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A year has 365 days. A day has 24 hours. And this autumn will mark 30 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall. In other words, it's been 10,957 days or 262,968 hours since the Wall came down. That's quite a long time. Enough for Berlin to undergo a breathtaking transformation. The ways in which we remember, interpret and narrate the events of 1989 have also changed. This magazine provides a glimpse into what the fall of the Wall means for us today. Plus what's going on in Berlin in 2019, both with and without major Wall-related anniversaries. From the sites and buzzwords of those epic events 30 years ago all the way to today's united and ever-evolving city. With special emphasis on that one thing you can still find everywhere: Berlin's ever-present history.

Zionskirche **Zionskirchplatz**

In the 1980s, the Zionskirche was a gathering site for East Berliners seeking political change. Peruse the contents of their basement library and enjoy the view from the church tower (Sun 12–17 pm).

Stasimuseum **Magdalenenstraße**

Spy equipment and Erich Mielke's original desk are on display at these former offices of the GDR's Ministry State Security. Also home to the GDR opposition archives of the Robert Havemann Society.

Berliner Unterwelten **Gesundbrunnen**

If you flip Berlin upside down, the city offers up a myriad of bunkers, brewery cellars and forgotten U-Bahn shafts. Sturdy shoes and nerves of steel are handy on these guided tours.

Burgermeister **Schlesisches Tor**

Even hipsters will eat meat if it's grilled perfectly and served with lettuce on a bun. A classic burger joint under an overground Kreuzberg U-Bahn track.

Swimming and Diving Center at Europasportpark (SSE) **Landsberger Allee**

Massive 50-meter pool built for swimmers and divers in a bid to host the 2000 Olympic Games; Sydney won the bid, but Berlin got to have years of swimming fun.

Germans use the expression die Wende (“the change”) to describe the historical upheavals before and after the fall of the Berlin Wall. First used by the GDR leadership in 1989, the word reflects the delicate nature of those momentous events that reverberate to this day even as far away as California.

EOTO e.V.

Seestraße

EOTO stands for “each one, teach one.” It's an educational and empowerment project for the black community and also home to the Sankofa BRD/Sankofa GDR archive documenting the 1989/90 era from an Afro-German perspective.

Haus Lemke

Am Faulen See

Red bricks and glass make this Mies van der Rohe villa built in 1932/33 so airy and elegant. The Lemke family had to leave in 1945; then the Stasi took it over. A popular destination on Obersee Lake.

The Wende Museum

Los Angeles

Lenin in La La Land: This unique museum in Berlin's sister city is home to many GDR archives and historical gems, including a pink and turquoise bust of the Russian revolutionary from the fall of 1989.

W E N D E



ZEIT

Zeit—the German word for “time”—can go quickly or slowly. Looking back, the events of the fall of 1989 went unbelievably fast. A wall that had stood for decades fell in the blink of an eye. It’s time was up. And nobody could have known how much time it would take to figure out what had happened.



Weltzeituhr

📍 Alexanderplatz

Displaying the current time in global cities from Caracas to Moscow since 1969, this world clock is easy to find and a great place to meet, which is exactly what GDR opposition forces did in the fall of 1989.

Deutsches Historisches Museum

📍 Alexanderplatz

Pivotal historical objects and items drawn from everyday life; visitors will learn what’s been driving German and European history since 500 AD. Changing exhibitions in a new building designed by I. M. Pei.

Veganz

📍 Schöenhauser Allee

People in tune with the Zeitgeist call it “plant-based” because it sounds less pretentious than “vegan.” This is probably Europe’s first supermarket with exclusively animal-free products.

Historic

Traffic Light Tower

📍 Potsdamer Platz

Cars, bicycles, carriages, busses and flaneurs: Back in 1924, Europe’s first traffic light brought order to the chaos at this bustling intersection. Rebuilt at its original site.

Blumen Dilek

📍 Kottbusser Tor

Flowers are timeless, which means that someone might need them at 3:45 am. This shop on Oranienstraße is open round the clock to serve precisely such needs.

Maxim-Gorki-Theater

📍 Friedrichstraße

In 1988, the characters in Volker Braun’s legendary play “Übergangsgesellschaft” waited for a future that would never come for the GDR. In 2013, the same play was staged at the now “post-migrant” theater.

