

Things to do in Berlin

The evening will still be very light and so it's a perfect opportunity to see some of the great sights of Berlin. For details on near-by hotels scroll to the end.

If you're only there for the day we highly recommend these sights in the immediate area:



At Potsdamer Square, where Europe's first set of traffic lights came into action, you can see remnants of the Berlin wall. In 1961 the previously central square became an isolated dead end as the Berlin wall was built. Cut off from Berlin's traditional centre, now in the East, and West Berlin's commercial district, and with both U-Bahn and S-Bahn stations now in the middle of the wall's Death Strip, it lost its raison d'etre and faded rapidly. The only reason to go there was to climb the viewing stand to look over the wall. Today you can see where the wall stood. The new office buildings are in themselves interesting for their architecture and the Sony Centre is well worth a visit at night when the roofs sails are lit up.



Walking from Potsdamer Platz along Ebertstrasse you will see the Holocaust Memorial. The power of the Memorial can only really be felt once you wander through the concrete blocks, where the light dims and you soon lose your companions.

Continuing along Ebertstrasse you will come to Brandenburg Tor (gate). Built in the 18th century, this gate was used by Napoleon for his triumphal procession after the 1806 Prussian defeat at the Battle of Jena-Auerstedt.

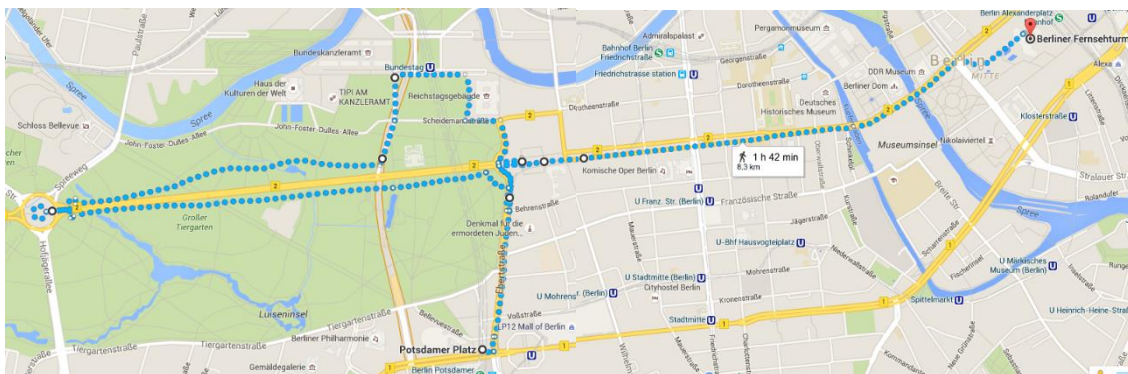


Continue past Brandenburg gate on Eberstrasse to the Reichstag (German parliamentary buildings). You can visit the Reichstag and take a tour in the dome looking down into the parliament and with amazing views across Berlin. It's free but you need to book well ahead as this is typically very popular. Register [here](#).

The Tiergarten to the west side of Brandenburg Tor is a lovely haven away from the city and if you're lucky you might spot a red squirrel or even a wild boar! You can walk up towards the Victory Column through the park or along Strasse des 17th Juni (approx. 25 min walk). You can also go up the victory column for a 360° view of the city.



From Brandenburg Tor you can walk along Unter den Linden towards Alexanderplatz to visit the TV Tower, seeing other sights such as the Dom and the current re-building of the Palace. The tower is 365m high and the tallest building in Berlin. As urban legend has it, the tower's height was a deliberate decision taken by Walter Ulbricht, Leader of the SED, so that every child would be able to remember it, just like the days of the year. In fact the tower's summit today is 368m. There is a bar and restaurant in at the top for the 360° dining experience.



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