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Reinickendorf Bike Tour

21.2 km

approx. 85 minutes

medium route requiring good basic fitness levels, easy surfaces to ride on

Worth a visit

Borsig engineering works

Greenwichpromenade

Dicke Marie oak tree

Tegel See Lake

Fishermans Fish Restaurant

Märkisches Viertel quarter

Spandau Bike Tour

23.6 km

approx. 95 minutes

easy bike tour suitable for all fitness levels, primarily hard surface route

Worth a visit

Eiscafé Florida

ice cream parlour

Spandau Old Town

Zitadelle Berlin fortress

Behnitz quarter

Brauhaus Spandau brewpub

Ulis Museumsladen shop

Mitte Bike Tour

5 km (+ 15 km with detour)

approx. 20 minutes (+ 60 minutes with detour)

easy tour suitable for all fitness levels, primarily hard surface route

Worth a visit

"Der verlassene Raum" (The Deserted Room) memorial

Neue Synagoge

Monbijoupark

Volkspark Rehberge park

Galleries in Auguststraße

Jüdische Mädchenschule (former Jewish School for Girls)

Prime Time Theater

Pankow Bike Tour

14.2 km (+ 4 km with detour)

(+ 20 minutes with detour)

easy tour suitable for all fitness levels, primarily hard surface route

Worth a visit

Berliner Unterwelten e.V. (Berlin Underworlds Association)

Pankoweg hiking and cycling trail

Bürgerpark Pankow (Beer Garden and Rosenstein Café)

Niederschönhausen Palace park

Konnopke's Imbiss - Snack Bar

Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf Bike Tour

11.3 km

approx. 45 minutes

easy bike tour for all levels of fitness, primarily paved paths

Worth a visit

District Court Berlin

Charlottenburg Palace

Berggruen Museum

Schustehr park

Steglitz-Zehlendorf Bike Tour

16.8 km

approx. 60 minutes

medium route requiring good basic fitness levels, primarily hard surface route

Worth a visit

Domäne Dahlem

Wannsee lake

Pfaueninsel (Peacock Island)

Glienicker Brücke ("Bridge of Spies")

Five Palace View

Tempelhof-Schöneberg Bike Tour

16.5 km

approx. 75 minutes

easy bike tour suitable for all fitness levels, primarily hard surface route

Worth a visit

Schöneberg Town Hall

Schwerbelastungskörper (Heavy Load-Bearing Body)

Schöneberg Gasometer

ViktoriaPark

SA Prison Papestraße Memorial

Neukölln Bike Tour

approx. 34 km

approx. 2 hours and 20 minutes

medium route requiring good basic fitness levels, primarily hard surface route

Worth a visit

Tempelhofer Feld park

Britzer Garten park

Hufeisensiedlung Modernist Estate

Karl-Marx-Straße

Klunkerkranch rooftop bar

Treptow-Köpenick Bike Tour

approx. 35 km

approx. 2 hours and 20 minutes

medium route requiring good basic fitness levels, primarily hard surface route

Worth a visit

Insel der Jugend (Island of Youth)

Soviet War Memorial

Köpenick Old Town (Altstadtköpenick traditional coffee house)

SpreeArche

Dämeritzsee lake

Marzahn-Hellersdorf Bike Tour

approx. 17 km

approx. 80 minutes

easy tour suitable for all fitness levels, primarily hard surface route

Worth a visit

Schloss Biesdorf Palace park

Wuhletal Cycle Path

Gardens of the World

Alt-Marzahn village

Windmill

Ahrensfelder Berge hill

Lichtenberg Bike Tour

17.7 km

approx. 60 minutes

easy tour suitable for all fitness levels, primarily hard surface route

Worth a visit

Hohenschönhausen Memorial

Mies van der Rohe Haus

Fauler See nature reserve

Orankesee beer garden

Falkenberger Luch nature reserve

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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 **Charlottenburg Palace to Teufelsberg hill** and the **Grunewald 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 **Berggruen 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 **Schustehrur Park** (57), half-hidden in a side street.