Gutshaus Mahlsdorf

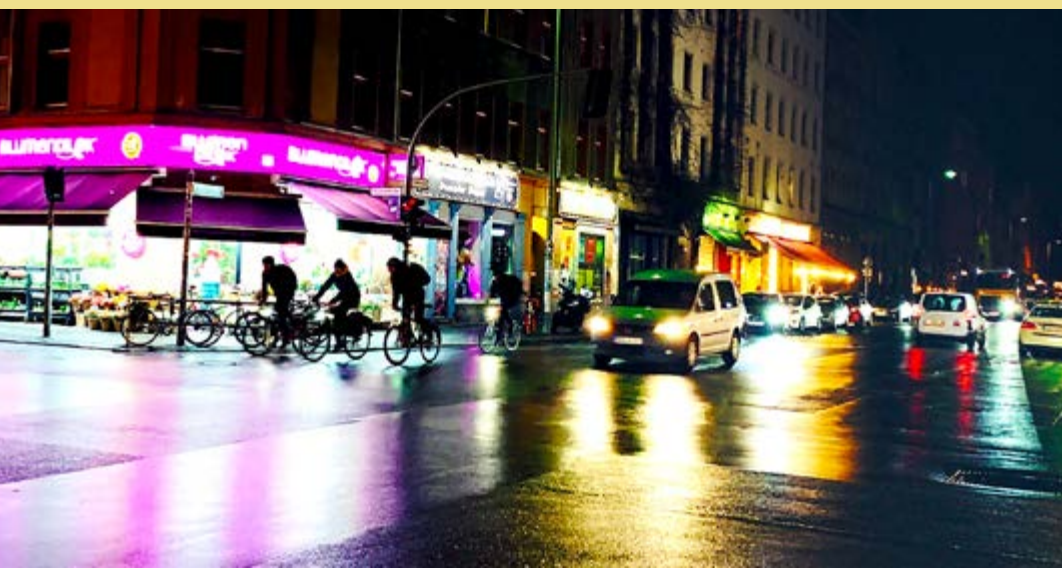
📍 Rahnsdorfer Straße

This 200-year-old manor is set amid the pre-fab jungle that is Marzahn-Hellersdorf. Documenting the Wilhelminian era since 1960, the now museum draws on the collection of queer legend Charlotte von Mahlsdorf.

bauhausweek berlin

📍 Ernst-Reuter-Platz

Celebrating 100 years over 7 days. With a festival pavilion in the middle of the Ernst Reuter Platz traffic circle, Bauhaus-themed shop windows and sunrise yoga on rooftops and terraces (bauhaus100.berlin). Totally urban.



ALEXANDER

Alexander 📍 Alexanderplatz

He was named after Tsar Alexander I, but his friends call him “Alex.” Today, this popular square is still one of Berlin’s major tourist, travel and shopping hubs.

Nefertiti 📍 Hackescher Markt

She’s so many things at once: Queen of Egypt, beauty icon, VIP at the Neues Museum and poster girl for the Long Night of Museums (August 31, 2019). How does she do it?

Tristan Otto 📍 Naturkundemuseum

Stunning original T-Rex skeleton found in Montana, USA. He likes it so much in Berlin that he’s decided to extend his stay at the Museums für Naturkunde (Museum of Natural History) until 2020.

Schnute 📍 Märkisches Museum

Schnute († 2015) was Berlin’s most recent mascot and the last bear of her kind. Her enclosure at Kölnischer Park is empty now, but don’t be sad, it wasn’t very animal friendly to begin with.

Jacob und Wilhelm 📍 Friedrichstraße

The Brothers Grimm lent their name to this Humboldt University library. Non-students are also invited to enter and explore the largest freely accessible collection of books in the German-speaking world.

Gretchen 📍 Hallesches Tor

Parties and concerts where Prussian officers once parked their horses. Surrounded by the “Dragoner Areal,” a complex that represents one of Kreuzberg’s last opportunities for urban planning from below.

Mustafas Gemüsekebab 📍 Mehringdamm

Amazing what word-of-mouth can do. You’ll find people lining up here day and night for food they can find on almost every other street corner in Berlin: veggie kebab. Unbeatable.

Cosima 📍 Bundesplatz

The Cosima Film Theater was built in 1913 and is one of Berlin’s oldest cinemas. It’s hard not to notice the old-time marquee and lettering, both of which help to keep history alive.

The largest demonstration in post-war Germany took place on Alexanderplatz in East Berlin on November 4, 1989. One million people gathered here to express their discontent. For more insight, you can watch all their speeches on YouTube, and don’t miss Thomas Heise’s great documentary “Material.”



