

Berlin's Top 10

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Brandenburger Tor (p80)

1 Prussian kings, Napoleon and Hitler have marched through this neo-classical royal city gate that was once trapped east of the Berlin Wall. Since 1989 it has gone from a symbol of division and oppression to the symbol of a united Germany. The landmark, which overlooks the stately Pariser Platz with its embassies and banks, is at its most atmospheric – and photogenic – at night when light bathes its stately columns and proud Goddess of Victory sculpture in a mesmerising golden glow.

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Reichstag (p78)

2 This famous Berlin landmark has been set on fire, bombed, left to crumble, and wrapped in fabric before emerging as the home of the German parliament (the Bundestag) and focal point of the reunited country's government quarter. The plenary hall can only be seen on guided tours but, with advance booking, you're free to catch the lift to the dazzling glass dome designed by Lord Norman Foster. Enjoy not only the fabulous views, but learn about the building and surrounding landmarks on a free audio tour.

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