



BERLIN RECOMMENDATIONS



Berlin is an epic city where history and modern creativity collide—walk past remnants of the Berlin Wall, explore world-class museums, and dive into its legendary nightlife, all in one day. With its vast neighborhoods, hidden gems, and ever-evolving cultural scene, it's impossible to see it all, so here are the top recommendations to make the most of your visit

Inside the apartments, you will find a book with local recommendations for Cafes, Restaurants etc. **In this guide, I am focussing specifically on things you would need to book in advance of your trip.**

Walking and food tours help you make the most of your visit—perfect for uncovering Berlin's secrets, flavors, and hidden gems. As I wrote this, I realized I liked food and walking more than walking alone, and I have done a lousy job of hiding this fact from the guide.

1. Tour options
2. Things to do list
3. Travel options / Phone data esim options
4. A rough three day suggested itinerary
5. Favorite Restaurant, Cafe & Bar recommendations in Berlin in general
(these are not specifically chosen for proximity to your apartment)

Berlin can get booked out, so reservations are recommended.

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Tours

Explore all of Berlin's major sights on a comprehensive walking tour

(€18,00 per person, approx 4 hours)

If you are looking to explore Berlin, see the major sights, and get to know Berlin, then this or a tour like it is a great way to see the city's major attractions. The guides are really informative and keep the tour enjoyable.

- Go to Checkpoint Charlie and the Brandenburg Gate
- Visit to the Museum Island
- Discover the scene of the Nazi book burning at Bebelplatz
- Standing over the place of Hitler's suicide

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Fork and walk tours

(between €55 and €125 - 3 to 4 hours)

You can choose between classic and trendy food stops, food and history.

I've been on two myself and loved them all.

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Currywurst was invented in Berlin in 1949 by Herta Heuwer, who mixed ketchup and curry powder to spice up post-war street food. What started as a simple snack for hungry workers became a German cult classic, with millions served yearly.



Berlin Food Walking Tour with Secret Food Tours

(€95, approx 3 hours)

- Explore the trendy art galleries and street murals of East Berlin
- Snack on Berlin food treats like “flammkuchen” and “currywurst”
- Discover the top ethnic eats of Berlin, including kebabs and Turkish sweets

It's a really fun three hours (There is currywurst and a good walk after all!)

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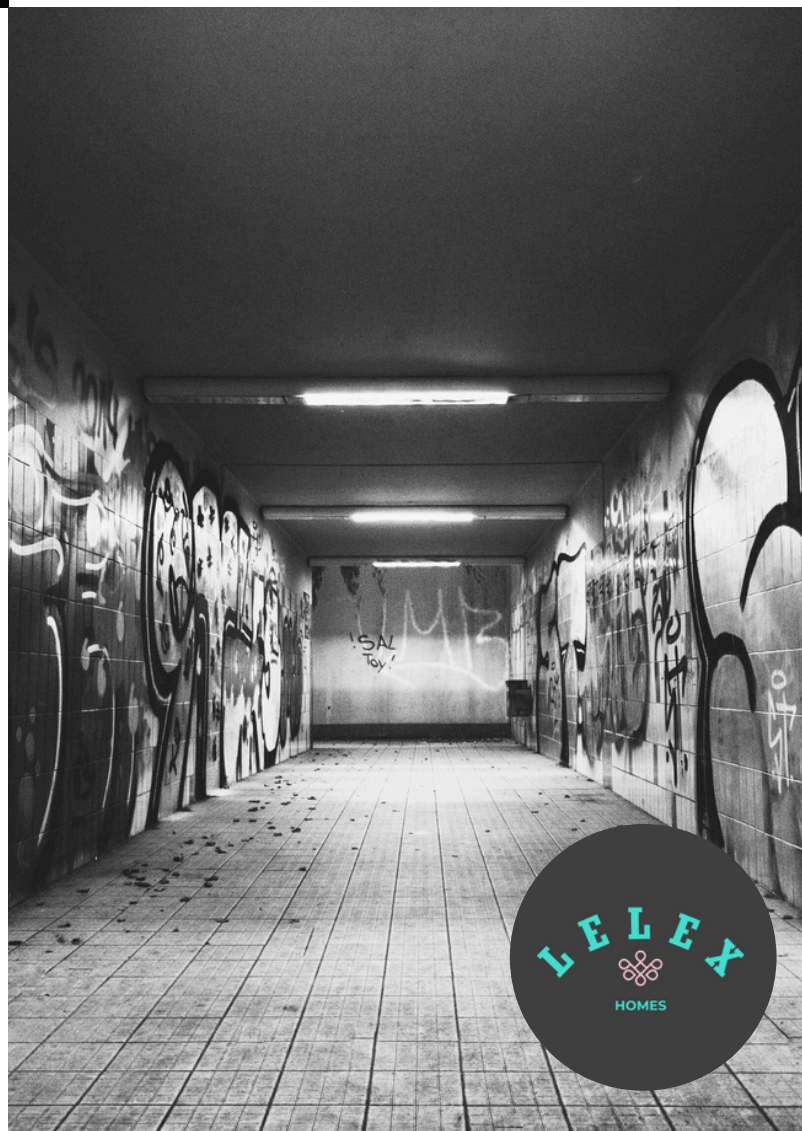
Berlin Street Art Tour and Graffiti Workshop

