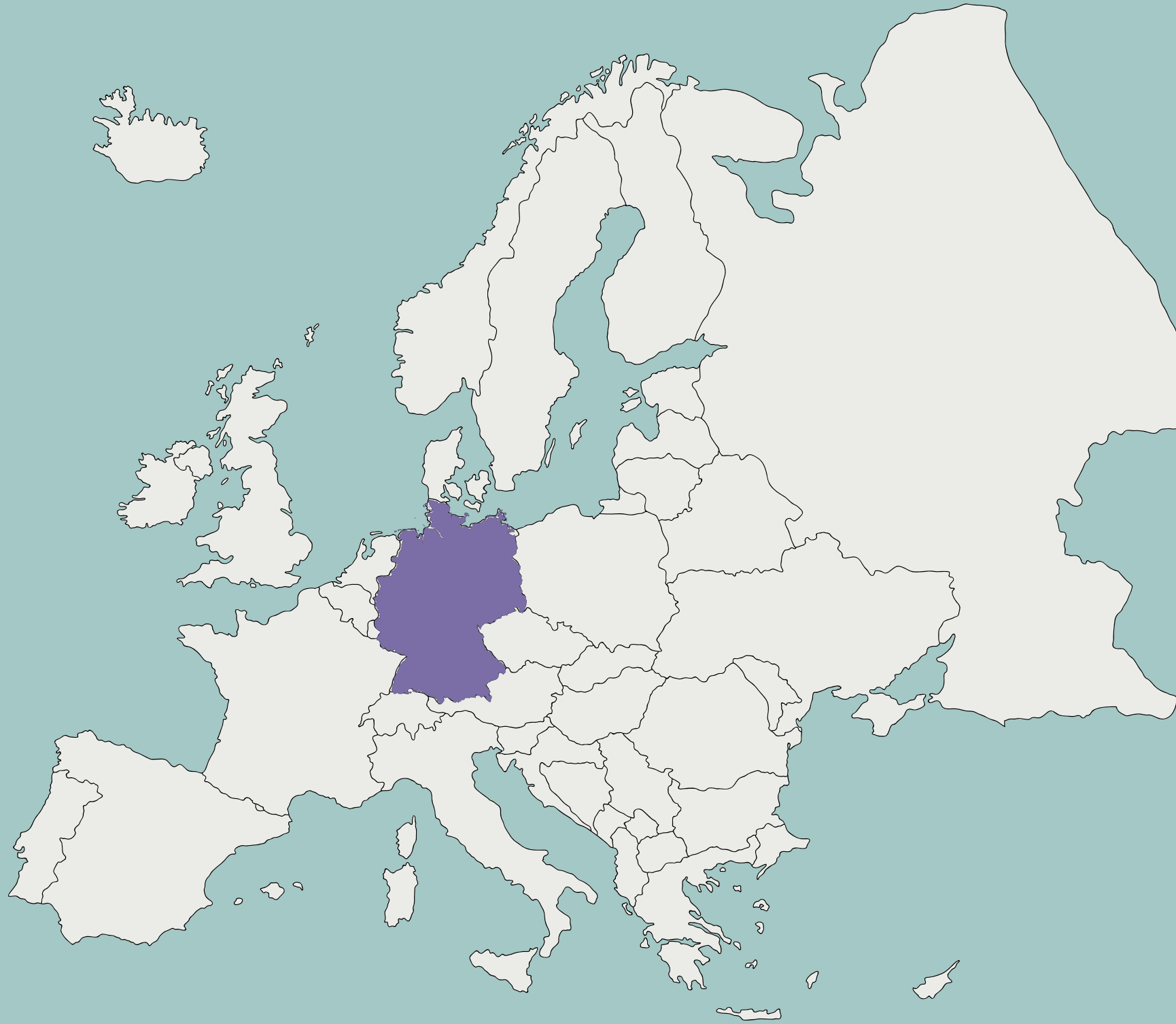


WELCOME TO GERMANY



KEYFACTS



- IN THE HEART OF EUROPE
- AROUND 84 MILLION PEOPLE
- CURRENCY: EURO (€) | 1€ = 36.5 NTD
- OCEAN AND MOUNTAINS

THE FLAVORS OF GERMANY



COOKING AT HOME

Full Kitchen in every flat

Oven, stove, fridge - all included.
Germany cook almost every day

Cheap grocery shopping

A lot of different supermarkets with
great prices

EATING OUTSIDE

Restaurant

- Expensive min. 15€ () / meal
- Sit-down dining, full service
- Not everyday - special occasions

Imbiss / Street-Food

- Affordable 3-8€ (110-300) / meal
- Döner, Currywurst Bakery
- Quick, casual, eaten on the go



STORES AND BRANDS

Store brands = same quality, much cheaper. Always try them first!

Supermarket	Main Store Brand(s)	Notes
Lidl	Lidl, Milbona, Combino, Vemondo	very budget-friendly
ALDI	Gut Bio, Milsani, Snack Time, Tandil	very budget-friendly
REWE	ja!, REWE Beste Wahl, REWE Bio	good balance of price & selection
EDEKA	Gut & Günstig	large product range
Kaufland	K-Classic, K-Bio, K-Take it Veggie	wide variety, low prices
PENNY	Penny, Naturgut, San Fabio	discount, basic selection
Netto Marken-Discount	Gut Ponholz, BioBio	discount, basic selection
dm	dmBio, Balea	cosmetics, snacks & everyday items
Rossmann	enerBiO, ISANA	cosmetics, snacks & everyday items

STUDENT-ID CARD

MENSA (UNIVERSITY CAFETERIA)

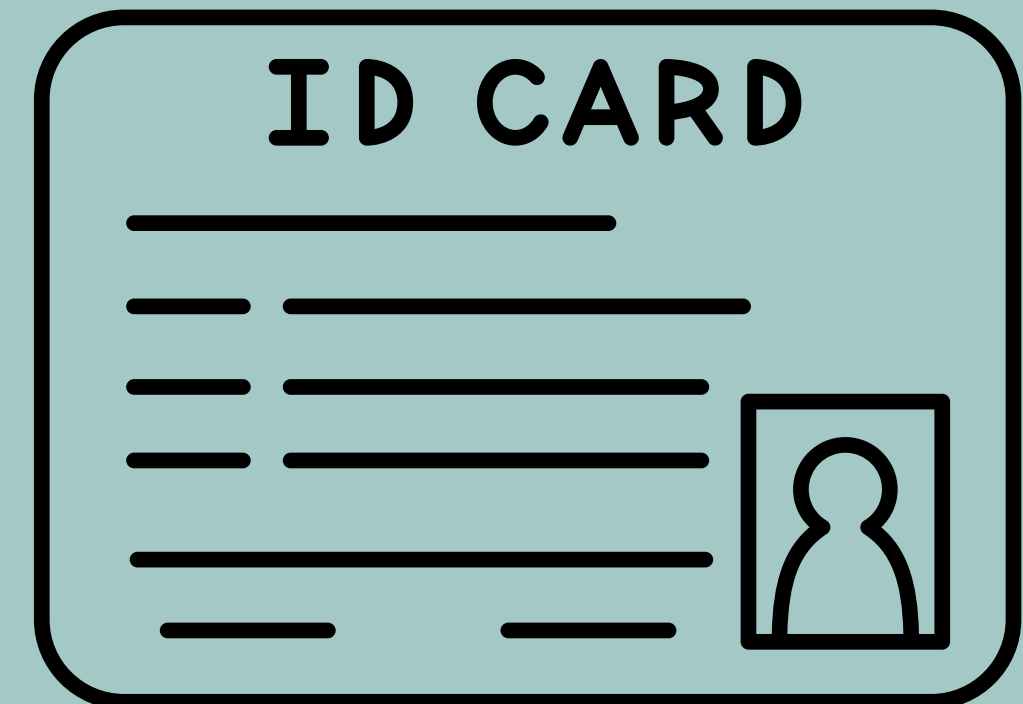
- PAY WITH YOUR STUDENT ID
- MEALS COST ONLY 2.50 – 6 € (90–220 TWD)
- MUCH CHEAPER THAN ANY RESTAURANT

