

Some recommendations from our DGB colleagues



The Mitte district really is at the center of Berlin and it has much more to offer than just the government quarter, famous attractions and landmarks. Berlin-Mitte has a number of shops, bars and cafés.

Look for...

S Hackescher Markt



Highlights:

The Hackesche Höfe are quite famous and are comprised of a labyrinth of eight courtyards, accessible through Rosenthalerstrasse 40's main arched entrance. Inside, one can stroll from one small specialized shop to another, just as in the neighboring Rosenhöfe and Rosenthaler Höfe. A walk down Oranienburger str. heading the "Hackescher Markt" with its plenty Souvenir-Shops and fashion-boutiques ensures entertainment. The head-quarter of the DGB is also located here and cannot be missed. The little cafés, bars and restaurants are favorite places for relaxed shopping breaks. Besides Rosenthaler Straße and Oranienburger Straße, Neue Schönhauser Straße and Alte Schönhauser Straße are also recommended for shopping as well as Weinmeister Straße and Münzstraße.

CAFES

Café Fleury, Weinbergsweg 20

Located on perhaps Berlin's most appetizing stretch of real estate adjacent to the park on Weinbergsweg, smack-dab at the meeting point between Mitte and Prenzlauer Berg. Café Fleury is this winsome neighborhood's nod to the French good life.



Opening times: Mo – Su from 09:00 AM – 07:00 PM

BARS

Altes Europa, *Gipsstraße 11*

Altes Europa, offering a daily changing menu of simple food and a good selection of wine and keeps it simple and sweet. This is the kind of bar that could easily become your second living room.



Amano Bar, *Auguststraße 43*

The innovative range of cocktails and perfect service have earned the bar an excellent reputation far beyond city limits. Therefore the AMANO Bar won the prize for the “Best Hotel Bar” and the “Best Bar Team” for 2013 at the Mixology Awards in Berlin.



Meisterschüler Bar, *Friedrichstraße 105b*

Art or cocktail? Why not both. The Meisterschueler is both a bar and gallery. Don't miss the great view over the Spree.



Reingold Bar, *Novalisstraße 11*

Reigold is understood simultaneously as a bar, lounge and club on a high level in the style of the 20s



FOOD

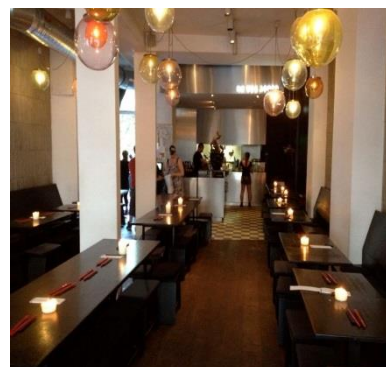
Schwarzwaldstuben,

Tucholskystraße 49 (German Food)



Transit,

Rosenthaler Straße 68



Monsieur Vuong,

Alte Schönhauser Straße 46
(Vietnamese)

Kuchi,

Gipsstraße 3 (Sushi)

Mädchenitaliener,

Alte Schönhauser Straße 12



Boxed in on two sides on the West German side of the Wall in the years following the war, Kreuzberg was somewhat isolated from the rest of West Berlin and became a world unto itself. Packed with slightly crumbling tenements, it was affordable, if not downright cheap, and therefore popular with newly arrived Turkish immigrants as well as punks and anarchists from around the world. Always an alternative enclave, it lost some of its luster in the years after the Wall fell and eastern neighborhoods such as Prenzlauer Berg drew the crowds. But with the latter in the final phases of gentrification, local magazines are heralding the return of Kreuzberg's cool factor. Bergmannstraße and Oranienstraße, both lined with cafés, bars, and restaurants, are very popular. Meanwhile, the neighborhood has remained multicultural.

Watch out for...

