

BERLIN

Black History, Culture & Places

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Black history, living cultural spaces, archives, food, and community memory in Berlin.

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Community recommendations welcome: info@bghra.org

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A Berlin-focused guide to Black history, living cultural spaces, archives, food, and the community work changing public memory. Street names, museum collections, and performance spaces all shape whose history is visible. These places offer different ways to encounter that work.

Renaming the city: resistance in public space

These changes reflect sustained organizing by Black, African, and decolonial initiatives. Use the current names below for navigation; the earlier names are provided to help readers recognize older maps and records.

Current name	Earlier name	Where / when	Why it matters
Anton-Wilhelm-Amo-Straße	Mohrenstraße	Mitte · 2025	Honors the African philosopher Anton Wilhelm Amo.
Martha-Ndumbe-Platz	Nettelbeckplatz	Wedding · 2025	Honors the Black Berliner Martha Ndumbe, who died in Ravensbrück concentration camp.
Manga-Bell-Platz	Nachtigalplatz	Wedding · 2022	Honors Emily and Rudolf Duala Manga Bell and anticolonial resistance in Cameroon.
Cornelius-Fredericks-Straße	Lüderitzstraße	Wedding · 2022	Honors the Nama resistance leader Cornelius Fredericks.
Anna-Mungunda-Allee	Part of Petersallee	Wedding · 2024	Honors the Herero anticolonial activist Anna Mungunda.
Maji-Maji-Allee	Part of Petersallee	Wedding · 2024	Commemorates resistance to German colonial rule in East Africa.
May-Ayim-Ufer	Gröbenufer	Kreuzberg · 2010	Honors poet, educator, and Black feminist activist May Ayim. Visit the memorial stele near Bevernstraße.

Sources: Berlin-Mitte: colonial street names and renaming [1] · The two former Petersallee sections [2] · Community campaign for Anton-Wilhelm-Amo-Straße [3] · May-Ayim-Ufer memorial [4]

Audre-Lorde-Straße

Kreuzberg · named 2023 · dedicated 2024 · formerly northern Manteuffelstraße

The stretch between Oranienstraße and Köpenicker Straße honors African American poet, librarian, and Black lesbian feminist Audre Lorde. Her Berlin years helped strengthen Black feminist organizing. The name became legally effective on 27 October 2023; the dedication followed on 28 June 2024.

Source: Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg district

Stolpersteine, graves & remembrance

Mahjub / Bayume Mohamed Husen

Stolperstein · Brunnenstraße 193 · Mitte

This stone remembers Mahjub bin Adam Mohamed, also known as Bayume Mohamed Husen, the actor and former colonial soldier who died in Sachsenhausen concentration camp. Read the biography alongside the stone to connect colonial histories, film, family life, and Nazi persecution.

Official Stolperstein biography [5]

Martha Ndumbe

Stolperstein · Max-Beer-Straße 24 · Mitte

The memorial at her former address helps place the life behind Martha-Ndumbe-Platz in Berlin's everyday geography. The official biography documents the overlapping forms of persecution she experienced.

Official Stolperstein biography [6]

May Ayim's grave

Alter St.-Matthäus-Kirchhof · Schöneberg

Visit the poet and activist's resting place on the historic cemetery at Großgörschenstraße. Pair the visit with May-Ayim-Ufer and her archival papers to encounter her life through poetry, public memory, and research. Consult the cemetery's current visitor information and on-site grave plan.

Cemetery information [7]

Online illustration: May Ayim's grave, 2015. Photograph: Ludger Wekenborg / StMatthaeus. Source [8] · CC BY-SA 4.0 [9]. Image unmodified.

Related memorial visits outside Berlin

Theodor Wonja Michael is buried in the family grave at Friedhof Köln-Volkhoven/Weiler in Cologne. Biographical and burial source [10]. **Marie Nejar** is remembered in the Garten der Frauen at Hamburg's Ohlsdorf cemetery. Garten der Frauen biography [11]. These are separate journeys, outside the Berlin route; confirm grave locations with cemetery staff before traveling.

Black archives, projects, museums & cultural spaces

Each One Teach One (EOTO)

Community library & archive · Wedding

A key starting point for Black German and afrodiasporic writing, history, and community knowledge. Its Sankofa BRD / Sankofa DDR archive preserves material around Black German cultural production and the period of reunification. Check the organization's current library information before visiting.

Official information [12]

AfricAvenir International

Political education · Film · Publishing · Wedding

African perspectives guide its programs on history, racism, decolonization, and cultural exchange. The Berlin office is listed at Kameruner Straße 1; public events can take place at other venues. Read our AfricAvenir profile [13].

