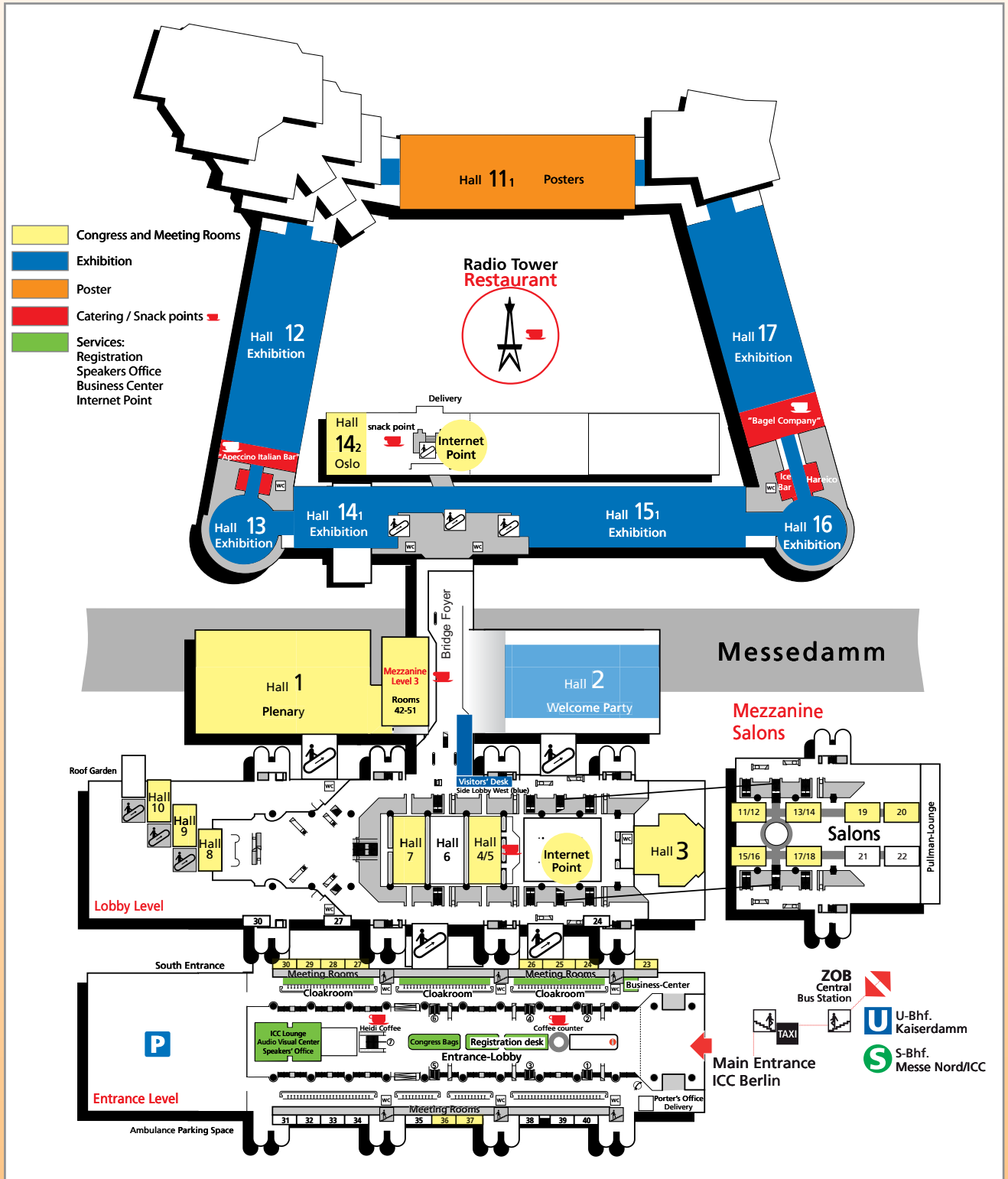


## ➤ **General Information**

**CONGRESS VENUE**  
**ICC Berlin - Internationales Congress Centrum**  
 Neue Kantstrasse / Messedamm  
 14057 Berlin, Germany



Maps of each wing of the Congress Center are available in the "Exhibitors" section of this program (see pages 250-255).

