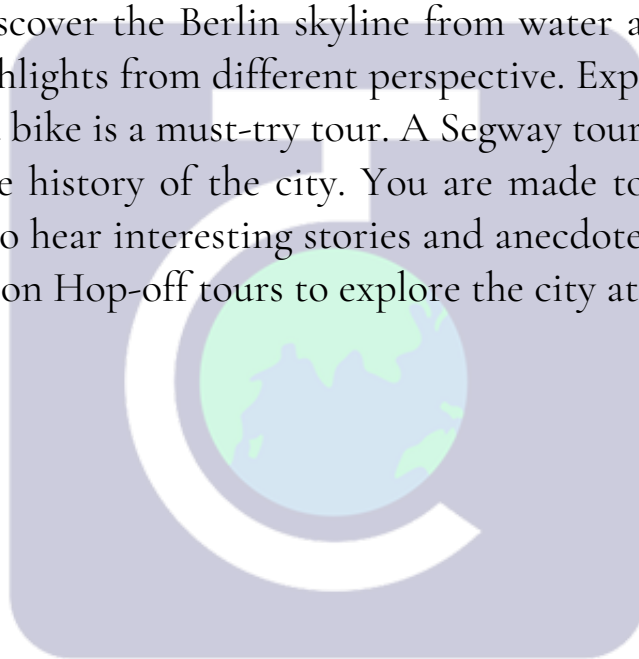
Berlin shines in a festive blaze of lights every year during the Christmas period. There are around 60 Christmas Markets to wander around and enjoy.

There's something for everyone here- whether thought provoking and fairytale or trendy and urban.

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11. Key local guides and tours

To make the most of your trip to Berlin, you may enlist the help of a local guide which will help you understand more about the history, art and culture of the city. The tours are custom priced to your specific reservation. Berlin offers a variety of tours to explore the city. There is a tour to the Parliament Quarter and the glass dome that makes you learn about the rich past of the capital. There are also boat tours to discover the Berlin skyline from water and see more than 40 bridges as well as highlights from different perspective. Exploring the sites of the city while riding on a bike is a must-try tour. A Segway tour is an interesting way to find out about the history of the city. You are made to learn how to ride a Segway and you get to hear interesting stories and anecdotes about the city. And there are certain Hop-on Hop-off tours to explore the city at your own ease.



12. Transportation hubs

Airports The Berlin Tegel Airport is the main international airport of Berlin and serves flights to several European metropolitan cities and other international destinations. It is 8 km north-west of the city center. Buses leave every 10-15 minutes from the Terminals A/B. The fare is about € 2.70. You could hire a Taxi as well which costs around € 20.27. The Berlin Schönefeld Airport is another popular airport. It is smaller than the Tegel Airport and serves as the base for Condor, Ryanair and easyJet. It is around 18 km southeast of its city center. The bus fare costs around € 3.30 using a bus and about € 20.27 if you hire a Taxi.

Railway station Berlin Hauptbahnhof is the main railway station in Berlin. It opened in 2006 and serves more than 300,000 people every day.

Bus Station The Central Bus Station Berlin ZOB is the main bus station of Berlin. It is located in the western district Charlottenburg. The place offers locker facility at a price of € 2-3 per day. A taxi from ZOB to Schönefeld Airport costs around €45.

