Historical Highlights

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

Start Reichstag
Distance 3.5km
Duration 3 hours

1 The 1894 Reichstag is the historic anchor of the federal government quarter. The glass dome was added in the 1990s.

2 The only remaining gate of Berlin’s 18th-century town wall, the Brandenburg Gate has become a cheery symbol of German reunification.

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 and the famous Konzerthaus (Concert Hall).

Take a Break Einstein Unter den Linden (www.einstein-udl.com/en; Unter den Linden 42; mains €16-25; 7am-11pm Mon-Fri, from 8am Sat & Sun) is a good spot for people-watching, as well as a break over coffee and cakes.

5 Opposite Museumsinsel, the massive Humboldt Forum is taking shape. Its facade will mimic the old Prussian city palace. Details at the Humboldt-Box.

6 Pompous and majestic inside and out, the Berliner Dom is a symbol of Prussian imperial power.

7 Museumsinsel is a Unesco-recognised treasure chest of art sculpture and objects.