**ORGANIZING SECRETARIAT****MZ Congressi**

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At the congress venue, from Thursday 12 May to Thursday 19 May:  
phone: +49 (0)30 3038-81500  
fax: +49 (0)30 3038-81501

**REGISTRATION DESK**

The registration desk, located at the entrance to the congress center, is open at the following times:

<b>Sunday 15 May</b>	<b>12:00 - 20:00</b>
<b>Monday 16 May</b>	<b>08:30 - 18:00</b>
<b>Tuesday 17 May</b>	<b>08:30 - 18:00</b>
<b>Wednesday 18 May</b>	<b>08:30 - 18:00</b>
<b>Thursday 19 May</b>	<b>08:30 - 18:00</b>

**DESTINATION MANAGEMENT AGENCY****CPO HANSER SERVICE GmbH - BERLIN**

Paulsboner Straße 44  
14193 Berlin, Germany  
phone: +49 (0)30 300669-0  
e-mail: [berlin2011@cpo-hanser.de](mailto:berlin2011@cpo-hanser.de)

If you need any information about the city or if you want to book a tour, you can go to the **Hotels and Tours Desk** and ask our professional staff, who will be pleased to help you.

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

The official language of the congress is English.  
Simultaneous translation from German into English will be provided for the DGKL Symposia.



Look for the flag icon on the scientific program section.

**NAME BADGE and RFID**

All participants will receive a name badge and an RFID (Radio-frequency identification) tag when they check in at the registration desk. These two badges must be worn at all times because only registered participants will be admitted to the lecture halls.

The RFID tag will be used also for the EACCME accreditation and must be delivered to the registration desk at the end of the congress.

The name badge must also be worn at the social events organized as part of the congress.

## REGISTRATION

**Full registration** and **young registration** fees include:

- entrance to plenary lectures, symposia, posters sessions, the exhibition, and industry-sponsored workshops
- congress-information package
- certificate of attendance
- coffee and tea service during intermissions
- Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party (Sunday 15 May 2011)
- Closing Ceremony and Farewell Istanbul Party (Thursday 19 May 2011)
- Berlin public transportation ticket valid from 15 May to 19 May 2011.

The **day-registration** fee includes, for the day of registration only:

- entrance to plenary lectures, symposia, posters sessions, the exhibition, and industry-sponsored workshops
- congress-information package
- certificate of attendance
- coffee and tea service during intermissions

The **accompanying-person** fee includes:

- Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party (Sunday 15 May 2011)
- Closing Ceremony and Farewell Istanbul Party (Thursday 19 May 2011)
- half-day tour
- Berlin public transportation ticket valid from 15 May to 19 May 2011

## PAYMENT

Registration fees must be paid in euros only; cash or credit card (American Express, MasterCard, Visa) are accepted.

## ON-SITE REGISTRATION FEES

■ FULL REGISTRATION	€730,00
■ YOUNG REGISTRATION	€400,00
■ DAY REGISTRATION	€280,00
■ ACCOMPANYING PERSON	€220,00

## CONGRESS KIT

The congress kit can be collected at the **Congress Kit Corner** near the registration desk upon presentation of the congress-kit ticket provided with your badge.

## CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

A certificate of attendance will be issued for the number of days a registrant has actually attended the congress. These certificates will be available at the registration desk and must be picked up before departure.

## INFORMATION POINT

An information point for general information about the congress can be found at the main entrance to the congress center. It keeps the same hours as the Registration Desk.

## EACCME ACCREDITATION

The congress is accredited by the European Accreditation for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) to provide the following CME activity for medical specialists. The EACCME is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), [www.uems.net](http://www.uems.net).

The congress is designated for a maximum of **20 hours of European external CME credits**. Certification of these credit units will be issued along with the certificate of attendance. **It is required to fill out the evaluation form and to deliver it to the registration desk in order to get the credits.** Delegates are advised to contact their own National Accreditation Council for transcription of these credits.

EACCME credits are recognized by the American Medical Association towards the Physician's Recognition Award (PRA). To convert EACCME credits to AMA PRA Category 1 credits, contact the AMA.

German delegates can also obtain CME points using their personal barcodes. The Chamber of Medicine Berlin (Ärztekammer Berlin) has accredited 24 CME points for the whole congress. Please refer to DGKL booth for accreditation procedures.