13. Transportation cost

The public transport network of Berlin is operated by BVG. It is the oldest public transport system in Berlin and is comprised of U-Bahn (underground, or subway), S-Bahn (light rail), buses and trams. There are three different pay zones and the fare depends on the pay zone of where your destination lies and the validity period of your ticket. Coverage of these three zones is as under: i) Zone A: All areas within the S-Bahn circle line ii) Zone B: Berlin's city limits iii) Zone C: Berlin's nearby surrounding area Tickets can be bought directly from bus drivers, vending machines at U/ S Bahn stations or kiosks with yellow BVG logo. A single trip AB costs €2.70 whereas a single trip ABC costs 3.30. A 4-trip ticket AB costs €9. A day ticket AB costs €7 and a day ticket ABC costs €7.60. For 2+ trips in a day, you might like getting a day pass. It is economical and valid for unlimited rides on all forms of public transport. A highlighting feature of Berlin's bus network is the double-decker buses which offer great views of the city. Night buses have 'N' marked on them and operate all throughout the night. Taxis Taxis in Berlin can be ordered by hailing, from taxi stands or by phone. Some of the major taxi service providers are Taxi Berlin, WBT, Funk Taxi Berlin and Taxi Berlin- Talixo. It is best to carry cash as most drivers are not obliged to accept all types of cards. The minimum fare for taxis in Berlin is €3.90. €2 is charged for every 1 km after that. Berlin Welcome Card and Berlin City Tour Card: Berlin Welcome Card offers discounts on museums, bike tours/rental, boat tours, etc as well as free transport on the city's buses. It is valid for zone AB or zone ABC. You can buy them online or from BVG ticket machines, tourist offices and S-Bahn offices. Validity and cost of card is as follows: ● 2 days (AB €19,50, ABC €21,50) ● 3 days (€27,50/29,50) ● 4 days (€31,50/34,50) ● 5 days (€35,50/40,50) ● 6 days (€41,50/45,50) Berlin City tour Card is also similar, it is just geared towards younger travelers. It offers discounts on restaurants, clubs, bars etc. A 2-day ticket costs €17,50 for AB, €19,50 for ABC. You can get more details online.

14. Baggage allowance

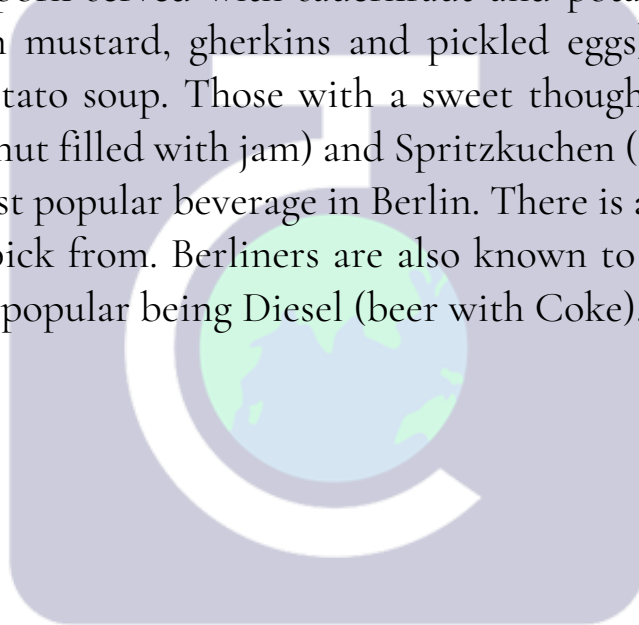
Free baggage limit for most buses/ trains in Berlin is one item of hand luggage and two items of baggage (30 kgs combined weight approximately). Backpacks, however, are easy and most comfortable to carry around the city.



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15. Must try food and local savouries

Street food is enjoyed a lot in Berlin. The most popular local snacks are Currywurst (grilled or fried sausage with ketchup and curry powder) and Döner Kebab (Chunks of meat and vegetables wrapped in flatbread). Other than these you must try Pretzels which is nothing but a pastry sold on the streets. It is often topped with cheese and tastes great. Main-course generally includes Kassler (salted and smoked pork served with sauerkraut and potatoes), Boulette (fried meatball served with mustard, gherkins and pickled eggs) and Kartoffelsuppe which is basically potato soup. Those with a sweet thought must definitely try Pfannkuchen (doughnut filled with jam) and Spritzkuchen (coiled doughnut with icing). Beer is the most popular beverage in Berlin. There is a huge variety of local beers in the city to pick from. Berliners are also known to mix their beers with soft drinks, the most popular being Diesel (beer with Coke).



