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Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf

Vibrant art and royal history

Follow the River Spree to many of the Charlottenburg district's sights.



Insider tip
For vinyl fans, heaven is just a few minutes away – **Platten Pedro**, Tegeler Weg 102, is Germany's largest second-hand record store. platten-pedro.de

Begin by cycling down Sömmeringstraße and then along the river bank to Tegeler Weg, where you can find a neo-Romanesque building housing the District Court (54). The cafeteria in the court building has stunning views out across the palace and grounds of a **Charlottenburg Palace to Teufelsberg hill** and the **Grünwald forest**.

After a short ride along the river bank and over the bridge, you pass the brewpub Brauhaus Lemke – ideal for a break with hearty food and a glass of craft beer (just the one!).

The entrance to the baroque **Charlottenburg Palace** (55) is on Spandauer Damm. Berlin's largest surviving former Hohenzollern royal palace houses magnificent suites of rooms, an exquisite porcelain collection, and high quality art works. The entrance to Schloßstraße boulevard is flanked by the two 19th-century "Stülerbau" buildings. The eastern Stülerbau houses the stunning **Scharf-Gerstenberg Collection** of surrealist art.

The western building is home to the **Bergruen Museum** (56), with its paintings by Picasso, Klee and Matisse showing art's transition to modernity. And directly next door, the **Bröhan Museum** showcases art nouveau interiors and paintings! The **palace grounds** are also ideal for relaxing – as is the small but idyllic **Schustehrns Park** (57), half-hidden in a side street.



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Pankow

Urban life to the power of three!

Discover Berlin's underground world, bustling urban life and idyllic countryside.



Insider tip
At **Konnopke's Snack Bar** – or Konnopke, as locals say –, you can try Berlin's best known currywurst, served with french fries and ketchup in four spicy variations. konnopke-imbiss.de

Afterwards, head north on Pankeweg (58), a signed cycling path and hiking trail along the little River Panke, to the **Bürgerpark Pankow** (59) – a delightful 12-hectare park with spreading green spaces, flower displays, and a rose garden.

The route then takes you through some of the idyllic green spaces in north Berlin, passing the "Dichterviertel" (The Poets Quarter) to the **Niederschönhausen Palace grounds** (61). For many years, the palace here was East Germany's official guest house. After the Wall fell, it hosted the "Round Table" meetings on German reunification, and today houses an exhibition on the palace history.

On the last stretch of the tour, enjoy bustling Schönhauser Allee with its cafés, shops and restaurants – and the unusual experience of cycling under the subway viaduct. Then finish the tour Berlin style with a stop at **Konnopke's Imbiss** (62) for the iconic currywurst snack!

Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg

A special zest for life

Enjoy panoramic views of the district and insights into its famed culture and creativity.



Insider tip
On Fridays from 10 am to 6 pm, browse books and CDs at the **Südstern Christian Bookshop** while tapping your feet to Christian punk or heavy metal. suedstern-laden.de

Ufer and along the banks of the **Landwehr Canal** (63), you come to Maybachufer, renowned for its large market every Tuesday and Friday.

To explore the district's creative corners, start at the **Aufbau Haus** (67) on Moritzplatz, a centre for culture, design and creativity. The neighbourhood favourites include **Gallery Kai Dikhas**, showing Roma and Unti artists, the **Prince Charles Club** and **Theater TAK** – and for the ultimate selfie, check out **Planet Modulor** and the **Imago 1:1**, the world's only walk-in self-portrait camera. To finish the tour, head for **Friedrichstraße** and **Checkpoint Charlie**, the former border crossing point between West and East Berlin for Allied personnel and diplomats.



Photo: Philipp Koehn

Landwehr Canal

Reinickendorf

Where opposites attract

A tour through Reinickendorf on the trail of architectural history, beautiful lakes and forests.



Insider tip
Berlin's oldest tree is around 300 meters from the shore of the lake. The oak tree, dubbed "**Dicke Marie**" (68) (Fat Marie) by the Humboldt brothers after their cook, is over 800 years old.

