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Berlin

Accessible City Guide

5-day itinerary



for people with
reduced mobility

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Destination: Berlin

Berlin rose from the ashes like a phoenix and became a symbol for freedom. The German capital concentrates important historical monuments that remind us of the geopolitical events of the 20th century. Its streets present unique contrasts between the divided past and the hopeful future.

Home to one of the best symphony orchestras in the world, this European destination resonates with its own music. It also has many **accessible tourist attractions** for all travelers.

In this guide we suggest you make a 5-day **accessible itinerary**. However, you can always choose the information that interests you and plan your trip depending on the time you have and the location of the accommodation.

Here you will discover...

- Places you can visit as a person with **reduced mobility**.
- **Accessible activities** in Berlin.
- **Accessible transportation** options.
- Recommended hotels from our catalog.



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[Flughafen Berlin Brandenburg “Willy Brandt” Airport](#) opened on October 31, 2020 and is located 18 kilometers from the city center.

As usual, travelers should request assistance from their airline at least 48 hours in advance. In order for care to be adjusted to particular needs, the degree of disability must be indicated. Therefore, before the trip, it is advisable to locate the points where this service is provided: [T1 check-in areas](#), [T1 departure areas](#) and [T2 check-in areas](#).

All terminals offer accessible parking for people with **reduced mobility**. Likewise, there are telephone booths to contact the Mobility Service.

If you are traveling with your **wheelchair**, you can check it in at the large baggage counter. The airport provides you with a wheelchair to get to your seat on the plane.

Recommended hotels

TOP 5 IN BERLIN



Eurostars Berlin

Eurostars Berlin is a 5-star luxury adapted hotel located in the center of Berlin, just steps away from the historic Friedrichstrasse shopping street and very close to the Brandenburg Gate, the Government District and Museum Island. It has elegant accessible rooms adapted for guests with reduced mobility, which are decorated in warm tones.

[Learn more](#)

Leonardo Hotel Berlin KU'DAMM

The Hotel California Kurfürstendamm 35 is located in one of the best known avenues in Berlin, Ku'damm, where there are a wide variety of shops. It is close to a subway station and the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church. Therefore, its location is excellent for visitors who want to enjoy some accessible tourism.

[Learn more](#)

Azimut Hotel City South Berlin

Azimut Hotel City South Berlin is a 3-star accessible accommodation located in the south of Berlin, just a 10-minute drive from Schönefeld International Airport and close to the famous Gropius Passagen shopping center. Accessible rooms are equipped with very functional furniture and provide all the necessary amenities to ensure a comfortable stay.

[Learn more](#)

