



Travel Guide Time Out Berlin 2004

ly having to stay overnight. Otherwise, family rooms are available for convention groups, for whom they have specially priced packages.

Hotel Services Bar. Conference facilities. Disabled adapted rooms. Gas. Laundry. No-smoking floors. Parking (€10). Restaurants (2). Rooms for groups. Hairdresser. Machine. TV pay movies. safe/box

Taurus Hotel

Muehlengraben 1, 10119 (203 5254)fax 2043 5255/
www.hotel-taurus.de) 52, 53, 57, 59, 5776

Hackescher Markt. Rates breakfast incl. €14 (incl)
€20 single; €20 double. Credit cards, FIC, M, V
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Tucked away behind Hackescher Markt (5) station, this small hotel has a great location, near the Museuminsel and ideally placed for enjoying Mitte nightlife. It's a little way to the main train terminus to be recommended for light sleepers in an... room, but you can't beat it for city bustle and beauty. Ask for a room with a view of the Dom cathedral. 1
Hotel services Bar. Parking (€10) Room services Telephone. TV

Cheap

Circus Hostel

Weinbergsweg 1a, 10119 (2839 1433/fax 2839 1484/www.circus-berlin.de). U2 Rosa Luxemburg Platz. Rates (per bed per night) €14 6-7-bed room; €17 4-5-bed room; €20 3-bed room; €24 2-bed room; €30 1-bed room; €65-€120 2-4-bed apartment with balcony; €2 bedlinen (compulsory). €1.50-€4.50 breakfast. **No credit cards.** Map p316/p 303 G3.

The Circus now has two locations (the other is in nearby Rosa-Luxemburg-Strasse; see website). Both are a short walk from Mitte's best bars and clubs.

They're friendly hostels with clean and bright rooms – a rarity for backpacker places. The owners are young travellers themselves and work hard to offer value for money. Staff can arrange discount club and concert tickets and travel cards. Best of all, they do special tours to underground bunkers and normally inaccessible archives; the Stasi tour should not be missed. For longer stays, the apartments on the top floor are well priced and have fine views. Single-sex rooms are also available. But be sure to book ahead: this place is deservedly popular.

Hostel services Bar. Disabled: adapted rooms.

Laundry. Pay phone. Safe. TV.

Other locations: Rosa-Luxemburg-Strasse 39, Babelsberg, 2839 1433.

The Clubhouse Hostel

Katholischenstrasse 2, 10117 (2039 7979)fax 2039 7977/www.clubhouse-berlin.de) 19, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 59, 525, 526, 529 Friedrichstrasse

Rates (per bed per night) €14-€17 dormitory;

€20 for 3-bed room; €20 double; €22 single;

€2 bedlinen (compulsory); €2 breakfast buffet

plus drinks. **No credit cards.** Map p316/p317

Centrally located, the Clubhouse Hostel is housed in a historic building and culture centre, the Katholische (Catholic) church just behind the infamous Taschen arts centre. The rooms smell a bit like dirty socks, but that's budget travelling for you. No matter, the staff are friendly and speak English. Other highlights include an attractive communal room. **Hotel services Internet. Guided tours. Poshie. Safe. Storage.**

Mitte's Backpacker Hostel

Chausseestrasse 102, 10115 (2039 0963)fax 2039 0933/www.backpacker.de) 18 Rosenthaler Strasse
Rates (per bed per night) €15 (dormitory); €19 4