

Obviously travel books have loads of places to visit. Most of the big, well-known sites, I won't mention but sometimes it takes a local to point out a few less common and often a bit secret places to visit. Here's a few that you might miss and we think are worth checking out.

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| FLOHMARKT AM MAUERPARK Bernauer Straße 63-64, 10435 Berlin - Web | Map | Brace yourself for tabletops stretching all the way up one track through the Mauerpark, and back down the other. This is the king of flea markets in Berlin, where you'll find anything from second-hand bicycles to cardboard boxes overflowing with crockery, household furniture, smart vintage shoe stalls and lots of original arts and crafts. Follow the smell of steaming sauerkraut to the food court and beach bars, where benches provide respite for weary (or hungry) hunters. Refuelled, stick around till the afternoon for the weekly public karaoke or street performers and musician sessions, which boom out from the park's amphitheatre. |
| DECK 5 - Web Schönhauser Allee 79 Parkdeck Allee Arcaden 10439 Berlin (entrance in Griefshagenerstr.) | Map | Situated on the top floor of a multi-story car park lies this really cool beach bar which only Berliners can do so well. It's a really great place to sunbath, eat and drink and it's all too easy to forget you're in the middle of the city. See the website . The entrance is actually in Griefshagenerstr., by the bridge, behind the Arkaden. |
| PRATERGARTEN - Web Kastanienallee 7 10435 Berlin | Map | Surviving bombing raids during World War II and the Soviet rule of East Berlin – has made Prater a local institution, and its thousand seats are usually packed with Berliners and travelers alike. The oldest beer garden in Berlin, Prater Garten has been around since 1837 and features its own unique beers, Prater Pils and Prater Schwarzbier (black beer). A definite must for a warm summer evening. |
| KOLLWITZPLATZ - Web 10405 Berlin | Map | Once, a point of interest exclusively for artists and intellectuals, the ambience around the Kollwitzplatz has experienced a change ultimately. By now, it allures Berlin's upper class and is a must-see for the numerous visitors of Berlin. Nowadays though, a bit expensive. |

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| HELMHOLTZPLATZ - Web | Map | <p>Come by and visit the Helmi as well as the surrounding neighbourhoods. Stroll through the adjacent streets and enjoy the cosy coffee shops, bars, clubs and restaurants. Still holds onto the 'old' east-side feel of P'berg.</p> |
| BERLIN WALL MEMORIAL - Web Bernauer Straße 119 13355 Berlin | Map | <p>The Berlin Wall Memorial is the central memorial site of German division, located in the middle of the capital. Situated at the historic site on Bernauer Strasse, it will eventually extend along 1.4 kilometers of the former border strip. The memorial contains the last piece of Berlin Wall with the preserved grounds behind it.</p> |
| KULTURBRAUEREI - Web Schönhauser Allee 36 | Map | <p>The industrial monument of the former Schultheiss Brewery was refurbished in a very time-consuming and costly process, but now, has become one of the most popular cultural and leisure venues in Berlin. It provides cinemas, theatres and clubs.</p> |
| WASSTURM Knaackstr. 22 10405 Closeby Rykestraße Synagogue | Map | <p>The Wasserturm Prenzlauer Berg is Berlin's oldest water tower, completed in 1877 and in use until 1952 and worked on the principle of using tubes to supply the rapidly growing population of workers. An adjacent machine hall was the first concentration camp in Nazi Germany in the first half of 1933. The building was demolished in 1935.</p> |
| RYKESTRASSE SYNAGOGUE Rykestr. 53 10405 - Web Closeby Wasserturm | Map | <p>This is the best preserved and largest of Berlin's pre-war synagogues. It is considered the largest synagogue structure in Europe today, after the Great Synagogue in Budapest. Nazi thugs demolished the original interior during the pogrom of November 1938. However, like several of Berlin's surviving synagogues, it escaped torching because of its proximity to neighbouring apartment houses.</p> |
| <p><i>Site Seeing (all over berlin)</i></p> | | |
| BERLIN'S BEST MARKETS - Web | | <p>Time Out's definitive guide to markets around Berlin.</p> |