Holiday Inn Express Berlin City Centre West

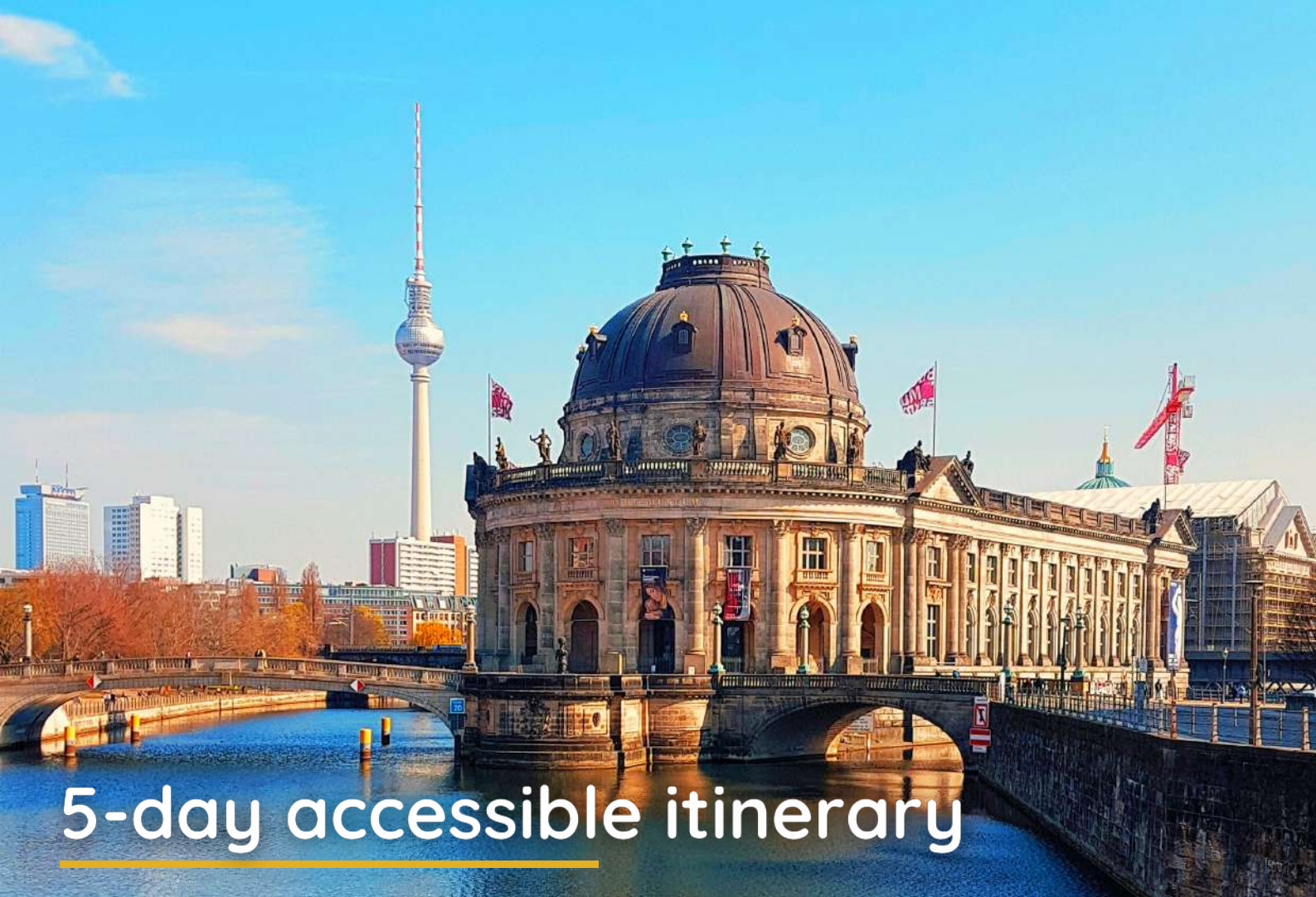
The Holiday Inn Express Berlin City Center-West is a 3-star hotel located in the historic Tiergarten district, close to the Berlin Zoo and Aquarium. Guests with reduced mobility are welcome to enjoy an unforgettable adapted trip in this cosmopolitan capital, thanks to the fact that the property meets all essential requirements of an accessible hotel.

[Learn more](#)

Ibis Styles Hotel Berlin Mitte

The Ibis Styles Hotel Berlin Mitte is located in the most central district of the German capital, a few minutes from the great Alexanderplatz square, Hackescher Markt and the Berlin Wall Monument. It has easy access to public transport, so this hotel is an excellent option for accessible tourism in Berlin.

[Learn more](#)



5-day accessible itinerary

Day 1

Our tour departs from the historic center of Berlin. Here you will find the famous **Museum Island**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, where you can see some spectacular works of art.

The island in Spree River has five **accessible museums** for visitors with **reduced mobility**.

The **Neues Museum** covers 6,000 years of history and is world-renowned for housing the bust of Nefertiti. However, it is not the only jewel in the museum, as it has a valuable Egyptian collection.

The **Pergamonmuseum** has an atypical origin. The building was built around some works of art that were brought in first. Thus, it exhibits one of the most relevant collections of Greek and Roman art. Among its best-known pieces, the Pergamon altar and the door of the Miletus market stand out.

The **Bode-Museum** will surprise you with works by Bernini, Donatello and Canova. Likewise, the Alte Nationalgalerie and the Altes Museum are the other institutions that we recommend you visit.



These cultural visits are likely to occupy your entire morning. You can see the imposing and majestic **Berlin Cathedral** nearby. If you decide to see its interior, you should know

that the **accessible entrance** is to the left of the main portal. The door is signposted and there is a bell to notify the doorman of your arrival.

Next, head towards the grand **Alexanderplatz**, 1 kilometer away. Along the way you will see the **Neptune Fountain**, **St. Mary's Church** and the **Rotes Rathaus**.

Adjacent to the central square stands the **Fernsehturm Berlin**, which was built in 1969 by the German Democratic Republic. Please note that its viewpoint is inaccessible to **wheelchair users**.



You will be captivated by the iconic **World Time Clock**, which simultaneously displays the time in 148 cities around the world. It was designed by Professor Erich John with the intention of marking a powerful contrast between a global monument and the limiting Berlin Wall.





Day 2

Continue exploring the heart of the German capital. You can start at the southern end of Unter den Linden, one of its most popular avenues.

The **Neue Wache** and **Humboldt University** are some of the first iconic buildings you can see on the second day.