On that fateful night of November 4th, 1989, you couldn't even see the "Platz" (square); it was covered with people who urgently needed to be heard. Not everyone wanted to leave the GDR, but the masses had already started to form. A must-see site for those interested in the fate of the two Germanys.

Tempelhofer Feld

🚇 Tempelhof

Coming through! There's room for everyone on this massive former airfield, including kite surfers, inline skaters, urban gardeners, picnickers, runners and flaneurs.

Strausberger Platz

🚇 Strausberger Platz

At this large square on Karl Marx Allee (formerly Stalin Allee), the GDR did its best to impress with its "gingerbread" style, prompting West Berlin to up the ante with its Hansa District.

Spooning Cookie Dough

🚇 Senefelderplatz

All cookies start off as cookie dough. Yummy! So why go to all the trouble of actually baking the cookies when you can just eat the egg-free dough out of a cup?

Christmas Caroling in the stadium of the Alten Försterei

🚇 Köpenick

Get your tickets far in advance for this night of Christmas carols on December 23rd at Berlin's FC Union soccer stadium. No longer a fan-only insider tip, it remains a true original.

Park(ing) Day

Lawn turf, benches and sun loungers: this anti-automobile day in September sees parking lots transformed into play-grounds and recreational spaces (September 20, 2019.)

Fehrbelliner Platz

Known for its excellent Thai street-food, the square itself is also worth a look: the gravity of Nazi-era buildings is offset by the red-green, pop-art U-Bahn station built in the 1960s, now a landmark itself.

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🚇 Ostkreuz

"About:Blank" in internet speak means a blank page. This club of that same name transports you back to square one, reviving that unique 1990s Berlin atmosphere in which space and hope abounded.

the temporary bauhaus-archiv

🚇 Uhlandstraße

Substitute space for the 100th anniversary. Its own house is being refurbished, so the Bauhaus Archive is taking up temporary residence in the elegant Haus Hardenberg built in 1955/56 on Knesebeckstraße.

PLATZ



WALL

The Berlin Wall was the very symbol of the division of Germany and the world. After November 9, 1989, it disappeared fast and almost completely. However, the idea of walling oneself off didn't disappear and even seems to be making a comeback among political leaders today. If only they knew.

East Side Gallery 📍 Ostbahnhof

1.3 kilometers of Berlin Wall at its original location, decorated in 1990 by 118 artists from 21 countries. Nobody leaves Berlin without a selfie in front of the "brotherly kiss" by Dmitri Vrubel.

Berlin Wall Memorial 📍 Nordbahnhof

Remains of the wall and watchtower on a historic site that includes the reconstructed Church of Reconciliation. The on-site Documentation Center provides an historical overview and fascinating visuals.

Wall Bike Path

Bike or hike along a 160-kilometer section of the Berlin Wall starting at a former death strip and ending in a suburban recreational area. It's a real trip—all the way round around former West Berlin.

Lobe Block

📍 Gesundbrunnen

Reinforced concrete walls are architect Arno Brandhuber's trademark. His cost-effective structures have no need for the fancy-schmancy. A new studio and exhibition space with a top restaurant, "Baldon."

ABOUT BERLIN-App

Sometimes the former Berlin Wall is hard to find amid the hustle and bustle of the city. This app shows you where to find it, along with 200 other stories, historical events and facts. visitBerlin.de/en/about-berlin

Asisi Panorama "The Wall"

📍 Kochstraße

Visitors can experience the dreariness of the Berlin Wall as it once ran through Kreuzberg in a 360-degree art work at Checkpoint Charlie. Features historical photos and background noise.

Museum of Communication Berlin 📍 Stadtmitte

Way before smartphones, we humans used hand axes to communicate. In this historical building on Mauerstrasse, the stagecoach is a sight to behold and visitors are invited to interact, experiment and explore.



The Berlin Wall didn't literally fall down on November 9, 1989. Basically what happened on that fateful evening is that an unexpected new travel law prompted thousands of people to make their way to the various border crossings, where they waited, watched and eventually pushed their way through.

Jump House
📍 Eichborndamm

Bounce on the trampolines until you can bounce no more. It's a very popular sport from the US, and ideal for fitness freaks and children's birthday parties alike.

Kriminalgericht Moabit
📍 Hauptbahnhof

The Captain of Köpenick shouldn't have donned that uniform and stolen that money. He was sentenced in this venerable old building (4 years in the slammer!), still the largest criminal court in Europe.

