



Inspirations of Berlin

in Easy English



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Dear Reader,

Welcome to Berlin.

Berlin is the biggest city in Germany.

There is so much to discover.

In Berlin, you can do a lot of things.

For example, you can visit different museums.

And you can visit many different sights.

For example, the Brandenburg Gate.

With this guide we want to show you,

- what you can do in Berlin.
- where to get more information.

For example, on accessibility.

Enjoy reading.

And have a great time in Berlin.

Your team from *visitBerlin*

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Where is Berlin Located?

Germany has 16 Federal States.

Berlin is one of them.

Another Federal State is Brandenburg.

Brandenburg surrounds Berlin.

Berlin is in the north-east of Germany.

This means:

Berlin is on the right side of Germany.

There are 2 big rivers in Berlin.

They are called: Spree and Havel.

There are some important cities around Berlin.

For example, Potsdam or Dresden.

Berlin is the **capital** of Germany.

This means:

The government of Germany

is based in Berlin.

Politicians take important decisions here.



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What is Special about Berlin?

Berlin's History

Berlin was founded many hundred years ago.
Many events have happened here since then.

Here are some examples:

We are in the 8th century.

People settle down in a **swamp**.

In a swamp you find a lot of water.

And the earth is very wet there.

They call the place: Berlin.

This means:

Place in a swamp.

We are in the year 1280.

The bear becomes the symbol of Berlin.

Some people think:

The bear is the symbol of the city

because bear sounds like the word Berlin.

In this picture you can see the **flag** of Berlin.

In the Berlin flag you can see the bear.



We are in the year 1961.
There is a big Wall in Berlin.
The Wall divides Berlin into 2 parts:
East Berlin and West Berlin.
Many people in East Berlin
want to live in West Berlin.
The government in the East does **not** want that.
That's why they are building the Wall.

We are in the year 1989.
Many people are protesting against the Wall.
The government has to open it.

Today, you can see parts of the Wall
in different districts of Berlin.
On these parts you can read
what happened back then.

The Wall with watchtower at Bernauer Straße.



photo 2

Shortly before the government opens the Wall.



photo 3

Berlin as the Capital City

Since 1990, Berlin has been the **capital** of Germany.

This means:

The government of Germany is based in Berlin.

Politicians take important decisions here.

There are many political buildings in Berlin.

For example:

- The Reichstag building
- The Federal Chancellery

And there are different political organisations.

Many people in Berlin are interested in politics.

They fight, for example,

for the rights of people with disabilities.

The Reichstag building



photo 4

The Federal Chancellery



photo 5

Berlin: City of Freedom

Many people of different cultures live in Berlin.

There are often many famous street parades.

Some parades are a form of protest.

For example:

- Carnival of Cultures

People celebrate **diversity**.

Diversity means:

We are all different.

We have different cultures.

And different opinions.

People wear traditional costumes.

And they dance in the street.

- Christopher Street Day

People protest against **discrimination**.

Discrimination means,

a person is treated worse or unfairly.

For example, because they are gay or lesbian.

Carnival of Cultures



photo 6

Christopher Street Day



photo 7

The rainbow is a sign for diversity.

What Can You Experience in Berlin?

Sightseeing

There are many important sights in Berlin.

For example:

- The Brandenburg Gate

In the past, the Brandenburg Gate was one of 18 city gates.

- The Reichstag building

The German Bundestag meets in the Reichstag building.

The Bundestag is a political institution.

- The Berlin Wall Memorial

The Berlin Wall Memorial commemorates the time when the Wall divided Berlin into 2 parts.

You can find more information here:

www.visitberlin.de/en/sights-berlin

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The Brandenburg Gate



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The Berlin Wall Memorial



photo 9

Culture

In Berlin, there are many cultural offerings.

For example:

- Museums

Discover interesting exhibitions.

Learn more about Berlin or its different districts.

Visit, for example, the Museum Neukölln or the Berlinische Galerie.

- Theatres

Do you like artistic plays?

Then visit, for example, the Wintergarten Varieté.

Do you like fantasy shows?

Then visit, for example, the Friedrichstadt-Palast.

- Concerts

- Castles

Visit, for example, Schönhausen House or Charlottenburg Palace.

You can find more information here:
about museums

www.visitberlin.de/en/museums-berlin



about theatres

www.visitberlin.de/en/theatres-venues-berlin

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Museum Neukölln



photo 10

Charlottenburg Palace



photo 11

Shopping

Do you want to go shopping?

Berlin is just the right city for that.

In Berlin you find:

- Self-made clothes and items.

There are many booths at the craft market
at Straße des 17. Juni.