Next door is the **Deutsches Historisches Museum**, which houses 1 million objects and [accessible exhibition rooms](#). Just 200 meters away you can also see the **Konprinzenpalais**, the former Prussian royal residence.



Then go to the **Bebelplatz**, one of those squares that never cease to amaze visitors. Burning of books took place here on May 10, 1993. The **Empty Library** was created in remembrance of this historical event.

Rebuilt after World War II, the **Staatsoper Unter den Linden** has become one of the most important opera houses in the country.

It is also situated on the **Bebelplatz**, as are **St. Hedwig's Cathedral** and the **Alte Bibliothek**.

Next, head towards the beautiful **Gendarmenmarkt**, where you will be swayed by the facades of the **Konzerthaus Berlin**, the **French Cathedral** and the **German Cathedral**.





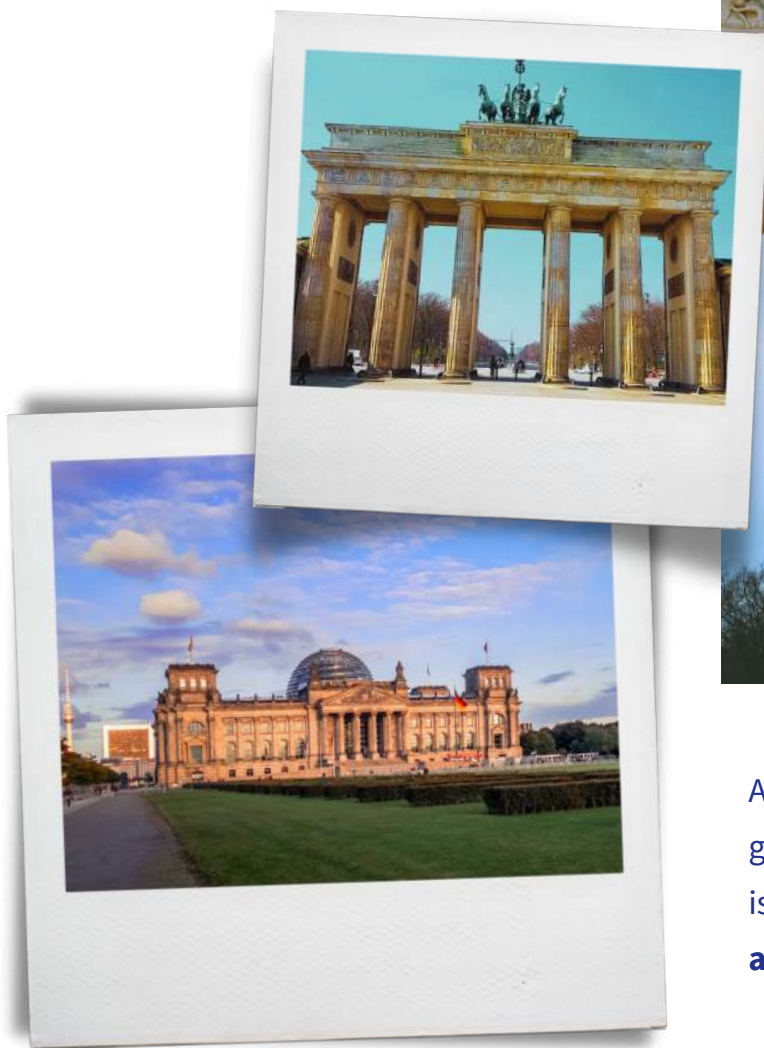
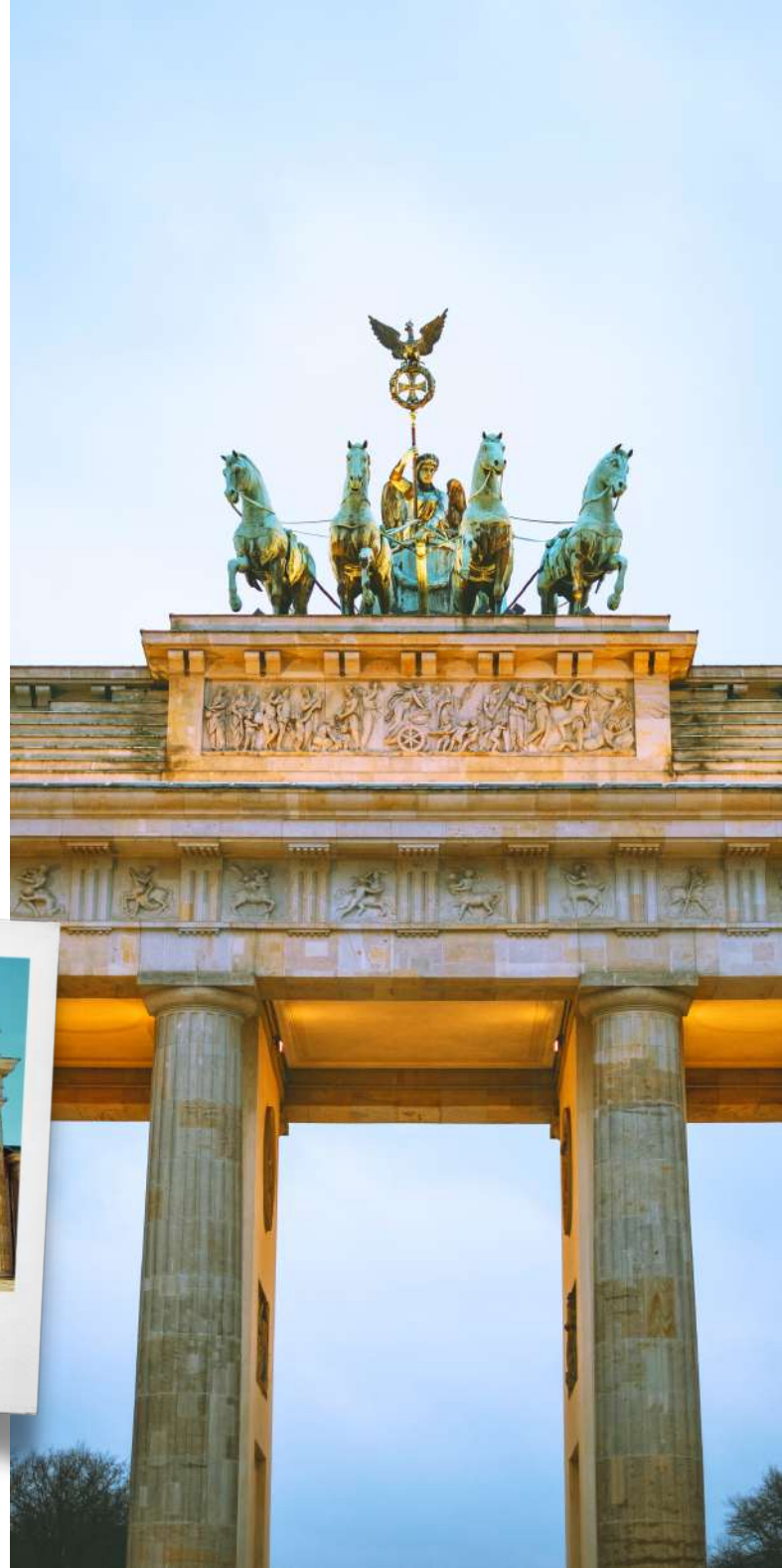
Checkpoint Charlie is 700 meters away, which was one of the main border crossings of the Berlin Wall between 1945 and 1990.

