

Berlin for school or student groups

Berlin, Germany's **exciting capital**, is a city which offers something for everybody and every price class.

Because of its role in the **recent German and European history**, Berlin is a very popular and interesting destination for school and student groups from all over the world as well.

The basic way to get a first impression of Berlin is a **2 or 3 hours city sightseeing** by bus which introduces to the main sights in the city.

To see how the Reichstag or the area of the Potsdamer Platz looked in the beginning of the 20th century, it is possible to book a **3 hours video bus tour** which shows historical footage on the bus monitors.

A different perspective on the city can be gained from the water side, by a **boat trip** on the river **Spree**.

If one wants to combine seeing the city with being active, **Berlin on Bike** is the thing – this **3 hours cycling tour** with a guide also offers a more direct perspective than a tour by bus.

For groups wanting to experience the former German separation which ran right through Berlin, the **4 hours Wall tour** includes preserved Wall stripes, Checkpoint Charlie and Bernauer Straße.

The exhibition "**The Story of Berlin**" has a new turn on history as everything shown here is meant to be touched, explored and experienced. Visitors go through all phases in Berlin history, like the roaring 20s or the time of German separation.

Everyday life in the former GDR is presented in the **DDR museum** which also lets its visitor sit on, touch and use the exhibitions pieces to get the full picture.

The **Stasi-prison Hohenschönhausen** presents another part of the German separation and offers first-hand experience of how the Stasi, the former GDR state security, operated there.

The **KZ Sachsenhausen** which lies 35 km north of Berlin gives insight into an even darker part of German history as over 200.000 people were imprisoned here during the NS-regime.



Besides the informative visits down history lane, Berlin also offers fun activities and excursions. In the **movie park Babelsberg** located just outside the city, visitors can experience shows, sets and scenes from famous movies like "The Bourne Supremacy", "Hostile Waters" or "The Pianist".



In the **Western City "El Dorado"** (90 km north of Berlin), galloping horses, flying bullets and stage coach chases are a daily occurrence. Several stunt shows and activities add to the Wild West atmosphere.

Located about 75 km south of Berlin, **Tropical Islands** is an oasis for a short vacation where it is possible to enjoy the warm water, the sandy beach, the water slides and the in-door rain forest.



Hostels in Berlin

Hereafter, we would like to introduce some **nice hostels** which are especially suited for school and student groups.

Three Little Pigs Hostel

The **Three Little Pigs Hostel** stands out because of its **great location** close to the **Potsdamer Platz** with numerous restaurants, shops and entertainment opportunities. Several other sights like the **Brandenburger Tor** or the boulevard **Unter den Linden** are also in close proximity. The hostel's building used to be a nunnery. The surroundings are **very quiet** despite its location in the middle of the city.



The **52 rooms** are individually and functionally furnished. The non-smoking hostel offers everything from **SGL** to **8-bed rooms**. Guests can use the self-catering kitchen and enjoy pool, table soccer and free WLAN in the lobby.

A&O Hostel Berlin Hauptbahnhof

The hotel and hostel chain **A&O** recently opened a new house **directly** at the **main station** in Berlin and is with this ideally located for groups **arriving by train** or wanting to stay **right in the middle of the city** with short distances both in Eastern and Western directions.



Besides its **300** classic **single**, **double** and **multiple-bed** rooms, equipped with shower/WC, WLAN, hair-dryer and TV, the A&O Berlin Hauptbahnhof also provides spacious family rooms. The lobby offers Internet terminals, a bar, a souvenir shop as well as a 24h reception desk.

Meininger Berlin Hauptbahnhof

This is the **fourth Meininger hotel** in Berlin and was opened in October 2009, so it is fairly **new**. Its location directly at the main station is ideal as a **starting point** into the city centers in West, Mitte and East.

The **296 modernly** and **functionally** equipped **rooms** are to be found on 8 floors. The Meininger offers rooms from **1** to max. **4 beds** which all include bath/shower and air condition. Wireless Internet is free in the lobby area. Besides, there is a **self-catering kitchen** and a **lounge bar**.



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