



Seeing both old and new stand side-by-side, there is no doubting the fact that Berlin has seen enormous change in its recent history. No longer a divided city, Berlin today is a city known for its diversity, tolerance and world renowned nightlife.

Getting there:

- Dublin to Berlin (Schönefeld), direct flights daily with Ryanair and Aer Lingus.
- Cork to Berlin (Schönefeld), direct flights on select days with Aer Lingus.

From the airport:

- The airport is connected with the city centre by the S-Bahn (suburban train) lines S49 and S9 which will only cost you €2.80 approx.
- Berlin has an advantage for getting around like almost no other city: an integrated transport system of U-Bahn (underground), buses, trams, and S-Bahn (light rail) run 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Where to stay:

- Citystay Hostel, Rosenstraße 16; www.citystay.de
- Backpackers Hostel, Chausseestraße 102; www.baxpax.de/mittes-backpacker/en/home/
- Generator Hostel, Storkower strasse 160; <http://www.generatorhostels.com/en/berlin>

Top things to do:

- **Museum Island** (*Museumsinsel*) - In the central Mitte district of Berlin lies this

wonderful UNESCO International Heritage Site. Five internationally renowned museums occupy the area and it is a must-see for museum lovers.

- **Alexanderplatz** – a large public square and transport hub in city centre Berlin full of shops and restaurants. It is also the location for the world famous Christmas Market.
- **The Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe** – located very near the Brandenburg Gate, this labyrinth of black granite pillars is a top attraction for all who visit Berlin.
- **Berlin Wall** – Remnants of the wall scatter Berlin and are worth visiting. The **Berlin Wall East Side Gallery** is a 1.3km-long section of the wall near the center of Berlin. Paintings by artists from all over the world cover this memorial for freedom and make it the largest open air gallery in the world.
- **Zoologischer gartens** – Opened in 1844, this Zoo is one of the largest in the world and one of Germany's most popular attractions.

Nightlife in Berlin:

- **Hackescher Markt** is known as a great area to go out in with lots of outdoor cafés, entertainment and nightlife.
- **Club Matrix**, Warschauer Platz 18 – one of the larger clubs in Berlin, RnB is very popular here. But house and dance music is played too.
- **Knaack Club**, Greifswalder Straße 224 - This club hosts lots of student nights and is especially popular with students on Erasmus in Berlin.

Insiders Tip:

- Fast food places are not required to have public toilets. Usually there are public toilets in train stations, but you have to pay a small charge.
- You can buy travel tickets that cover everything for days at a time.