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A contemporary guide to  
*BERLIN*

happen to be feeling energetic head over to the primary coloured beach huts and hire a rowing boat for 5€ per half an hour.

Food is also available; 7.90€ will get you a monumental pizza and 9.10€ a plate of spare ribs, and you can finish this off with some ice cream for 1.00€ per scoop. Don't expect a serene and quiet evening if you go after 19.00, however, as in the evening music starts blasting and people start flooding in.

*Matthew King*



## YAAM

Stralauer Platz 35 | Kreuzberg 10243  
U Schlesisches Tor | S Warschauer  
Straße

Mon-Sun 10.00- open end

Entry Free

[www.yaam.de](http://www.yaam.de)

Sitting right on the edge of the river spree, just a short stroll from Ostbahnhof station and at one end of the east side gallery, this beach bar, with its Caribbean music, volleyball court and sandy river banks, is perfectly suited to Kreuzberg's eclectic personality and chilled-out demeanor. Yaam mixes African, Caribbean and Brazilian culture with live music,

a miniature skate park and a reasonably priced bar. Spend 2.50€ on a Berliner Pilsner, 5-7€ on a cocktail, or 2€ per shot. People play basketball or football and sunbathe in equal measure along the stretch of sand. Market-style stalls and tree swamped river banks are yet more oddities this quirky bar has to offer. Entrance is free during the day, the bar opens at 10.00 and live music begins at 6.00. As somewhere to relax on a sunny afternoon, Yaam cannot be beaten.

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# BERLIN BEARINGS | OUTDOORS



Berlin is Europe's eighth greenest city, but the sheer variety of outdoor spaces make it perhaps the best city in the world for the frustrated explorer. You can wander through the sprawling Tiergarten for days, or admire the beautiful Botanical Gardens. More adventurous visitors have the opportunity to explore abandoned spy-base Teufelsberg, or venture beyond the city boundaries to canoe along the Spreewald. Plus, for a land-locked city in mainland Europe, Berlin really embraces beach culture. Whether you want to swim in one of the many beautiful lakes, or just relax with a few cold beers and friends in a beach bar, there is something for everyone.



# OUTDOORS



## SONNTAGS IM MAUER PARK Sundays at Mauerpark

Bernauer Str. 63-64 | Prenzlauer Berg  
13355

U Eberswalder Str. | U Bernauer Str.  
Sun flea market 7.00 – 17.00 | Bear pit  
karaoke 15.00-19.00  
[www.mauerparkmarkt.de](http://www.mauerparkmarkt.de)

*Lucy Carty and Lindsey Hacker*

Mauerpark is the Berlin alternative to Sunday Church. Berliners and tourists alike flock there every week to soak up the chilled vibes radiating from a variety of musical performers, market vendors and karaoke singers.

The market, to the left side of the park, attracts a bustling array of hung-over students, bargain hunters and bewildered, shade-wearing clubbers, whose Saturday night has yet to end. To be in with any chance of contending with them for the attention of everyone from 1950s cutlery-set sellers to tarot card readers, make sure you arrive before 11am. Bike parts, faded jigsaws, DDR memorabilia, banana telephones and record players, bibles,

Once your bartering power has worn out, check out the rest of the park. In stark contrast to the green haven it is today, this strip of land was once the site of the Berlin wall and the associated death strip. To see remnants of the wall, along with an informative visitor's centre, just stroll down the road to Bernauerstrasse.

Mauerpark today happily brings people together, rather than dividing them, especially in the summer months when you'll find performers galore entertaining enthusiastic crowds. The most popular of these is the Bear pit Karaoke.

Held in a gladiator like amphitheatre, karaoke participants flock to the stage. Few are truly armed with a talent for singing, but brave souls take centre stage, packing the punch with funny dances moves and high pitched voices. Come 3pm on Sunday it is hands down the place to be, bringing over 2,000 people together. If you're there right on time,

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# SHOPPING

No matter whether you are a designer doll, a bargain Barbie or a happening hipster, Berlin's vast shopping scene has something to offer you. Combining chic vintage, highend designer, free for all flea market, charming bookshop and hip record store, Berlin is fast becoming a prominent competitor in the fight for shopping capital of Europe.

Ready to flash the cash? Head over to the lush KaDeWe, stocking all the most glamorous designer brands including Chanel, Louis Vuitton and Tiffany & Co.

Berlin on a budget?

No problem! The city is overflowing with flea markets selling everything from your grandmother's china to the latest hipster trends in vintage fashion.

If fashion isn't your thing, then Berlin is full of quaint book-shops, and record stores to satisfy even those with the most outlandish taste in music.







## LAURA CAWLEY

English Lit student Laura is one of the sweetest, most caring people you'll ever meet. This Glaswegian girl has a liking for cakes, couscous and dancing on tables.



## LINDSEY HACKER

This northwestern American gal makes the most out of every opportunity. An invaluable team member who is super organized, creative, spontaneous and has the ability to always make us laugh.



ADAM LAMBERT



Adam's eye for fashion and artistic flair make him one to watch on the blogosphere. Happiest when practicing his German on the locals, Adam has an incredibly sweet and charming personality.

RHIANNON EDWARDS




Seemingly limitless energy, a brilliant mind and equally superb attitude are all combined in the tanned Aussie bundle that is Rhi Edwards. A true gem.

RICKY SUTTON



Tongue in cheek and with a twinkle in both eyes, Ricky brings energy to any group. A truly down to earth guy, he may just fall asleep on any comfortable grassy banks he comes across.



No doubt the group's unofficial tour guide. You'll most likely find him revelling in Berlin's history or at fast food joints, fuelling his burger addiction.

PATRICK SMITH



TAMARAH GREEN



Her fiery personality matches her fiery hair; Tamarah is the definition of a free spirit. And, having got past the Berghain bouncer at just 17, there's nothing she can't do!

KAT BURDON



Always wearing a perfect outfit and smile, this giggling, pint-sized Brummie has made it her one-woman-mission to visit nearly every park and garden in Berlin.

MATTHEW KING



We wish we all lived in Matt's world, where life is so laid back, it's horizontal. When he's not sleeping, you can find Matt relaxing in beach bars along the Spree.

LUCY CARTY



A brainy economics student with a severe coffee addiction, Lucy's charisma and warm-hearted nature make her a pleasure to be around.



A man of few words, but extremely knowledgeable on sports, music, shops and film, he knows what he likes, so will have advised you well in his reviews.

NICK COOK



DANYING JIANG



Danying is a bubbly and super-friendly individual who adores books, visiting museums and above all else, dogs. This has been her first trip to Europe and has been loving every minute.

ANGELA LAWLESS



You'll most likely find her in Berlin's vintage shops or flea markets searching for the perfect fashionista find to add to her already classic chic appearance. Angela has an iconic style in her wardrobe and in her writing.

JENNIFER GRAHAM



A trooper through to the end. She has a great eye for style and loves her architecture. This eloquent Scottish sweetheart will infect you with her laugh and is impossible not to like.

TONI COOPER



Toni is a total movie buff and probably Johnny Depp's biggest fan. You can find her on the front row at movie premieres whether in Wales or Berlin.