**"M—The Opera"/
Komische Oper**
📍 Friedrichstraße

It's the search for a serial killer based on Fritz Lang's classic film from 1931. Set to music by Moritz Eggert and staged by Barrie Kosky, a city in turmoil is brought to the opera stage.

Mount Mitte
📍 Nordbahnhof

After climbing through this open-air aerial adventure garden, which includes a floating Trabbi and a great view of Mitte, the only way to go is down; preferably in a 13-meter free fall (in a harness, of course).

Bierpinsel
📍 Schloßstraße

Although this futuristic-looking 1970s restaurant still hasn't found a permanent use, it still influences the look of the city—most recently in the "Dogs of Berlin" series. It's what you call authentic decay.

Volkspark Wuhlheide
📍 Wuhlheide

Fall also means autumn, and autumn in Berlin means making one's way to the park. The Wuhlheide is one of the biggest in the city and has a legendary recreation center for kids called FEZ.

Volksbühne Berlin
📍 Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz

Way back when, theatergoers saw Heiner Müller's "Anatomie Titus. Fall of Rome" at this legendary theater. After 25 years of Castorf and six months of Dercon, the only way for the Volksbühne to go now is up.

FALL





BRIDGE

We can't say for sure that the Wall border crossing at Bornholmer Straße was the first to open on November 9, 1989. But there were camera teams there to capture the unbelievable events of that night. After many hours, the official in charge of the station that night informed his superiors: "We're opening the floodgates."

Bösebrücke

📍 Bornholmer Straße

Here in Wedding just west of Prenzlauer Berg, people, cars and bikes travel across the bridge to Bornholmer Straße. Even a tram line was extended into tram-less West Berlin after the Wall came down.

Urban Nation

📍 Nollendorfplatz

A turn-of-the-century building with artist-made facades designed to bridge the gap between street art and museums. Here, everything from the walls to the toilets is art.

BVG Ferry

📍 Wannsee

A river boat for smart spenders. A single ticket gets you across Lake Wannsee to Kladow (and back). No need for a bridge. Also works in Treptow and Köpenick, to name a few.

Brücke-Museum

📍 Podbielskiallee

No one has more works by the Dresden artists group "Die Brücke" (The Bridge). Roughly 400 paintings and thousands of drawings and graphics by Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Max Pechstein & Emil Nolde. Changing exhibitions.

Little Venice

📍 Pichelsberg

Romantic bridges and canals in the middle of Spandau. Fewer tourists and gondoliers than the original in Italy, but with an S-Bahn connection and paddle-boat rentals. Its counterpart in the southeast: New Venice.

Cable Car

Gardens of the World

📍 Kienberg

Bridging the gap between Kienberg and the Gardens of the World, thanks to the 2017 International Garden Exhibition (IGA). It's up and running. Ideal for botany fans with no fear of heights.

Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church

📍 Zoologischer Garten

Berlin's "hollow tooth" doesn't need a bridge. Partly destroyed in 1943, this memorial church was intentionally never restored so that it could serve as a permanent reminder to the follies of war.



GATE

In November 1989, Berliners flocked to the Brandenburg Gate to tear down the Wall. But this stretch of the Wall was left standing so that Chancellor Helmut Kohl could “officially” open it a month later. Since then, Berliners have celebrated New Year’s Eve here at the gateway to a brighter future.

Brandenburg Gate
📍 **Brandenburger Tor**

Once the marker of Berlin’s city limits. Known for decades as a symbol of division. It wasn’t Mister Gorbachev who tore down the wall in 1989; it was time and masses of people who burst open the gate.

Eisbären Berlin
📍 **Ostbahnhof**

Berlin’s first-division hockey team are masters of the ice, but they are not related to Berlin’s most famous polar bear, Knut, who is now stuffed and on display at the Museum für Naturkunde.

DFB Cup Final
📍 **Olympiastadion**

May 25, 2019 is the one day of the year where every soccer team wants to be in Berlin. This Association Cup match has been a tradition since 1985. Fans need a bit of luck to win tickets in the March lottery.

Elephant Gate
📍 **Zoologischer Garten**

Once you’re through this landmark entrance to the Berlin Zoo, walk straight ahead to see its current stars, pandas Bao-Bao and Meng Meng. Or enter through the Lion’s Gate and go directly to the elephants.

James-Simon-Galerie
📍 **Hackescher Markt**

This brand-new gateway to Berlin’s Museum Island was designed by David Chipperfield. Colonnades and a grand staircase on the outside; a central visitor’s center on the inside. Opening in summer 2019.