Official information [14]

May Ayim papers, Freie Universität Berlin

University archive · Research by arrangement

The university archive preserves material documenting May Ayim's personal, literary, and scholarly work, alongside important records of Black history. Arrange research access with the archive; this is a research collection rather than a walk-in museum.

Official information [15]

SAVVY Contemporary

Art · Library · Archive · Wedding

An art space whose exhibitions, performances, research, library, and documentation center question dominant ways of knowing. Consult current visiting and library arrangements rather than assuming archival access is unrestricted.

Official information [16]

Ballhaus Naunynstraße

Theater · Performance · Kreuzberg

A major space for Black, queer, and postmigrant artistic production. Its program includes the Black Berlin Black festival and work engaging decolonial questions. Book for the production dates listed in the current program.

Official information [17]

Museum Treptow: zurückgeschaut | looking back

Museum · Johannisthal

The exhibition examines the First German Colonial Exhibition of 1896, colonial racism, and Black resistance. Created with the Dekoloniale project, it offers a critical approach to a history rooted in Treptower Park. Museum location: Sterndamm 102.

Official information [18]

FHXB Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg Museum

Museum · Local history · Research

Explore migration and local public memory, including the museum's collaborations on colonial history. Its collection and library can support further research; past exhibition pages document earlier work and do not guarantee that an exhibition is still on display.

Official information [19]

Dekoloniale / Berlin Museum

Research · Mapping · Public memory

The 2020-2024 project linked community organizations, researchers, and museums. Its documentation offers routes into Berlin's colonial histories and Black resistance. The project record remains useful even where particular events have ended.

Official information [20]

Decolonize Berlin

Community advocacy · Renaming & structural change

Follow the coalition's work on colonial continuities, public commemoration, and the transformation of institutions. Useful for understanding the organizing behind changes visible in the streets.

Official information [21]

Deutsches Museum für Schwarze Unterhaltung und Black Music

Art & archive project · Check current host venue

This project collects and reinterprets German Black popular culture through music, ephemera, performance, and exhibitions. Its exhibitions travel: consult the current program rather than treating it as a permanent Berlin museum address.

Official information [23]

Food, music & meeting places

These entries highlight African and afrodiasporic food and cultural exchange. Cuisine alone does not establish an owner's identity; follow the linked restaurant information for menus, reservations, access, and current hours.

YAAM - Young African Art Market

Music · Food market · Friedrichshain

A sociocultural space at An der Schillingbrücke 3, with African and Caribbean food, music, art, and community activities. Individual stalls and events follow their own schedules.

Visit the official website [24]

Bantabaa

West African food · Kreuzberg

At Wrangelstraße 82, Bantabaa connects Senegambian cooking with a history of refugee support and building a shared livelihood. The restaurant's own story explains its development and the people behind it.

Visit the official website [25]

Didi Pa

West African food · Neukölln

At Sonnenallee 31, with a menu featuring Ghanaian and other West African dishes, including jollof, waakye, and plantain dishes.

Visit the official website [26]

Bejte Ethiopia

Ethiopian food · Schöneberg

At Zietenstraße 8, with injera-based dishes and an Ethiopian coffee tradition. A possible food stop alongside a Schöneberg visit; confirm current service and accessibility directly.

Visit the official website [27]

Lalibela Kreuzberg

Ethiopian food · Kreuzberg

At Ohlauer Straße 27, Lalibela serves Ethiopian dishes on injera, including meat dishes and vegetarian and vegan sharing platters. Its Kreuzberg dining room also welcomes groups; contact the restaurant for arrangements.

Visit the official website [28]

Troy Lopez / RosaCaleta

Jamaican-European cuisine · Catering

Chef Troy Lopez creates Jamaican-European fusion dishes for RosaCaleta's Berlin catering service. The permanent Muskauer Straße restaurant closed in 2021; use the current catering contact rather than visiting the former address.

Visit the official website [29]

Turkish & Syrian tables in Berlin

These additional dining places offer ways to explore Berlin’s Turkish and Syrian food cultures alongside the Black history and community spaces in this guide.

Adana Grillhaus

Turkish grill · Ku’damm & Kreuzberg

The restaurant linked here lists a Ku’damm location at Brandenburgische Straße 32 and a Kreuzberg location at Skalitzer Straße 105. Its menu includes Adana kebab, grilled meat and fish, and hot and cold meze. Choose the location when checking menus or booking.