DISCOUNTS

- ALWAYS CARRY YOUR STUDENT ID
- GET DISCOUNTS AT MUSEUMS, CINEMAS AND MORE
- JUST SHOW IT AT THE ENTRANCE

PUBLIC TRANSPORT TICKET

- YOUR ID INCLUDES A FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TICKET FOR ALL OF GERMANY
- WORKS AS A QR CODE ON YOUR PHONE
- DOES NOT INCLUDE HIGH-SPEED TRAINS (ICE)
- ALWAYS CARRY THE PHYSICAL CARD TO PROVE YOU'RE A STUDENT



TRAINS IN GERMANY



High Speed Trains

Names: ICE/IC

You need to buy an extra ticket before entering the train.

Long-distance travel across Germany

You should always book tickets one to two weeks in advance. This can save you a lot of money. You should never wait until the day of travel to buy a ticket, because prices are very high then (over 3,600 TWD), whereas if you buy it in advance, you'll pay approximately 700–1,000 TWD.

Local Trains

Name: RE

You can use the semester-ticket (free), No extra ticket needed

Short-distance travel across Germany

TICKETS AND TIMETABLE

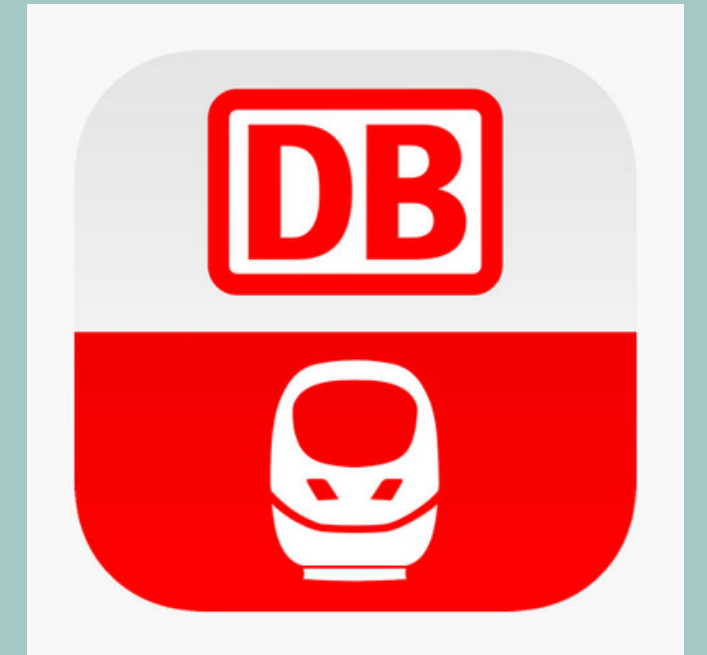
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OTHER USEFUL APPS

- **Text Messenger: WhatsApp**
- **Food Delivery: UberEats, Volt, Lieferando (Brandenburg: Lieferfuchs)**
- **Facebook Marketplace: Kleinanzeigen**
- **CarShare: MILES**
- **BikeShare: NextBike**
- **Taxi: Uber, Bolt**
- **Supermarket discounts: LidlApp, Rewe, Aldi**
- **Drugstore (like Poya): Rossmann, DM**

SUNDAY IS RESTDAY

- SUNDAY IS RESTDAY IN GERMANY
- ALL STORES ARE CLOSED (ALSO SUPERMARKETS AND PHARMACIES)
- ONLY THE STORES AT TRAIN STATIONS ARE OPEN
- SMALL CONVENIENCE STORES CALLED SPÄTI ARE OPEN



MEDICINE

GETTING MEDICINE

Rossmann / dm (drugstore)

- For minor issues: cold, stomach ache, band aids, vitamins
- Cheap and easy – no prescription needed

Pharmacy (Apotheke)

- More expensive than drugstore
- Many medicines require a prescription from a doctor first

GOING TO THE DOCTOR

Hospital (Krankenhaus)

- Only for emergencies: broken bone, big wound, accident
- Do NOT go to hospital for a cold or minor pain

Regular Doctor (Hausarzt)

- For: fever, cough, pain, anything not urgent
- Book an appointment in advance – waiting time often 2+ weeks
- Some doctors don't accept new patients anymore
- Use the app **Doctolib** to find & book a doctor easily



WEATHER IN GERMANY

AUTUMN (SEPTEMBER–NOVEMBER)

- AROUND 8–18 °C
- RAINY AND WINDY
- DAYS BECOME SHORTER QUICKLY

WINTER (DECEMBER–MARCH)

- OFTEN BETWEEN -5 AND 5 °C
- SOMETIMES SNOW
- VERY DARK: SUNSET AROUND 4 PM



CLOTHES YOU NEED IN GERMANY



- WARM WINTER JACKET
- GLOVES, SCARF AND HAT
- UMBRELLA
- RAINING JACKET
- THERMO UNDERWEAR
- WINTER SHOES
- THICK SWEATERS

CHRISTMAS MARKETS



CHRISTMAS MARKETS

GOOD CHRISTMAS MARKETS:

- WEIHNACHTSMARKT SCHLOSS CHARLOTTENBURG, BERLIN
- CHRISTKINDLMARKT, MÜNCHEN
- CHRISTKINDLESMARKT, NÜRNBERG
- STRIEZELMARKT, DRESDEN
- WEIHNACHTSZAUBER AM GENDARMENMARKT, BERLIN
- WEIHNACHTSMARKT AM KÖLNER DOM, KÖLN
- WEIHNACHTSMARKT, LÜBECK



CHURCHES



STAY SAFE DURING YOUR EXCHANGE SEMESTER

PROTECT YOUR BELONGINGS

- KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR WALLET, PHONE, AND VALUABLES.
- BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL IN CROWDED PLACES SUCH AS TRAIN STATIONS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT, TOURIST ATTRACTIONS, AND FESTIVALS.
- PICKPOCKETING CAN OCCUR IN BUSY AREAS.

NEVER LEAVE BAGS UNATTENDED

- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR LUGGAGE, BACKPACK, OR PERSONAL BELONGINGS UNATTENDED.
- UNATTENDED BAGS MAY BE STOLEN OR REPORTED AS SUSPICIOUS ITEMS.

WATCH YOUR DRINKS

- NEVER LEAVE DRINKS UNATTENDED IN BARS, CLUBS, OR PARTIES.
- DO NOT ACCEPT OPEN DRINKS FROM STRANGERS.
- BE AWARE OF DRINK SPIKING ("DATE RAPE DRUGS" / KO DROPS).

GETTING HOME SAFELY AT NIGHT

- TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
- USE WELL-LIT AND POPULATED ROUTES.
- TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS AND LEAVE SITUATIONS THAT MAKE YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE.