Grober Unfug Comics
📍 **Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz**

A Manga Mecca on Torstraße. If it’s been drawn, features speech bubbles or printed on paper, t-shirts and posters, this comic store is guaranteed to have it.

Kaiser Friedrich Memorial Church
📍 **Hansaplatz**

This memorial church isn’t as famous as it’s counterpart on Breitscheidplatz, but it’s still an eye-catcher. Created in 1957 for the International Building Exhibition, much like most of the surrounding district.



PALACE

On October 7, 1989, the GDR's "Palace of the Republic" hosted the nation's 40th anniversary celebrations. One year later, the two Germanys were reunited and the building was closed (asbestos). After a short renaissance as the "Volkspalast" art space, it was finally torn down. Still, the palace somehow lives on.

Humboldt Forum 📍 Alexanderplatz

The Palace of the Republic was built where the Prussian City Palace once stood before it was demolished in 1945. After 1989, it was the Palace of the Republic's turn to be torn down; the reconstructed City Palace will open at the end of 2019 as the Humboldt Forum, a cultural and exhibition center.

"Palace of the Republic" 📍 Spichernstraße

The Palace of the Republic returns! At least as a three-day project at the Haus der Berliner Festspiele (March 8–10, 2019). "Art, Discourse & Parliament" features an international line-up and a view to 1989/90.

Ephraim Palace 📍 Klosterstraße

It's one way to do it: this Rococo Palace was built in 1762–66, disappeared in 1936/37 and rebuilt in 1982 with parts of the facade stored and interchanged between West and East. Part of Berlin's City Museum.

Charlottenburg Palace 📍 Westend

Frederick I might not have been in possession of all of his marbles, but he definitely had an impressive porcelain collection. The rest of the rococo castle is quite impressive, too.

Friedrichstadtpalast 📍 Oranienburger Tor

A persistently popular revue theater with a chorus line that never ends, and a GDR building where the foyer lamps are made of parts from bovine milking systems. Creativity rules here to this day.

Tränenpalast 📍 Friedrichsstraße

A site of sad farewells. Germans who wanted to go from East to West Berlin or vice versa had to pass through here at Friedrichstraße. The processing hall is preserved in its original bureaucratic condition.

Pallasseum 📍 Yorckstraße

This site represents the ideals of 1970s residential architecture set into concrete form. In spatial terms, the "social palace" replaced Berlin's Sports Palace, known for the six-day race, waltzes and Goebbels' call for "Total War."

Acker Stadt Palast 📍 Rosenthaler Platz

This former chocolate factory was taken over by squatters in 1990 and became part of Berlin's thriving subculture. It still exists, since 2012 under its current name. Brings together dance, theater and new music.







The immediate post-war era was a rush. Many buildings in the eastern part of the city were vacant and soon became provisional branches of the Techno movement. People danced the night away between heating pipes and former safety deposit boxes. End of story?

PARTY

Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens ☐ Alt-Mariendorf

Winter-proof craft beer garden in an old gasworks with space for over 1,200 beer fans. Over 65 varieties of domestic and foreign brews. Major hipster alert off the beaten path.

Bundesrat ☐☐ Potsdamer Platz

Everyone visits the Reichstag building, but the history of the Bundesrat building (previously a Prussian Government building, a Nazi outpost and the GDR's Academy of Sciences) is just as interesting.

Savvy Contemporary ☐☐ Wedding

100th anniversary of the Bauhaus! Celebrating the famous design school for the problems and solutions it highlighted. In Dessau, Kinshasa, Hong Kong, Berlin. With "The Wohnmaschine" ("Living Machine"), a mobile "Tiny Bauhaus."

"Gayhane" in SO 36 ☐ Kottbusser Tor

Celebrate the connections between a number of different influences in a safe space: Gay-lesbian HomOriental Party (Turkish, Arabic, Greek pop) every last Saturday of the month. For the past 20 years.

Griessmühle ☐ Sonnenallee

Non-stop weekend party in an old noodle factory, standard fare for Berliners. Made a name for itself by continuing the party during the week with ping pong tables, DJs, a cinema and culture program.

Berlin International Film Festival ☐☐ Potsdamer Platz

360 films in ten days in the bitter February cold. Celebrity studded movies and handheld indie experiments compete for the jury's approval—and for everyone willing to stand in line for hours to get tickets.