- Streets with a lot of nice and unique shops.

For example, Akazienstraße.

- Clothes made by designers from Berlin.

Are you looking for **sustainable** clothes?

This is clothes made from materials
that protect the environment.

In Berlin you can find many shops
with sustainable clothes.

You can find more information here:

www.visitberlin.de/en/shopping

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Craft market at Straße des 17. Juni



photo 12

Shop in Akazienstraße



photo 13

Being Out on the Town

Do you want to spend the evening
listening to some music?

Or do you prefer a different
entertainment program?

Go, for example, to Eberswalder Straße.
There are

- many restaurants.
- nice shops.
- different theatres and cinemas.

There are also many bars in Berlin,
where you can enjoy live music.

Do you like jazz music?

Then visit, for example, the A-Trane.

You can find more information here:

www.visitberlin.de/en/drinking-nightlife

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Area around Eberswalder Straße (Kollwitzplatz)



photo 14

A-Trane Bar



photo 15

Eating Out

Eating out in Berlin is never boring.

In Berlin you can find restaurants with food from all over of the world.

In Berlin you find, for example:

- Korean food
- Spanish food
- Vegan food

That is food without animal products.

- Many restaurants for people with food allergies.

Do you prefer to eat something traditional from Berlin?

Then try Currywurst.

There are various food fairs in Berlin.

You can also try different things at these fairs.

You can find more information here:

www.visitberlin.de/en/restaurants-berlin

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Vegan Burgers made with tofu from a food fair.



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The traditional Currywurst



photo 17

Berlin's Nature

Berlin is also a great place to relax.

There are many parks or lakes everywhere.

Are you in the city?

Then go to the Gardens of the World or
to the Volkspark Friedrichshain.

There is also a beautiful lake
in the district of Köpenick.

It is called Müggelsee.

There you can go hiking.

Do you want to experience Berlin from the water?

That's **no** problem.

The river Spree flows right through the city.

Discover Berlin on a boat tour.

You can find more information here:

www.visitberlin.de/en/berlin-nature

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Cable car in the Gardens of the World



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Relaxed people at the Müggelsee



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City of Sports: Being Active

Sports are an important part of Berlin.
Many people go biking in the different parks.
And many people go boating.
For example, on the rivers Spree or Havel.

An important meeting place is Tempelhofer Feld.
Tempelhofer Feld once was part of an airport.
Now it is a big park.
Is the weather good?
Then you can skate there.
Or you can just go on your bike.
Is the weather bad?
Then visit, for example, the Skate Hall Berlin.

You can find more information here:
www.visitberlin.de/en/recreational-sports
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The Tempelhofer Feld can be very windy.
At these days people skate with the help of a kite.



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Skate Hall Berlin

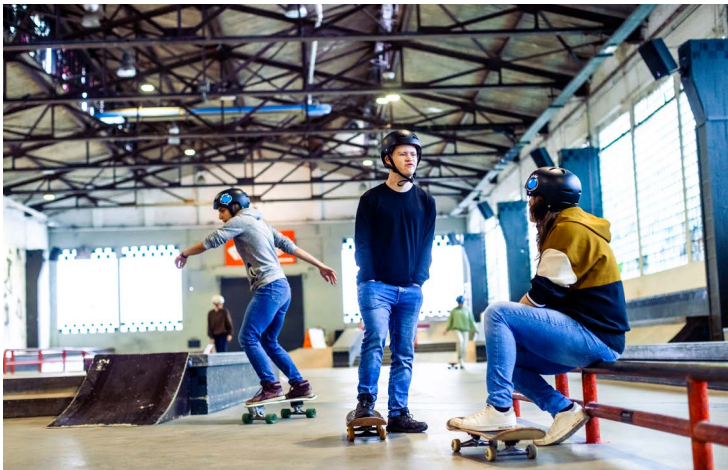


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City of Sports: Events

Berlin has different sports teams.

For example, different

- football teams.
- basketball teams.
- ice hockey teams.

These teams are all very competitive.

Most of them play in higher leagues.

You can see many international matches in Berlin.

There are also important sports events in Berlin.

For example,

- the BMW Berlin Marathon
- the Special Olympics World Games in 2023
- the Football European Championship in 2024

You can find more information here:

www.visitberlin.de/en/sports-events-leisure-sports-berlin

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BMW Berlin Marathon



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Special Olympics Opening Ceremony



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Plan Your Trip: Where to Get Information

Accessible Berlin

Are you planning a trip to Berlin?

Inform yourself about the accessible features.

That is, for example, offers for people with a wheelchair.

In this way you can experience Berlin without barriers.

