**Historical Highlights**

This walk checks off Berlin’s blockbuster landmarks as it cuts right through the historic city centre, Mitte (literally ‘Middle’), the birthplace and glamorous heart of Berlin, a high-octane cocktail of culture, architecture and commerce.

**Start** Reichstag  
**Distance** 3.5km  
**Duration** Three hours

1 The sparkling glass dome of the Reichstag has become a shining beacon of unified Berlin.

2 The **Brandenburg Gate** became an involuntary neighbour of the Berlin Wall during the Cold War.

3 **Unter den Linden** has been Berlin’s showpiece road since the 18th century.

4 Berlin’s most beautiful square, **Gendarmenmarkt** is bookended by domed cathedrals with the famous Konzerthaus (Concert Hall) in between.

5 The northern half of Spree island is **Museumsinsel**, a Unesco-recognised treasure chest of art, sculpture and objects.

6 Opposite Museum Island, the massive **Humboldt Forum** is taking shape. Scheduled to open in 2019 or 2020, its facade will mimic the old Prussian city palace.

7 Pompous and majestic inside and out, the **Berlin Cathedral** is a symbol of Prussian imperial power.

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**Classic Photo:** The iconic Brandenburger Gate is now a cheery symbol of German reunification.

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**Take a Break:** Stop in at **Augustiner am Gendarmenmarkt** for some German fare.