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### **Even the smallest visitors have a lot to look forward to in Berlin**

Berlin is the perfect place for families with children: lots of things to marvel at and lots of place to work off some of their excess energy. There's no excuse for boredom here, because the capital is full of exciting experiences for visitors of all ages. More than 1,850 playgrounds, Europe's most modern planetarium, Germany's largest trampoline hall, a zoo with the most species in the world, and much more mean there's something here for everyone. It should be no surprise, then, that Berlin is considered one of the most family-friendly cities in Europe.

### **Animals from all over the world make their homes in Berlin**

With two zoos that are home to almost 26,000 animals, Berlin is a unique destination for animal lovers. Children can learn a lot about the planet's diversity at the zoos and even watch the animals get fed. The Berlin Zoo also has a petting zoo and a huge adventure playground for young guests. Another must-see there are the two pandas who have been living in their newly built enclosure since last summer. The directly adjacent aquarium houses 9,000 exotic fish, reptiles, and amphibians. Visitors can also explore fascinating underwater worlds at the AquaDom & Sea Life Centre on Alexanderplatz. If your kids prefer to touch and caress animals, Berlin also has many children's farms to check out. The Alte Fasanerie Lübars in Reinickendorf offers an authentic insight into life on a farm.

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### Berlin is a real adventure playground

Creative playgrounds like the Forcki adventure playground and the fairy-tale themed playground “Charlottenburg für Kids” ensure plenty of opportunities for some outdoor fun. JUMP House is a trampoline park in Reinickendorf, offering 120 trampolines' worth of fun. Climbing fans will be in heaven at Berlin's largest high ropes course. In the middle of the green forest, just five minutes from City West, 13 different courses through the treetops offer climbing fun for everyone. And, if it's raining, little adventurers can let off steam in various indoor playgrounds like Jolo's Kinderwelt.

### Learning, too? You bet! And it's fun here in Berlin!

With more than 180 museums in Berlin, boredom doesn't stand a chance in Berlin. Several children's museums and interactive exhibitions are aimed exclusively at young visitors. Labyrinth Kindermuseum Berlin (Labyrinth Museum for Children) at Fabrik Osloer Straße is one of the leading children's museums in Germany. Children can playfully explore the world in a former assembly plant. At "MACHmit", the children's museum in Prenzlauer Berg, the name ("Join in!") says it all: children from the age of five may attend art workshops, visit the hall of mirrors, the original soap shop, and print their names with coloured letters in the print shop. Parents and children alike can go on an interactive journey of discovery through the world of digital games at the Computerspielemuseum (Museum of Computer Games). The twelve-meter-long skeleton of Tristan Otto at the Museum für Naturkunde (Museum of Natural History), meanwhile, is the only original T-Rex skeleton in all of Europe.

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### Clear the stage for young and old

Berlin's stages offer quite a variety of options for young visitors. Children's shows and guest performances with dazzling costumes and breathtaking acrobatics and dance are regularly featured at Berlin's Friedrichstadt-Palace. The Atze Musiktheater in Wedding perform other classics such as "The Little Mermaid" and Astrid Lindgren's "Ronia, the Robber's Daughter". Junge Deutsche Oper Berlin offers an opera experience for the entire family with children's concerts, family performances, workshops, and guided tours.

### For those with big appetites or a sweet tooth

Berlin is home to more than 11,200 restaurants, cafés, and ice cream parlours, so there's always a place nearby to assuage that hunger. Charlottchen is a popular spot with a large play area and a children's theatre, while Café Olé in the ufaFabrik offers a professionally supervised children's farm. A real paradise for anyone with a sweet tooth: colourful Ritter Sport Schokowelt (Ritter Sport Colourful Chocoworld) and Berliner Bonbonmacherei (Candy Factory), both in Berlin's Mitte district. You can create your own chocolate bar in the chocolate workshop or watch the old-school production of more than 30 types of sweets. The Currywurst Museum Berlin with its adjoining snack bar is also a great place for food lovers.

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