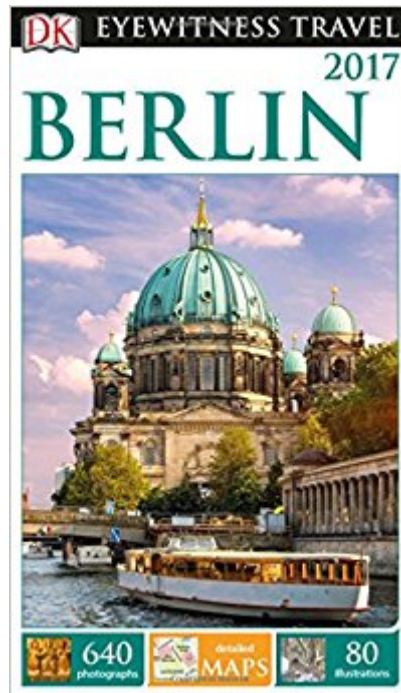




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# DK Eyewitness Travel Guide Berlin



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- Floor plans and guided visitor information for major museums.
- Free, color pull-out map (print edition) marked with sights, a selected sight and street index, public transit map, practical information on getting around, and a distance chart for measuring walking distances.
- Guided walking tours, local drink and dining specialties to try, things to do, and places to eat, drink, and shop by area.
- Area maps marked with sights and restaurants.
- Detailed city maps include street finder index for easy navigation.
- Insights into history and culture to help you understand the stories behind the sights.
- Suggested day-trips and itineraries to explore beyond the city.
- Hotel and restaurant listings highlight DK Choice special recommendations.

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Europe's most fashionable, visually stunning, and culturally rich capital is brought to you here in this beautiful guide. While we all know that DK works hard to bring the visual material to the reader, this book is a balanced, practical travel guide as well. Where previous DK guides tended to subordinate practical travel matters such as listings of restaurants and hotels to cultural and historical sites, I'm happy to report that this guide addresses those shortcomings. Listings are excellent and right up to date. They have been selected for their quality and authenticity. The real substance of the book is the visual presentation of the city itself. The city is divided up into central and outer areas, then further split into regions within those respective districts. All the sites you would expect to find are here, displayed in vivid color photography or isometric imagery. Coverage of Berlin's diverse

selection of museums is particularly good, and lovers of neo-classical architecture will love both the city AND the book. The coverage is absolutely exhaustive, and a thorough tour covering most of the sites in this book would take months. Berlin is a truly awesome city, ranking high among the most sophisticated, culturally and historically rich cities in the world. It deserves a guide this good, and you will do yourself a favor to plan your trip with it.

After reading and examining the guide from cover to cover, I realized that it is a very informative and efficient little guide. There are a couple of points I would like to discuss. I will try to be as brief as possible. Granted, this guide has a lot of details and useful information. Perhaps, one of the best things about the guide is that it makes references to the main places in Berlin (e.g. Brandenburg Gate) by their German connotations and spellings. This, I personally think is useful, since once you are in Berlin, it would be easier to ask for directions and/or the specific cultural landmarks. Further, the pull-out map is simply AMAZING. It is not too big, but not too small, either. In fact, I find it to be the perfect size. So you get an idea, I was able to use Post-It's on the map for notation purposes and other uses. Also, since it is laminated, you can mark it with Sharpie. You can also use highlighter, but it fades away with use quicker (much more) than with a Sharpie. The reason I am giving this pocket guide a four is due to the fact that when making cross-references with online research (e.g. with hotels or restaurants), some of the places or names given in the guide were not completely accurate. In other words, when I tried looking for a restaurant or a hotel, I would have a hard time finding information of the same because they have different names. That, to me at least, is a disadvantage. Moreover, I wish the guide focused a bit more on solo-travelers. The way the guide is written, it seems as it was designed for family-traveling. In this sense, I wish it had more detail on traveling (via public transportation). Don't get me wrong. The U- and S-Bahn map is useful (once you learn how to read it lol), but I wish it had more detail. Finally, although the guide has multiple pages dedicated solely to restaurants and bars, their descriptions seem to be rather short. They have a tiny paragraph for tens of restaurants. I wish that, instead, they had only a couple of hand-picked restaurants with full-blown menu and place description. Overall, I do think that this guide will definitely be my survival bible once I am at Berlin. Highly recommend it, though!

The Berlin travel guide by DK is the third that I have purchased before traveling overseas. They're great for planning your trip and helping you around the city once you get there. The information has always been accurate and they are small enough to carry around with you. I'm a big history geek too, so I appreciate all of the background information that these books provide. They give you a lot

of insight into your destination. If you had to pick one travel guide to take with you, this is it! I wouldn't travel without one.

What I like best about this guide was the suggested itineraries. Giving ideas for day trips and multi-day adventures. Suggestions for your mornings, lunches and afternoons. Ideas based on where you are and how much time you have, with kids or without, frugal traveler or 1st class extravagance were all presented. Very handy. Even better is the comprehensive, tourist friendly street map and the also included removable street map! Yes, two maps of subway, train and streets. Various chapters sort the book into neighborhoods, attractions, food choices and general information. All presented with fabulous pictures and illustrations. I found this book to be incredibly useful for planning and general activities while in Berlin. Highly recommended.

Well organized guide with lots of information, color pictures and maps. Arranged in a way that the reader can quickly zero in on places of interest. Missing ranking of attractions.

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These are the best guides available. The map was especially helpful. And the break down by region made it very easy to find what we wanted to see in Berlin ahead of time. Well worth the money.

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