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Classic or modern: Berlin's culture covers all the bases

Berlin: a place of longing. The capital attracts artists, creative minds, culture lovers, and theatre fans from all over Germany and around the world. The diverse cultural offerings and the colourful hustle and bustle of the city create a very special atmosphere. Opera performances, art exhibitions, theatre productions, concerts, and festivals are all everyday occurrences here. With around 200 museums, collections, and memorial sites, 400 galleries, three opera houses, eight major symphony orchestras, more than 90 cinemas, about 150 theatres and stages, as well as many other cultural institutions, the German capital offers an almost inexhaustible selection of options.

Dazzling costumes and great voices

Whether on the world's largest theatre stage, Berlin's oldest musical theatre, or in a traditional amusement palace, lovers of grand shows and musical theatre will love the German capital. The Friedrichstadt-Palast offers shows like "The One" with opulent costumes and amazing choreography. Stage Theater des Westens offers its guests a changing programme of musicals in a unique atmosphere. The Admiralspalast also stands for a varied programme and has witnessed over one hundred years of Berlin's cultural history. Many other cultural sites provide unique performances on spectacular stages.

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Berlin is the place to be for classical music

The Deutsche Oper, the Komische Oper, the Staatsoper, and the Staatsballett Berlin present seasons rich with music from all eras. Eight large orchestras also add to the wide range of offerings in this capital of culture. The Konzerthaus (Concert House) at Gendarmenmarkt and the Berliner Philharmonie are home to the world's most important orchestras. The city's more than 150 Berlin theatres and stages also offer a wide variety of entertainment. The programmes include productions of everything from ancient tragedies to contemporary subjects. The Deutsches Theater, the Schaubühne, and the Berliner Ensemble continue their long traditions in theatre history to this day.

Berlin makes art for all the senses

Significant works of art from all periods and the masterpieces of tomorrow can be seen every day in the city's more than 180 museums and 440 galleries. Berlin's Museumsinsel (Museum Island Berlin) is the largest museum campus in the world and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The collections held on the island encompass over 6,000 years of art and cultural history. The Hamburger Bahnhof (Museum for Contemporary Art), the Martin-Gropius-Bau (Martin Gropius Building - Major special exhibitions), and the Berlinische Galerie (Berlin's Museum of Modern Art, Photography and Architecture) all offer top-class exhibitions of modern and contemporary art. C/O Berlin and the Museum für Fotografie (Museum of Photography), meanwhile, focus exclusively on photography. Museums such as the Deutsches Currywurst Museum Berlin (German Currywurst Museum) and the Deutsches Spionagemuseum Berlin (German Spy Museum) are also a part of the diverse offerings to be found in Berlin.

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Berlin: where you can touch history

Numerous memorials commemorate events over the course of the city's turbulent history. The Topographie des Terrors (Topography of Terror) is one of the most visited memorial sites in Berlin. This site was one of the most important centres of state terror during the Nazi era from 1933 to 1945. The Dokumentationszentrum Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer (memorial on Bernauer Straße, Documentation Centre) is in remembrance of the Berlin Wall (1961-1989) and its victims. The former no-man's land has been reconstructed along this former border stretch between Wedding and Mitte. The Gedenkstätte Deutscher Widerstand (Memorial to the German Resistance), the Gedenkstätte Berlin-Hohenschönhausen (Berlin-Hohenschönhausen Memorial), or Tränenpalast (Palace of Tears) at Friedrichstraße station also reflect the history of a city once divided.

Sexy in Berlin: movies, stars, and glamour in Berlin

No other city in Germany offers such a diverse film programme as Berlin. In addition to large multiplex houses showing current blockbusters, there are a number of art-house cinemas offering a well-curated selection of films in charming surroundings. Original versions of movies without dubbing or subtitles are also available at CineStar in the Sony Center and Kino International. The Zoo Palast, reopened in 2013, and the Astor Film Lounge on Kurfürstendamm provide an exclusive ambience to catch your next flick. A large selection of film festivals also brings a bit of Hollywood glamour to the city. The biggest and most important is the Berlinale. It is considered one of the top international film festivals alongside Cannes and Venice. But smaller festivals like *achtung berlin* and *interfilm* also enjoy a good reputation among film fans.

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