

5 irresistible INDOOR STREET FOOD MARKETS *and* TRUCKS

81 MARKTHALLE 9

**Eisenbahnstr. 42-43
Kreuzberg ②**
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markthalleneun.de

This is a usual suspect for the Berlin foodies, with a cantina and bar that are open from Monday to Saturday. Thursday is Street Food Day and there are big markets on Fridays and Saturdays. The products sold here are mostly locally sourced from small-scale producers. Some really good bakeries are represented here too: Sironi, to name just one!

82 STREET FOOD AUF ACHSE

**Kulturbrauerei
Sredzkistrasse 1
Prenzlauer Berg ③**
+49 (0)30 4431 0737
streetfoodaufachse.de

A classic street food market in the courtyards of the old and beautiful brewery called Kulturbrauerei. Entrance is free and nothing should cost more than 5 euros. Come with an empty stomach, the food is delicious! Open every Sunday from 12 pm on, winter and summer.

83 BITE CLUB

**AT: JULES B-PART
AM GLEISDREIECK PARK
Luckenwalder Str. 6-B
Schöneberg ⑦**
biteclub.de

At the Bite Club street food party you can enjoy excellent local food and ditto drinks in a club-like atmosphere. It is located in front of the Café Jules in the Gleisdreieckpark and if you arrive before 7 pm entrance is free.

84 MARHEINEKE MARKTHALLE

**Marheinekeplatz /
Bergmannstrasse
Kreuzberg ②**
+49 (0)30 5056 6536
meine-markthalle.de

This market is less of a hipster hangout than the first two. It's open every day of the week except on Sunday. Most of the food you'll find here is organic and local. And if you prefer to sit in the sun and enjoy your food at a proper table: restaurant Matzbach has a big terrace.

85 SHAWARMA MAMA

**Different food
markets in Berlin**

Chef Arie Oshri is the king of Tel Aviv street food by day and a renowned drag queen by night in Berlin's (in)famous clubs. He is assisted by Kanaan's chef Gheiath Khowais, a Syrian refugee. This is *shawarma* (= döner) on a whole new level!



The 5 best GAY BARS

136 CAFE NEUES UFER

Hauptstrasse 157
Schöneberg ⑦
+49 (0)30 7895 7900
neuesufer.de

Located in one of the most famous and oldest gay neighbourhoods of Berlin, this was the first gay and lesbian cafe in Europe with large street-facing windows. David Bowie and Iggy Pop lived in the house next door at the end of the 1970s and were regular guests.

137 SILVERFUTURE

Weserstrasse 206
Neukölln ⑥
+49 (0)30 2390 0855
silverfuture.net

A sign hanging over the bar tells patrons to leave their 'heteronormativity' at the door; if not, they can leave themselves. It's funny and it says a lot about the place, which attracts a lesbian crowd. You will love its totally chill and laidback atmosphere.

138 TOM'S BAR

Motzstrasse 19
Schöneberg ⑦
+49 (0)30 2134 570
tomsbar.de

This after hours gay bar is very popular, especially on Monday nights, when you get two drinks for the price of one. The darkroom attracts mostly fetishists and leather-clad men, who come here to cruise, so do expect a lot of action.

139 MÖBEL-OLFE

Reichenberger
Strasse 177
Kreuzberg ②
+49 (0)30 2327 4690
moebel-olfe.de

Thursday is gay night, Tuesday it's women only. And on all the other days of the week it's everything in between or behind. The building is an early 20th-century furniture (*Möbel*) house that has been turned into a lively bar, decorated by contemporary Berlin artists and designers. Go here for eclectic music and DJs and the super friendly atmosphere. The entrance is on Dresdner Strasse.

140 ROSES BAR

Oranienstrasse 187
Kreuzberg ②
+49 (0)30 6156 570

Don't let the inconspicuous outside fool you; this is a place where everything is possible. If you can't get enough of pink, plush and Virgin Mary figures, this might be your thing. It used to be a place for the LGBT crowd but that changed over the last years. Parties here go on for ever.





TYPE HYPE

The 5 most unique CONCEPT STORES

216 THE CORNER

[Französische Str. 40
Mitte](#) ①
[+49 \(0\)30 2067 0940](#)
[thecornerberlin.de](#)

Tired of Berlin's shabby chic and in the mood to really dress up like a film star? Then this is the place you should go to. In this huge (750 m²) concept store on the very touristy but oh so beautiful Gendarmenmarkt, you'll find international luxury fashion brands like Louboutin or Hermès but also design furniture, perfumes and jewellery. There's also a Corner in Charlottenburg and a smaller one in Mitte.

217 SOUL OBJECTS

[Prenzlauer Allee 24
Prenzlauer Berg](#) ③
[+49 \(0\)30 6800 6076](#)
[soulobjects.de](#)

Every time I pass by this store, I can't help but stare at the ever-changing and often mesmerising objects in the window. Not everything is vintage, but you can expect to find carefully curated objects like traditional grooming and shaving tools, porcelain plates with tattoo motifs or exclusive perfumes just to name a few. If you're looking for a special present, you definitely came to the right place.





298 **NATUR-PARK
SÜDGELÄNDE**

Prellerweg 47-49
Schöneberg 📍
+49 (0)30 7009 0624
gruen-berlin.de/natur-park-suedgelaende

This used to be an old railway yard, but fifty years ago it was converted into a small park. It's very young but very interesting, partly because of the mix of wild nature and old industrial architecture, like the water tower or the former locomotive hall (which is popular with artists). There's a bar that opens every weekend in summer.