U Kottbuser Tor

Highlights:



Kreuzberg is best explored in two parts. From Platz der Luftbrücke station walk west to **Viktoriapark** and climb the *Kreuzberg* for views north over the city. Descend eastwards and walk along well-mannered **Bergmannstraße**, perhaps visiting a café or the market hall, before walking south to Columbiadamm for access to the **former Tempelhof airport**, now a wonderful spacious park.

Start a tour of the fascinating eastern end of Kreuzberg at **Kottbuser Tor** U-Bahn station; wander north through 'little Istanbul' to **Oranienplatz** and follow the park to the **Engelbecken pond** where you can follow the former Wall along **Bethaniendamm to Mariannenplatz**, a centre of Berlin subculture. Stroll down Waldemarstraße to café-lined **Lausitzerplatz** and cross under the U-Bahn

line to lively **Görlitzer Park**. From here, go north into *Falckensteinstraße* to discover more of Kreuzberg's street art, or head south along Ohlauer Straße and across Landwehrkanal into the trendy 'Kreuzkölln' district for delicious cupcakes and cocktails.

The open-air "**Türkischer Markt**": The Turkish Market stretches along the Maybachufer every Tuesday and Friday.

Closer to Mitte, Daniel Libeskind's **Jewish Museum** is one of Berlin's most architecturally significant new buildings (9-14 Lindenstrasse, www.juedisches-museum-berlin.de).

CAFES

Kuchenkaiser, Oranienplatz 11-13
Cake you get here at any time day or night from their own bakery.



Café Luzia, Oranienstraße 34,
Classic cocktails and coffee specialities in a vintage café with a chic industrial style.



BARS

Golgotha, Katzbachstraße (Viktoriapark)
Who goes for a walk in Victoria Park automatically ends up in the pretty beer garden with roof terrace and lounge character.



Yorckschlösschen, Yorckstraße 15, Kreuzberg (Jazz-Bar)

In a friendly atmosphere with live concerts and photos great jazz musicians on the walls, you can spend, especially in summer a great time at



FOOD

Cafe Jacques,
Maybachufer 8 (French-oriental)



Jolesch,
Muskauer Str. 1 (Austrian)



Restaurant VOLT,
Paul-Lincke-Ufer 21, (German)





Friedrichshain is the neighbor-district of Kreuzberg at the east-side of the spree-river. It's a lively old workers district with well restored buildings from the late 19th Century such as the Simon-Dach-Straße with its endless street cafés and bars, but also rural sides and wastegrounds along the riverside. Students, artists and fascinating people from all over the world live here. One can find touristic attractions like beach-bars at the waterside or possibilities to taste international cuisine to affordable prices.

Watch out for...

S+U Warschauerstraße



Highlights:

* Get off the S- or U-Bahn at Warschauer Straße; enjoy the **city panorama** from the bridge and glance back at the dainty red-brick **Oberbaumbrücke bridge** before heading north into the district. Turn right on Revaler Straße and left on tree-lined Simon-Dach-Straße for Friedrichshain's most touristy stretch of bars and cafés. A right on Krossener Straße takes you to "**Boxi**", Boxhagener Platz, scene of the excellent **Sunday flea market**. Walk north along Gärtnerstraße and Mainzer Straße to reach the grand Stalinist-style **Frankfurter Allee**. Follow this west (it becomes Karl-Marx-Allee) and turn right onto Friedenstraße for a stroll and a beer in **Volkspark Friedrichshain**.

CAFES

Café Dachkammer, *Simon-Dach-Straße 39*
Coffee, cocktails and beer, plus light snacks, in a hip, convivial setting with vintage sofas and a terrace.

Café Morgenduft, *Warschauer Str. 60*
Small Café with different cakes and Smoothies which gives everyone a positive Atmosphere.



BAR

Bar-Michelberger Hotel, Warschauer Str. 39-40

The laid back atmosphere exudes a permanent invitation to sit back, relax and enjoy the colorful array of people that walk through. The whole interior makes your inner child want to break loose to express itself and join the playful style of the hotel it lives in.



FOOD

Schneeweiß

Simplonstraße 16 (German)



Glory Duck

Sonntagstraße 31



