

City West & Charlottenburg

KURFÜRSTENDAMM & AROUND | SAVIGNYPLATZ & KANTSTRASSE

Neighbourhood Top Five

1 Schloss Charlottenburg (p191) Marvelling at the Prussian royal lifestyle, then relaxing with a picnic by the carp pond in the palace park.

2 Story of Berlin (p195) Finishing up an engaging survey of city history with a

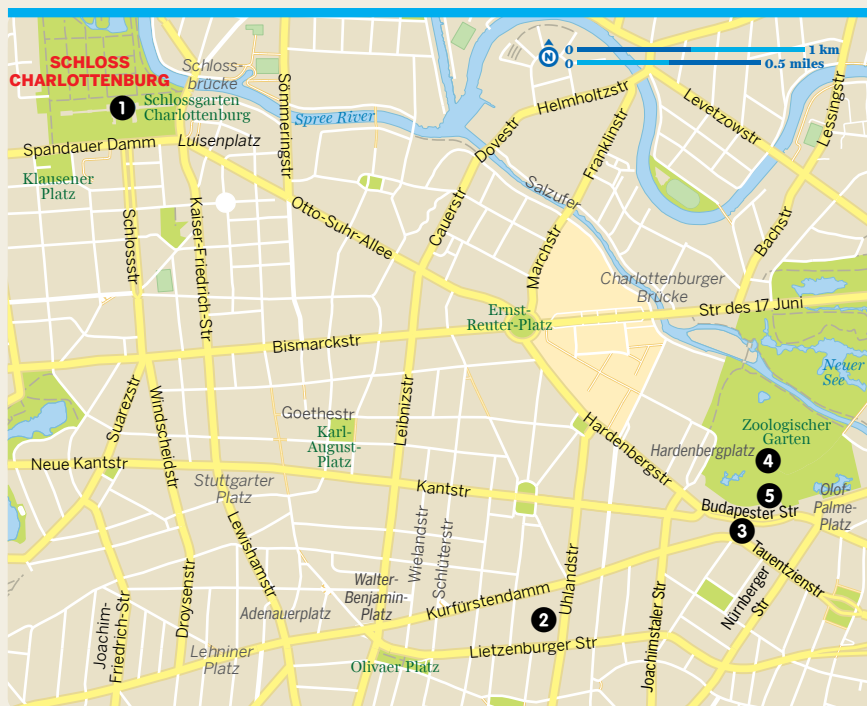
tour of a creepy Cold War-era atomic bunker.

3 Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche (p196) Meditating upon the futility of war at this majestically ruined 19th-century church.

4 Berlin Zoo (p195) Communing with creatures

from apes to zebras at the world's most species-rich animal park.

5 Bikini Berlin (p201) Shopping for idiosyncratic Berlin fashions and accessories at this architecturally stunning concept mall.



For more detail of this area see Map p316 ➔

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Leaving from Zoologischer Garten, bus 100 and 200 pass many blockbuster sights (including Potsdamer Platz and the Reichstag) on their route through the central city to Alexanderplatz.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Restaurant am Steinplatz (p198)
- ➔ Restaurant Faubourg (p197)
- ➔ Good Friends (p198)
- ➔ Butcher (p198)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Bar am Steinplatz (p198)
- ➔ Diener Tattersall (p199)
- ➔ Monkey Bar (p199)

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Best Museums

- ➔ Museum Berggruen (p193)
- ➔ C/O Berlin (p196)
- ➔ Museum für Fotografie (p196)
- ➔ Käthe-Kollwitz-Museum (p195)

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Explore: City West & Charlottenburg

West Berlin's commercial hub during the city's division, Charlottenburg still counts its famous shopping boulevard, the Kurfürstendamm, among its biggest drawcards. Fashionable boutiques mix it up with high-street chains and department stores along this strip and its leafy side streets. It continues east as Tauentzienstrasse, which culminates at the humongous KaDeWe department store.

En route, witness the new construction and revitalisation of the City West area around the landmark Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche, a church ruin turned antiwar memorial. Nearby, elephants trumpet and lions roar in the famous Berlin Zoo, a sure-fire hit with kids.

After satisfying your shopping urges, head out to must-see Schloss Charlottenburg for a glimpse of how the Prussian royalty spent its money in centuries past. Tour the fancifully decorated living quarters, then relax with a stroll in lushly landscaped gardens. In fine weather, consider bringing a picnic. A trip to the palace is easily combined with a spin around the trio of excellent art museums nearby.

Throughout Charlottenburg, you'll never be far from a smart cafe in which to indulge in a coffee-and-cake break. Though the area was a giddy nightlife district during the Golden Twenties, today's after-dark action is mostly confined to restaurants and bars, along with a couple of jazz and mainstream dance clubs.

Local Life

- ➔ **Shopping** Shop till you drop at high-street chains and high-fashion boutiques along Ku'damm (p195) and its side streets or at the Bikini Berlin (p201) concept mall.
- ➔ **The Asian mile** Find your favourite among the authentic Chinese eateries in Berlin's Little Asia (p197) along Kantstrasse.
- ➔ **Views** Enjoy sunset drinks at the Monkey Bar (p199).

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Bus** Zoologischer Garten is the western terminus for buses 100 and 200. M19, M29 and X10 travel along Kurfürstendamm. Lines 309 and M45 go to Schloss Charlottenburg, X9 and 109 to Tegel airport.
- ➔ **S-Bahn** S5 and S7 link to Hauptbahnhof and Alexanderplatz via Zoologischer Garten. The circle line S41/S42 passes through the district's western edge.
- ➔ **U-Bahn** Uhlandstrasse, Kurfürstendamm and Wittenbergplatz stations (U1) put you right into shopping central.