

Berlin's Restaurants Reach for the Stars

Michelin Guide 2013: 16 stars again for Berlin / Two stars for Tim Raue / Eating in restaurants most popular activity for visitors to Berlin

Berlin, 7 November 2012 Berlin is Germany's gourmet capital with the most Michelin-starred restaurants in the land. This was confirmed today in the latest Michelin Guide ratings. Twelve Berlin restaurants were awarded Michelin stars, including four two-star establishments.

"Berlin doesn't just cook, Berlin experiments with taste", says *visitberlin* CEO Burkhard Kieker. "Michelin-starred kitchens are part and parcel of life in a big city – ours range from glamorous hotspots to more humble places serving truly excellent food. This contrast is what draws gourmands from around the world to Berlin. Eating in Berlin is an event in its own right and we've shown that we can do well in international comparison".

93 per cent of Berlin's tourists visit a restaurant during their stay. This makes sampling Berlin's culinary delights by far the most popular activity in Germany's capital, followed by "strolling in the city" (81 per cent) and "sightseeing" (79 per cent)*.

A second star for Tim Raue

Among the winners of the new Michelin Guide is Chef Tim Raue. For his work in his eponymous restaurant "Tim Raue", he has received a second Michelin star, placing him in the good company of Christian Lohse at "Fischers Fritz", Otto Hendrik at "Lorenz Adlon Esszimmer" and Daniel Achilles at "reinstoff".

Holding onto one Michelin star each were "FACIL", "First Floor", "Hartmanns", "Horváth", "Hugos", "Margaux", "Rutz" and "VAU". Because of a change in chef, "Quadrige" was not included in this year's awards. The "Bib Gourmand" for the best-priced house was given to "Die Nussbaumerin" in Berlin-Charlottenburg.

For more information on the Berlin restaurant scene, go to www.visitBerlin.de.

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