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Discovering Berlin's summery sides

Summer in Berlin is something special – and brings out some of the city's most attractive sides. With so many fun things to do, there's never a dull moment. A wealth of exciting activities ensures there's always something for everyone – from festivals to classical music, theatre, green spaces and culinary delights! Cycle through the countryside around Berlin, make a splash at one of the city's many bathing beaches, or watch a movie under the stars – no wonder it's great outdoors!

Explore Berlin's green spaces

Germany's capital city has over 2,500 parks and gardens to stroll and relax to your heart's content. High up on everyone's list are the spreading Britzer Garten park with Europe's largest sundial, and the beautiful Gardens of the World with its display of landscaped gardens from Asia and Europe. For more high-energy activities, head for the former Tempelhof Airport, now decommissioned, with its vast spaces for skateboards, joggers and kite flyers – or even just walking the dog. Tiergarten Park, in the heart of Berlin, is easy to explore by bike, and can be combined with many other sights in the city. The Berlin Wall Cycle Route, tracing the course of the Berlin Wall, is a popular tour. And bikes are easy to hire at many places across the city! gruen-berlin.de/britzer-garten, gruen-berlin.de/gaerten-der-welt, thf-berlin.de, deezernextbike.de/berlin/

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Be Berlin, be cool!

The green city of Berlin has a wealth of waterways and lakes – from the River Spree and the Landwehr Canal to the Müggelsee and Wannsee lakes. If you're looking to cool off in summer, it's easy to find white beaches and clear water in and around Berlin. The Wannsee lake is one of the city's best-loved spots, while the Müggelsee lake in Köpenick also offers a range of attractive water sports. But the traditional city locations such as Schlachtensee, a lake set in woodland in south-west Berlin, or Plötzensee lake in Wedding, are also popular destinations. The Badeschiff Pool at the Arena ranks as one of Berlin's most unusual places to swim – and with the pool set in the River Spree fun is guaranteed! If you prefer gently gliding over the water, you're also spoilt for choice with boat tours through the city or day trips out into the green countryside. berlinerbaeder.de/baeder/strandbad-wannsee/, am-mueggelsee.de, strandbad-ploetzensee.de, arena.berlin/veranstaltungsart/badeschiff/, reederei-riedel.de

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Savour the summer

The most important thing on hot summer days – ice cream! The city's ice cream parlours and shops offer a range of ice cream creations just as colourful as Berlin itself. Fancy goat's milk ice cream or cucumber flavour? Then prepare to be amazed at the selection at Fräulein Frost ice cream parlour. The Eismanufaktur also has a name for fine ice cream, and sells its own unique creations, including cocoa sorbet. If eating al fresco is your thing in summer, then you're in the right city. Mauerpark is good for a barbie or picnic – with street artists and jam sessions to add to the mood! Or try that classic summer tradition – Berlin and a beer garden. Take a seat in the Schleusenkrug beer garden in Tiergarten with a cool beer and watch the boats go by. Berlin also has its own special beach vibe – from a great evening at the Beachmitte to upscale Italian cuisine at Ku'damm Beach in Grunewald, the choice is almost unlimited!

www.eismanufaktur-berlin.de, www.mauerpark.info, www.schleusenkrug.de, www.beachberlin.de/beachmitte, www.kudamm-beach.de/grand-cafe/

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A summer to enjoy – closer to the stars

This is an amazing city for film fans in summer, with venues off the beaten track and with that special Berlin atmosphere. On warm summer nights, open-air cinemas around the city show a rich spectrum of movies, from mainstream to independent and classics, many in the original with or without subtitles. For last season's art house favourites, head for the summer open-air cinema at the Kulturforum near Potsdamer Platz. The open-air Freiluftkino Hasenheide shows mainstream blockbusters as well as cult and art house movies. If you'd rather get closer to the stars with a view across Berlin's rooftops, check out the city's amazing sky bars and roof top locations. The Deck5-Skybar offers a stunning view across the city – and even has a section of sandy beach for that holiday feeling! The Klunkerkranich on the roof of the Neukölln Arcaden shopping mall is three in one – a club, garden and beach bar! Here, you can enjoy sunset over the roofs of Berlin to the beats of DJ music.

www.yorck.de/kinos/sommerkino-kulturforum, www.freiluftkino-hasenheide.de, www.freiluftrebelln.de, www.klunkerkranich.de

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Explore unspoilt countryside around Berlin

From the centre of Berlin, it's quick and easy to reach many must-see destinations at the edge of the city or in the nearby countryside. The many attractions include the treetop walk back in time across the grounds of an old hospital and sanatorium in Beelitz. The treetop walkway is 23 metres up, a wonderful way to take an unusual stroll – and for stunning vistas, there's also a 40-metre-high viewing platform. A bit further out, the Spreewald biosphere is around one hour south-east of Berlin, and well worth the trip! Here, you can find miles of spreading woodland criss-crossed by streams and waterways. Some of the Spreewald is UNESCO World Heritage, and with its well-developed network of cycling and walking trails, it's ideal for a day out! A romantic spot nearer home is the popular Peacock Island, with its white fairy-tale castle and spreading parkland, complete with peacocks!

www.baumundzeit.de, www.spreewald-biosphaerenreservat.de, www.pfaueninsel.info

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- › Open-air dance in the Monbijou Theatre → monbijou-theater.de/strandbar-tanz.html
- › A flutter on the horses at the Hoppegarten track → hoppegarten.com
- › Stand-up paddling and yoga at the Badeschiff bathing pool → arena.berlin/veranstaltungsart/badeschiff/
- › Strolling through Charlottenburg Palace grounds → spsg.de/schloesser-gaerten/objekt/schlossgarten-charlottenburg/
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