Emergency Numbers



Ambulance & Fire Brigade: 112



Police: 110

WELCOME TO BERLIN



WELCOME TO BERLIN

- CAPITAL OF GERMANY
- POPULATION: APPROXIMATELY 3.8 MILLION
- ONE OF EUROPE'S MOST INTERNATIONAL CITIES
- FAMOUS FOR HISTORY, ART, CULTURE, AND NIGHTLIFE
- HOME TO STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD





GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

- CAPITAL AND LARGEST CITY OF GERMANY
- LOCATED IN NORTHEASTERN GERMANY
- SURROUNDED BY THE STATE OF BRANDENBURG
- CLOSE TO POLAND AND CENTRAL WITHIN EUROPE

Traveling times by Train:

- Hamburg – ~2 hours
- Coast - ~3 hours
- Munich – ~4 hours
- Prague – ~4–5 hours
- Warsaw – ~5–6 hours
- Amsterdam – ~6 hours

HISTORY

13TH CENTURY

- BERLIN WAS FIRST MENTIONED IN HISTORICAL RECORDS AROUND 1237.
- IT DEVELOPED AS A TRADING CENTER ALONG THE RIVER SPREE.

1701–1918

- BERLIN BECAME THE CAPITAL OF THE KINGDOM OF PRUSSIA AND LATER THE GERMAN EMPIRE.
- THE CITY GREW INTO AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL CENTER.

WORLD WAR II (1939–1945)

- BERLIN WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED DURING THE WAR.
- AFTER 1945, GERMANY WAS DIVIDED INTO OCCUPATION ZONES.

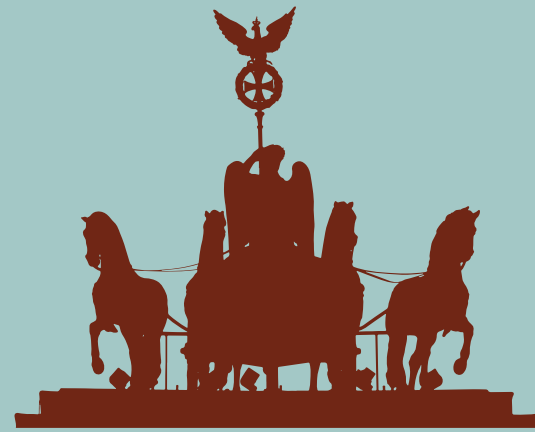
THE BERLIN WALL (1961–1989)

- BERLIN WAS DIVIDED INTO EAST BERLIN AND WEST BERLIN.
- THE BERLIN WALL SEPARATED FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES FOR 28 YEARS.

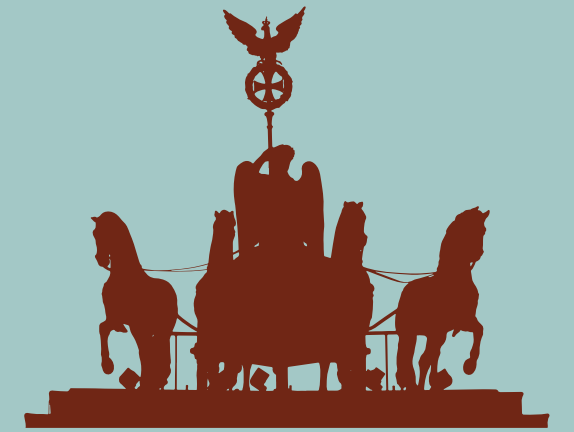
FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL (1989)

- THE BERLIN WALL FELL ON NOVEMBER 9, 1989.
- THIS BECAME A SYMBOL OF FREEDOM AND THE END OF THE COLD WAR.





WHAT TO SEE



MUST-SEE LANDMARKS AND ATTRACTIONS



Brandenburger Tor



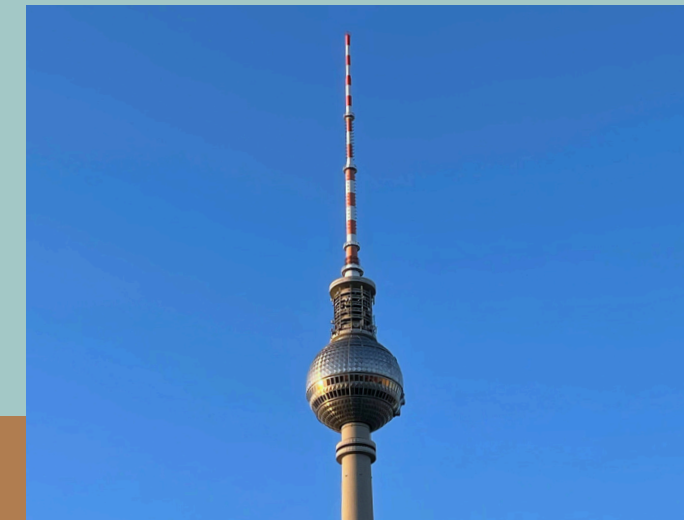
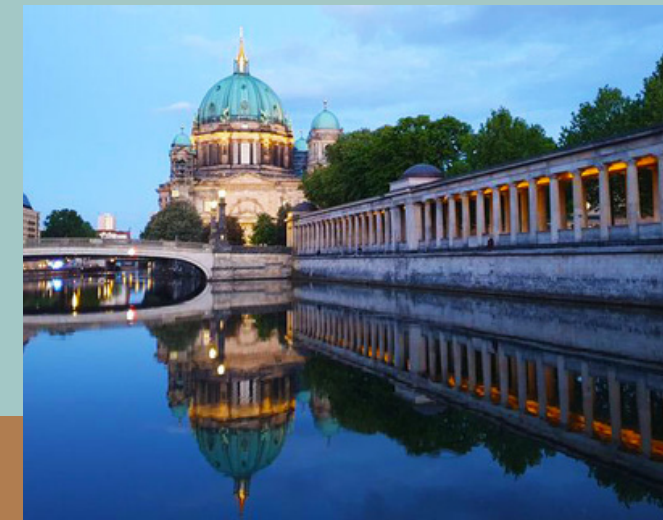
Reichstag



Museumsinsel



Fernsehturm



THE FLAVORS OF BERLIN

Eating outside is in Germany a lot more expensive than in Taiwan. We usually cook at home and go to restaurants only for special occasions.

Curry Wurst:

- Curry 36
- Curry 61
- Zur Bratpfanne
- Ziervogel's Kult-Curry

Döner:

- Rüyam Gemüsekebab
- Mustafas Gemüsekebab
- Oggi's Gemüsekebab
- ZAGROS Gemüsekebab

Other typical food:

- Rostbratwurst
- Mate (Drink)
- Pfannenkuchen (Dessert)
- Eisbein
- Berliner Weisse (Alcohol)
- Falafel and Schwarma
- Königsberger Klöße
- Schrippe



THE ARTISTIC SCENE

BERLIN IS ONE OF EUROPE'S LEADING CREATIVE CAPITALS, KNOWN FOR ITS UNIQUE MIX OF STREET ART, ALTERNATIVE CULTURE, AND WORLD-CLASS CONTEMPORARY ART INSTITUTIONS.



