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In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods

What's where

Explore Berlin

The best things to see and do. neighbourhood by neighbourhood



Top Sights Make the most of your visit



Local Life The insider's city

The Best of Berlin

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks See the city on foot



Berlin's Best... The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless. hassle-free city experience



Getting Around

Travel like a local



Essential Information Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:





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Entertainment

Shopping

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- Telephone Numbers
- Opening Hours
- P Parking
- Nonsmoking Internet Access
- Wi-Fi Access
- @ English-Language Menu

- Family-Friendly
- Pet-Friendly
- Bus
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- M Metro S-Bahn
- U U-Bahn Tram
- ☐ Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



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Lonely Planet Pocket Guides

are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city. Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Berlin.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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Welcome to Berlin

Berlin is a bon vivant, passionately feasting on the smorgasbord of life. A contagious energy permeates its cafes, bars and clubs, while indie boutiques and progressive restaurants compete for your time with world-class museums and striking landmarks that reflect the city's riveting history. Whether it's must-sees or aimless explorations, Berlin delivers it all in one exciting and memorable package.

Strandbar Mitte beach bar (p52)
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Berlin Top Sights

Reichstag & Government Quarter (p24)

Views are mesmerising from the dazzling glass cupola atop the Reichstag, the seat of the German parliament and the stately focal point of the reunited country's government quarter.

Brandenburg Gate & Pariser Platz (p26)

Prussian emperors, Napoleon and Hitler have marched through this neoclassical royal city gate, once trapped east of the Berlin Wall and now a symbol of reunited Germany.







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Pergamonmuseum (p42)

Walk in the footsteps of Greeks, Romans and other ancient societies, whose monumental architecture, showcased in this museum, attests to their astonishingly high levels of civilisation.



Holocaust Memorial (p28)

Peter Eisenman poignantly captures the horror of the Naziinflicted Jewish mass murder with this vast undulating maze of tomblike concrete plinths.





Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer (p74)

It's rather ironic that Berlin's biggest tourist attraction no longer exists. To get under the skin of the Berlin Wall mystery, build a visit to this indooroutdoor memorial into your schedule.



Neues Museum (p46)

Egyptian queen Nefertiti is the most famous resident at this top-ranked museum, beautifully reconstructed by David Chipperfield and also sheltering a feast of finds going back to prehistoric times.