

# Regent

BERLIN

## 10 THINGS TO DO IN BERLIN

### DISCOVER LUXURY IN THE HEART OF BERLIN



#### 1. Brandenburger Tor

The *Brandenburger Tor* is the landmark of Berlin. The main entrance to the city, surrounded by the wall for thirty years, was known throughout the world as a symbol for the division of the city and for the division of the world into two power blocs. Today's international visitors to *Pariser Platz* come to re-experience this first gateway to the city, and to enjoy the long-denied freedom to walk through this magnificent work of art and look at it up close. It was built as the grandest of a series of city gates constituting the passages through the customs wall encircling the city at the end of the 18th century.



#### 2. Reichstag

The *Reichstag* has been the seat of the German parliament since 1999, after it was redesigned by British architect, Sir Norman Foster. Crowning the building is a magnificent glass dome with a viewing platform that spirals round the inside of the dome to the top.

Queues to enter can be lengthy but if you have lunch at the *Dachgarten* restaurant, you can sneak in the side entrance.



#### 3. Checkpoint Charlie

The *Museum Haus am Checkpoint Charlie* tells the story of the Berlin Wall, built in 1961 to cordon off the Soviet sector of the city. The museum is near the site of Checkpoint Charlie, the most notorious crossing between East and West Berlin, and documents the daring escapes to the West plotted by citizens of the former GDR, or East Germany, using hot-air balloons, tunnels and even a mini submarine. The last remaining part of Checkpoint Charlie was torn down in 2000, but the site is still marked with memorials, stalls selling Soviet Memorabilia, and a makeshift guardhouse.

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## 4. Museumsinsel (Museum Island)

The full artwork of the *Museumsinsel* is an unique cultural heritage in which five famous museum buildings are combined in a harmonic ensemble at the Spree. In the south of the island and near to the *Schlossbrücke* and *Berliner Dom* you will find the “*Alte Museum*”. Up to the north the “*Neue Museum*” is built as well as the “*Nationalgalerie*”. At the side of the copper ditch is the “*Pergamonmuseum*” and at the end you will get to the “*Bode-Museum*”.



## 5. Restaurant Fischers Fritz

At the exclusive gourmet restaurant Fischers Fritz, awarded with two Michelin stars, Chef de Cuisine Christian Lohse offers delicious high class fish and seafood specialities. Additionally, the restaurant delights with a unique view on the historic Gendarmenmarkt. The adjacent “Private Dining room” is the perfect location for business lunches as well as private banquette events.



## 6. Gendarmenmarkt

Named after the “gens d’armes” regiment that utilized the place as an exercising yard from 1736-82, the Gendarmenmarkt is generally regarded as one of the most beautiful places in Europe. The picturesque ensemble of Deutscher and Französischer Dom and the Konzerthaus is a definite eyecatcher. The Schauspielhaus was planned and built by Schinkel, Berlin’s most famous architect who left his handwriting all over the city. The former Schauspielhaus now serves solely as a concert hall. The Französische Dom has an accessible lookout platform offering an amazing view over the Gendarmenmarkt.

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## 7. The Regent Berlin

Beautifully situated in the heart of the city, The Regent Berlin is one of Berlin's most intimate five-star-superior hotels. Desirably located it possess an absurdly perfect view of the historical Gendarmenmarkt square directly in the historical center of the capital. It is certain to satisfy with its remarkable view to the Concert Hall, as well as the two 18th-century cathedrals. The most important museums, numerous luxurious boutiques, the famed Friedrichstrasse shopping mile as well as several of the most significant sights – including the Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag and Opera – are only a stroll away.



## 8. Alexanderplatz

The *Alexanderplatz* is also a central place in Berlin. This big place is used as a pedestrian area with lots of shops like department stores, boutique's and a huge cinema as well as a train station. The Alexanderplatz is famous for the big television tower from which top you have a wonderful view over the whole city. You can also visit the café in the top of the tower. If you walk down the place you will find a 10 meters high built clock which shows you the different times of the cities around the world.



## 9. Shopping

*Friedrichstraße* is the most legendary street in the whole city and combines the tradition of the "Golden Twenties" with the architecture of the New Berlin. In the Twenties, the 3.5 km long street was the location for pleasure palaces, cafés, theatres and variety theatres The upper part of *Kurfürstendamm* and the following *Tauentzienstraße* are a shopping paradise. Walking from the *Adenauer-platz*, the Boulevard is becoming a more exclusive and tranquil zone. Big trademarks just like Jil Sander, Chanel or Yves Saint Laurent have their fashion shops in this area.

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## 10. Hackesche Höfe

To catch a slice of the new, cool Berlin, head east to the bustling *Hackescher Markt* area in *Mitte*. Here, old tenement blocks, the pre-war homes, have received a new lease of life and the area is brimming with contemporary art galleries, designer boutiques, chic restaurants and bars.

A visit might start at the *Hackesche Höfe*, a restored complex of art-nouveau lofts housing shops and restaurants, a cinema and a cabaret theatre.



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