Visit the official website [30]

Osmans Töchter

Modern Turkish & Anatolian cuisine · Prenzlauer Berg

Now at Prenzlauer Allee 247 in the historic Bötzow Areal, following its move in spring 2026. The restaurant centers meze and shared plates; larger groups can enquire about sharing menus.

Visit the official website [31]

Yarok

Syrian cuisine · Mitte

At Torstraße 195, Yarok serves food rooted in the cooking of Damascus. Its website lists current service information and notes that reservations are not accepted.

Visit the official website [32]

Aleppo Supper Club

Syrian cuisine · Friedrichshain & Prenzlauer Berg

Syrian cooking rooted in Aleppo, with restaurant locations and a catering service. The Wühlischstraße restaurant is at number 21 in Friedrichshain; consult the official website for its other locations and current menus.

Visit the official website [33]

Black Berlin after dark: clubs, music & party nights

These venues and organizers connect nightlife with African and afrodiasporic music, creativity, and community. Some are permanent venues; others are party series that move between locations. Follow their current programmes for dates, tickets, age requirements, and access information.

MAAYA Berlin [34]

Cultural venue & nightlife · Friedrichshain

At Revaler Straße 99 on the RAW-Gelände, MAAYA brings together music, art, food, and community events. Its programme includes African and diaspora-focused nights such as Cirque de l'Afrique, alongside R&B events, concerts, and other cultural gatherings. Indoor and outdoor spaces have different programmes.

YAAM: music & club nights [35]

Live music & nightlife · Friedrichshain

At An der Schillingbrücke 3, the Young African Art Market combines community culture with music and club programming. Its calendar also includes soul, jazz, and funk jam sessions. Check the programme for a night that matches your interests; food stalls and outdoor activities follow separate schedules.

Freak de l'Afrique [36]

African club music · Collective & event series

This Berlin collective of DJs, MCs, dancers, and event organizers describes its beginnings as a response to racial discrimination at club doors and the lack of contemporary African music in local nightlife. Its series include Cirque de l'Afrique, Black Paper, Bantu's Diary, and The Afro House Xperience. Venues vary by event.

AFRO HAUS [37]

African diaspora culture · Event organizer

A Berlin label celebrating African culture in the diaspora through nightlife, food festivals, and community networking. Its programmes include Afrobeats, amapiano, Afro house, dancehall, hip-hop, and R&B. The organizers explicitly prioritize spaces free from racism, xenophobia, and homophobia. Check each listing for the current venue.

DYNABASS at Badehaus [38]

Dancehall · Shatta · Afrobeats · Amapiano

A party series at Badehaus, Revaler Straße 99 in Friedrichshain, bringing together African and Caribbean club sounds. Its programming features DJs including Berlin-based Kenyan selector Chris Punizo and Dynablaster Sound. Check the venue's current calendar for DYNABASS dates and other relevant nights.

Strictly Soul [39]

R&B · Touring event series

An African R&B party brand whose first Berlin edition is listed at MAAYA in October 2026. Follow its official events calendar for future Berlin dates and venues; it is an event series rather than a permanent Berlin club.

Gospel, worship & African American connections

Congregations, gospel workshops, and concerts offer different ways to encounter Black sacred music and community life in Berlin. A worship service is a religious gathering; a concert in a church may be a separately ticketed event. Follow the links for current visitor information and music programmes.

PFF Church: Protestant Faith Fellowship

Worship & gospel ministry · Dahlem

At Hüttenweg 46, PFF has roots in Berlin's American military community dating to 1971. Its history describes an early choir using Black, green, and red robes associated with African American identity. Today its music ministry, led by Ingrid Arthur, includes choirs and a praise team, and the church hosts gospel workshops. Consult the church for current Sunday worship arrangements.

Church history [40] · Music ministry [41] · Visiting information [42]

Akebulan: intercultural church & gospel project

Worship & participatory music · Berlin

Akebulan describes its work as intercultural Christian community life, including support for Afro-German children and families. Its Inclusion Gospelproject, organized with Berlin's Protestant service for blind people, brings blind and sighted participants together to sing American and African gospel in English, German, and other languages. Contact the organizers for current workshop and worship locations.

Church information [43] · Inclusion Gospelproject [44]

Donna Brown & the Golden Gospel Pearls

Ticketed gospel concerts · Apostel-Paulus-Kirche · Schöneberg

Harlem Gospel Night brings Donna Brown and the Golden Gospel Pearls to Apostel-Paulus-Kirche, at Grunewaldstraße and Akazienstraße. Their connection with Berlin and this church dates to the early 1990s. The published programme includes seasonal December concerts. These performances are concert visits, with tickets and specific dates, rather than a standing weekly gospel worship service.