(€75, approx 90mins)

Berlin and graffiti have been dating for a while (its everywhere and part of the culture). This tour offers an immersive experience of Berlin's vibrant street art scene, culminating in a hands-on graffiti workshop.

- Learn how to create graffiti with spray paints
- Paint your first graffiti on the original Berlin Wall

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Relax

Vabali Spa - Emerge in German sauna and relaxation culture

Vabali is an amazing spa and very popular! The €3.50 reservation fee is worth it! Sometimes the queue can be 2 hours long, and reserving allows you to queue jump (make sure you arrive on time for your slot, otherwise they will ask you to queue anyways)

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BRLO BRWHOUSE Tour and Craft Beer Tasting

(€18.00 per person, approx 90mins)

This is a great way to sample five famous BRLO beers. The guides are great; you'll have a fun 90 minutes. The brewery is very small, so not much walking is involved in this one.

- Brewery tour
- Tasting flight of 5 beers
- Tasting snacks

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Dark Matter



An immersive digital art and light experience, kind of like stepping into a sci-fi movie.

(€18.00, takes around 60-75mins)

Hidden in an industrial space in Berlin, DARK MATTER is a mind-bending journey through light, sound, and technology. From hypnotic installations to interactive sculptures that react to your movements, every room pulls you deeper into a world of glowing, pulsing energy.

Think of it as a techno-fueled dreamscape where the lines between reality and digital art disappear. Whether you're a Berlin nightlife regular or just looking for something unique give it a try

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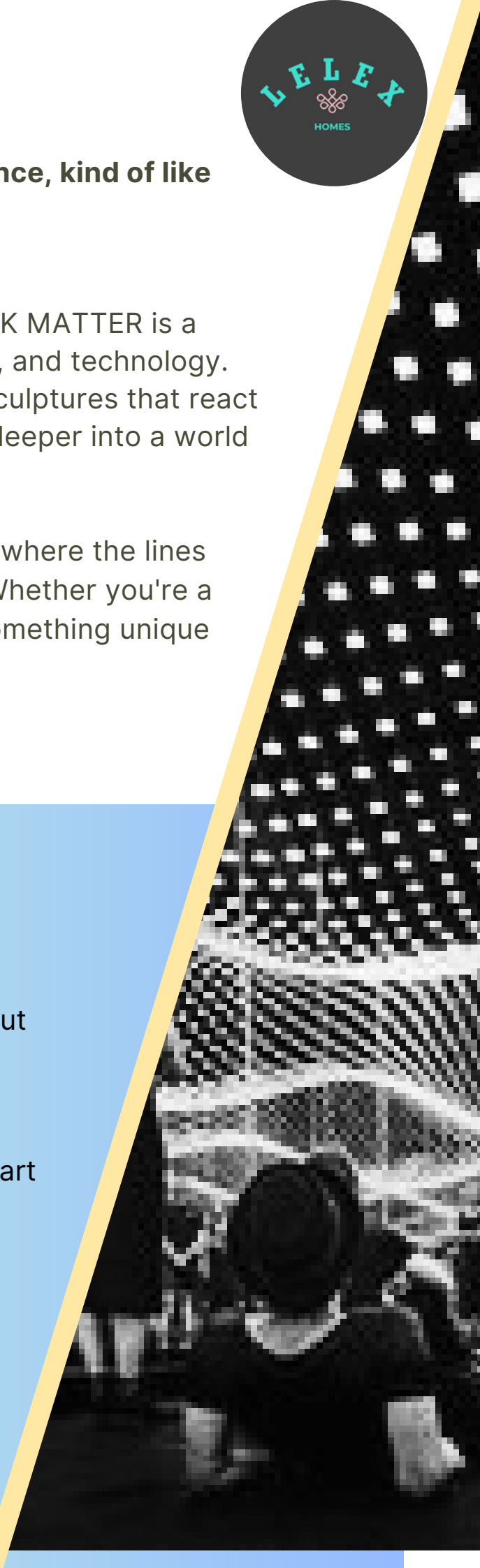
Solar Sky Bar