EAST SIDE GALLERY

- Longest remaining section of the Berlin Wall
- More than 100 murals by international artists
- Symbol of freedom, creativity, and cultural expression
- One of the most famous street art locations in the world



RAW GELÄNDE

- Former industrial railway site transformed into a creative hub
- Street art, galleries, music venues, markets, and cultural events
- Popular meeting place for artists, students, and creatives
- Represents Berlin's alternative and underground culture



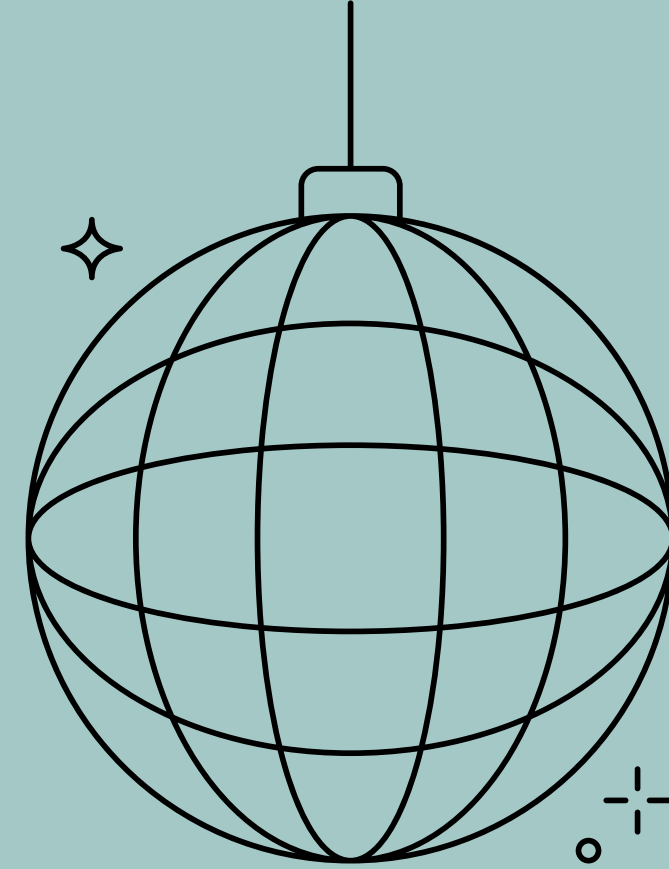
HAMBURGER BAHNHOF

- One of Germany's most important contemporary art museums
- Exhibitions of modern and contemporary artists
- Located in a former railway station
- Combines Berlin's industrial heritage with modern art

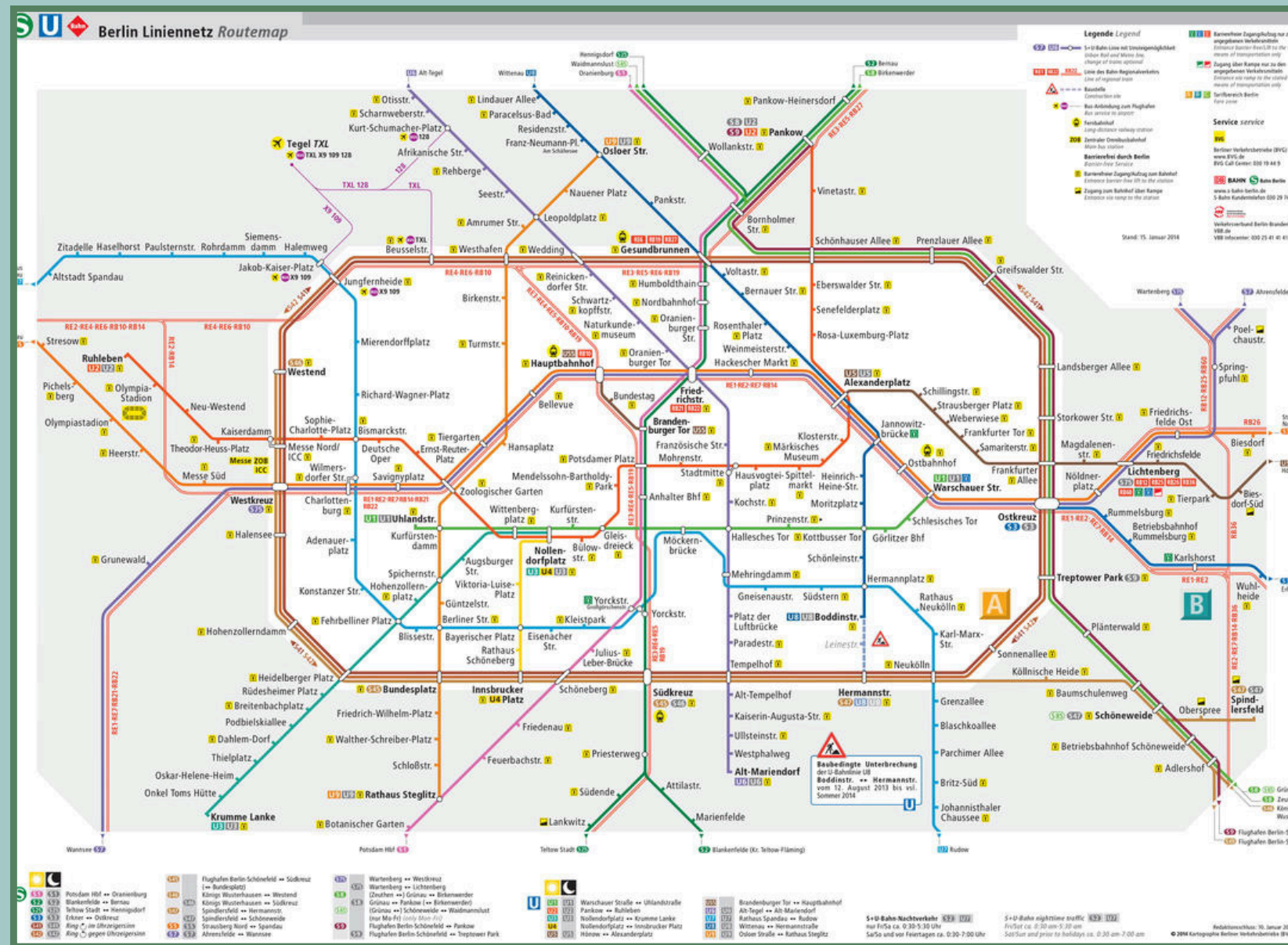
FAMOUS NIGHTLIFE



- WORLD-FAMOUS CLUB AND MUSIC SCENE
- INTERNATIONAL AND MULTICULTURAL ATMOSPHERE
- CLUBS, BARS, CONCERTS, AND CULTURAL EVENTS
- POPULAR DISTRICTS: KREUZBERG, FRIEDRICHSHAIN, NEUKÖLLN
- EXCELLENT PUBLIC TRANSPORT, EVEN AT NIGHT
- APP FOR EVENTS: [HTTPS://RAUSGEGANGEN.DE/BERLIN/](https://rausgegangen.de/berlin/)



GETTING AROUND THE CITY



SUBWAY AND S-BAHN

APPS FOR ROUTES:
• GOOGLE MAPS
• BVG



BUS

APPS FOR RENTING CAR:
• MILES



TRAM

APP FOR RENTING BIKE:
• NEXTBIKE



BIKE

APP FOR RENTING SCOOTER:
• EMMY

APP FOR TAXI:
• UBER
• BOLT

HOUSING IN BERLIN



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE ARRIVING:

⚠ BERLIN IS FACING A HOUSING CRISIS

- FINDING ACCOMMODATION IN BERLIN IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FOR STUDENTS.
- MANY STUDENTS START SEARCHING 6+ MONTHS BEFORE ARRIVAL, AND EVEN THEN IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO FIND A ROOM.

