

Summer in Berlin Attracts Fans of Extreme Sports, Music and Gourmet Food

The City Offers a Wide Range of Things to Do in Summer / New Shows and Open-Air Events in August

Berlin, 31 July 2014 Whether you love extreme sports, unusual cultural events or natural landscapes: summer in Berlin offers something for everyone.

The sporting highlight will be the run "100Meilen Berlin", kicking off on 16 August. It will run along the former border between East and West Berlin for a total of 160.9 km. This year's run is dedicated to Peter Fechter, killed in a failed escape attempt in 1962. The organisers expect about 300 participants which would be a new record after the first two runs. Last year, Peter Flock from the state of Thuringia won in 15 hours and 53 minutes.

Those who aren't up to quite such an extreme challenge might want to check out "Garden-Border-Garden". The exhibition shows how the UNESCO World Heritage parks and lakes between what was once West Berlin and Potsdam have been restored since the fall of the Wall. Other current exhibitions around the city also address the city's 45-year division, escape attempts across the Wall and how the Allies shaped the city in the decades following World War II. The highlight of the celebrations marking the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall comes 7–9 November when eight thousand balloons will be illuminated in the city centre along fifteen kilometres of the former border. Detailed information can be found at: wall.visitberlin.com

The annual Wassermusik-Festival at the Haus der Kulturen der Welt is for the first time featuring music from the Portuguese-speaking world with the motto "Lusofonia". Other outdoor music on offer this summer includes a production of Mozart's "Magic Flute" especially created for the Waldbühne on 23 August and "Viva la Musica" at Marzahn's Gärten der Welt, complete with fireworks, on 30 August. As part of the "Young Euro Classic" series, the best young orchestras in the world will be performing a range of music from classical opera to modern dance on ten evenings in August for the first time at the Admiralspalast.

Culinary innovations, meanwhile, are on offer at the Berlin boat restaurant "Hauptstadtkogge Gode Wind" in Rummelsburger Bucht. Every Sunday, the "Village Market" at the former East German railways repair shop in Friedrichshain invites guests to take a gastronomic trip around the world, accompanied by music and performances.

A very special night-time experience near Potsdamer Platz will be the "More Sky" light show by recently deceased avant-garde artist Otto Piene. Projections of one thousand hand-painted glass slides will be shown on the outside area of the Neue Nationalgalerie from 10pm to 3am.

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