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Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf

The new splendour of City West

A district proud of its traditions – green spaces, culture and the arts



Photography in all its diversity
The C/O Berlin exhibition venue in Amerika Haus shows works by internationally renowned photographers and promotes emerging talents. The programme also includes tours, talks and artists in conversation. co-berlin.org

Gerstenberg Collection, modern art in the Berggruen Museum and art nouveau in the Bröhan-Museum.

The Grunewald district, with its magnificent mansions, has always been an oasis of tranquillity, renowned for relaxing walks and wonderful views. Enjoy the vista from the charming Lindwerder island or climb Grunewaldturm tower for panoramic views across the magnificent countryside – and don't miss Teufelsberg hill, topped by the remains of a former US listening station. For more history, Berlin's Olympic Stadium is a must-see sight. The Olympic site's history trail has 45 panels (also in English) offering a fascinating insight into the complex's origins and development down the years.

Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg

A special zest for life

A magnet for the young – famed for its diverse cultural life and alternative lifestyles



Stralau Peninsula – Birthplace of German sailing
Experience the idyllic side of Berlin! Then pack a picnic and head for Stralau peninsula – and enjoy tranquil corners and views of sailing boats. stralauer-halbinsel.de

Around Kurfürstendamm boulevard, you can find a wealth of attractive new shops and eateries, galleries and exhibition venues. The heart of the quarter is the landmark Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church on Breitscheidplatz. The legendary Zoo Palast cinema and adjacent Bikini Berlin shopping mall fuse new architecture with the formal vocabulary of the 1950s. For luxury shopping, just stroll down Kuddamm, as Berliners say, past one exclusive brand outlet after another. The Renaissance Theater in its heritage art-deco building draws the crowds with modern international plays. This borough also boasts great art across the ages – surrealism in the Scharf-

Berlin's start-up scene is buzzing around Moritzplatz square, renowned for its mix of culture, design and creativity. Here, you can find firm local favourites such as the Prince Charles Club, Theater TAK and the Kai Dikhas Gallery showing Roma and Sinti artists. And just when you think it can't get more creative, it does – with Planet Modulor and the Imago 1:1, the world's only walk-in self-portrait camera.



Lichtenberg

Up-and-coming, diverse and family friendly

Fascinating architecture and idyllic green spaces – and a rich mix of sports activities



Tierpark Berlin – Discover Berlin's wild, wild east!
In Europe's largest wildlife park, kids are sure to enjoy the petting zoo, water playground and the Fabelwald adventure playground. From April to October, the free-flight show with its feathered stars is also an absolute must! tierpark-berlin.de

Bucht bay to Barnim in the north. There, you can enjoy the delightful bike paths and hiking trails in Barnimer Feldmark Regional Park.

The Alt-Hohenschönhausen district is home to the 13th-century Tabor Church, said to be the city's oldest and most attractive village church. Music lovers can hear Berlin's oldest church organ, the Princess Amalia Organ, in the 'Zur frohen Botschaft' Church.

A visit to the German-Russian Museum takes you to a major historic site – here on 8 May 1945, representatives of the German Reich unconditionally surrendered. The permanent exhibition recalls the Second World War from the perspective of both Germany and Russia.

Marzahn-Hellersdorf

A village green with a capital view

Functional high rises, attractive landscaped parks – and the romance of a wooden windmill



Galerie M – Art in urban space
The gallery shows art actions in public space and exhibitions on long-term art projects. The focus is primarily on installations by conceptual artists. kultur-marzahn-hellersdorf.de

Set amid Berlin's largest estate of prefabricated slab-concrete high-rises, Marzahn village green and church, the KulturGut cultural and arts centre and Marzahn Windmill testify to the borough's long history. The Gründerzeit Museum, with its fascinating interiors, brings the nineteenth century vividly to life.

For sheer relaxation, explore the charming Gardens of the World. For a wonderful overview of the entire former site of the International Garden Show (IGA), take the panoramic cable car or visit the Wolkenhain viewing platform – and don't miss the natural bobsleigh run! An exhibition in the Marzahn-Hellersdorf Info Centre offers an insight into the borough's past, present and future.

Biesdorf Palace, set in beautiful parkland, is a Centre for Art and Public Space, and holds regular temporary exhibitions. To view the world from 70 metres up, take a stroll on the Marzahn Skywalk.

The spreading green landscapes contrast with the former GDR high-rise residential estates, today linked by a vibrant network of new art locations. Whether artist or visitor, the charming brick buildings, open spaces and old trees at Alte Börse Marzahn are sure to be a source of inspiration!



Mitte

Right at the heart of things!

Once the Berlin Wall ran through the Mitte district and the Rosenthaler Vorstadt residential estate. Today, you can find remnants of the Wall at Bernauer Straße's Berlin Wall Memorial.