PRIVATE HOUSING

WG (SHARED FLAT)

- AVERAGE RENT: €600–900+/MONTH. (22,000-33,000+ TWD/MONTH)

PRIVATE APARTMENT

- TYPICAL RENT: €800–1,300+/MONTH. (29,000-47,000+TWD/MONTH)

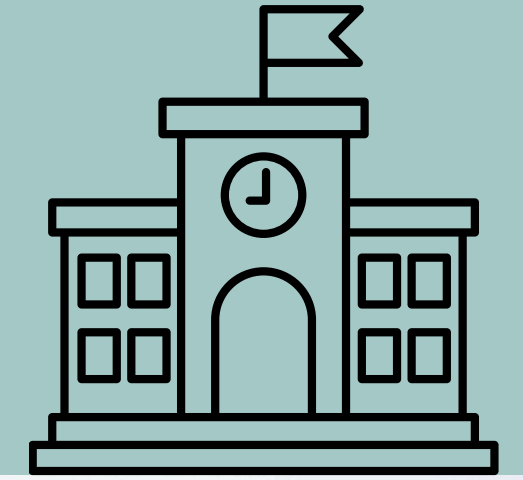
STUDENT DORMITORIES (STUDENTENWOHNHEIM) → RECOMMENDED BY US

- TYPICAL RENT: €330-550/MONTH. (12,000-20,000 TWD/MONTH)





HTW-BERLIN



HISTORY OF HTW-BERLIN

-  1874 – HISTORICAL ROOTS
- THE ORIGINS OF HTW BERLIN DATE BACK TO THE FOUNDING OF THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL DRAWING IN BERLIN..

-  1991 – AFTER GERMAN REUNIFICATION
- SEVERAL INSTITUTIONS IN FORMER EAST BERLIN, INCLUDING THE ENGINEERING COLLEGE AND THE COLLEGE OF ECONOMICS, WERE MERGED INTO THE FACHHOCHSCHULE FÜR TECHNIK UND WIRTSCHAFT (FHTW).

-  1994 – INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY
- FHTW BECAME AN INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES.
 - THIS YEAR IS CONSIDERED THE OFFICIAL FOUNDING DATE OF TODAY'S HTW BERLIN.

-  2009 – HTW BERLIN
- THE UNIVERSITY CHANGED ITS NAME FROM FHTW BERLIN TO HTW BERLIN (HOCHSCHULE FÜR TECHNIK UND WIRTSCHAFT BERLIN).

-  TODAY
- LARGEST UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES IN BERLIN
 - AROUND 16,000 STUDENTS
 - MORE THAN 80 DEGREE PROGRAMMES



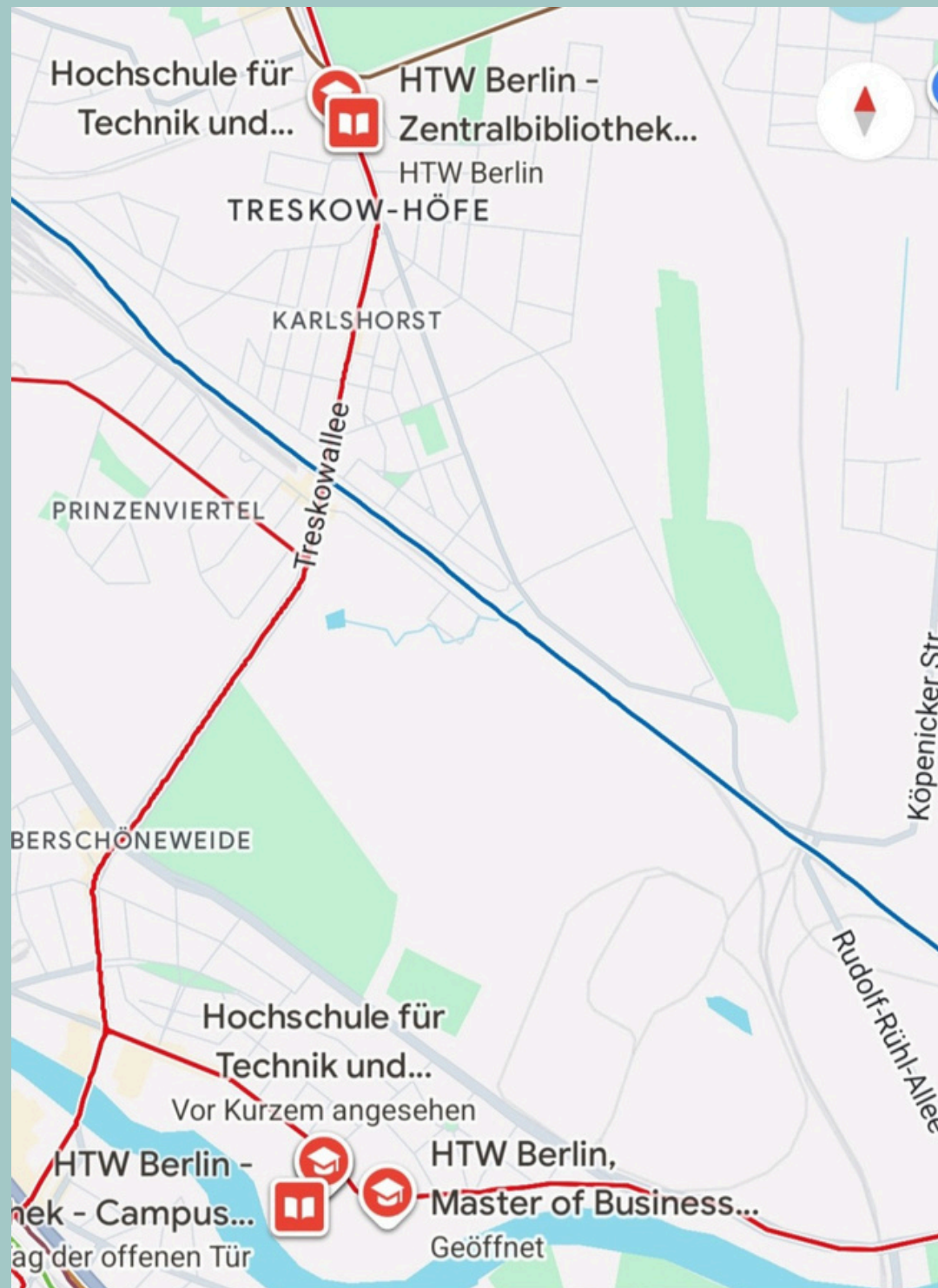
CAMPUS

CAMPUS WILHELMINENHOF:
• ENGENIERING
• DESIGN

CAMPUS TRESKOWALLEE:
• MANAGEMENT



TWO CAMPUSES
CONNECTED BY THE TRAM
You need to take the tram
27. It will take you 18
minutes from one campus to
the other.





STUDENT LIVE

ASTA

<https://www.students-htw.de/en/>
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HTW PARTY