At Borsigwerke U-Bahn station, the tour starts with an architectural highlight – the gateway built in 1898 for the former **Borsigwerke** (Borsig engineering works) (69), once the world's second largest steam locomotive manufacturer. The Borsigturm was Berlin first official tower block – yet though only built in 1922 and away from the city centre, it now symbolises a successful industrial era.

From here on, you can enjoy some of Berlin's best loved countryside. The Tegeler See, Berlin's second largest lake, is renowned for its clean, clear water. The

tour boats leaving the **Greenwichpromenade** (70) cruise the River Havel, the Wannsee lake and the government quarter. Your route continues on past the attractive **Tegel harbour** to **Schloss Tegel** manor house, designed by Schinkel and the birthplace of the famous Humboldt brothers. Follow the shoreline at the **edge of Tegel Forest**, past the **Tegeler See bathing beach** (71), and enjoy beautiful views of the Scharfenberg and Valentinswerder islands on your way to the Tegeler Ufer. Time for a break – at the nearby lakeside **Eagle Lodge restaurant** (72) with great views of the water. Now, either take a boat back to Spandau or cycle back along the beautiful shoreline. A detour east leads to the **Märkisches Viertel** (66) – another interesting site for architecture fans.



Tegeler See lake



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Lichtenberg

Making waves in the 'hood

Lichtenberg offers a fascinating blend of history, lakes, and nature reserves.



Insider tip
Stop off at **Hohenschönhausen Palace** – an old manor house steeped in three hundred years of history, now used for events and exhibitions. schlosssh.de

Begin your tour with the historical **Hohenschönhausen Memorial** (73), the must-see site of East Germany's former Stasi remand prison. Across Konrad-Wolf-Straße, carry on to the **Mies van der Rohe Haus** (74), the last residential house designed by the famous Bauhaus architect Mies van der Rohe before he emigrated to the United States in 1933. Today, this gem of modernist architecture is a heritage building and exhibition site.

The route now leads past no less than three city lakes – the **Obersee** and **Orankesee lakes**, and the **Fauler See nature reserve** (75) with its wetlands, hiking trails and playgrounds. This is a popular area for joggers, cyclists and walkers to wind down from the hectic of everyday life.

At **Obersee lake**, the old water tower has been lovingly transformed into a modern cocktail bar, not only with great drinks, but a series of themed evenings. The opening times vary during the year.

One of Berlin's loveliest beer gardens, set under the chestnut trees on the shores of the **Orankesee lake** (76), is an inviting place to take a break. From here, you cycle past numerous heritage sites, including the village green, the church yard and church yard wall, and then on across the green spaces around **Malchower See lake** to the **Falkenberger Luch nature reserve** (77) before heading back to Hohenschönhausen.



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Citadel Berlin

Spandau

Young at heart!

Berlin's oldest borough – ideal for cycling through history!



Insider tip
In **Ullrich's Museumsladen** (80) (Museum Shop), you can not only marvel at historic bicycles, but also buy spare parts for classic bikes. The Museum Shop also organises an annual market for classic and historic bicycles. historische-fahrraeder-berlin.de

panoramic views across Spandau. Now head back to the bridge over the River Havel, where you can watch the river traffic in the busy Spandau lock.

The nearby **Kolk quarter** (81) is the oldest in Spandau. Past an old section of the city wall, you cross a small bridge to the **Brauhaus Spandau brewpub** (82). Here, enjoy a break and discover a real Spandau speciality – a glass of **Havelbräu beer**! Then cycle along the river and through the spreading **Spandauer Forest**. The route back takes you along part of the **Havelland Cycle Path** and across the green **Spektergünzug** to **Spandau Town Hall**. And you can finish the tour as you began – by relaxing and watching the world go by, this time in one of the many cafés in the alleyways of Spandau Old Town!

Marzahn-Hellersdorf

A village green with a capital view

An old historic village and green recreational areas amid modern tower blocks and colourfully designed high-rises.