The **Memorial of the Murdered Jews of Europe** is also worth a visit. This tribute to the victims of the holocaust was inaugurated in 2005. It will undoubtedly impress you.



Afterwards, it is essential to visit the **Pariser Platz**, where one of the main symbols of the German capital is located. The **Brandenburg Gate** was opened in 1791 and is the only one of the 18 gates in the city that is still standing.

The unmistakable **Reichstag building**, home of the German Parliament, will be your next stop. Specifically, we recommend you discover its iconic glass dome, which is **accessible** to people with **reduced mobility**.



As [Visit Berlin](#) indicates, it is recommended to go with a companion, as the path to the dome is steep. However, all entrances are **accessible**.





Finally, trekk towards **Potsdamer Platz**. You will find a variety of shops and restaurants. If you feel like it, go up to the **Panoramapunkt Berlin platform** –accessible for up to three

and enjoy the views. Another excellent option is to attend an evening concert by the **Berliner Philharmoniker**.



Day 3

The **Oberbaum Bridge** has a special charm at the crack of dawn. After a hearty breakfast, it is worth approaching the Spree and contemplating this construction that links two districts that were divided: Friedrichshain and Kreuzberg.

The world's largest open-air art gallery also stretches along the river. The **East Side**

Gallery is the longest surviving piece of the Wall. As the Cold War drew to a close, artists from around the world left many political events captured here. In this way, it has been transformed into a true “homage to freedom”.



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To delve into the history of the Berlin Wall, go to the **Memorial and Documentation Center**. The outdoor exhibition, visitor center, documentation center and all seminar rooms are **barrier-free**. Elevators, restrooms, and parking are also **accessible**. In addition, **wheelchairs, canes** and portable seats are loaned for free.