Dates, tickets & venue [45]

R&B, soul, jazz & blues

These music venues offer programmes connected to Black musical traditions and international artists. Their inclusion reflects their repertoire and performance history; check the featured artists and musical style for the night you plan to visit.

A-Trane

International jazz · Soul & R&B · Charlottenburg

At Bleibtreustraße 1, on the corner of Pestalozzistraße, A-Trane's name combines New York's A-Train with John Coltrane's nickname. Its documented performance history includes Herbie Hancock, Alice Coltrane, Wynton Marsalis, Geri Allen, and many other African American musicians. Consult the programme for current jazz, soul, and R&B concerts and seating reservations.

Current programme [46] · Club history [47]

Quasimodo

Live music · Jazz, soul & related sounds · Charlottenburg

At Kantstraße 12a, Quasimodo's programme ranges across jazz, soul, hip-hop, funk, and other sounds, alongside dance nights. Choose a specific live performance from the current calendar; the club and adjoining bar have separate offerings.

Current programme [48]

Zig Zag Jazz Club & Zig Zag Hall

Jazz · Soul · Funk · Schöneberg

Zig Zag presents international jazz artists, jam sessions, and programmes crossing into soul, funk, and hip-hop. Its calendar includes African American artists such as Theo Croker and Nate Smith. Some concerts take place at the original club and others at the larger Zig Zag Hall on the EUREF-Campus, so confirm the venue printed on the event listing.

Current programme & venues [49]

The Hat Jazz Bar

Jazz bar & jam sessions · Charlottenburg

At Lotte-Lenya-Bogen 550, The Hat follows the tradition of an American-style jazz bar and advertises jam sessions every night, with changing musicians from Berlin and abroad. A bar setting for spontaneous live music; consult its house rules and current visitor information.

Jazz & visitor information [50]

Yorckschlösschen

Neighbourhood live music · Jazz, blues, soul & R&B · Kreuzberg

A long-established neighbourhood pub with food, a beer garden, and a live-music programme spanning jazz, blues, soul, swing, funk, and R&B. Its calendar offers a useful way to find smaller-scale live performances; check the lineup and reserve ahead when recommended.

Current live-music programme [51]

For performances and people behind these spaces, explore Artists & Performers [52]. For further community connections, see Organizations & Projects [53].

Additional cultural space

Haus der Kulturen der Welt (HKW)

At John-Foster-Dulles-Allee 10: contemporary arts, exhibitions, performances, and public discussions. The Archive Souq bookshop offers publications related to projects. Check programme and access information.

https://www.hkw.de/en/the-house/visit/visit

African shops, hair care & nail services

+237 Makenene Afro Shop & Beauty Salon

African groceries, cosmetics, protective styling, braids, and loc care. Listed branches: Bülowstraße 4 and Gerichtstraße 45. Confirm which branch offers your service.

https://237-makenene-afroshop.de/

Afroshop Maya

African groceries, hair products, cosmetics, and textiles at Frankfurter Allee 267 in Lichtenberg. The French-language website includes shopping and delivery information.

https://afromaya.de/contact-us/

Natural Hair Berlin / Crowns Institute

Specialist care and education for curls, coils, and Afro hair, including workshops. Arrange an appointment and confirm the current location directly.

https://www.naturalhairberlin.com/

Hair Touched By Bé

Afro hairstyling and creative braiding at Westfälische Straße 46. Discuss style, preparation, extensions, price, and appointment length before booking.

https://www.hairtouchedbybe.com/

Afro Center Salon

At Silbersteinstraße 71: African hairstyles, braiding, extensions, weaves, haircuts, and related styling. Contact the salon about your chosen service.

https://afro-center-salon.de/

Ebony & Ivory Berlin

At Potsdamer Straße 158, with cutting, colouring, Afro-hair and curl expertise, and other texture-specific treatments. Choose a consultation suited to your hair.

https://ebonyandivory.nearcut.de/

Salon Simão — hair & nails

At Boddinstraße 62: an Afro-hair and beauty setting with braids, locs, natural hair care, and listed manicure services. Confirm nail technician availability and treatment details.

https://www.treatwell.de/ort/salon-simao-1/

Malls, department stores & shopping areas

KaDeWe

Department store at Tauentzienstraße 21–24, near Wittenbergplatz: fashion, beauty, home goods, and a food department. Combine with a City West visit.

