

Friedrichshain

BOXHAGENER PLATZ & NORDKIEZ | WESTERN FRIEDRICHSHAIN | BOXHAGENER PLATZ | REVALER STRASSE & OSTKREUZ

Neighbourhood Top Five

1 East Side Gallery

(p166) Confronting the ghosts of the Cold War at the world's longest outdoor artwork.

2 RAW Gelände (p167)

Partying till sunrise in the rough-around-the-edges bars and clubs of this former train repair station.

3 Flea market (p174)

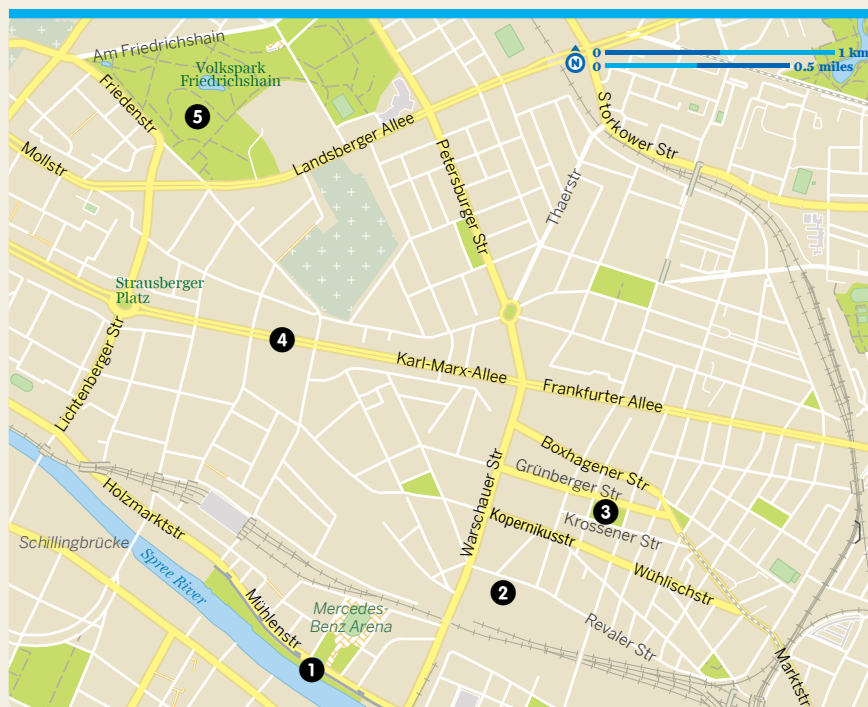
Foraging for treasure at this Sunday sell-a-thon on Boxhagener Platz, followed by brunch in a nearby cafe.

4 Karl-Marx-Allee (p167)

Marvelling at the bombastic architecture of this grand socialist boulevard in eastern Berlin.

5 Volkspark Friedrichshain

(p169) Relaxing over a beer, a barbecue or an open-air movie in Berlin's oldest public park.



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Explore: Friedrichshain

Friedrichshain is the only central district where major vestiges of the GDR have survived. The prime sight is the East Side Gallery, the longest surviving stretch of Berlin Wall, closely followed by the Karl-Marx-Allee, a grand boulevard that is the epitome of Stalinist pomposity. To delve deep into the extinct country's sinister part, swing by the HQ of the Stasi, the GDR's omnipresent secret police, or head out to the Stasi Prison in the adjacent district of Hohenschönhausen, where regime critics wound up. More-pleasant daytime diversions include relaxing in sprawling Volkspark Friedrichshain or picking through the indie boutiques around Boxhagener Platz.

But it's at night when Friedrichshain truly comes into its own. From the late afternoon onward waves of international party pilgrims stream out of the Warschauer Strasse S-Bahn or U-Bahn stations and make their way, beer bottle in hand, to the happy-hour bars along Simon-Dach-Strasse. Later the action moves on to the drinking holes, clubs and concert venues on the graffiti-splattered industrial grounds of the RAW Gelände, a derelict former train repair station. Those still standing in the small hours might power on through Sunday in the electro clubs around Ostkreuz or drift into the Berghain/Panorama Bar.

Local Life

➔ **Marketeering** Forage for vintage finds at flea markets on Boxhagener Platz (p174), at the RAW Flohmarkt (p174) and at Ostbahnhof (p174).

➔ **Picnic in the park** Berlin's long summer evenings are perfect for chilling in rambling Volkspark Friedrichshain (p169), whether barbecue or sunset with a six-pack.

➔ **Party town** Become the master of the lost weekend, partying at Berghain/Panorama Bar (p172) or less hyped – though no less fun – clubs like Suicide Circus (p172) or ://about blank (p172).

Getting There & Away

➔ **S-Bahn** Ostbahnhof is handy for the East Side Gallery; Warschauer Strasse and Ostkreuz for Boxhagener Platz and Revaler Strasse. Ringbahn (circle line) trains S41 and S42 stop at Frankfurter Allee and Ostkreuz.

➔ **U-Bahn** U1 links Warschauer Strasse with Kreuzberg, Schöneberg and Charlottenburg; the U5 runs east from Alexanderplatz down Karl-Marx-Allee and beyond.

➔ **Tram** M10 links Warschauer Strasse with Prenzlauer Berg; M13 runs from Warschauer Strasse to Boxhagener Platz.

➔ **Bus** Take bus 200 for Volkspark Friedrichshain from Mitte (eg Alexanderplatz); bus 240 from Ostbahnhof to Boxhagener Platz.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

To peel away the layers of Friedrichshain on a self-guided 2.5km walk, rent the audio tour by **Stadt im Ohr** (www.stadt-im-ohr.de, €9) from **Café Sibylle** (p167) and turn it in at **Kaufbar** (☎030-2390 9470; www.kaufbar-berlin.de; Gärtnerstrasse 4; ☉10am-1am Wed-Mon; ☎; ☑M13, ☑Warschauer Strasse, ☑Warschauer Strasse).

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Fame Restaurant (p170)
- ➔ Schneeweiss (p169)
- ➔ Schönbrunn (p170)
- ➔ Vöner (p168)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Hops & Barley (p170)
- ➔ Chapel Bar (p172)
- ➔ Briefmarken Weine (p170)
- ➔ Kater Blau (p172)

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Best Places to Dance

- ➔ Berghain/Panorama Bar (p172)
- ➔ ://about blank (p172)
- ➔ Magdalena (p172)
- ➔ Salon zur Wilden Renate (p172)

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