Index**16. Restaurant & Nightlife**

Germany is a country known for its food and their capital is no slouch in the iconic foods department. In fact the very word 'Berliner' means donut. There's also a story behind the local food Currywurst. If you are a food-lover, Berlin will not disappoint you.



Index**17. Average meal cost**

Meal in an inexpensive Restaurant €8 3-course meal in a mid-range Restaurant €40 Meal at McDonalds or equivalent €7 0.5 liter draught beer €3 Cappuccino €2.39 Coke/Pepsi €1.67



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18. Shopping

From small fashion boutiques to big shopping malls, Berlin has everything for the shopper at heart. Kurfürstendamm is an extremely popular fashion street in the west of Berlin. Not only is it home to cute fashion boutiques but various department stores and restaurants as well. There are over 100 odd shops selling everything from cosmetics to furniture and shopaholics are definitely going to enjoy it. Friedrichstraße is another great shopping and cultural street in central Berlin. Not only does it offer exclusive fashion brands, it also holds the rich history of the city and the second World War. There are a couple of car showrooms in the area as well to keep the gentlemen interested. So far as big shopping malls go, Alexa Mall is one of them. It is conveniently located (On walking distance of Alexanderplatz) and has 180 different stores spread on 5 floors to shop from. There is a kid's area and a food court inside as well. It is open till 21:00hrs. With 250+ stores and 1000 odd parking spaces, Mall of Berlin is one of the largest shopping centers in the city. It has all major fashion brands including but not limited to Esprit, Hugo Boss, Armani, Zara, Mango and Guess. To reach the mall, you might like taking U-Bahn from station Potsdamer Platz or Mohrenstraße

19. Tourist benefits

In Germany, the VAT rate is 19%. If you are a non EU citizen, you are eligible for a VAT refund provided you spend a minimum of € 25 on goods that you export within 90 days of your purchase. All you are required to do is look for stores with tax free shopping signboard, get the VAT refund form from the store at the time of your purchase, fill it out and get it stamped from the customs authorities on your final departure.



20. Essential local apps

i) Bike Citizens app This is a useful application to offer real time navigation to cyclists across various side streets and bike paths in the city. It is available on app store and Google play. ii) ParkTAG This application helps users to find a place to park their vehicle in Berlin. It comes in handy during rush hours and saves you the hassle for hunting for parking space.



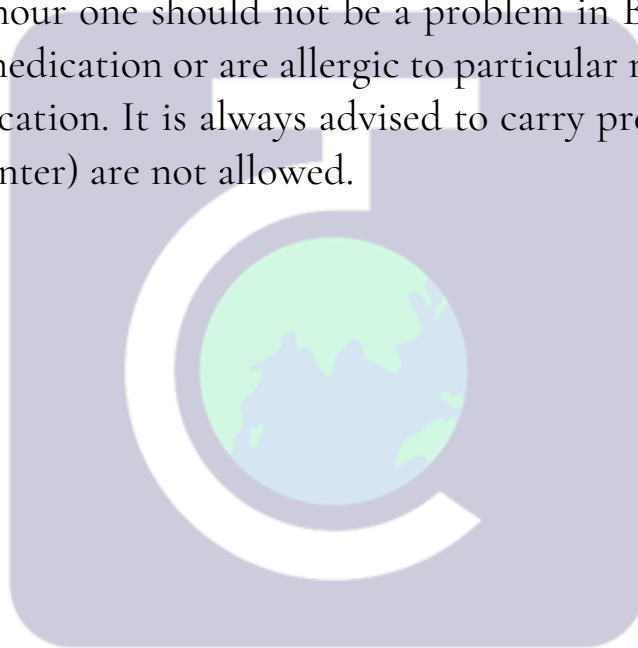
21. Driving

The legal driving age in Berlin is 18. However, drivers must usually be over 21 (sometimes even older) to rent a car in the city. Before driving in Europe, you'll need an International Driving Permit (IDP) in addition to your driving license. While driving in the city, make sure you do not cross the cobblestone bike path. Berliners take biking very seriously and it may cause a quarrel on the street.