## EXHIBITION

The exhibits of diagnostics companies in the field make up a very important part of the congress. All major international and German clinical-biochemistry and laboratory-medicine companies are represented.

The exhibition is held in the following areas of the congress center:

- Hall 12
- Hall 13
- Hall 14.1
- Hall 15.1
- Hall 16
- Hall 17

See pages 256-257 for a complete list of exhibitors.

Participants are invited to visit the large exhibition area which will be open as follows:

<b>Monday 16 May</b>	<b>10:00 - 17:00</b>
<b>Tuesday 17 May</b>	<b>10:00 - 17:00</b>
<b>Wednesday 18 May</b>	<b>10:00 - 17:00</b>

Admittance to the exhibition area is free of charge and does not require congress registration. However, for security reasons, anyone wishing to visit the exhibition without registering for the congress must report to the **Visitors Registration Desk** at the entrance to the exhibition area (see map on page 176).

Visitors will be given a visitor badge and an RFID tag. This badge does not provide admission to the lecture halls.

## INTERNET POINTS & WIRELESS CONNECTIONS

Complimentary internet points are available in the central lobby of the congress center and in the front lobby of Hall 14.2 (see map on page 176). As a courtesy to other delegates, please limit your time of use to 15 minutes at busy times.

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ICC Berlin is offering free WiFi for delegates while the congress is in session, 15–19 May 2011. Access details are:

SSID: ICC WIFI

Username: IFCC

Password: IFCC2011

This WiFi is available in the entrance lobby, the central lobby, the side lobbies, and the bridge lobby only.

## AUDIOVISUAL CENTER

The audiovisual center is located in the ICC Lounge in the entrance lobby of the congress centre (see map on page 176). Speakers are kindly requested to bring their presentations to the audiovisual center on a USB stick or CD-ROM at least two hours before the presentation is scheduled.

## BUSINESS CENTER

There is business center in the entrance lobby (see map on page 176) where delegates can send faxes, make copies or print files. A fee is charged for these services. It keeps the same hours as the Registration Desk.

## CLOAKROOM

A cloakroom where delegates' belongings (such as coats, bags, posters, ect.) can be left during the congress is located in the entrance lobby of the congress center. A fee is charged for this service (luggage: 2.30 Euro - coat: 1,70 Euro).

## BERLIN TRAVEL CARD

A Berlin public transportation pass is included in all registered delegates' and accompanying persons' congress badge. The pass allows participants to use all BVG transportation for the duration of the congress, from 15 May to 19 May.

The most convenient way to reach the ICC is via public transport:

- by **S-Bahn** S41, S42 and S46 to "Messe Nord/ICC" stop  
or S5, S7, S9, S41, S42, S45, S46, S47 and S75 to "Westkreuz" stop
- by **U-Bahn** U2 to "Kaiserdamm" stop
- by **Bus** with line M49, X34, X49, 104 and 139 to "Messedamm/ZOB/ICC"

## TAXICABS

The following taxi companies provide service:

- Funk Taxi +49 800 0261026
- Würfelfunk +49 800 2222255

## BY CAR

Please be aware that parts of the city are within the limited-access environmental zone (Umweltzone). Special stickers are required.

The congress center, however, lies outside this zone.

## PARKING

There are free parking spaces all around the congress center. There is also a parking inside the congress center, south entrance, at the following rates:

- per hour: €2,50
- maximum fee (full day): €7,50

## POSTERS

Posters will be displayed in Hall 11.1, as indicated.

Posters are arranged by topic and must be on display from 16 May until 18 May according to the following timetable:

- |               |                 |                      |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| ■ setup:      | starting 10:00. | May 16               |
| ■ display:    | 10:00 - 17:00   | May 16, 17 and 18    |
| ■ withdrawal: | 17:00 - 18:00   | May 18 <sup>th</sup> |

The Organizing Secretariat takes no responsibility for posters left on display afterwards.

Each poster is numbered and the poster board number corresponding to its poster code is shown on the board.

In order to encourage discussions, poster walks will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 13:30 to 14:30 (see pages 20-21; 39-40; 58-59).