On our website, we give you a lot of information on accessibility.

This is the internet address:

www.visitberlin.de/en/accessible-berlin

You can also use this QR code.

On page 51 we explain how to use it.



On our website you find, for example,
information

- on accessible sights.
- on accessible restaurants.
- on accessible hotels.

Do you have any questions?

Do you prefer to talk to us personally?

Then you can call us.

This is our telephone number:

0049 30 25 00 23 33

In the Egyptian Museum there are many tactile
models.

With the tactile models blind people can find
out how Egyptian statues looked like.



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Tourism for All

On our website you find
the symbols of Reisen für Alle.

Reisen für Alle is German.

It means:

Tourism for All.

On the next page you can see
what these symbols look like.

The symbols mean:

Reisen für Alle has checked the accessibility
of an offer.

You can also find a lot of information
about the different offers.

You can find more information here:
[www.germany.travel/en/accessible-germany/
tourism-for-all-validated-travel-options.html](http://www.germany.travel/en/accessible-germany/tourism-for-all-validated-travel-options.html)

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The Symbols of Reisen für Alle logo 2



Further Information

Berlin is a very big city.

That's why there are so many offers.

Finding the right offer

is **not** always easy.

Our website helps you.

On our website you find lots of information.

For example,

- on restaurants.
- on theatres.
- on parks.

And you can also find information on events.

Do you want to go to our website?

This is the internet address:

www.visitberlin.de/en

You can also use this QR code.

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Do you have any questions?

Then you can also call us.

This is our telephone number:

0049 30 25 00 23 33

Biking in the area around Charlottenburg Palace.



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App: Going Local Berlin

We have created an **app**.

An app is a programme on your mobile phone.

The app is called:

Going Local Berlin.

In the app you find different tips for Berlin.

You can search for categories.

For example:

Cafes and restaurants.

But you can also search for tips near you.

The app has a navigation system.

This means:

You can find all places easily.

Important

You can also use the app without internet.

Do you want to download the app?
Then use this QR code.



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then open the App Store.

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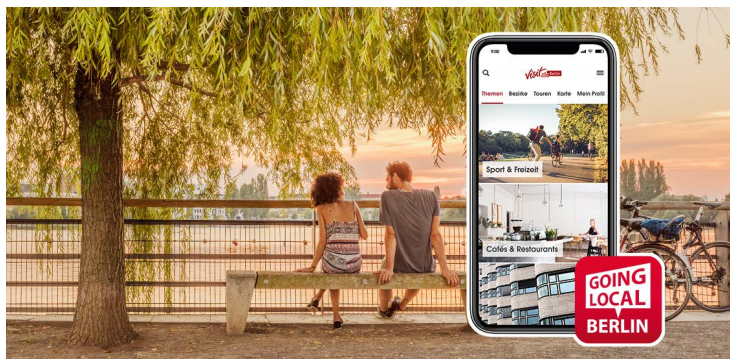


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Berlin WelcomeCard

We have come up with a great offer:
the Berlin WelcomeCard.

With the Berlin WelcomeCard
you can save money.

For example, when you take the bus or train.

And you also save money on various attractions.
For example, on sights or museums.

With the Berlin WelcomeCard,
you pay less entrance fee.

Are you in Berlin for one day only?

Then you can buy the WelcomeCard for one day.

Are you in Berlin for more days?

Then you can buy the WelcomeCard
for several days.

You can find more information here:
www.berlin-welcomecard.de/en

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the QR Code.



Do you have any questions?
Then you also can call us.
This is our telephone number:
0049 30 25 00 23 59

Couple with the Berlin WelcomeCard
at the East Side Gallery



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Tourist Info Centres in Berlin

Are you in Berlin?

Do you have any questions?

Go to a Tourist Info Centre.

The staff speaks different languages.

They will be happy to help you

- to plan your stay.
- to book tickets.
- to book a hotel.

There are Tourist Info Centres
in many places in Berlin.

For example,

- at Berlin Brandenburg Airport.
- at Berlin Central Station.
- at the Brandenburg Gate.
- at the Humboldt Forum.