Admission is free, while guided tours have a reduced price of €2.50 for people with **disabilities**.

Another very interesting museum about the Cold War is the **Tränenpalast** ("Palace of Tears"). It was a border crossing between East and West Berlin, so many Germans had to say goodbye to their loved ones at this place.

According to its **official website**, the exhibitions are at ground level. Also, service animals are allowed and there is an **accessible restroom**.



Day 4

Today you can visit the former royal residence of the Hohenzollerns, the beautiful **Charlottenburg Palace**. It is currently the largest palace in the city.

The [Prussian Palaces and Gardens Foundation Berlin-Brandenburg route](#) will help you plan your visit. Unfortunately this information is only available in German. Also, a [map](#) is provided for visitors with **reduced mobility**.

Then walk down **Kurfürstendamm** avenue, a long and well-known avenue where you will

find a variety of shops and restaurants. As [Visit Berlin](#) points out, its sidewalks are characterized by being wide and suitable for **wheelchair** users.

Next to that street it is interesting to visit the **Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church**, which has an **access ramp**.

Finally, take a leisurely stroll through **Tiergarten park** and get up close to the famous **Berlin Victory Column**.





Day 5

On the fifth day you can explore other neighborhoods, such as **Tempelhof** or **Neukölln**. You also have the option to

complete the itinerary with the other recommended sites in "more **accessible attractions**".



More accessible attractions

1 Take a trip to **Potsdam**, 35 minutes by public transportation from the center of Berlin. This former residence of the Prussian royal family has beautiful palaces and gardens declared a World Heritage Site.

In order to visit Sanssouci Park we advise you to follow the [route proposed by the Prussian Berlin-Brandenburg Palaces and Gardens Foundation](#). You may need assistance in certain areas with slopes. Check the details before you go.

2 In Berlin, several companies offer **accessible boat tours**, such as [Reederei Riedel](#) and [Stern und Kreisschiffahrt](#). Enjoy Berlin on board!

3 The **STASI Museum** has a permanent exhibition that explains the work carried out by the Ministry of State Security, as well as the methods they used to control the population of the German Democratic Republic.

People with reduced mobility can use the door located to the left of the main entrance (check out the [image on its website](#) to locate the door). In addition, the interior spaces of the building are accessible.

4 Take an **[accessible sightseeing tour of the neighborhoods](#)**. With the help of a certified guide, you will be able to learn more about the history of the city.



5 Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp was one of the first concentration camps in the country. People with reduced mobility are welcome to visit the museum and the memorial, but it is recommended to be accompanied. Being a historic site, some areas will have limited accessibility. Accessible restrooms are located in the information center and wheelchairs are lent.

6 Gärten der Welt allow you to discover different cultures through plants. Festivals are occasionally held on this site. In addition, the

oasis has entrances without steps and **accessible restrooms**.

7 Get a unique perspective of Berlin. According to Visit Berlin, Air Service Berlin's hot air balloon or helicopter rides are accessible to wheelchair users. Advance notification and reservation is required.



Transportation around the city

It is essential that during your stay you can adequately move to all the places you want to visit. Therefore, do not forget to take a look at this list with information on transportation:

- **Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe: BVG**. Most BVG metro stations, urban trains, bus fleets and ferries are accessible to people with reduced mobility.
- **Barrier-free trips - BVG**. Information on the accessibility of public transportation.
- **Berliner Branchen**. Search for accessible taxis for wheelchair users.
- **VBB**. Escort service on trains and buses.
- **Stations with out of service elevators**. Learn about the service status of the metro or train station elevators.



Medical attention

In the event of a medical emergency, call the European **emergency number, 112**. If you need to find a doctor near your accommodation, you can use the search engine on the website of the [Berlin Association of Compulsory Medical Insurance Physicians](#).

For specific treatments, go to the [Berlin Health Excellence website](#) and filter your search by the medical department that interests you.



Other useful information

Concierge Service

Travegali.com offers a [free Concierge service](#) to all its clients. It is in charge of finding the best accessible room. It also helps with booking mobility equipment, accessible activities, airport assistance and accessible transportation.

Accessible restaurants

[Visit Berlin](#) has a section where it compiles accessible restaurants, bars, cafes and pubs for people with disabilities. You can see a list of accessibility features next to the name of the establishment.

Accessible tourism offices

You should know that all tourist offices in Berlin have the "tourism for all" certificate, so they can help you whenever you need it.

Weather conditions

The following links show the weather conditions so you can choose when is the ideal time to travel:

- [El tiempo](#). Weather forecast for the next 14 days.
- [AccuWeather](#). Daily, monthly weather and air quality.

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