Ramones Museum ☐ Schlesisches Tor

Punks have wall units too, you know. Joey Ramone's shelves are full of vinyl records, concert tickets and posters, and they have their own museum in Kreuzberg with an attached bar.

Kater Blau
📍 Ostbahnhof

Techno club with a view of the Spree and a moving past as Bar 25 and Kater Holzig. Part of the Holzmarkt, where the party people try their hand as urban planners.

Vabali Spa
📍 Hauptbahnhof

Pilgrimage site for the clothing-challenged. Sauna landscape, staged as a Balinese village, with massages for relaxing and rejuvenating.

Schwarzes Café
📍 Savignyplatz

24/7 hangover breakfast in a Charlottenburg pub classic. Their only closing time is Tuesdays from 3 am to 10 am, just enough time to clean up a bit.

Katz Orange
📍 Nordbahnhof

Slow food means taking all the time you need. Luckily, the chef at Katz Orange gives the dishes a 12-hour head start. High-end gourmet in a vintage venue. The beautiful courtyard will take your breath away.

Wolf Kino
📍 Rathaus Neukölln

The wolf is more of a dog than a cat, but this crowdfunded cinema is still worth a visit. A cinema venue with an adjacent restaurant, bar and café and a program designed for parents who need to nurse and/or take a nap.

Even the best party has to come to an end. So it's not surprising that post-Wall euphoria soon mixed with disappointment. After those special nights of champagne and celebration, reality set in. In fact, there's still a hint of it in the air to this day. But there are many ways to treat a hangover.

Animal Shelter Berlin
📍 Tierheim Berlin

Europe's largest animal shelter. This impressive complex might remind you of the Federal Chancellery; architect Bangert was a partner to Schultes, who designed the government district.

Pee Pee's Cat Café
📍 Leinestraße

Milchkaffee, quiche and fruitcake served with Pelle and Caruso. Indeed, petting and cuddling with little kitties has been proven to relax the human mind. Japanese wisdom practiced in Berlin.

HANGOVER



Berlin knows a thing or two about breaks, borders and fissures. It once consisted of two halves and four different sectors. Today, it's one big open city with space for all. But if you say "one," you might as well count to "two" and "three." It's a Berlin tradition.



House of One
📍 Spittelmarkt
Lessing's dream of peace among religions is set to become a reality in 2020 on Petriplatz. Synagogue, church and mosque under one roof designed by Berlin architects Kuehn Malvezzi.

Beets & Roots
📍 Rosenthaler Platz/
📍 Friedrichstraße
Hot pot?! Nope, this healthy meal is served in a deep dish bowl. Beets & Roots is a Berlin food startup with two branches (Große Hamburger Str. 38 & Dorotheenstr. 83). It's practically an Instagram must.

Spluffin Store
📍 Warschauer Straße
A two-in-one pastry that combines a typical Berlin Splitterbrötchen (sweet roll) with a good-old muffin. It's an ingenious bakery idea; hearty, sweet and available only at a café in Friedrichshain.



BREAK

Opera Houses
Berlin has not one but three major opera houses: the Komische, Deutsche and Staats. Once divided by the Wall, today they are independent organisations under one roof. Because Berlin is worth it.

ARD Capital City Studio
📍 Friedrichstraße
Roughly 70 correspondents work here to produce the TV news watched by millions nationwide every night at 8pm on Germany's top public channel. Register in advance for a tour if you're interested in finding out how it's all put together.

Markthalle IX
📍 Görlitzer Bahnhof
One trip is all it takes: Brandenburg parsnips, Breton galettes and vegan sausage. Weekly markets on Friday/Saturday, streetfood on Thursday and an array of special stands in one of Berlin's historic market halls.

Bei Schlawinchen
📍 Schönleinstraße
This renowned 24/7 pub hasn't closed for a minute in decades. Beloved by party people and anyone needing a drink after a graveyard shift. When some are calling it a night here, others are just getting started.



Haus der Kulturen der Welt
📍 **Brandenburger Tor**

You wouldn't know by looking at the roof that it came tumbling down in dramatic fashion back in 1980. Long since repaired, the congress hall and US contribution to the 1957 Interbau is now an established art and exhibition site.

"Unveiled. Berlin and its Monuments"
📍 **Zitadelle**

If you saw the film "Good Bye, Lenin!" you'll remember how they tore down the Lenin statue. The Russian revolutionary was put in storage, but they brought his head back for this exhibition at the Zitadelle in Spandau.