Do you want to find a Tourist Info Centre near you?
You can find more information here:
www.visitberlin.de/en/berlin-tourist-info-centres

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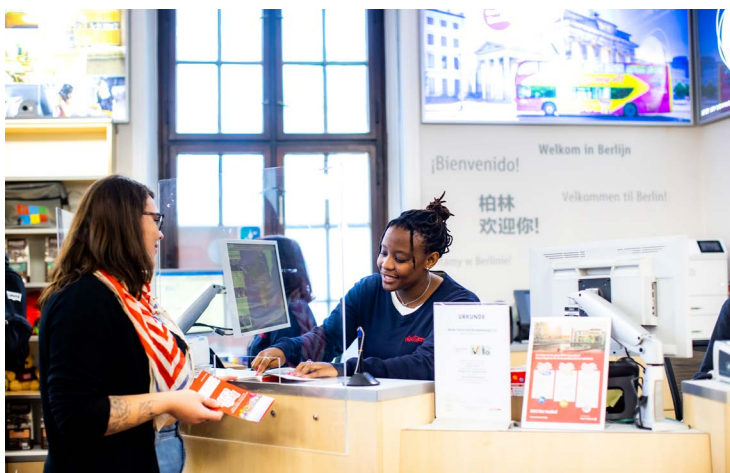


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From Berlin to Other German Cities

There are many beautiful cities around Berlin.

For example:

- Potsdam

In Potsdam, you can enjoy
the beautiful nature.

- Dresden

In Dresden, you can go for a walk
in the old town.

Do you want more information
about the different German cities?

Do you want to know more
about their accessibility?

Then please read the next pages.



Accessibility in the Other Federal States

Germany has 16 Federal States.

Berlin is one of them.

You can see all 16 Federal States in the map on the previous page.

Do you want to inform yourself on accessibility in the other Federal States?

Here are all contact details:

- 1** Hamburg
telephone number: 0049 40 30 05 18 51
www.accessible-hamburg.com
- 2** Schleswig-Holstein
telephone number 0049 43 16 00 58 3
www.sh-tourismus.de/en
- 3** Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
telephone number: 0049 38 14 03 05 50
www.off-to-mv.com/en/holidays-for-everybody
- 4** Bremen
telephone number: 0049 42 13 08 00 10
www.bremen.eu

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- 5** Lower Saxony
telephone phone: 0049 51 12 70 48 84 0
www.niedersachsen-tourism.com/accessible-travel-in-lower-saxony
 - 6** Saxony-Anhalt
telephone number: 0049 39 15 68 99 88
www.saxony-anhalt-tourism.com
 - 7** Berlin
telephone number: 0049 30 25 00 23 33
www.visitberlin.de/en/accessible-berlin
 - 8** Brandenburg
e-mail: service@reiseland-brandenburg.de
www.accessible-brandenburg.com
 - 9** North Rhine-Westphalia
telephone number: 0049 21 19 13 20 50 0
www.nrw-tourism.com/barrierfree
 - 10** Hesse
telephone number: 0049 61 19 50 17 81 91
www.hessen-tourismus.de/en

- 11** Thuringia
telephone number: 0049 36 13 74 20
www.visit-thuringia.com

- 12** Saxony
telephone number: 0049 35 14 91 70 0
www.visitsaxony.com

- 13** Rhineland-Palatinate
telephone number: 0049 26 19 15 20 0
www.rlp-tourism.com/accessible-travel

- 14** Saarland
telephone number: 0049 68 19 27 20 0
www.visitsaarland.co.uk

- 15** Baden-Wuerttemberg
telephone number: 0049 71 12 38 58 0
www.tourism-bw.com

- 16** Bavaria
telephone number: 0049 89 21 23 97 0
www.bavaria.travel/accessible-holidays



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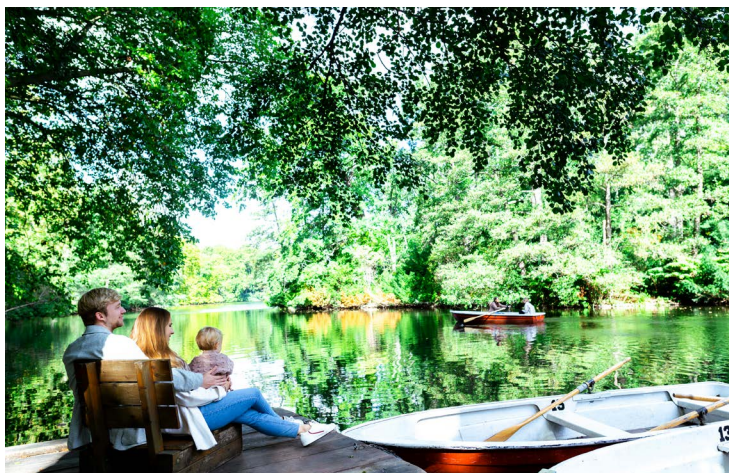


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What is Special about Berlin?

And what can you experience and discover here?
These and more questions will be answered
in our guide.

And you will learn:

Where to get more information for your trip
to Berlin.

Humboldt Forum and TV Tower



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