https://www.kadewe.de/en/your-visit/

BIKINI BERLIN

Concept mall by Berlin Zoo, with design shops, changing retail boxes, Kantini food market, and a rooftop terrace.

https://www.bikiniberlin.de/en/home/

Mall of Berlin

Large shopping centre with international retail and a food court at Leipziger Platz 12, near Potsdamer Platz.

https://www.mallofberlin.de/en/

ALEXA

Indoor shopping, electronics, dining, and visitor services at Grunerstraße 20, by Alexanderplatz.

https://www.alexacentre.com/en/center-info/

Hackesche Höfe & Hackescher Markt

Historic courtyards at Rosenthaler Straße 40 and nearby streets with boutiques, design, jewellery, and gifts.

https://www.hackesche-hoefe.de/en

Kurfürstendamm & Tauentzienstraße

Berlin’s established western shopping streets. Choose a short stretch or one store to limit walking; KaDeWe and BIKINI BERLIN are nearby indoor options.

https://www.visitberlin.de/en/shopping

Berlin souvenirs, gifts & edible keepsakes

AMPELMANN shops

Gifts featuring Berlin's East German pedestrian-signal figures. Use the official shop finder to choose a branch near your route.

https://www.ampelmann.de/en/shops-cafes/

Käthe Wohlfahrt at Hackescher Markt

Year-round Christmas ornaments, wooden figures, and seasonal keepsakes at An der Spandauer Brücke 7.

https://www.kaethe-wohlfahrt.com/en/stores

Rausch Schokoladenhaus

Chocolate and praline gifts, pâtisserie, and drinking chocolate at Charlottenstraße 60 near Gendarmenmarkt.

https://rausch.de/en/pages/chocolate-house-berlin

Berlin Tourist Information shops

Classic Berlin gifts and visitor advice at official tourist information centres. Check current locations and opening information.

https://www.visitberlin.de/en/frequently-asked-questions

Coffee, pastries & bread

THE BARN

Specialty-coffee roaster with Berlin cafés, including Kranzler Eck, Auguststraße, and Neue Schönhauser Straße. Use the official branch directory.

https://thebarn.de/pages/locations

Five Elephant

Specialty coffee, cheesecake, and pastries. Its café directory describes the different Berlin branches, including Kreuzberg and Schwedter Straße.

https://www.fiveelephant.com/pages/shops

Zeit für Brot

Cinnamon buns and organic bread from glass-fronted bakeries. Alte Schönhauser Straße 4 is a useful Mitte stop; other branches are listed online.

https://zeitfuerbrot.com/en/bakeries

Albatross Bakery

Pastry stop in Kreuzberg's Graefekiez, at Graefestraße 66/67. Check current opening information and counter selection.

https://albatrossberlin.com/

Domberger Brot-Werk

Sourdough bread and other loaves, with branch-specific baking schedules. Check the bread plan if you want a particular loaf.

https://domberger-brot-werk.com/

Sironi

Italian bread and bakery cafés. Visit the bakery inside Markthalle Neun or consult the website for Schöneberg and Prenzlauer Berg locations.

https://sironi.de/

Welcoming hotels & places to stay

Hotel Rossi

Inclusive hotel at Lehrter Straße 66 in Moabit near Hauptbahnhof, employing people with and without disabilities. Ask about specific room and access needs.

https://www.hotel-rossi.de/en

https://embrace-hotels.eu/hotels/hotel-rossi

Hotel Grenzfall

An inclusion hotel near the Berlin Wall Memorial, with a garden and a team of disabled and nondisabled staff. Review room and access specifications.

https://hotel-grenzfall.de/

The Circus Hotel & Apartments

Hotel and apartment options in Mitte. Review their separate access specifications: the apartments note narrow bathroom doors and no walk-in shower.

https://circus-berlin.de/hotel/accessibility/

https://circus-berlin.de/apartmenthouse/accessibility/

Pfefferbett Hostel

Hostel on historic brewery grounds in Prenzlauer Berg, with different room types, a garden, and group enquiries. Confirm bathroom arrangements and availability.

https://pfefferbett.de/en/

Libraries & archives for researchers

Start with community collections and personal papers, then use state archives and research libraries for the wider historical record. Search catalogues before travelling; contact archives about your topic, file references, appointments, copying permissions, and access needs. Personal and adoption records may have access restrictions. Read institutional records alongside community testimony and scholarship.