Eisstadion Neukölln
📍 **Hermannstraße**

If you're worried about falling down on the ice and breaking something, just hold on to the boards at this open-air ice skating stadium. In the summer, the ice rink turns into a roller rink.

German Museum of Technology
📍 **Möckernbrücke**

"The Network. People, Cables, Data Streams" is an exhibition showcasing just how linked our world is—and always was, even before the internet. The museum is easy to find; just look for the "Rosinenbomber" plane on the roof.

Schwerbelastungskörper
📍 **Platz der Luftbrücke**

This large-scale concrete cylinder made tons of reinforced concrete was a test by Nazi architects to see whether the ground was strong enough to support "Germania." The answer was no, but the colossus remains as a historical monument.

Funkhaus Berlin
📍 **Köpenicker Chaussee/Blockdammweg**

There's nothing wrong with your ears. It's the acoustics in these studios, in particular the large and unique "Sendesaal 1." This former site of GDR broadcasts now hosts many big names, who come here to perform and record.

Computerspielemuseum
📍 **Weberwiese**

Let's hope the computers don't crash! Otherwise you won't be able to properly reunite with Zelda and Donkey Kong. Computer game classics from Pong to Pac-Man.

DOWN

What goes up must come down. Berliners have first-hand experience with that law of physics. It's one of the reasons for the city's rough charm; failure as opportunity. Whether it's the conscientious objectors of the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s or the leisurely Bohemians of late, Berlin is the place where bustling creativity is always the norm.





Each new iteration of Berlin has to start somewhere. Today, the cityscape is transforming rapidly once again. Let's face it, not every new building is an architectural gem. Plus, there are some truly puzzling developments; for example, who would have thought digital natives would flock to see old movies shown on actual film?

**Nationalgalerie—
Museum des
20. Jahrhunderts
📍 Potsdamer Platz**

Twentieth century art will soon have a new home in Berlin. The building designed by architects Herzog & de Meuron will round out the “Kulturforum” area between Philharmonie and Neue Nationalgalerie. Now we just have to build it.

Berlin Fashion Week

Trade fair, fashion show and celebrity hot spot. New trends (or whatever designers think they are), twice each year at multiple locations. Even the Brandenburg Gate had a catwalk once. (January 15–18 & July 2–6, 2019).

**IBeB
📍 Kochstraße**

Integrative building project at a former flower market. It's functional and chic. Studios, ateliers, small trades and apartments—even coops with affordable rents. You know, your typical Berlin mix.

Querstadtein

Take a walk along Sonnenallee with Mohamad from Aleppo or through Mitte with Ahmed from Iraq. On these unique city tours, refugees in Berlin show you their new home town.

**Futurium
📍 Hauptbahnhof**

The best of science, culture and politics unite to tell us what to expect in the future. Exhibitions and events. With a hands-on lab to test out the future. Opening in the fall of 2019.

**Huxleys Neue Welt
📍 Hermannplatz**

This space has seen a lot. In its over 100-year history, it has hosted beer festivals and political gatherings and even functioned as a field hospital during the war. Since its last renovation, it's best known as a “concert palace.”

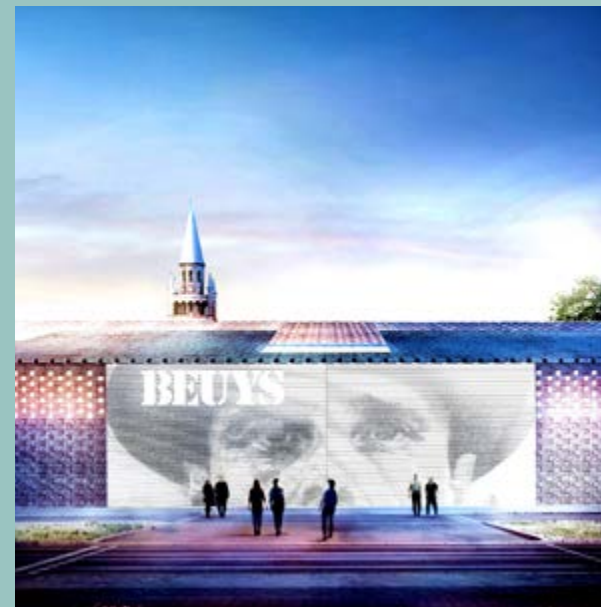
**Neue Wache
📍 Friedrichstraße**

A site of remembrance for the past 200 years. Built by Schinkel and renovated in the GDR. Today, it's a national memorial for the victims of war and tyranny. Inside is a Käthe Kollwitz sculpture of a mother holding her dead son in her arms.