The author of the selected posters is asked to be by his/her poster panel from 13:30 to 14:30. Each author will have up to three minutes to present the poster.

The chairman selected for each poster walk will guide the walk and chair the discussion.

All delegates wishing to attend poster walks must be at the first poster panel (see poster-panel code) at 13:30.

## ABSTRACTS CD-ROM

All abstracts are published in the Journal of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (CCLM), CD-ROM version, and included in the index services such as regular CCLM issues (CAS, BIOBASE, EMBASE, MEDLINE).

## COFFEE VOUCHERS

All registered delegates (with full, young or day registration) will be given four coffee vouchers (one per day) when they check in at the registration desk.

Each voucher is valid for a hot drink, a soft drink, juice or mineral water and can be redeemed at any catering area inside the congress center.

## CATERING SERVICE DURING THE CONGRESS

During the congress, several catering services will be operating in the congress center and in the exhibition area. A description of these services and their average cost follows.

### CAFÉ COUNTER - ICC ENTRANCE LOBBY

At the ICC meeting point before the registration desk, light snacks and coffee are available for a meet and greet.

Prices:

Coffee, Snacks, Cakes  
2,00 – 5,00 euros

### HEIDI COFFEE - ICC ENTRANCE LOBBY

Explore the world of Heidi, the sweet girl from the mountains, and discover the fascinating world of coffee. Delicious cakes and a great coffee from Switzerland: Heidi coffee.

Prices:

Coffee and snacks  
Ciabatta, cakes  
3,00-5,00 euros



### APECCINO - ICC HALL 14.2 AND ICC BRIDGE LOBBY

Italian snacks, coffee, and cold beverages.

### TURKISH BAR - ICC CENTRAL LOBBY

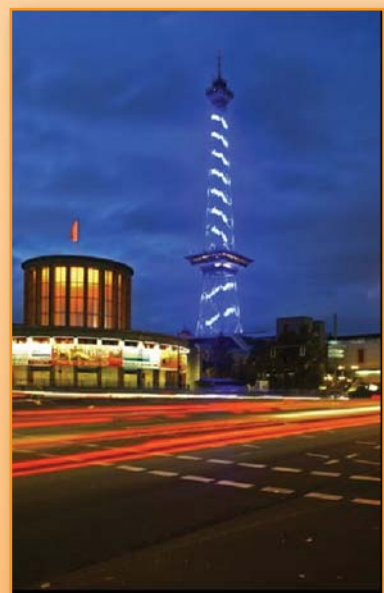
Turkish snack bar.

### FUNKTURM-RESTAURANT

The Funkturm-Restaurant, furnished in the original style of the 1920s, welcomes its visitors with box seats at a dizzying height. Our team will do all they can to draw your attention back from the sensational view of Berlin that this location offers to your plate. Our personal service and sophisticated food are guaranteed to do just that. Come visit us up here and enjoy a treat for all five senses.

**Please make reservations:**

Our staff at the Funkturm are happy to take your reservations  
Phone (030) 3038-2900  
Fax (030) 3038-1997  
[funkturm@capital-catering.de](mailto:funkturm@capital-catering.de)



**APECCINO - HALL 12**

Apeccino offers top-quality Italian coffee, served in all variations from gorgeous vintage vehicles built by Piaggio - known as "The Bee" (or Ape, Ahpay, in Italian) - and by Lambretta Innocenti. These small, three-wheeled workhorses from the sixties and seventies have been lovingly restored and redesigned as mobile espresso bars.

Apeccino also serves handmade cakes and freshly made *ciabatta* and pizza.

Prices:

- Pasta 6,00-8,00 euros
- Pizza 4,50-10,00 euros
- Ciabatta 5,00 euros
- Cake 3,00 euros
- Softs drinks 2,80-3,20 euros
- Coffee 2,10 euros



**BAGEL COMPANY, FRESH COMPANY HALL 17**



"Healthy and fresh" is the Bagel Company motto.

We combine the traditional bakery with a modern coffee-and-tea shop.

The Fresh Company smoothie bar serves smoothies made from fresh fruits and ice. We mix the smoothies fresh on site.

