



Welcome to Berlin

Location	Berlin-Mitte Novalisstraße 12
Established	1990
Classrooms	15 2 nd and 3 rd floor
Website	www.berlin.did.de
Opening hours	Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 6:00 pm
Counseling	university and internship counseling
Quality control	EAQUALS (full member) GfDS
Student numbers	150 (low season) 300 (high season)
Activity program	city tours, sports and cultural events
Public transport	Subway U6 Stop: Oranienburger Tor
Distance to center	15 minutes walk to Brandenburg Gate
Berlin Airport	BER www.berlin-airport.de

Facilities

- ☛ Self-Study Center with books, CDs and media
- ☛ Multimedia room with 10 computers
- ☛ Internet café with 5 computers (registration fee)
- ☛ Laptop-cable internet access
- ☛ Wireless-LAN internet access 
- ☛ Lounge | Student office | Spacious roof terrace

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Berlin | The new former capital

Looking at the Berlin Wall today you can hardly guess its former meaning. Years ago the colorfully painted concrete wall divided the two German states and, thus, almost all of the world. But since the Berlin Wall came down in 1989, Berlin has developed rapidly and became a true metropolis. The impressive government district with its new *Reichstag dome*, those many trendy boutiques, those lovely restored backyards in *Prenzlauer Berg*, the *Holocaust Memorial*, *Potsdamer Platz*, *Museum Island*. And even at the *Berlin Wall* today you will make friends from all over the world. Turn your language vacation with us into a unique and a memorable experience – discover an exhilarating world-metropolis – explore the German capital!

You can hardly wait to come to Berlin and to see the city? Then start a sightseeing tour right away – for only 2,60 Euro! *Alexanderplatz* is only a few minutes away. Here you jump on the bus 100 and start your Berlin tour. After the *Television Tower* – the *Fernsehturm* – you will see the *Berlin Town Hall* and the famous *Museum Island*. Catch a glimpse of the *Berlin Cathedral*, the *State Opera House* and the *Humboldt University*... And on we go... *Brandenburg Gate*, *Reichstag*, the *House of Cultures*. Next Stop will be *Tiergarten* and *Bellevue Castle* – seat of the German president – and the *Victory Column*. *Zoo Train Station* is the last stop. If you want to see more join us on our weekly excursions after class.

The school

As only few other places in the capital, *Oranienburger Straße* is busy with life at night. Night owls and metropolitan adventurers stroll along the one kilometer stretch between *Hackescher Markt* and *Friedrichstraße* where you find more than 40 bars, cafés, trendy shops and galleries. Here – in a quiet street nearby – the *Berlin did institute* invites the students to study German. The institute is located on two floors, the classrooms are friendly and spacious. In the breaks the students can get coffee and soft drinks from vending machines in the cafeteria and use the internet. Or take your coke up to the roof terrace where you can also relax with your friends after class.



All the world of film

With more than 100 movie theatres and 12 million visitors every year, Berlin is the German cinema capital. As Europe's first public film show took place here in 1895, this is not a surprise at all. Nowadays the *Berlinale* film festival invites film enthusiasts into the movie theatre. Every year in February, this international festival shows around 350 productions and a majority of these films are shown for the first time worldwide.

With more than 150.000 tickets sold, the *Berlinale* is not only the largest cultural event in the city, but it is also the largest public festival in the world! During the two festival weeks arts, glamour and parties are all in one. However, film directors from all over the world aren't coming to Berlin just for the *Berlinale*. More and more the city of Berlin is becoming popular as film setting for large Hollywood productions.

Secretly Berlin plays a leading part in big international productions such as *Flightplan*, *The Bourne Identity*. And numerous German films, for instance *Good bye, Lenin!* or *Lola rennt...* were filmed here on location. You will get to know many German films during our film afternoons, and, who knows, maybe you will meet a movie star in a Berlin café.

Activity program

Excursions with our activity guides are not a must – some excursions, however, you really shouldn't miss! On our walking tours through the historical center of our capital you will see places worth while discovering around school: alternative galleries as well as crazy art shops, the cultivated revue theatre *Friedrichstadtpalast*, the marvelous synagogue and the lively backyards of *Hackescher Markt*. Our activity guide will show you the few remains of the *Berlin Wall*, will tell you the history of the *Reichstag* before the Federal Parliament moved into the building in 1999, and will give you all the background information on famous *Potsdamer Platz* – how it looked like before and immediately after World War II.

If you visit Berlin, you've got to see Potsdam, too! Because just outside the city of Berlin, only 30 minutes away from school by public transport, you will find a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage monument of special beauty. The former residence town of the Prussian kings will impress its visitors with castles, beautiful palaces and upperclass town houses. Next to the castle of *Sanssouci*, the *New Palaces* and the old town you'll equally visit *Castle Cecilienhof* where during the summer of 1945 the so-



called *Potsdam Conference* of the victorious allied powers took place. Our activity guide will visit with you the conference and study rooms of President *Harry Truman*, Prime Minister *Winston Churchill* and secretary general *Josef Stalin* – here you can feel German and world history live.

Accommodation

According to your personal preferences you may choose among several accommodation possibilities: Do you prefer family accommodation and, thus, practicing your language skills outside the classroom? Decide for host family accommodation with breakfast or breakfast and dinner. If you decide for the private room option, you stay with a host or you share an apartment, but you are responsible for your own meals. If you rather prefer living independently, you should opt for hotel or youth hotel respectively apartment or studio accommodation.