



# 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

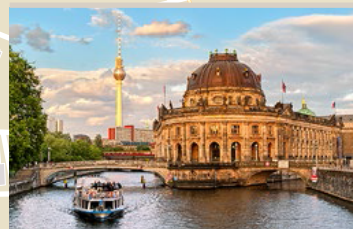
**Distance** 3.5km

**Duration** Three hours

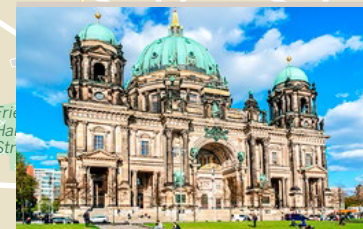
**Classic Photo:** The iconic Brandenburg Gate is now a cheery symbol of German reunification.



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



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



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



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

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

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

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

**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.