Each One Teach One (EOTO)

Black literature & Sankofa BRD/Sankofa DDR archive; Wedding. Search the online library catalogue for afrodiasporic writing and primary sources on Black German history around reunification. Confirm library hours and separate archival access directly.

https://www.eoto.de/

Freie Universität: May Ayim & Audre Lorde

The University Archives hold May Ayim's papers and a collection documenting Audre Lorde's Berlin years, including teaching and public work. These are distinct collections. Search the archive database and arrange consultation; the John F. Kennedy Institute also presents selected digitized Lorde materials.

https://archiv.fu-berlin.de/home/

https://www.jfki.fu-berlin.de/en/library/holdings/audrelorde/index.html

Bundesarchiv, Berlin-Lichterfelde

Federal records and colonial-history research. The Reichskolonialamt collection R 1001 is largely available online. Use the colonial-history research guide to locate relevant holdings; apply for use, reserve a reading-room place, and order files before an on-site visit. Check the holding's location.

https://www.bundesarchiv.de/en/research-our-records/research-by-topic/sources-on-colonial-history/

https://www.bundesarchiv.de/en/research-our-records/view-and-use-archive-material/visiting-the-archives-facility/

Landesarchiv Berlin

Berlin's municipal and state history, including family-history sources. Search online finding aids, then submit a use application and arrange a reading-room appointment. Record availability and privacy limits vary; identify the relevant authority and dates before requesting personal records.

https://landesarchiv-berlin.de/online-in-findbuch-net-recherchieren

https://landesarchiv-berlin.de/oeffnungszeiten

Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin

Research library for books, journals, newspapers, manuscripts, and digital resources. Search the catalogue before choosing between the Unter den Linden and Potsdamer Straße sites. A library card is required for reading-room services; special collections have additional arrangements and remote database access depends on licences.

https://staatsbibliothek-berlin.de/en/service/faq-registration-and-borrowing

Humboldt-Universität: Asian-/African Studies Library

At Invalidenstraße 118, with literature on African histories, cultures, languages, and politics. Consult the branch information and the university catalogue for titles and availability. Check guest registration and borrowing arrangements separately from reading-room access.

https://www.ub.hu-berlin.de/en/locations/asian-african-studies

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO)

Reference library and special collections at Kirchweg 33, Nikolassee. Useful for transregional historical research. External researchers should arrange access and request materials in advance; holdings are consulted on site, with scanning facilities available under library rules.

https://www.zmo.de/en/library

SAVVY Contemporary: Colonial Neighbours

A participatory archive and research project on German colonial history and its continuing effects. Pair it with SAVVY's library and documentation programme. Contact the team about the specific material and current consultation arrangements; exhibition opening times do not establish archival access.

https://savvy-contemporary.com/en/pillars/colonial-neighbours/

Spinnboden Lesbenarchiv & Bibliothek

A complementary resource for lesbian histories, feminist networks, periodicals, and cultural politics. Search its holdings through the linked META catalogue. Contact research staff in advance to discuss relevant material and arrange a visit.

https://spinnboden.de/information-in-english/

https://spinnboden.de/archiv-und-bibliothek/archiv-bibliothek/

Botanic Garden: botanical research library

A public specialist library for botanical literature at the Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum. Researchers working on plant collections and the history of botanical knowledge can consult the library's collection and service information. Library access is separate from a leisure visit to the garden; confirm arrangements directly.

https://www.bo.berlin/en/library/library-bgbm

Berlin with children: animals, play & discovery

Choose one main activity and leave time for breaks. Zoo Berlin and Tierpark Berlin are different places in different parts of the city. Follow current age guidance, ticket conditions, opening hours, and accessibility information; workshops and tours may require separate booking.

Zoo Berlin

City West animal visit near Bahnhof Zoologischer Garten. A convenient family outing alongside nearby cafés and shopping. Select a manageable route and use the zoo's visitor information to plan breaks. Its accessibility page covers wheelchair arrangements; reserve borrowed equipment ahead.

https://www.zoo-berlin.de/en/services/plan-your-visit-faq

https://www.zoo-berlin.de/en/tickets-service/zoo-for-all

Aquarium Berlin

An indoor option next to Zoo Berlin. Aquarium admission is separate unless a combined ticket explicitly includes it. Check timed-entry availability and current access arrangements; a shorter aquarium visit can suit a day when the family prefers less outdoor walking.

https://shop.zoo-berlin.de/en/article/156

Tierpark Berlin

A spacious animal park in Friedrichsfelde, with play areas including the Enchanted Forest and a water-play area. Allow more time and walking than for a short city-centre stop. Water play depends on season and operation; check the park map and current visitor information.