Prices:

- Bagel 4,00 euros
- Soup with bagel 4,50 euros
- Salads 3,95-5,50 euros
- Finger-food box with 5 delicacies 10,00 euros
- Smoothies 0,3 | 4,00 euros

**HAREICO - HALL 16**

Hareico serves typical German snacks, such as Berlin curry wurst, bratwurst, and *Bouletten* (meatballs).

You will find us between Hall 16 and Hall 17.

Prices: 2,00-5,00 euros



**ICE BAR - HALL 17**

Ice cream will be served.

You will find us between Hall 16 and Hall 17.

Prices: 1,50-2,50 euros



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**WELCOME PARTY**

*Sunday 15 May, 19:30 - Congress Center, Hall 2*

Following the Opening Ceremony, you are kindly invited to the Welcome Party in Hall 2 of the Congress Center.

During the party you can taste a variety of delicacies from several German regions.

Admission to the Welcome Party is granted to all delegates and accompanying persons. Please remember to wear your badge during this event.

**NORTH GERMANY**



*Mecklenburg West Pomerania,  
Schleswig Holstein,  
Lower Saxony*

**CENTRAL GERMANY**



*North-Rhine-Westphalia  
Thuringia,  
Saxony*

**CAPITAL CITY**



*Berlin*

**SOUTH GERMANY**



*Bavaria*

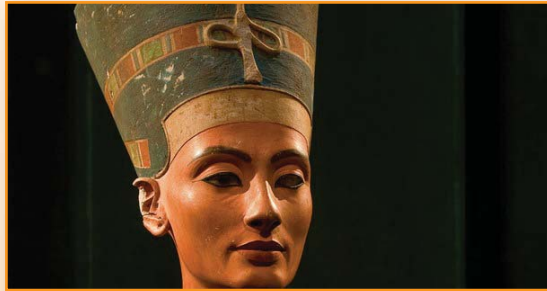
**CONGRESS PARTY**

*Wednesday 18 May, 19:30 - Museum Island*

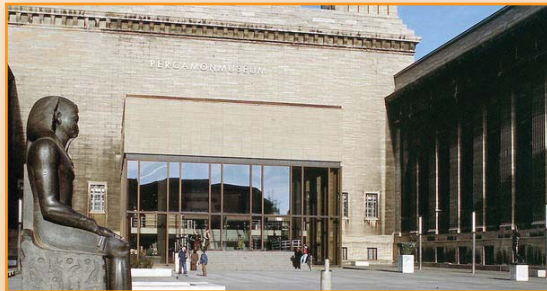
**Explore the museums and dive into culture**

Tonight you will have an exclusive opportunity to visit the world-famous Pergamonmuseum, the Alte Nationalgalerie (Old National Gallery) and the Neues Museum (New Museum) on Museum Island exclusively after opening hours.

Four cicerone will be available in each of the museums to answer questions.



**Neues Museum**  
**Nefertiti, Berlin's prettiest lady**



**Pergamonmuseum**  
**Classical treasures in Berlin's most frequently visited museum**



**Alte Nationalgalerie**  
**Masterpieces from Impressionism to Realism**

Alongside the cultural feast, you will find buffet areas offering various types of food and drinks, at the Kolonnadenhof (colonnades courtyard) between the Neues Museum and the Alte Nationalgalerie. Indulge yourself in delicious food and drinks, be inspired by the unique architecture and atmosphere of Museum island.

If you have already booked your ticket, you will find it inside your congress badge. Please present the ticket at the entrance to the museums.

If you have not booked your ticket yet, please check with the Social Events Desk by Tuesday, 17 May at 12:00.

Congress Party fees on site:

- Registered delegates and accompanying persons: €30,00
- Non registered people: €90,00

## 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**

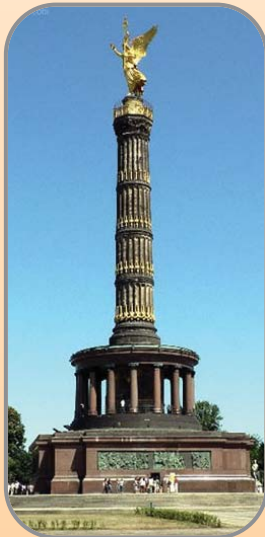
Berlin's highest tower - a soaring 368 meters tall! With viewing platform and revolving restaurant.

**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.