Insider tip
Until 15th of October 2017, Berlin's **International Garden Show (IGA)** is highlighting sites around the Gardens of the World, the Kienberg hill and the Wuhletal valley. With its cable car, summer toboggan run and event programme, the IGA Berlin 2017 invites visitors to enjoy international landscape planning at first hand! iga-berlin-2017.de

Set among Europe's largest estate of prefabricated slab-concrete high-rises, the heritage sites of the old **Alt-Marzahn village** (83) and green, local church and **Marzahn Windmill** (82) testify to the borough's long history, while the **Wilhelminian interiors in the Gründerzeitmuseum** vividly bringing the 19th century to life. It's also worth taking a break in the nearby **Grips café** and restaurant, which offers lunch and excellent cakes! The tour finishes with a climb up the **Ahrenfelder Berge hill** (83) with its stunning views across the countryside around Barnim and down to the Berlin TV Tower.



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Local church in Alt-Marzahn

Steglitz-Zehlendorf

A landscape of lakes and palaces

Discover a wealth of sights – and no less than three of Berlin's best-loved bathing lakes: Wannsee, Krumme Lanke and Schlachtensee.



Insider tip
The "**Five Palace View**" (84) Enjoy the panoramic views of Glienicke Palace and grounds, the small baroque Sacrow Palace, the Peacock Island Palace, Schloss Babelsberg and the Glienicke royal hunting lodge.

This tour follows a section of that route, and starts at the **Domäne Dahlemburg** (85) open-air museum in Zehlendorf. Cycle to the Wannsee bridge for a great view of two lakes – the large **Großer Wannsee lake** and the small **Kleiner Wannsee lake** (86). Then follow the Mauerweg until you reach **Pfäueninsel** (Peacock Island) (87). Here, you can take a little ferry to the island where a charming and picturesque folly palace built by Friedrich Wilhelm II is set between lawns and trees.

Afterwards, carry on along the lake shore to **Glienicker Brücke bridge** (88), the "Bridge of Spies". During the Cold War, this bridge became renowned as the site of various exchanges of captured secret agents from the East and the West. The bridge also offers stunning views of the nearby palaces and grounds.



Glienicker Brücke bridge

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Mitte

Right at the heart of things!

A vivid insight into Germany's chequered history – combining many of Berlin's popular sights with exploring off the tourist trail.



Insider tip
Visit the **Heckmann Höfe** courtyards (89) – and try the handmade woodruff leaf sweets from the **Bonbonmacherie!** bonbonmacherei.de

Your tour starts at **Koppenplatz** – a small greened square in the heart of the historic Spandauer Vorstadt district. Here, you can find **Karl Biedermann's bronze sculpture Der verlassene Raum** (The Deserted Room) (90), a memorial to Berlin's many Jewish citizens deported and murdered under the Nazi regime. The **Große Hamburger Straße**, just off the square, also has many sites testifying to Jewish life in the city, past and present. Along **Oranienburger Straße**, you pass the impressive **Neue Synagoge** (91), designed by architect **Eduard Knoblauch** and consecrated in 1866 and today housing a museum. The little **Monbijou Park** (92) is a pleasant green spot for a break.

From here, you might want to take the detour past the **Nordhafen harbour basin** and follow the **Nordufer** along the River Spree to the **Volkspark Rehberge** (93). The park's interesting landscaping, open-air cinema, animal enclosures, playgrounds, sports tracks and nature trail offer something for everyone!

Back in the city centre, **Auguststraße** has a wealth of art galleries (94) showcasing contemporary art. The refurbished former **Jewish School for Girls** (95) not only houses exhibition spaces and galleries, but also the restaurants **Pauly Saal** and **Mogg**. Carry on down **Auguststraße** to **Linienstraße**. Since **Linienstraße** is a designated cycle route, this is easy cycling – and even offers space to cycle side by side while you discuss your plans for the evening!



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Tempelhof-Schöneberg

Proud of its diversity!

Discover Schöneberg's diversity – and explore heritage and memorial sites.