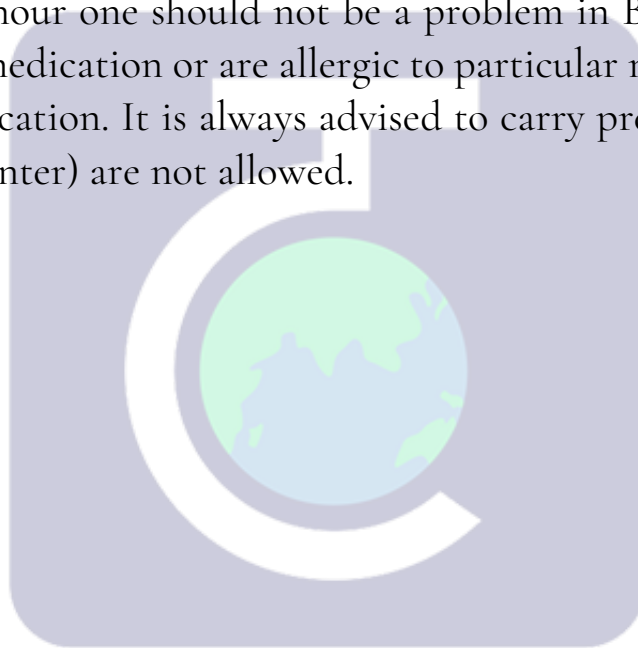
22. Travel essentials

Like most of continental Europe, Germany is on the 220-240 Volts. Electrical sockets (outlets) in the country are of "Type E" French style CEE 7/5 Schuko. If the plug of your appliances does not match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter during your stay in Berlin. Most battery chargers have a built-in voltage converter, but you will need a socket adapter anyway. Finding a pharmacy even a 24 hour one should not be a problem in Berlin, however if you are on some special medication or are allergic to particular medicines, you should carry your own medication. It is always advised to carry prescribed medicines as OTC's (Over the counter) are not allowed.



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24. Local currency

The official currency of Germany is Euro (€). One USD = €0.89.



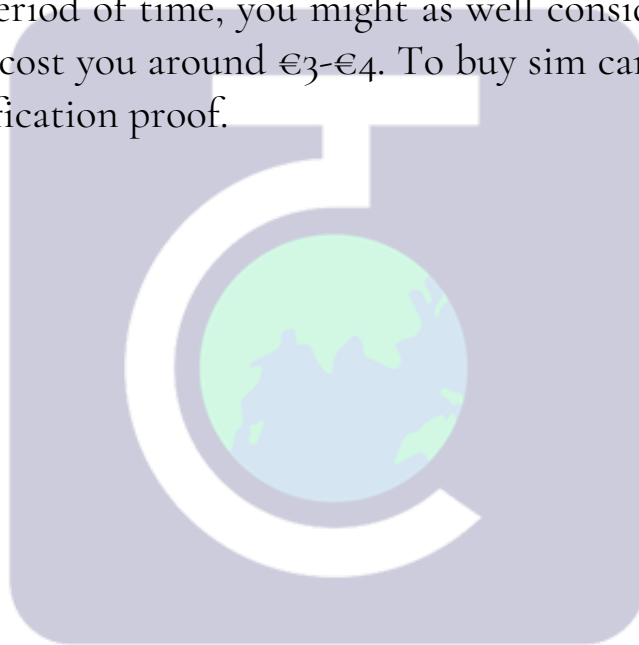
Index**25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

For international money transfers and currency exchange, you must check out exchange bureaux located in the various banks. ATM machines are scattered all around the city and it is not difficult to find one for cash withdrawals. Credit card charges and ATM withdrawals will most likely incur a 1.55.0% conversion factor plus a small percentage as ATM withdrawal fees. Major credit cards (including VISA, MasterCard, American Express etc) are accepted but not everywhere. It is advised that you must always carry some cash handy for small purchases.