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| <p>HACKESCHE HÖFE - Web and Hackescher Markt Rosenthaler Straße 40-41 10178</p> | <p>Map</p> | <p>Just off S-Bahn Station Hackescher Markt, Hackescher Höfe is a heritage site consisting of eight communicating, restored rear courtyards accessible through Rosenthalerstrasse 40's main arched entrance. The area, also known as the Scheunenviertel is one of Berlin's top entertainment hubs, popular with Berliners and visitors alike and a magnet for club-goers since the 1990's.</p> |
| <p>C/O BERLIN - Web Amerika Haus . Hardenbergstraße 22–24 . 10623 Berlin</p> | <p>Map</p> | <p>There's always an interesting photographic exhibition on here. C/O Berlin also do a lot of work for young photographers and normally there's a gallery set aside for their work.</p> |
| <p>NEW SYNAGOGUE BERLIN - Web Oranienburger Straße 28 - 30</p> | <p>Map</p> | <p>The New Synagogue was consecrated on Rosh ha-Shanah in 1866. The only synagogue of the Community up to that time, on Heideutergasse, had long since proved insufficient for the rapidly growing Jewish population.</p> |
| <p>BADESCHIFF Eichenstr. 4, 12435 Berlin</p> | <p>Map</p> | <p>A public 'Bathing Ship' in the River Spree. The pool was converted from the hull of a vessel measuring eight by thirty-two metres. It is open to the public daily from 8am to midnight. Disc jockeys commonly spin records outside the pool entrance where there is also a bar.</p> |
| <p>SCHWARZE KANAL - Web Kieholzstr74, 12057 Berlin</p> | <p>Map</p> | <p>Schwarze Kanal is a community of artists activists, living in trailers. It used to be situated by the river Spree (hence the name) and was recently moved to it's current location near Treptower park. Occasionally they organise festivals and activities but mostly, live together and work on their projects. It's one the Berlin secrets that are not so easy to discover.</p> |
| <p>BEER GARDENS in the TIERGARTEN - Web</p> | | <p>Schleusenkrug & Café am Neuen See - Great places to recuperate after a stroll around the beautiful Tiergarten, bang in the centre of the city. The Tiergarten is really something else...!</p> |

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| FLUGHAFEN TEMPELHOF - Web Tempelhofer Damm | Map | <p>The airport was built by the National Socialists between 1936 and 1941 by Ernst Sagebiel, in typical Nazi monumental style.</p> <p>Now, this huge area of the former airport is open to the public as a park since May 2010. Here you can go for a walk or a run, do some inline skating or have a barbecue.</p> |
| BERLINER UNTERWELTEN - Web Gesundbrunnen | Map | <p>In the Berlin underground train station, Gesundbrunnen, there is a green door which thousands of people pass everyday, completely ignorant of the treasures that lie on the other side. The lights are out, but with the luminous paint that marks the exits (now over 60 years old) still glowing in the faint darkness, a sign can be made out: Room 14 – 38 persons. Discover what lies beneath Berlin..!</p> |
| TOPOGRAPHY OF TERROR - Web Niederkirchnerstraße 8 10963 Berlin | Map | <p>The Topography of Terror (German: Topographie des Terrors) is an outdoor museum in Berlin on the site of buildings which during the Nazi regime from 1933 to 1945 were the headquarters of the Gestapo and the SS, the principal instruments of repression during the Nazi era.</p> |
| EAST-SIDE GALLERY - Web Mühlenstraße 6 10243 Berlin | Map | <p>The Berlin Wall East Side Gallery is a 1.3km-long section of the wall near the center of Berlin. Approximately 106 paintings by artists from all over the world cover this memorial for freedom and make it the largest open air gallery in the world.</p> |
| STRANDBAD WANNSEE - Web Wannseebadweg 25, 14129 Berlin, | Map | <p>Berlin is literally awash with lakes and forests and the Grunewald is just a few kilometres from the centre. The Havel river meanders through the woodland with lakes and sandy beaches. Strandbad is a larg beached area within this beautiful part of Berlin and it really is that close to the city.</p> |
| THE GRUNEWALD Westend, Charlottenburg- Wilmersdorf, Berlin | Map | <p>Totally beautiful part of Berlin. The uppermost part is at Heerstraße where there's an S bahn station there for your convenience. It's a great idea to hire bikes and get the train there and cycle around the wooded lanes by the lakes and the river Havel so take swimming things. Teufelberg (Devil's Mountain), lies in the middle. You can often catch a glimpse of wild boar in the forest too.</p> |

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| TEUFELSBERG & THE LISTENING TOWER Teltower Weg | Map | <p>Teufelsberg (Devil's Mountain) is an artificial hill with a curious history: It was heaped up after the Second World War from part of the rubble of Berlin. Teufelsee (Devil's Lake), is a small lake nearby great for swimming and sunbathing naked. Nearby is the U.S. listening tower. Now derelict, it was built to eavesdrop and spy, intercepting Soviet, East German and other countries' communications during the cold war.</p> |
| TIME-OUT'S TOP 20 | | <p>20 great things to do in Berlin Walk the Wall, step back into the past or hang with the avant-garde. Time-Out's guide.</p> |
| <i>Night Life</i> | | |
| BERGHAIN / PANORAMA BAR Am Wriezener Bahnhof 10243 Berlin - Web | Map | <p>You couldn't begin to scratch the surface of the Berlin nightlife but arguably the most popular, if not the best club in Europe, is Berghain. There's even a downloadable app that tells you what the queue's like! - Goes on forever... Gay club 'The Laboratory' is on the ground floor. Independent from Berghain.</p> |
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