

Editor's picks for the best places to stay, dine and shop in Berlin

Hotels: Westin Grand Berlin. A hotel built in the late 1980s as the first Western-quality hotel in East Berlin. It has a great location to nearby museums. Rates from about \$180 per night. Friedrichstrasse 158-164. westin.com

Circus Hotel: A favorite chic budget choice for those who want to stay in the eastern part of the city. The hotel is sponsoring events related to the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Wall. The same company operates a low-cost hostel. Rates from about \$120 per night. Rosenthalerstrasse 1. circus-berlin.de

Hotel Adlon Kempinski. Recreation of the famous pre-World War II luxury hotel, its location on the Pariser Platz is perfect for seeing former East Berlin sites. It's also famous as the hotel where Michael Jackson once dangled his baby over the balcony while waiving to well-wishers. Rates from about \$425 (specials sometimes available). Unter den Linden 77.

Hotel-adlon.de

Dining: Lutter & Wegner. Rebirth of legendary pre-World War II wine cellar with huge Weiner schnitzel and a long list of European and other wines. Charlottenstrasse 56. Berlin-Mitte. lutter-wegner-gendarmenmarkt.de

Einstein Café: An East Berlin outpost of the best café in the

city. Unter den Linden 42, 030-2-4-36-32. einsteinudl.com

Hackescher Markt: Through fascist, communist and capitalist regimes, one constant has been the stands and cafes around this busy S-Bahn subway station.

Kadima Restaurant: Russian Jewish food in the heart of what was a pre-World War II Jewish community. Oranienburgerstrasse 28, 011-49-30-275-942-51.

Cafe Orange: Relaxed cafe and restaurant next door to the restored facade of the Neu Synagogue, Oranienburgerstrasse 32, 030-283-85-242.

Opernplatz imbibis. Sausage stand in front of the Opernplatz Cafe. Opernplatz is the old name of what is now Bebelplatz, across Unter den Linden from the Neue Wache. Bratwurst and beer at stand-up tables for under \$10. The adjacent cafe has beer and a full menu at higher prices and slower service, but at least you can sit.

Fassbender & Rausch: Best known as one of the great chocolate shops of Europe, the shop also has a nice little dessert cafe. Charlottenstrasse 60. 030-45-84-40.

Shopping: Ampelmann shops. Locations around the city, including in the Potsdamer Platz Arkaden.

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