

## CLIMATE



Berlin enjoys a temperate seasonal climate midway between the oceanic and continental climate. In May the weather is usually mild. The average temperature is around 20°C (68°F). Rain showers are possible and it is advisable to bring a raincoat.

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS



Call **112**, the European Emergency Number for any emergency or dial direct:  
German Red Cross: +49 (30) 850055 - Ambulance: +49 (30) 310031  
Police: 110

## TELEPHONE



Country code: 49  
Phone booths can be found throughout the city. Telephone cards can be bought at the post office, newsstands, "Berlin Infostore" points, and many other places.

## ELECTRICITY



German house current in wall sockets is 230 volts, 50 Hz, the European standards. For appliances from outside Europe, you should bring the necessary adapter with you.

## TIPPING



Although all prices officially include a service charge, tipping is recommended - as long as you are satisfied.

## TIME



Berlin is in the Central-European time-zone, which means one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time. Additionally, Berlin has daylight saving time, meaning that during spring and summer (from March to October) clocks are set forward one hour.

## BANKING



The national currency is the euro. One euro is worth approximately \$1.40 US or £0.87 sterling. Foreign currency can be exchanged at local banks. Most hotels, restaurants and shops accept major credit cards.

**BERLIN'S TOP SIGHTS**

**Berlin Cathedral**

The largest nineteenth-century Protestant church, with beautiful Sauer church organ and the Hohenzollern family crypt.

**Brandenburg Gate**

The city's most famous landmark and the symbol of Berlin's reunification, crowned with the 1794 Quadriga statue.

**East Side Gallery**

The longest surviving stretch of the Berlin Wall is also the world's longest outdoor gallery - showing artworks by 118 artists from 21 countries.

**Victory Column**

A gilded statue of Victory decorates the top of this 69-meter-high tower.

**TV Tower**

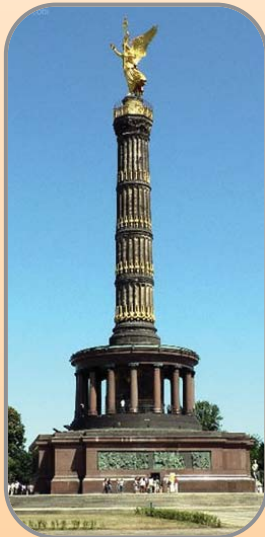
Berlin's highest tower - a soaring 368 meters tall! With viewing platform and revolving restaurant.

**Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church**

Built at the end of the nineteenth century and destroyed in 1943. In 1959-61, a modern church was built next to the ruins.

**Reichstag Parliament Building**

The dome, designed by Sir Norman Foster, offers a stunning view of Berlin and unusual insight (even literally) into German politics.



**Victory Column**



**Fernsehturm  
Television tower**



**Berlin Wall**



**Reichstag Parliament**



**Brandenburg Gate**

**A wealth of melodious sounds**

Berlin's eight large symphony orchestras, including the world famous Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, make it a veritable paradise for classical music lovers from across the globe. Berlin is also the only city in the world to boast three large opera houses. A number of other large orchestras, auditoriums specializing in opera and classical music, illustrious festivals and a magnificent summer open-air season all combine to create a glorious fusion of melodious sounds.

**Art makes its own rules - just like Berlin!**

Berlin is the city of the muses, artists and museums. Its more than 170 museums are packed with the world's art treasures and fascinating historical exhibitions spanning the centuries. The play host to stunning world cultural treasures, including the magnificent Pergamon Altar, the incredibly beautiful bust of Nefertiti, and paintings that range from Old Masters' to iconic contemporary art.