German Spy Museum – Interactive exhibition on spies and espionage
Spying from the Romans to the Stasi, with a touch of James Bond on the way. Rare exhibits, innovative multimedia installations – laser beam course, crack secret codes, check out Facebook and much more! deutsches-spionagemuseum.de

Many famous architects designed buildings in the Hansaviertel district next to the green Tiergarten Park – also near the G. Buchwald Café, a traditional Berlin patisserie famous for its Baumkuchen cake! Down the River Spree, you'll pass the Haus der Kulturen der Welt arts centre and the back of the Chancellery. For a break in style, cross the river to the Paris-Moskau Restaurant or relax in the Zollpachhof with its beer garden. From mid-November, the Fairy Tale Huts in Monbijou Park attract young and old with their fun performances of Grimm's Fairy Tales.

The two streets of Auguststraße and Gerichtstraße have developed into exciting art venues. The refurbished former

Jewish School for Girls is a new location for renowned galleries, while the KW Institute for Contemporary Art opposite organises the Berlin Biennale for Contemporary Art. The nearby me Collectors Room shows classic and new art from the Olbricht Collection. And just a short trip on U-Bahn line 6 takes you to Gerichtsstraße where the Patrick Ebensperger Gallery has recently opened on the site of a former crematorium!



Tempelhof-Schöneberg

Proud of its diversity!

From shopping paradise to spreading parks, tranquil corners to LGBTI* party – a borough as diverse as its residents!



Mariendorf Harness Racing Track
Swift horses and cool drivers doing what they do best – going fast to win. Enjoy a day out at the races and treat yourself to a flutter on the horses – a tradition here all year round since 1913. berlintrab.de

The Nollendorfplatz area was already renowned for its night life in the 1920s. Today, with its lively mix of cafés, discos, nightclubs, hotels, hair salons and bookshops, it is the soul of Berlin's gay and lesbian scene – and there's nothing like it in any other Berlin district! Café Berio, with delicious dishes and changing art exhibitions, is something of a Nollendorfplatz institution. To escape the madding crowd, check out the unspoiled green spaces of Schöneberg's Südgelände nature park.

US President John F Kennedy's "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech on 26 June 1963 at Schöneberg Town Hall has gone down in history. Here, every noon the Freedom Bell still rings out – a gift from the US to West Berlin. On Saturdays, locals and visitors stream towards Winterfeldtplatz for Berlin's largest and oldest weekly market, a popular place for anyone looking for that special something.

The area around Akazienstraße is home to antique stores and a unique range of boutiques and small shops. Here, you can buy old office furniture from Das alte Bureau, and all manner of hats and caps in the Panama Hutgalerie. For historical clothing and accessories, look no further than Mimi-Textile Antiquitäten – also the place for a custom-made historical costume. Mamsell offers the finest artisan chocolate and a selection of elegant accessories. And if you prefer macaroons to chocolate, heaven is just a short walk away at the Makrönchen Manufaktur!

Neukölln

Vibrant cosmopolitan diversity

Neukölln is a dynamic mix of ethnicities and cultures



Berlin? We! Love! You! – The Drag Show
A glitzy drag show tribute to Europe's metropolises, past, present and future. From wacky to weird, fantastic to fun, with dynamic live singers. Sheer entertainment – witty, charming and glamorous! travestieshow.info

Maybachufer has an array of cosy restaurants and coffee houses with a view of the waterfront lined by Berlin's old-style apartment houses. Neukölln's lively pub scene is popular with revellers – and a vibrant bar scene has sprung up around the Schiller neighbourhood. For relaxing over good food, the borough spoils locals and visitors with its choice of culinary hotspots and unusual locations.

To commune with nature, Berliners head for the Schloss Britz manor park, the spreading Britzer Garten park or take a stroll through the Körner Park. At the nearby Richardplatz square, the 18th-century houses of the historic Bohemian settlement are well worth seeing.



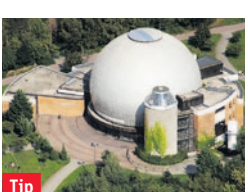
Griessmühle arts and events centre



Pankow

Urban life to the power of three!

Pankow offers three in one: trendy Prenzlauer Berg, Prussian architectural heritage in Pankow, and a vibrant young arts scene in Weißensee



Zeiss-Großplanetarium
Explore the secrets of the universe! Europe's ultra-modern scientific theatre – with stunning 360° full dome programmes from the worlds of astronomy, science and culture. planetarium.berlin

Even far beyond Berlin's borders, Prenzlauer Berg is famed for its special lifestyle: cool, creative and cosmopolitan! Locals enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the coffee houses around Helmholtzplatz and Kollwitzplatz, or stroll through the famed Mauerpark and down Oderberger Straße. At the nearby Kulturbrauerei, you can explore "Everyday Life in the GDR" in the eponymous exhibition.

The original borough of Pankow was solidly respectable, attracting many well-known figures in German life past and present, such as writers Hans Fallada and Christa Wolf. Near Pankow's Schlosspark – the old palace gardens –, Schönhausen Palace is a real insider tip taking you back in time over three centuries. A cabinet exhibition in the palace gatehouse offers an insight into the area after 1945 when many top East German government functionaries lived here and on the nearby Majakowski Ring villa estate. Bizarre, but typically Berlin! Leise Park on a converted cemetery still retains some old tombstones left near new playground equipment.