Photo: Wolfram Schabert

## Pankow

### Urban life to the power of three!

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



**Insider tip**  
A detour to the **Wohnstadt Carl Legien residential estate** is well worth it. Planned by Taut and Hilgert and built in 1930, this is one of six Berlin Modernism estates now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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 Sundays from 12 am to 1 pm, browse the **Südster Christian Bookshop** to the sounds of Christian punk or heavy metal. [suedster-laden.de](#)

From Hermannplatz, cycle past the **Volkspark Hasenheide park** (63) and across the Südster intersection to the charming Chamissoplatz square, set in an area of late 19th-century working class apartment blocks. With its cobbled streets and authentic atmosphere, this is a very popular location for filming. The route to Kreuzberg leads along Bergmannstraße, with its cafés, restaurants and quirky retail outlets. The heart of Kreuzberg is the green **Viktoriapark** (64) with its 66-metre-high hill, an artificial waterfall and the **Golgotha beer garden**. Down Tempelhofer

Ufer and along the banks of the **Landwehr Canal** (66), 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 Sinti 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 Koechel

## 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.

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** (69) 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 Lake**, and enjoy beautiful views of the Scharfenberg and Valentinswerder islands on your way to the Tegeltor Ufer. Time for a break – at the nearby lakeside **Fishermans restaurant** (70), with fish dishes in a young, modern style and 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** (71) – another interesting site for architecture fans.



Tegeler See lake



Photo: Dagmar Schwell

## 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](#)

The route now leads past no less than three city lakes – the **Obersee** and **Orankesee lakes**, and the **Fauler See nature reserve** (72) 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 (73), 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** (74) before heading back to Hohenschönhausen.



Photo: Wolfgang Schabert

## Spandau

### Young at heart!

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



**Insider tip**  
In **Ull's Museumsladen** (75) (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 **Behnitz 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 Spektgrünzug to Spandau **Tower 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**  
The **Berliner Balkon** ("Berlin's balcony") is a slope of high ground between Mahlsdorf and Kaulsdorf. Set the edge of the Barmim plateau, this has great views – on clear days, even out to the Berlin glacial valley.

Your route takes you past the Marzahn Recreational Park with its "**Gardens of the World**" (83) showcasing global landscaping traditions. Next stop is **Alt-Marzahn's historical centre** on the other side of Blumberger Damm.

Set among Europe's largest estate of prefab slab-concrete high-rises, the heritage sites of the old **Alt-Marzahn village** (84) and green, the **local church** and **Marzahn Windmill** (85) 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 **Ahrensfelder Berge hill** (86) with its stunning views across the countryside around Barmim and down to the Berlin TV Tower.



Photo: Wolfgang Schabert

## 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**" (87) 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 Dahlemer** (88) 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** (89). Then follow the Mauerweg until you reach **Pfäueninsel** (Peacock Island) (91). 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** (92), 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.



Photo: Wolfgang Schabert



Photo: Martin Böck

## 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**  
The **Prime Time Theater** (93) is renowned for its theatre soap "Gutes Wedding, Schlechtes Wedding", a parody of the people living in Berlin's Wedding district. Reservation recommended. [primetimeaterjimdfree.com](#)

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) (94), 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** (95), designed by architect Eduard Knoblauch and consecrated in 1866 and today housing a museum. The little **Monbijou Park** (96) 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** (98). 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 (10) showcasing contemporary art. The refurbished former **Jewish School for Girls** (10) 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!



Photo: Wolfgang Schabert

## 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** (101), now a listed building. Nothing for the faint-hearted or vertigo sufferers, it offers some stunning views of the city! [euref.de](#)

Right at the start of the tour, you can see **Schöneberg Town Hall** (102), 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** (103) – (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** (104) 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** (105), 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-klingen.de](#)

Here, Berlin's history mixes with bustling multicultural life, old village settlements and the vast **Tempelhofer Feld park** (106) on the site of the old airport – which is where your tour starts and ends.

Cycling through the Mariendorf district, you reach one of Berlin's many green urban oases – the **Britzer Garten** (107). The popular park includes beautiful flower displays, picnic meadows, great playgrounds and much more! Here, you can also find cafés and restaurants for a welcome break.



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** (108), a small floating log cabin restaurant, and enjoy tasty fish, meat and vegetarian dishes. [spreearche.de](#)

Cycle through the **Plänterwald forest** to Wuhlheide Park and on to **Köpenick Old Town** (109) with its lovely baroque palace. In summer, the Town Hall courtyard hosts an open-air performance of Zuckmayer's renowned 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** (110), crossing the "Alter Spreearm" waterway over a little wooden bridge. It's also worth taking the detour to visit the "**Neu-Venedig**" (New Venice) area before catching an S-Bahn train from Erkner back to town.



Müggelsee lake