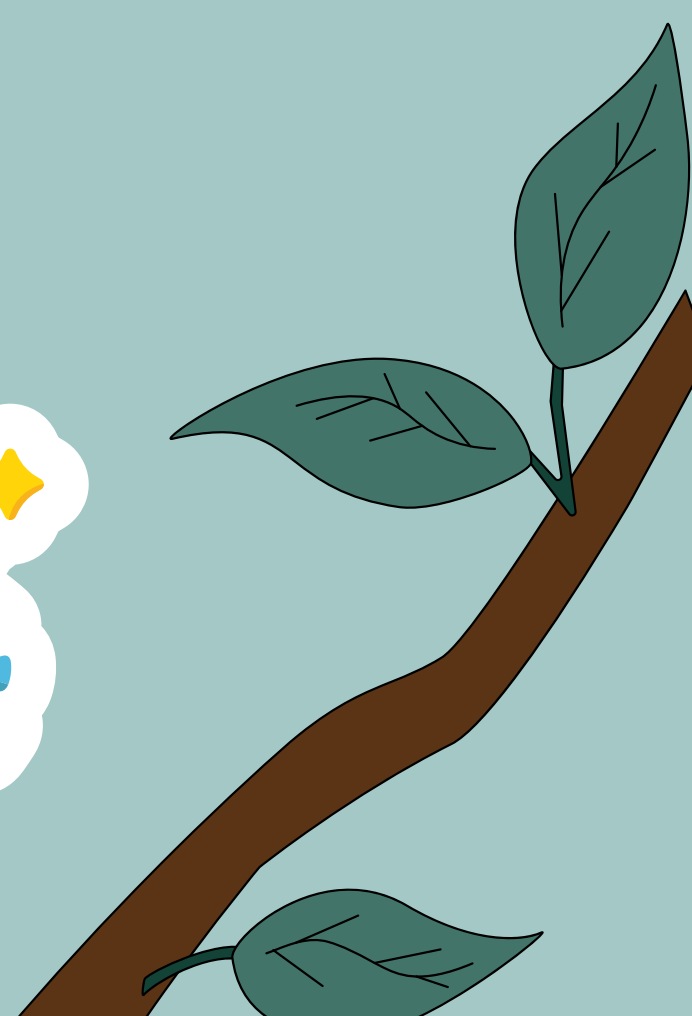
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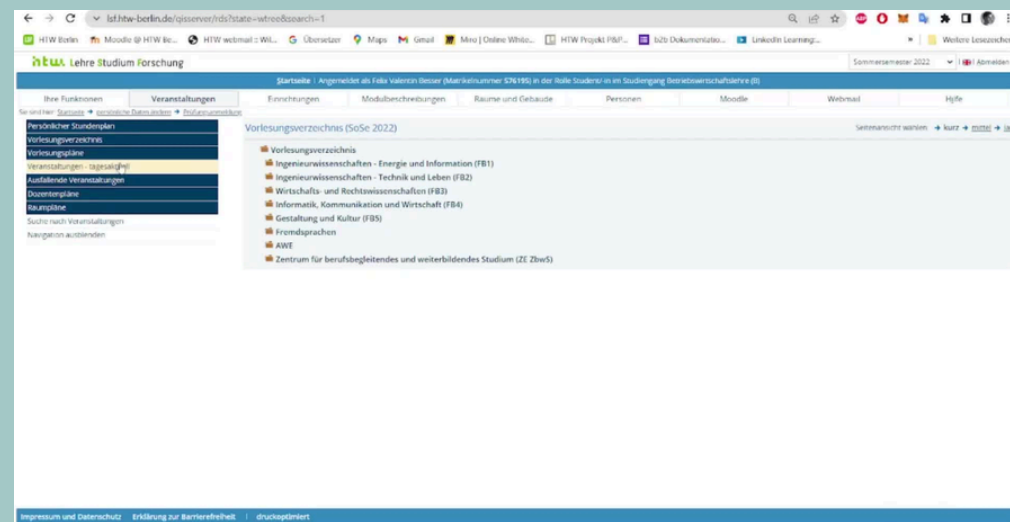
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Food
Time



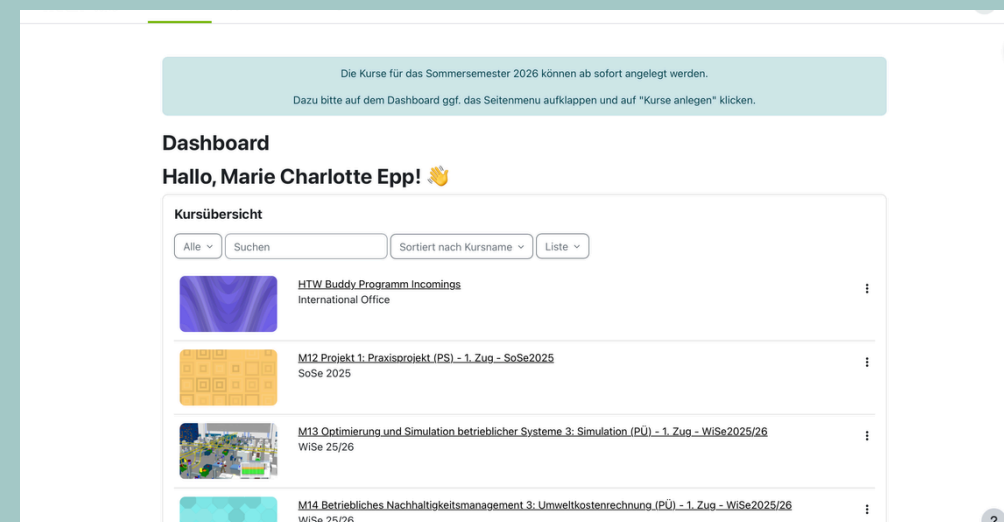
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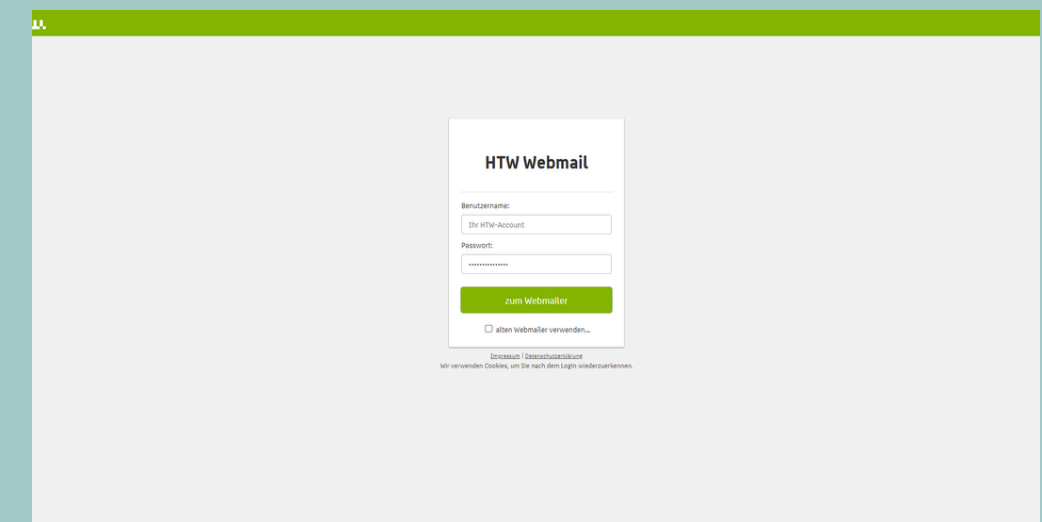
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SPORT CLUBS

HOCHSCHULSPORT:

- MANY DIFFERENT SPORT CLUBS THAT YOU CAN JOIN
- NOT PROFESSIONAL, JUST FOR FUN
- COURSES:
[HTTPS://SPORT.HTW-BERLIN.DE/ANGEBOTE/AKTUELLER_ZEITRAUM/INDEX.HTML](https://sport.htw-berlin.de/angebote/aktueller_zeitraum/index.html)



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USEFUL VOCABULARY



HALLO / GUTEN TAG - HELLO

TSCHÜSS / AUF WIEDERSEHEN - BYE

DANKE - THANK YOU

WIE GEHT ES DIR? - HOW ARE YOU?

SPRECHEN SIE ENGLISCH? – DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?

KANN ICH MIT KARTE BEZAHLEN? – CAN I PAY BY CARD?

WIE VIEL KOSTET DAS? – HOW MUCH DOES THAT COST?

WO FINDE ICH DAS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE? - WHERE CAN I FIND THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE?

ENTSCHULDIGUNG, ICH HABE DAS NICHT VERSTANDEN. - EXCUSE ME, I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT.

IN WELCHEM RAUM FINDET DIE VORLESUNG STATT? – IN WHICH ROOM DOES THE LECTURE TAKE PLACE?