299 **WEISSENSEE
JEWISH CEMETERY**

Herbert-Baum-Str. 45
Weissensee
+49 (0)30 9253 330
jewish-cemetery-weissensee.org

There are many Jewish cemeteries in Berlin but this one is really special. It's no less than 42 hectares big and has more than 115.000 graves, which makes it the largest Jewish cemetery in Europe and a cultural and historic landmark. Its completely preserved death registry is a unique historical document that tells the story of the development of Berlin's Jewish community.



300 **CHARLOTTENBURG
PALACE GARDENS**

Spandauer Damm
Charlottenburg 📍
+49 (0)33 1969 4200
spsg.de/en/palaces-gardens/object/charlottenburg-palace-gardens

The garden park was laid out in 1697 as the first baroque garden in Germany. A stroll around the 55 hectares that showcase beautiful historical garden architecture can easily be combined with a visit to the palace. Across the street of the palace there are two museums, the Bröhan Museum, specialised in art nouveau and art deco, and the exquisite Berggruen Museum, which houses modern art.

45 PLACES TO ENJOY CULTURE

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5 awesome BIKING TOURS

441 ALONG THE OLD BERLIN WALL

Mauer-Radweg

The Mauer-Radweg follows the former wall's entire winding route – all 174 kilometres of it. You can cycle the entire track in one go, or you can decide to stop overnight along the way. The trail is signposted and divided into sections; you can reach each starting point by train or underground. If you are a short-term visitor, maybe it's wise to opt for a half-day tour; many guides offer them.

442 AROUND THE GRUNEWALD (GREEN FOREST) IN THE WEST

Take the train up to the S-Bahnhof Grunewald, and look for the signs. Your pleasant bike ride through the shadowy forest will also take you to the *Teufelssee* (the lake of the devil) and the historical landmark of the Grunewald Turm (tower). If you're brave enough to climb it, you'll be rewarded with a splendid view.

443 AROUND MÜGGELSEE FOR SOME VINTAGE GDR

The big and the small Müggelsee in the East of Berlin are a perfect destination for an easy bike trip. Take the S-Bahn (take your bike with you on the train or rent one when you're there) to Friedrichshagen. You'll pass by plenty of beer gardens and ice-cream parlours along the way. Have dinner in the amazing former GDR restaurant-tower called the Müggelturm.

444 ALL THE WAY TO COPENHAGEN

*bike-berlin-
copenhagen.com*

In 2010 the city of Berlin completed its bucolic, riverside stretch of the 671-kilometre-long bike trail between Berlin and Copenhagen. This isn't exactly a weekend trip, so better plan ahead. The trail is divided in three stages: the Brandenburger stage (about 150 km), the Mecklenburger stage (250 km) and the Denmark stage (300 km).

445 AROUND BRANDENBURG

*brandenburg-tourism.
com/discover-branden-
burg/brandenburg-
by-bike.html*

The beautiful, rural State of Brandenburg can easily be reached by car or public transport. No less than 7000 kilometres of newly built cycle paths (and they're mostly flat) will lead you to the State's key nature attractions. The website 'Brandenburg by Bike' will suggest several ready-made bike tours to choose from.

5 BOOKS

in which Berlin plays a main role

476 **BERLIN,
IMAGINE A CITY**
RORY MACLEAN, 2014
[rorymaclean.com/
books/berlin](http://rorymaclean.com/books/berlin)

This book should be read as a memoir, a history book and a fictional story at the same time. Travel writer Rory MacLean first visited Berlin in 1978 when he worked on the movie *Just a Gigolo* with David Bowie and Marlene Dietrich. He immediately fell in love with the city. The book assembles an eclectic cast of Berliners over five centuries.

477 **A WOMAN IN BERLIN**
ANONYMOUS, 2003

This is a diary of a 34-year-old journalist in Berlin starting on the 20th of April 1945, the day Berlin saw the face of war for the first time. The stunning account ends on the 22nd of June of that same year and the anonymous author describes her life in a city that's falling down and being sacked by the Russian army. The publication was very controversial in Germany because it reminded people of some uncomfortable truths.

478 **GOODBYE TO BERLIN**
CHRISTOPHER
ISHERWOOD, 1939

Christopher Isherwood (1904-1986) was an Anglo-American writer who moved to Berlin in 1929, attracted by the exciting climate of the city in the Weimar-era and its limitless (sexual) possibilities for a gay writer. The musical *Cabaret* was based partly on *Goodbye to Berlin*.

479 **FUNERAL IN BERLIN**
LEN DEIGHTON, 1964

Funeral in Berlin is a perfect cold war spy mystery, a chronicle of the sixties in Berlin and a spellbinding tale of espionage. The basic premise is that the main character, a British spy, is in Berlin trying to arrange for the smuggling of a top Russian scientist from the East through the Berlin Wall back to the West.

480 **WIR KINDER VOM
BAHNHOF ZOO**
CHRISTIANE F., 1978

This is the autobiography of Christiane F. (born Christiane Vera Felscherinow). It's the shocking story of a child prostitute and heroin addict living in West Berlin. The book was required reading in German schools for a long time, and producer Bernd Eichinger turned it into a film in 1981. The film featured Bowie's *Heroes* and was a huge success. It still serves as a warning for many.