Insider tip
Take a guided tour of the **old Schöneberg gasometer** (96), now a listed building. Nothing for the faint-hearted or vertigo sufferers, it offers some stunning views of the city!

Right at the start of the tour, you can see **Schöneberg Town Hall** (97), renowned as the site of US President John F. Kennedy's famous "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner) speech in 1963.

Cycling on, you cross the **Bayerisches Viertel** district with its **Places of Remembrance** – a decentralised memorial of 80 double-sided signs with Nazi anti-Jewish laws and decrees. The route continues down **Hauptstraße**, where **David Bowie** and **Iggy Pop** lived in the mid-1970s, to the **Schwerbelastungskörper** (98) – (literally!) a "heavy load-bearing body". Weighing 12,650 tons, this massive concrete cylindrical block was set up during the Nazi era to test ground subsidence for a monumental triumphal arch planned as part of a "World Capital Germania".

From here, head for **Viktoriapark** (99) with its attractive artificial waterfall and the **National Monument** on the hill before cycling on to the former **Tempelhof airport**. Decommissioned in 2008, the spreading site is now a popular park for leisure and recreation. Leave **Platz der Luftbrücke** square and cycle to the last stop on the tour – the **SA Prison Papestraße Memorial** (100), the only historical site of an early Nazi concentration camp in Berlin still with rooms in their original state from 1933. Opened in March 2013, an on-site exhibition showcases the history of this SA detention centre.

Neukölln

Vibrant cosmopolitan diversity

In Neukölln, you can feel the pulse of Berlin's urban vibe and enjoy architectural highlights and spreading green areas.



Insider tip
The **Rixdorfer Schmiede**, an old smithy at **Richardplatz**, goes back to 1624! In those days, it made and repaired farm equipment, tools and horseshoes. Today, you can visit the smithy and see a metalsmith at work. feine-klinge.de

Next stop is **Schloss Britz**, an attractive manor house from the early 18th century. Today, it houses a museum of Wilhelminian decorative arts and hosts interesting special exhibitions. Cycling on, you come to the **Hufeisensiedlung** (101) modernist estate, a key work in Berlin's residential architecture and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Past the charming **Richardplatz** and the old **Bohemian settlement**, you reach bustling **Karl-Marx-Straße** (102). For fantastic views over Berlin and great food and drinks, stop off at the rooftop **Klunkerkranch bar** (103), nestling on the car park at the **Neukölln Arcades**!



Tempelhofer Feld park

Treptow-Köpenick

Water, water everywhere ...

From green **Treptower Park** to the charm of **Köpenick Old Town** – past industrial heritage sites and palaces to the lakes in Berlin's green south-east.



Insider tip
Take the mini-ferry to the **SpreeArche** (104), a small floating log cabin restaurant, and enjoy tasty fish, meat and vegetarian dishes. spreearche.de

Your tour starts where Berliner's love to picnic, near the waterfront in **Treptow Park**. A bridge leads to the "**Insel der Jugend**" (Island of Youth) (105), with a summer beer garden and open-air music. Across **Puschkinallee**, view the impressive **Soviet War Memorial** (106) at the heart of **Treptower Park**.

Cycle through the **Plänterwald forest** to **Wuhlheide Park** and on to **Köpenick Old Town** (107) with its lovely baroque palace. In summer, the **Town Hall courtyard** hosts an open-air performance of Zuckmayer's satirical play "Der Hauptmann von Köpenick" ("The Captain of Köpenick").

Approaching **Müggelsee lake**, you leave town life behind. Pick up the **EuroRoute R1** along the lake – and take a break with great views at the **Rübezahl restaurant and beer garden** in **Müggelheim**. Past the smaller "Kleiner Müggelsee" lake, cycle on to the **Dämeritzsee lake** (108), crossing the "Alter Spreearm" waterway over a little wooden bridge. It's also worth taking the detour to visit the "**Neu-Venedig**" area before catching an S-Bahn train from **Erkner** back to town.

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at Müggelsee lake