[Template:Infobox Venue](/wiki/Template:Infobox_Venue" \o "Template:Infobox Venue) **Berghain** is a [nightclub](/wiki/Nightclub) in [Berlin](/wiki/Berlin), Germany. It is named after its location near the border between [Kreuzberg](/wiki/Kreuzberg) and [Friedrichshain](/wiki/Friedrichshain) in Berlin, and is a short walk from [Berlin Ostbahnhof](/wiki/Berlin_Ostbahnhof) main line railway station.[[1]](#cite_note-1) [Philip Sherburne](/wiki/Philip_Sherburne) described Berghain in 2007 as "quite possibly the current world capital of [techno](/wiki/Techno), much as [E-Werk](/wiki/E-Werk) or [Tresor](/wiki/Tresor) were in their respective heydays".[[2]](#cite_note-2)

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[200px|thumb|right|The sign for Ostgut](/wiki/Image:Ostgut_reklame.jpg) Berghain is the reincarnation of the "legendary" [Ostgut](/wiki/Ostgut) club (1998–2003)[[2]](#cite_note-2)[[3]](#cite_note-3)[[4]](#cite_note-4) and emerged from a male-only [fetish](/wiki/Sexual_fetishism) club night called "Snax", which was held in different locations before it found its permanent home at the Ostgut. The Ostgut became a focal point of the Berlin [techno](/wiki/Techno) subculture after the venue was opened to the general public on regular nights, while the exclusive Snax nights continued to be held six to eight times annually.

Ostgut eventually closed on January 6, 2003, following a 30-hour farewell event, and the former railway warehouse that housed the club was subsequently demolished. Berghain then opened in 2004.[[4]](#cite_note-4)[[5]](#cite_note-5) The name "Berghain" is a composite of the names of the two quarters that flank the south and north sides of the building in which the club is housed: [Kreuz*berg*](/wiki/Kreuzberg) (formerly in [West Berlin](/wiki/West_Berlin)) and [Friedrichs*hain*](/wiki/Friedrichshain) (formerly in [East Berlin](/wiki/East_Berlin)); the literal meaning of the German word *Berghain* is "mountain [grove](/wiki/Grove_(nature))".

The Snax event is still held twice a year on [Holy Saturday](/wiki/Holy_Saturday) and in November. As [Minneapolis](/wiki/Minneapolis)-born DJ and producer [Dustin Zahn](/wiki/Dustin_Zahn), who performed a DJ set at the 2013 Snax party, explained: "Once a year in honor of the old Ostgut tradition, Berghain closes its doors to the straight crowd and unleashes a no-holds-barred gay marathon where anything goes."[[6]](#cite_note-6) Located in the same building is the infamous Berlin [gay](/wiki/Gay) [sex club](/wiki/Sex_club) [Lab.Oratory](/wiki/Lab.Oratory), which draws an international crowd and exhibits the same hedonism as Berghain.[[7]](#cite_note-7) Berghain's head doorman is famed German photographer [Sven Marquardt](/wiki/Sven_Marquardt).[[8]](#cite_note-8)