https://www.tierpark-berlin.de/en/animals/enchanted-forest

https://www.tierpark-berlin.de/en/animals/a-day-by-the-sea

Labyrinth Kindermuseum Berlin

Hands-on learning and creative play in Wedding. The current TALENTOPIA exhibition is designed for children aged 3–11. Check family visiting slots, exhibition language, access details, and booking requirements for the date you want.

https://www.labyrinth-kindermuseum.de/en/talentopia

Deutsches Technikmuseum & Science Center Spectrum

For children curious about transport, machines, sound, light, and experiments. Spectrum offers more than 150 hands-on stations. Choose activities to suit the child's interests and age; morning group visits to Spectrum require advance registration under the museum's published rules.

https://technikmuseum.berlin/en/education/science-center-spectrum

Museum für Naturkunde Berlin

A family stop for dinosaurs and natural-history discovery. The museum publishes a programme of family tours; check the particular tour's age guidance, language, availability, and whether booking is needed. Allow time for a shorter self-guided visit if a tour does not fit.

https://www.museumfuernaturkunde.berlin/en/programme/

Gardens, green spaces & outdoor family time

For a slower day, combine gardens with a short walk, a play stop, and a café break. These are large grounds: choose an entrance and route before travelling, and check weather-related closures and seasonal facilities.

Botanischer Garten Berlin

Plant collections, outdoor landscapes, and greenhouses in southwest Berlin. The Fragrance and Touch Garden offers raised planting beds. Some paths have slopes or uneven surfaces; consult the access map. The Botanical Museum's permanent exhibition is closed for modernization until approximately 2027, so verify reopening separately.

https://www.bo.berlin/en

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https://bo.berlin/index.php/en/visit-us/information-disabled-people

Gärten der Welt

International garden designs in Marzahn, with playgrounds, seasonal water play, and a cable car connection. A useful choice for mixed-age family outings. The park publishes a wheelchair route and accessibility details; some garden areas have limitations. Cable car hours, tickets, and weather closures are separate considerations.

https://www.gaertenderwelt.de/en/gaerten-der-welt-for-families/

https://www.gaertenderwelt.de/en/service-info/visitor-information/accessibility/

Britzer Garten

A landscaped park with lakes, flower displays, play areas, and animal pastures. Children can explore the clay village and seasonal water-play facilities. Plan around the entrance closest to your chosen activity, and check which play features and food stops are operating.

https://www.britzergarten.de/en/experiences/playgrounds/

https://www.britzergarten.de/en/experiences/animals/

More Berlin tables: grills, hotpot & market food

Additional options across Berlin's food cultures. Menus, meal formats, and prices vary; confirm current offers and reservations directly. For hotpot with children, ask about mild broths and take care around hot cooking equipment.

Fleischerei Berlin

Restaurant, bar, and grill with a meat-focused menu. An option for a sit-down dinner; check the current menu, lunch service, and table availability before visiting.

https://www.fleischerei-berlin.com/

7 Paintings

A ticketed, seven-course dinner show at Pullman Berlin Schweizerhof combining table projections, art, and food. Allow about 2.5 hours. Book ahead and confirm dietary requirements, children's menus, and the full price; this is a special-occasion experience.

https://www.7paintings.com/en/berlin

Houtang Hotpot

Sichuan-style hotpot at Kurfürstendamm 175, where diners choose broth and cook ingredients at the table. Ask about spice levels, vegetarian choices, reservations, and how the meal is priced.

https://houtang-hotpot.de/

Tian Fu

Sichuan cuisine at Uhlandstraße 142, with a menu spanning meat, seafood, vegetables, and tofu. Ask directly about any current hotpot or buffet offering rather than assuming that every meal is all-you-can-eat.

https://tianfu.de/

Nin Hao

Chinese hotpot at Bismarckstraße 24 in Charlottenburg. Published listings describe an all-you-can-eat format; confirm the current price, time limit, included ingredients, and reservations with the restaurant.

https://www.pinwo.de/de/restaurants/ni-hao

Asude Charlottenburg

Anatolian and Turkish cooking at Bismarckstraße 63–64. A sit-down option for grilled dishes and shared meals; use the official site for menu and group reservation enquiries.

https://www.asuderestaurants.com/

Dong Xuan Center

A Vietnamese and wider Asian commercial and food hub in Lichtenberg. Combine a restaurant stop with browsing the market halls. Individual businesses have their own opening arrangements; consult the centre’s current visitor information before travelling.

https://dong-xuan-berlin.de/

Curry 36

A Berlin currywurst stop with branches at Mehringdamm, Bahnhof Zoo, Hauptbahnhof, and Warschauer Straße. Choose the branch that fits your route and consult the current menu for dietary options.

https://curry36.de/

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Bookstores & literary meeting places

New listings · Revised 23 October 2026. Follow the linked sources for current stock, events, opening times and access information.