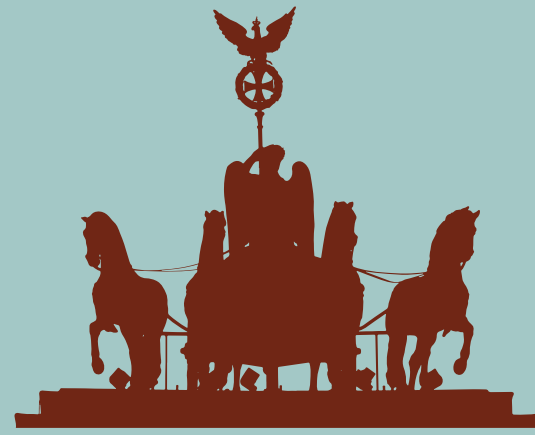
WELCOME TO BRANDENBURG



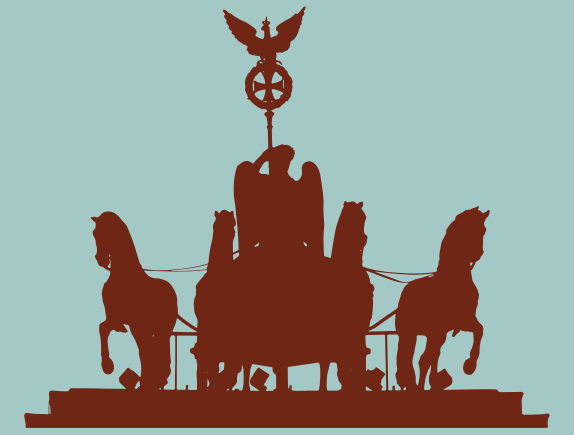
About the city..

- Located in eastern Germany, in the state of Brandenburg
- Approximately 70 km west of Berlin (1h by train)
- Around 74,000 inhabitants
- One of the oldest cities in Germany (more than 1,000 years of history)
- The city gave its name to the federal state of Brandenburg
- Known for its historic old town, medieval architecture, and beautiful churches
- Surrounded by rivers, lakes, and green landscapes





WHAT TO SEE



MUST-SEE LANDMARKS AND ATTRACTIONS



1

City center
(old city, during christmas there
are lights everywhere)



2

The Lorient-dogs (Waldmöpfe)



3

Industriemuseum
(3€ for Students)
There are often big parties



4

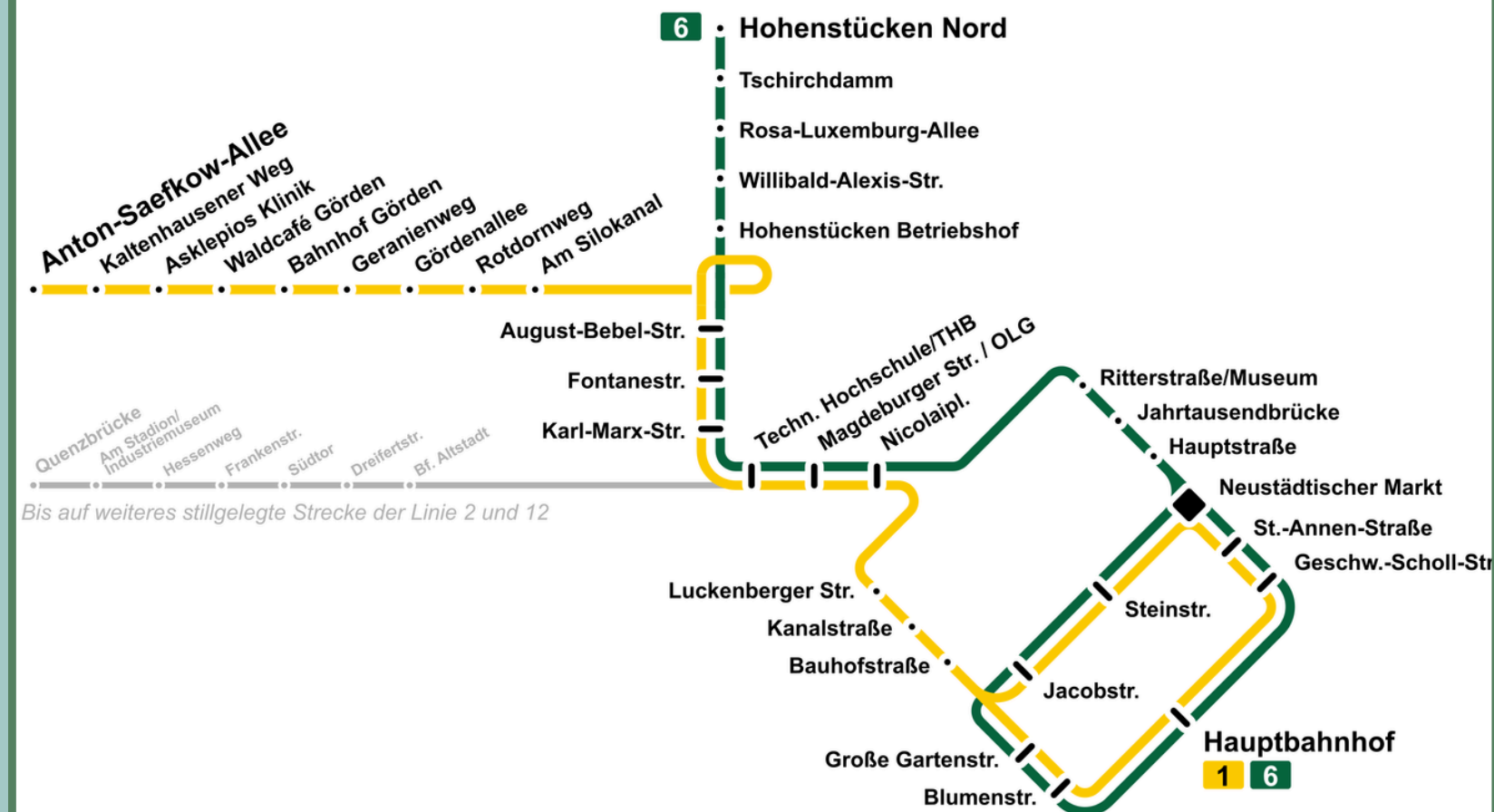
St. Katharinen Church
it has the largest organ in the
state



GETTING AROUND THE CITY



im Straßenbahn Brandenburg/Havel



BUS



TRAM



BIKE

APPS FOR ROUTES:

- GOOGLE MAPS
- VBB

TRAM DRIVES FROM 5AM-8PM (ALWAYS CHECK THE SCHEDULE AND HOW YOU GET HOME)

THE BUSES DRIVE AROUND UNTIL 1AM BUT ONCE AN HOUR

TRIP TO BERLIN



- Berlin is only about 1 hour away by train
- Direct regional trains connect Brandenburg and der Havel and Berlin several times per hour
- The most important train line is the **RE1** (Regional Express 1), which runs directly through Berlin
- No reservation is required on regional trains

Pro Tip:

- The RE1 also stops in Potsdam, a beautiful city worth visiting with palaces, parks, and UNESCO World Heritage sites

Why Students Like Living in Brandenburg

- Lower rent than in Berlin
- Less crowded and more relaxed
- Easy access to nature and lakes
- Berlin's nightlife, shopping, and attractions are still just one train ride away

Best of both worlds: Enjoy a peaceful student city and explore one of Berlin whenever you want!

Winter in Brandenburg

Even if it's cold and snowy you can still have fun outside...

Go to the Marienberg (about 10 minute walk from the THB) and play in the snow!



Winter in Brandenburg

There is also a regular Christmas Market in Brandenburg!

And a christmas Train driving in the city.

Pro tip: Arts and Crafts Christmas Market at Gotthardtkirchplatz

- When: Traditionally held only on the Saturday of the second Advent weekend
- Time: Approximately 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Features handmade crafts, local products, and a cozy Christmas atmosphere.