**“Wir Kinder vom
Bahnhofskino”
📍 Kruppstraße**

This monthly gathering of cineastes at the Filmrauschpalast celebrates the trash cinema of the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Grab some friends and watch these low-budget gems on actual 35mm film. It's like being in your own living room, but a lot bigger and with a bar.

NEW





Jewish Museum Berlin
 📍 Kochstraße

A building shaped like a broken star, sprung from the mind of star architect Daniel Libeskind. Home to 2,000 years of Jewish history. Heavy and powerful.

Plattenbau-Museumswohnung
 📍 Cottbusser Platz

District heating and warm water—the “WBS 70” pre-fab housing series promised just that. An exhilarating example of the GDR’s culture of pre-fab buildings, it’s a “show” apartment in the middle of regular ones.

Bikini Berlin
 📍 Zoologischer Garten

Glass, steel and a view of the monkeys in the Berlin Zoo. It’s a refurbished shopping mall from the 1950s. Inside: pop-up stores and a food hall. Outside: an architectural design that recalls a particular form of swimwear.

Garden City Falkenberg
 📍 Grünau

Bruno Taut was a “Weltbaumeister” (World Architect.) His “Tuschkasten” was nicknamed as such for its resemblance to a box of watercolors. Berlin Modernism is everywhere, including in Britz, Buch and Buckow. visitBerlin.de/berlin-modernism

Haus am Waldsee
 📍 Krumme Lanke

“How do new things make their way to the world?” This is the credo at this exhibition villa built in 1922. Art has been shown here since 1946: initially modern then contemporary art. Just underwent a renovation.

“Zurückgeschaut”
 📍 Johannisthal Kirche

You won’t find any traces of the Colonial Exhibition in Treptower Park (and the “Völkerschau.”) But since 2017, the exhibition is making repressed history visible again at the Museum Treptow.



BUILDINGS

Berlin buildings illustrate the changing history of the city. East German modernism versus West German pop. Across from Museum Island, you can still find bullet holes from the last days of WWII. There’s not much left over from the colonial era—but that doesn’t mean it’s been forgotten.



Dong Xuan Center

📍 **Herzbergstraße**

Waving cats, illuminated signs and fresh coriander from one wholesale market source. Amidst hairdressers, nail salons and the most authentic Vietnamese food in town. A far-away atmosphere accessible by tram.

Deko Behrendt

📍 **Julius-Leber-Brücke**

Confetti, “Karneval” and Halloween supplies all year long. After all, who knows when you’ll need those false teeth, whoopee cushions and table fireworks?

Carnival of Cultures

📍 **Hermannplatz/**

📍 **Hallesches Tor**

Do the Samba from Neukölln to Kreuzberg. Or maybe Oom-pah music is more your thing? This parade features musicians and artists from all different cultures (May 20, 2019), plus a three-day street party (May 18–21, 2019).

Ergin Kasetcilik

📍 **Wedding**

Forget digitalization and streaming, Yüksel Ergin sells music and video cassettes. Turkish ones. Since 1978, in her own store. Today, it’s a hobby for this pensioner. And no worries, she also has CDs and DVDs.

Comebuy

📍 **Weinmeisterstraße**

Lineups and full bellies are guaranteed here, even though the only thing they sell is iced tea. The Taiwanese version, of course. Serious choices need to be made with regard to the flavor and amount of sugar and ice.

Xouxou

It’s a must-have for global hipsters visiting Berlin; colorful cell phone chains by Xouxou—created here by a Brazilian woman who loves oriental knotting techniques. Also online and in diverse stores.

Ausland

📍 **Schönhauser Allee**

So, where are you guys going tonight?—We’re going abroad.

It’s no joke; the German name of this club for experimental and improvised music is “Ausland” (abroad). A genre-spanning site curated by ausländers—artists and culture & DIY enthusiasts—eager to overcome borders.



RENGARENK

“Rengarenk” is a Turkish word that means “colorful.” In combination with “Gurbet” (“foreign country”), it means, in most cases, “Germany.” But even more precisely, it means Berlin, the home of people from 190 different nationalities. Their “Heimat,” as the Germans say. A city that is a world of its own.



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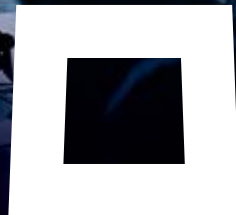


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