Amazing Bar & Restaurant with view over Berlin. We have not tried the restaurant, but the bar is worth it for the views alone.

Floor-to-ceiling windows, solid cocktails, and a sleek vibe make it a great spot to start (or end) the night.

It gets busy, so if you don't have a reservation, go early, especially on weekends. Sunset is the move—watching the city light up with a drink in hand.

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Berliner Philharmoniker

The Berliner Philharmoniker is widely regarded as one of the world's leading orchestras.

Attending a performance at the Berliner Philharmonie offers a unique opportunity to experience this musical excellence firsthand.

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GETTING AROUND

Navigating Berlin efficiently is key to maximizing your experience. Two popular options for tourists are the BVG app and the Berlin WelcomeCard

1. BVG Ticket-App: Focused solely on ticket purchasing, this app is straightforward and user-friendly, allowing you to buy tickets on the go without needing paper tickets. (in English). [LINK HERE](#).
2. Berlin WelcomeCard combines unlimited access to public transportation with discounts at over 200 attractions, tours, and restaurants. It's available for various durations, ranging from 48 hours to six days, and covers different fare zones:
 - AB Zone: Covers the city center.
 - ABC Zone: Includes the city center, surrounding areas like Potsdam, and Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER).[LINK HERE](#)

RESTAURANTS, CAFES & BARS



Here we focus on spots that ideally need reservation:

Restaurants:

- Katz Orange: Fancy eatery, blends rustic charm with refined flavors, offering slow-cooked meats and seasonal dishes in a cozy, stylish setting
- Rotei 893: MICHELIN Guide place known for its contemporary Japanese cuisine infused with Asian, South American, and European influences
- Schnitzerei: Most famous place for Schnitzel
- Cocodrillo: Located in Weinbergspark it offers a funky crowd, relaxed vibe and fun people watching
- Osteria Maria: If you are into an experience, this place offers italian live music with a 5 course meal

Brunch:

- Alan's Breakfast Club and Wine Bar: Not to be missed for an amazing Aussie inspired brunch
- House of small wonder: Brunch in a light-filled courtyard.
- La Maison: A canalside boulangerie with baked goods to write home about.
- Daluma: Healthy Eatery in Mitte with very interesting combos.

Bars:

- Buck and Breck: Hidden Speakeasy in Mitte
- Cafe am neuen See: Lovely outdoor restaurant, Bar and beergarden at a lake in Tiergarten
- Klunkerkranich: Outdoor Rooftop Bar for those amazing summer nights
- Bellboy Bar: 20ies themes speakeasy
- Solar Sky Bar: See earlier in this guide
- BRLO Brewhouse: See earlier in this guide
- Eschenbräu: Smaller craft beer place with beer garden
- Feyta Fuchs: Chabby chic bar classic for Berlin



Phone Data

Ensure you've got data. If your phone can take E-sims, this is the best way, in my opinion.

I've used **Airalo**, and the setup is pretty simple (I recommend doing it before traveling).

The other option I've moved to and like is **Roamless**. You buy a certain amount and one esim works in 180+ destinations (so if you have \$10 left before you leave Berlin, you can use it up when you go climb the Inca trail)

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PLACES TO
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- Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag, Jewish Memorial (all in walking distance from each other.) Finish with a Cocktail at Berlin's poshest Hotel Adlon
- Walk along the Panke (little canal in Wedding) and stop at Panke Culture beer garden
- Mauerpark - every Sunday from 3pm there is a live karaoke set that is fun to watch. Have Coffee at Bonanza Coffee Heroes.
- Walk down Brunnenstr. to see amazing coffee shops, restaurants and people watch
- East Side Gallery (is a 10-minute walk along the wall of Berlin). Finish with another coffee at the Michelberger Hotel.

- Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer: Museum about the wall. Walk from there down Brunnenstr. to Weinbergspark to see lots of cool indie shops and cafes
- Check out Berlin's most famous craft beer BRLO Brwhouse - it's a restaurant, bar and beergarden where you can soak in Berlin's vibe (Schöneberger Str. 16)
- Topographie des Terros - Museum about the Nazi Times
- Martin Gropius Bau - My favourite Museum
- Visit St. Obernholz and walk from Rosenthalerplatz to Hackescher Markt for great shopping and food
- Badeschiff: A swimming pool overlooking the river Spree. Expect the best of Berlin sound and vibes



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DAY 1: Dive into History

Morning:

- **Brandenburg Gate:** Start your journey at this iconic Berlin reunification symbol. Arriving early allows you to appreciate it before the crowds gather.
- **Reichstag Building:** A short walk away, the German Parliament offers a glass dome with panoramic city views. Please remember to register for a visit before.
- Great drinks are available in one of Berlin's most upmarket hotels, Hotel Adlon. However, there are no good restaurants in this area. If you are hungry after this, head straight for lunch in the checkpoint Charlie area.

Midday:

- Lunch in Mitte: Explore the central district for diverse dining options. For a taste of Berlin's international flair, consider House of Small Wonder, known for its fusion of Japanese and European cuisines.

Afternoon:

- **Topography of Terror:** Located on the former SS and Gestapo headquarters, this museum provides deep insights into Nazi atrocities.
- **Checkpoint Charlie:** Once the most famous crossing point between East and West Berlin, it's now a museum detailing Cold War history.

Evening:

- Dinner at Katz Orange or Coccodrillo: Reservations are recommended. Finish the night off at Freya Fuchs Bar, Eschenbräu or any other bars on the recommended list.



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DAY 2: Art, Culture, and Local Flavors

Morning:

- East Side Gallery: Begin your day with a stroll along this open-air gallery, where artists have transformed a section of the Berlin Wall into vibrant murals.
- Coffee at Michelberger Hotel: This nearby hotel boasts a quirky café ambiance, perfect for a mid-morning break.

Midday:

- Lunch at Burgermeister: An infamous outdoor burger joint in trendy Kreuzberg. Expect delicious, greasy burgers and a queue!
- Have a stroll through
- Explore Paul-Lincke-Ufer: Stroll down this scenic canal-side street, lined with plenty of café bars. Try La Maison for amazing coffee and croissants.

Afternoon:

- Vintage Shopping in Neukölln: Visit unique boutiques, such as SHIO (Weichselstr. 59) for upcycled fashion or Let Them Eat Cake (Weserstr. 164) for vintage treasures.
- Check out Tempelhofer Feld for a display of the characters living in Berlin and visit Klunkerkranich rooftop bar if the weather allows.

Evening:

- Dinner at Knödelwirtschaft, a traditional German dumpling restaurant, which is one of our favorites in Berlin. Enjoy a walk along the canal before or after your meal.
- Drinks at Bellboy, Bar Ä, Tier: Both located on Weserstraße, these bars offer a great atmosphere to conclude your day.



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DAY 3: Museums, Markets, and Scenic Views

Morning:

- Museum Island: Home to five renowned museums, including the Pergamon Museum and the Neues Museum. Allocate time based on your interests; art and history enthusiasts might find themselves spending several hours here.

Midday:

- Lunch at Hackescher Markt: This area offers a variety of dining options. Consider Lovis, known for its contemporary European dishes.

Afternoon:

- Mauerpark: This is especially lively (depending on the weather) on Sundays with its flea market and open-air karaoke. Even on other days, it's a great spot to relax and people-watch.
- A stroll along the Panke Canal and stop at the beer garden Panke Culture

Evening:

- Check out one of our recommended restaurants
- Drinks at Buck & Breck or Solar Sky Bar: A speakeasy-style bar offering expertly crafted cocktails in an intimate setting.



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