Winter in Brandenburg

Join the Asta activities!

Each week the Asta organizes one new activity: Bowling, Kellerquiz, Gamenight, Karaoke...

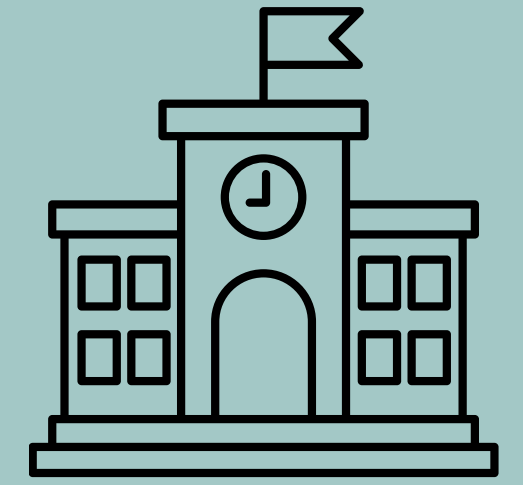


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THB



**IT
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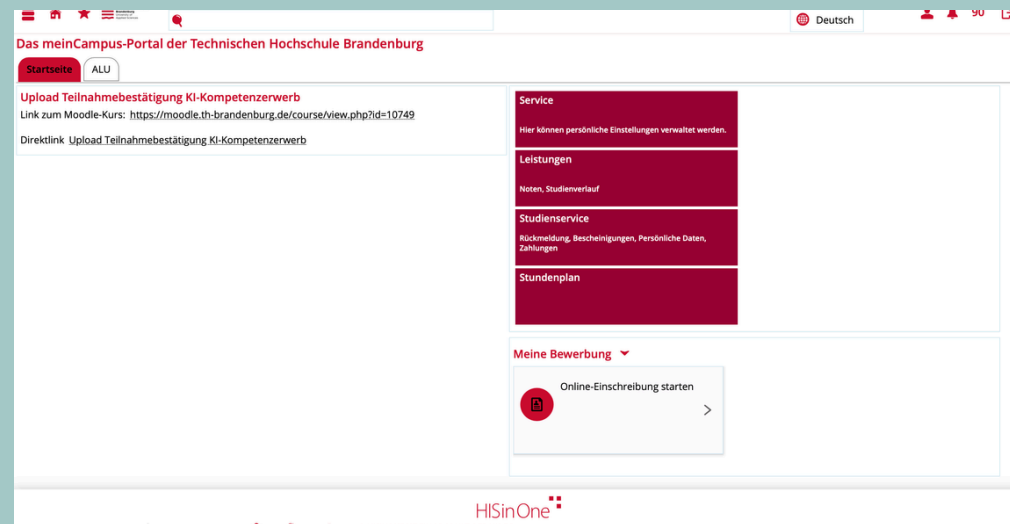
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Engineering**

Student Dormitories

Business + Interactive Media

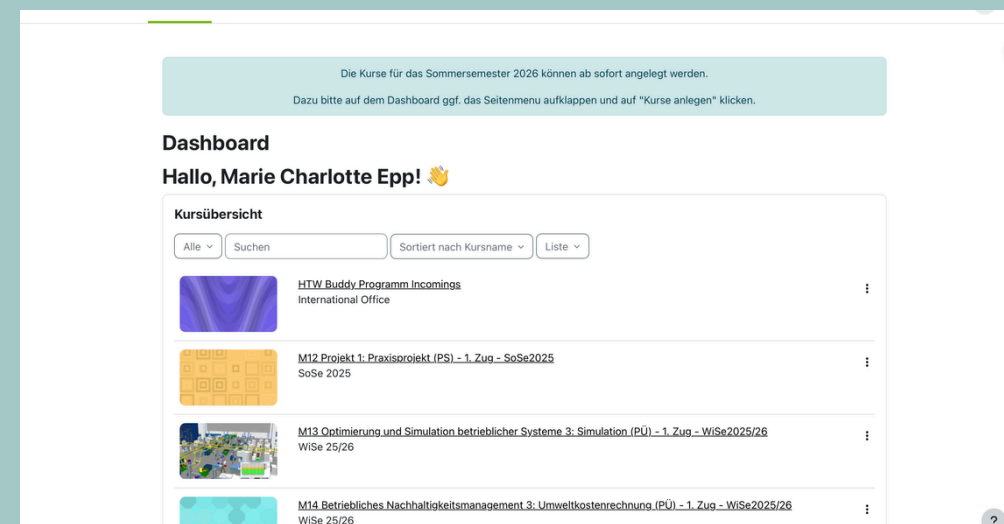
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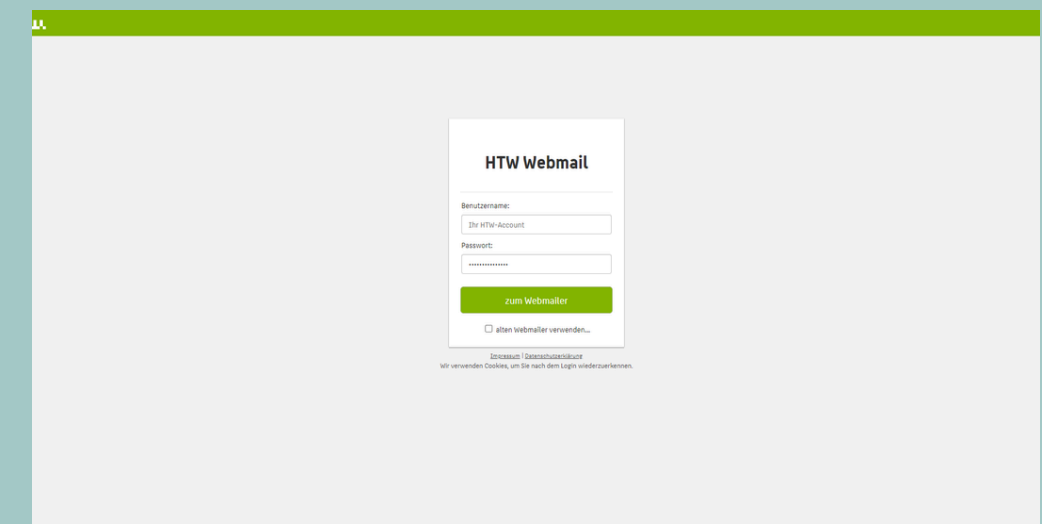
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WE ASKED OUR FRIEND

1. Back up every important document with photos and upload them to clouds.
2. Always have your phone on you
3. Prepare all kinds of anti-thief kits
4. Bring Euro cash around 800-1000 to Germany (cuz the transaction fee is insane), but don't bring too much cash on you when you go out.
5. Open international transaction in your bank, when you run out of money, it helps.
6. Don't bring kitchen utensils and bedding, you can get cheaper ones in Germany (and clothes)
7. Bring Taiwanese seasoning (hot sauce if you eat spicy) and pastry, you have to cook most of the time unless you are rich enough. Asian market is expensive and usually not as good.
8. Bring the Transformer and Plug adapter(2-3)
9. Prepare a backpack which size is for budget airline if you travel a lot
10. Experience those things you scared of or haven't tried before, bring up your courage to talk to strangers. That might change your life!

WE ASKED OUR FRIEND

Cultural differences

1. Everything closes after 8 in Brandenbrug
2. Don't go outside alone at night, there'll be cars pass and shout to you
3. Drugs are widespread in clubs, just be careful
4. Some people are racist, they hostile to you or make fun of you for no reason.

A list with her favorite places:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/GuVt3Up8TF3Gfxep7>