Thalia - das Schloss

Bookstore chain · Fiction, nonfiction & children’s books · Steglitz

On the ground floor of das Schloss at Schloßstraße 34, this Thalia branch offers novels, nonfiction, children’s and young adult books, travel guides, and gifts. Online orders can be collected in the shop. Pair a bookshop visit with the surrounding Schloßstraße shopping district; consult the official branch information for current hours and services.

https://dasschloss.de/shops/thalia/

InterKontinental

African & afrodiasporic literature · Friedrichshain

At Sonntagstraße 26 near Ostkreuz, InterKontinental connects a bookshop, publishing, literary events, and the African Book Festival. A particularly relevant stop for readers exploring African and afrodiasporic writing. Check the current bookshop and BuchBar information before visiting.

https://www.interkontinental.org/

She said

Women & queer authors · Bookshop & café · Neukölln

At Kottbusser Damm 79, this independent bookshop centres women and queer authors and combines browsing with specialty coffee and literary events. Its website includes practical access information, including the entrance threshold and toilet facilities.

https://www.shesaid.de/pages/about

Archive Souq at HKW

Art, critical thought & cultural exchange · Tiergarten

Inside Haus der Kulturen der Welt at John-Foster-Dulles-Allee 10, this Archive Books bookshop brings together publications connected to HKW exhibitions and projects with writing that questions colonial and patriarchal structures. Pair a bookshop visit with the current HKW programme.

https://www.hkw.de/en/the-house/visit/archive-souq

Shakespeare & Sons

International literature · Books & bagels · Friedrichshain

At Warschauer Straße 74, Shakespeare & Sons combines a bookshop with the Fine Bagels café. A convenient place to browse books and take a café break while visiting Friedrichshain; check the shop’s current selection and visitor information.

https://www.shakespeareandsons.com/

Shopping & Black-owned businesses

New listings · A growing selection, not a complete business directory. The mall is a general shopping destination; the four businesses below have documented Black ownership.

das Schloss

Shopping centre · Schloßstraße · Steglitz

At Schloßstraße 34, near Rathaus Steglitz, das Schloss brings together fashion, everyday shopping, cafés, and restaurants. Its ground-floor Thalia bookshop is also listed in the bookstore section. It is a useful indoor stop while exploring the Schloßstraße shopping district. Consult the official shop directory and visitor information for current services and opening times.

https://dasschloss.de/

AZEA ZALEA

Black-owned · Woman-led fashion label · Berlin / online

Founded by Afro-German designer Miriam Kuna Schade, this Berlin-based label connects fashion with cultural sustainability, community, and BIPOC visibility. Browse its collections online and contact the label about current stockists, events, or appointments; a walk-in Berlin shop is not confirmed.

https://azeazalea.com/pages/about

Le Magass

Black-owned · Vintage & secondhand fashion · Neukölln

Afro-Polish designer and musician Mavin Magassouba’s shop at Reuterstraße 59 offers curated vintage clothing, accessories, and pieces across genders. Its selection connects upcycling with influences from music and the owner’s African and Polish roots. Check current shop updates before visiting.

https://www.place2be.berlin/en/discover-berlin/top-10-the-best-addresses-for-queer-friendly-fashion-and-vintage-shopping-in-berlin/

Bantou Village

Black-owned · Cameroonian cuisine · Wedding

Owner Suzanne Saitz’s restaurant at Kameruner Straße 2 brings Cameroonian cooking and social gathering to Wedding. Its menu includes grilled fish, meat dishes, and plantains, with arrangements available for group occasions. Check the current menu, opening times, and reservations directly.

https://www.bantou-village-berlin.de/

Schwarze Heidi

Black-owned · Swiss cuisine & fondue · Kreuzberg

Founded by Black Swiss actor, comedian, and restaurateur Jeniffer Mulinde-Schmid, Schwarze Heidi serves Swiss cooking at Mariannenstraße 50, including fondue and Röschti. Its official website also lists other Berlin locations and seasonal venues; choose the location when booking.

https://schwarzeheidi.de/restaurant/