26. Staying connected

There are several Wi-Fi spots in the city and also you can get free Wi-Fi in most hotels and hostels. There are 4 major mobile network providers in Berlin: ● Telekom ● Vodafone ● E-Plus ● O2 There is a standard mobile network (GSM/GPRS/3G) in the country and you should check beforehand if your phone is compatible, especially if you're coming from the US. If you plan to stay in Berlin for a longer period of time, you might as well consider buying a German SIM card which will cost you around €3-€4. To buy sim card in this city, all you need is a valid identification proof.



27. Time Zone

Berlin follows CET (UTC/ GMT +1 hour). Daylight Saving Time is in effect from March till October.



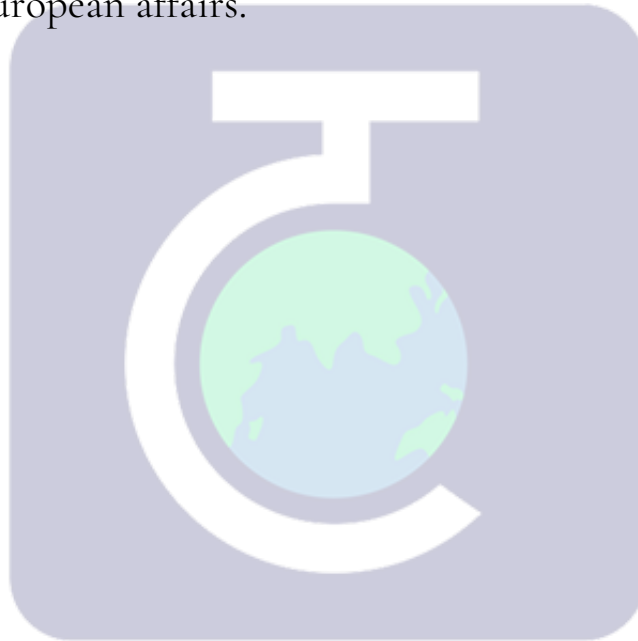
28. Languages

The chief spoken language in Berlin is German. English is fluently spoken even outside the tourist industry. Russian is also commonly spoken in the former East Berlin by older people. Berliners are extremely tolerant with non-native speakers and you shouldn't have major communication issues in the city.



29. Political Scenario

Berlin's governing mayor holds the city's highest office. It is also the federal state's premier. Berlin follows the Constitution of Germany, which provides rules on the rights of the people, legislation etc. Most ministries and departments are based in Berlin with a few ministries based in the Federal city of Bonn. Berlin currently host 158 foreign embassies. As the capital of Germany, Berlin is the center of many German and European affairs.



30. Economic Scenario

Berlin is economically a stable city. It saw an increase in yearly GDP by 5.4% in 2015, which evidently states its economic stability. The unemployment rate also showed a 24 year low at 10% and around 130,000 jobs were added during this period. The most important sectors for Berlin are the life sciences, information technology, transportation, media, advertising etc. Berlin is ranked as the third most significant research and development center in the entire European Union.



