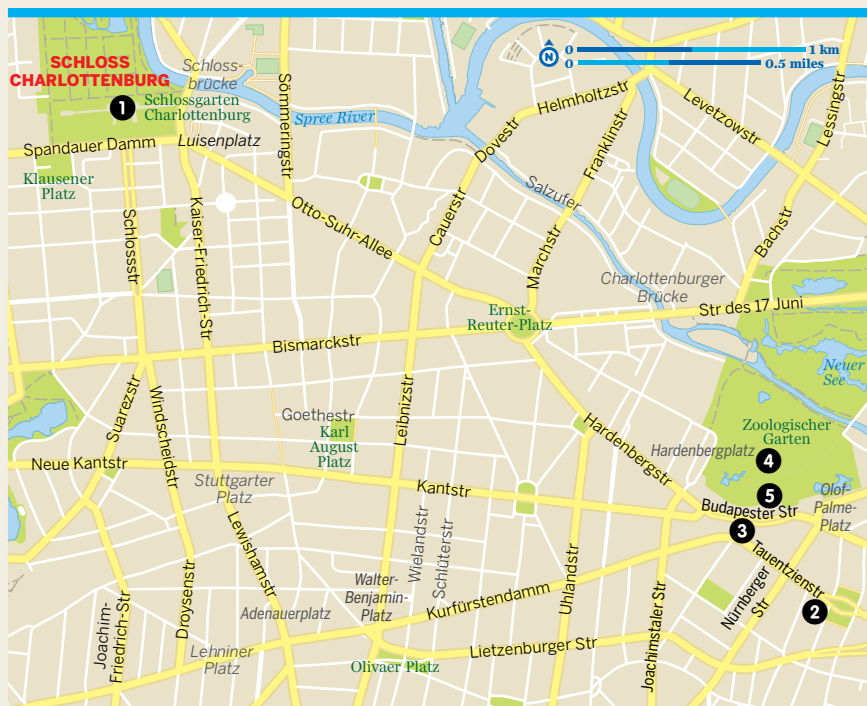


City West & Charlottenburg

KURFÜRSTENDAMM | SCHLOSS CHARLOTTENBURG

Neighbourhood Top Five

- ➊ Marvelling at the Prussian royal lifestyle at **Schloss Charlottenburg** (p201), then relaxing with a picnic by the carp pond in the palace park.
- ➋ Meditating upon the futility of war at the majestically ruined **Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche** (p208).
- ➌ Communing with apes and zebras at **Berlin Zoo** (p206), the world's most species-rich animal park.
- ➍ Giving your credit cards a workout on an extended shopping spree along Kurfürstendamm and at **Bikini Berlin** (p214).



For more detail of this area, see Map p338 ➔

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Leaving from Zoo Station, buses 100 and 200 pass many blockbuster sights (including Potsdamer Platz and the Reichstag) on their route through the central city to Alexanderplatz. See p212 for details.



Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Osteria Centrale (p211)
- ➔ Good Friends (p208)
- ➔ Neni (p208)
- ➔ Restaurant am Steinplatz (p211)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Monkey Bar (p211)
- ➔ Pearl (p211)
- ➔ Diener (p212)
- ➔ Universum Lounge (p212)

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Best Museums

- ➔ Museum Berggruen (p205)
- ➔ Käthe-Kollwitz-Museum (p207)
- ➔ Sammlung Scharf-Gerstenberg (p204)
- ➔ C/O Berlin (p209)

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Explore: City West & Charlottenburg

The glittering heart of West Berlin during the Cold War, Charlottenburg is nirvana for shopaholics, royal groupies and culture lovers. On its main artery – Kurfürstendamm – fashionable boutiques mix it up with high-street chains and department stores. The holy grail among the latter is the KaDeWe on nearby Tauentzienstrasse. There's more shopping in the leafy side streets, also home to relaxed cafes, neighbourhood-adored restaurants and both snazzy bars and Old Berlin-style pubs.

Eclipsed by historic Mitte and other eastern districts after reunification, Charlottenburg is finally reclaiming some of the limelight, especially in the city's west around Zoo Station. Recent developments include the 32-storey Zoo Fenster tower, with the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, which dramatically changed the western city skyline; the Bikini Berlin concept mall next door, delivering a dose of hipster cred; and the rejuvenated Zoopalast cinema, bringing a dose of retro glam. The prestigious C/O gallery space has also joined the westward migration.

About 3.5km northwest of here, Schloss Charlottenburg is not only the best-preserved royal palace in Berlin but is also surrounded by a lovely park and a trio of top museums.

Local Life

➔ **Shopping** Shop till you drop at high-street chains and high-fashion boutiques along Ku'damm and its side streets, at Bikini Berlin (p214) and the KaDeWe (p213) consumer temple.

➔ **The Asian mile** Find your favourite among the authentic Chinese eateries in Berlin's Little Asia along Kantstrasse.

➔ **Views** Enjoy sunset drinks with a view at the Monkey Bar (p211).

➔ **Cafe hang-outs** Spend an evening dolce vita-style with an alfresco dinner at Brel (p209) or another Savignyplatz restaurant.

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.

➔ **S-Bahn** Zoologischer Garten is the most central station.

➔ **U-Bahn** Uhlandstrasse, Kurfürstendamm and Wittenbergplatz stations put you right into shopping central.