Reinickendorf

Where opposites attract

Reinickendorf offers something for everyone, from nature lovers to architecture buffs, and sport fans to families



Jumpouse Berlin Trampoline Park
The Trampoline Park offers sheer family fun – over 120 trampolines, tumble tracks, jump bags, a foam pit, basketball and dodgeball! Ideal for children's birthdays and for school outings. jumpouse.de

When the 1920 land reform created this borough from six villages, it paved the way for today's vibrant Reinickendorf. Since the 19th century, the green Tegel district has attracted day trippers to its forests, the Tegeler See lake, idyllic bathing beaches, attractive harbour and the manor house of the famous Humboldt brothers. Visiting Lübars with its charming farms, village school and baroque church is like travelling back in time to a rural past.

Wittenau combines grand 19th-century town houses and modern high-rise estates, such as the modern Märkisches Viertel quarter. In bustling Reinickendorf, the Weiße Stadt is well worth a visit – a 1920s modernist housing estate inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage in 2008.

The Frohnau suburb, with its elegant villas and stylish houses, was founded in 1910 in the wake of the garden city movement. Neighbouring Hermsdorf was famous for its brickworks, and donated bricks for Berlin's Rote Rathaus town hall. In the Cold War, the Wall oddly enclosed a narrow East German street nicknamed the "Entenschnebel" (duck's beak) which protruded into West Berlin.



Spandau

Charmingly traditional

Spandau is older than Berlin. When the first settlers cleared the ground here in the 7th century, the rest of Berlin was just wilderness!



Zitadelle Berlin
One of Europe's best-preserved Renaissance fortress offers lots for families to discover every day – from the Archaeological Window to the Bat Cellar, the Juliussturm Tower or a massive granite head of Lenin! zitadelle-berlin.de

To explore the south of Spandau, be sure to plan in a day out in the enchanting parkland at Gutspark Neukladow. From 1800 to 1805, the neo-classical manor house here was home to the mother of Otto von Bismarck, Germany's "Iron Chancellor". After a stroll along the waterfront, take a seat in the Kulturpark Café, and enjoy the spreading beer garden and stunning views out over the Wannsee lake.

On the nearby former Gatow airfield, the Bundeswehr Museum of Military History showcases the history of military aviation from 1884 to today. The exhibition offers a fascinating insight into how planes and helicopters have developed over the course of the years, while the outdoor display area presents over 100 helicopters and airplanes, including a MiG-17 high-subsonic fighter aircraft. Other exhibits include military trucks, uniforms and personal equipment.

Steglitz-Zehlendorf

Palaces, lakes and green spaces

The Zehlendorf district has no less than three of Berlin's best-loved bathing lakes – Wannsee, Krumme Lanke and Schlachtensee



Wirtshaus Moorlake
Enjoy hearty regional specialities in a restaurant and spreading beer garden idyllically set on the waterfront in the Wannsee district. moorlake.de

The charming complex of Schloss Glienicke palace and park, now the Volkspark Klein-Glienicke, is a masterpiece of design by Berlin's famous architect Karl Friedrich Schinkel and Prussia's leading landscaper Peter Joseph Lenné. The complex is also part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The palace offers tours, while the Lenné app is ideal for exploring the park and grounds – and provides an insight into Lenné's other beautiful works.

A sea of flowers in summer – and tropical nights in winter! Together with its museum, the magnificent Botanic Garden is one of the world's largest with most plant species – over 22,000 from all continents. The Domäne Dahlem, once a manorial estate, is now an open-air museum with displays of craft skills and an exhibition in the Culinarium on food down the centuries.

The House of the Wannsee Conference, today a memorial and educational site, presents a dark chapter in German history. Art lovers will be sure to visit the Brücke-Museum with works by German Expressionists and the Kunsthaus Dahlem showcasing post-war modernist sculptures by German artists – while the whole family will love the Düppel Museum Village, a reconstruction of a medieval village.



Treptow-Köpenick

More than just messing about in boats...

Treptow-Köpenick has a long history as Berlin's water-sports paradise – but also has a vibrant night life, an emerging cultural scene, and lots on offer for families



Discover industrial heritage
The Industriesalon Schönevide is the first stop for exploring Berlin's industrial history. Tours show how this former major industrial site is rapidly becoming one of Berlin's locations for the future. industriesalon.de

To explore contemporary art and industrial history, head for Schönevide's three-kilometre-long former industrial complex. For some time, these former production halls and industrialists' houses have been home to artists and students.

The Bölsche neighbourhood is rather more sedate – but the shopping is better! The nineteenth-century heritage buildings house a wide range of traditional shops. Köpenick Old Town is home to a beautiful baroque palace, while the Town Hall is famous for the exploits of an impostor known as the "Captain of Köpenick", immortalised in a play by Carl Zuckmayer.

Müggelsee Lake