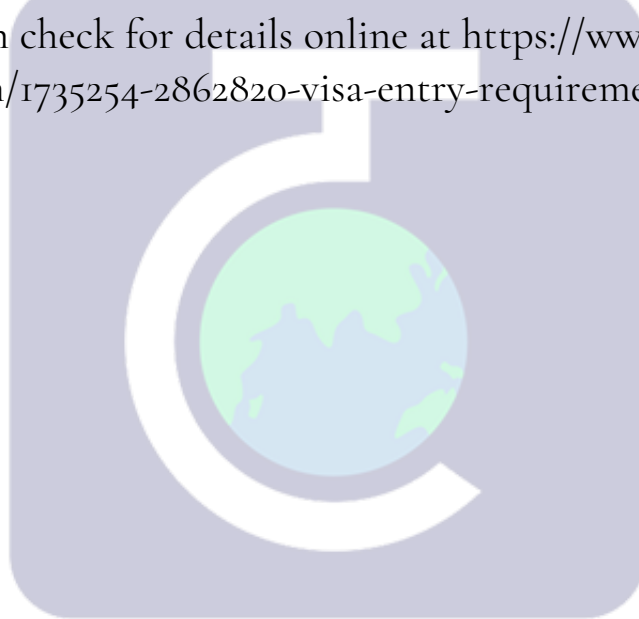
Index**31. Religious belief**

A major chunk (more than 60%) of the residents of Berlin have no registered religious affiliations. About 18% follow the EKD or the Evangelical Church in Germany and around 9% are Roman Catholics. A significant 8% residents of Berlin follow Islam with the remaining following other religions.



32. Visa requirements

If you have a Schengen visa, you can stay (but not work) in Berlin for 90 days. EU nationals with residence permit may stay for as long as they like and can enter with a valid EU identity card too. However, registration at Bürgeramt office is mandatory for stays exceeding a few months. Nationals of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA and a few others can visit Berlin with a valid passport for a period of 90 days. Nationals of the rest of the world need to apply for a visa to visit the city. You can check for details online at <https://www.berlin.de/en/tourism/travel-information/1735254-2862820-visa-entry-requirements.en.html>



33. Essential vaccination

Before your visit to Berlin, make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines like measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), varicella (chickenpox, polio and seasonal flu. Depending on the duration of your stay and the country you are traveling from, you might need vaccines for Hepatitis A and B.



Index**34. Theft and Safety**

Compared to other western European capitals, Berlin is quite safe and occurrence of petty crimes and race-related hassles is rather seldom. That said, you should always keep an eye on your valuables. Just like any place else, avoid unlit streets at night and never leave your bags, phones, bicycles etc unattended.



35. Embassy/Consulate

For any emergencies, foreign tourists can get assistance at their embassies in Berlin. You can find the complete list of foreign representations in Berlin at: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/germany>



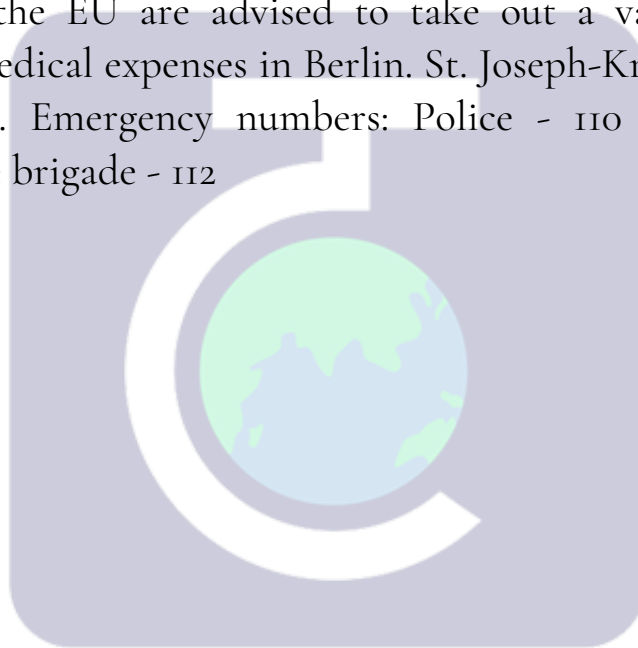
36. Accessibility

Disabled access is quite good in the city. It has very few cobblestones. Public transport offers good access to wheelchair users. The BVG fleet of buses is 100% wheelchair friendly. Numerous attractions in Berlin including parks, malls and museums have ramps or elevators. There are many hotels in the city like Melia Hotel, Novotel Berlin Am Tiergarten and Hotel Arcotel Velvet that offer easy wheelchair access.



37. Emergencies

Having a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will provide you access to Berlin's public healthcare system at greatly reduced cost. Since the EHIC won't cover medical repatriation, ongoing medical treatment or non-urgent treatment, it is advised that you have adequate travel insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation. Visitors who come from a country outside of the EU are advised to take out a valid, private medical insurance to cover medical expenses in Berlin. St. Joseph-Krankenhaus is a major hospital in the city. Emergency numbers: Police - 110 Medical emergency/accident services; fire brigade - 112



Index**38. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's ● Do eat on streets (pretzels and kebab especially) ● Do carry your passport and ID card ● Do lock your bike properly ● Do carry cash. A lot of restaurants and shops do not accept credit cards. Don'ts ● Do not jaywalk, you could be fined ● Do not walk in bicycle lane ● Do not spit on the road ● Do not leave tip on the table



39.Tipping basics

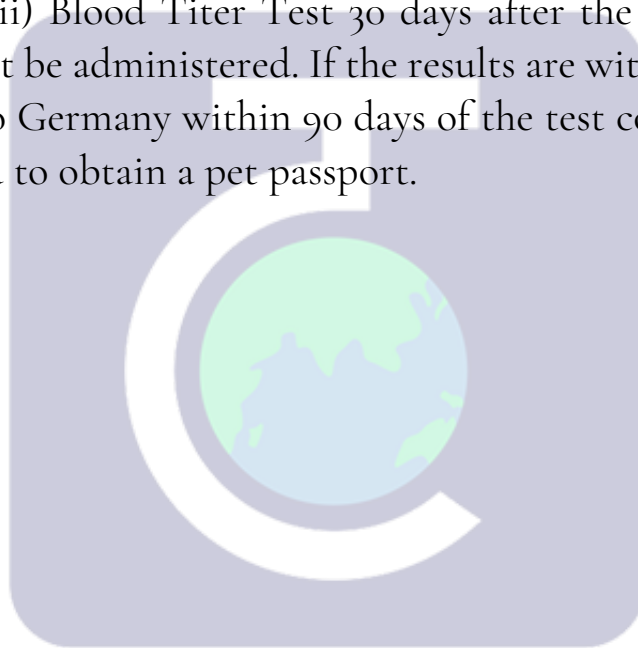
Tipping is customary in Berlin. You could tip 5% or round off the bill to the nearest Euro. A 10% tip generally means exemplary service. It is advised that you do not leave the tip on the table and rather hand over to the waiter directly.



40. Pet info

Germany is an extremely pet friendly country. There are, however, certain rules and regulations that you must adhere to before bringing pets into the country.

- i) Pet Microchip Your pet should be microchipped with an ISO 11784 pet microchip
- ii) Proper Vaccination After the microchip, your pet will need a rabies vaccination, especially if you're traveling with them from a rabies-free or rabies-controlled country.
- iii) Blood Titer Test 30 days after the rabies vaccination, a Blood Titer Test must be administered. If the results are within acceptable limits, your pet can travel to Germany within 90 days of the test conducted. Pet owners from EU are required to obtain a pet passport.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Berlin is one of the most beautiful cities in Germany, highly popular among fashionistas, art lovers and music fans. It has some of the most impressive monuments you'll ever see anywhere. The Berlin wall stands tall and glorious in the city. Built in 1961 during the infamous Cold War between USA and USSR, the Berlin Wall idolised the difference between the western democrats and the eastern communists. History and architecture aside, the city has a lot to offer to lovers of art, fashion and cinema. It has various high quality boutiques and theatres. The annual calendar is lined up with concerts and music festivals of global acclaim.



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