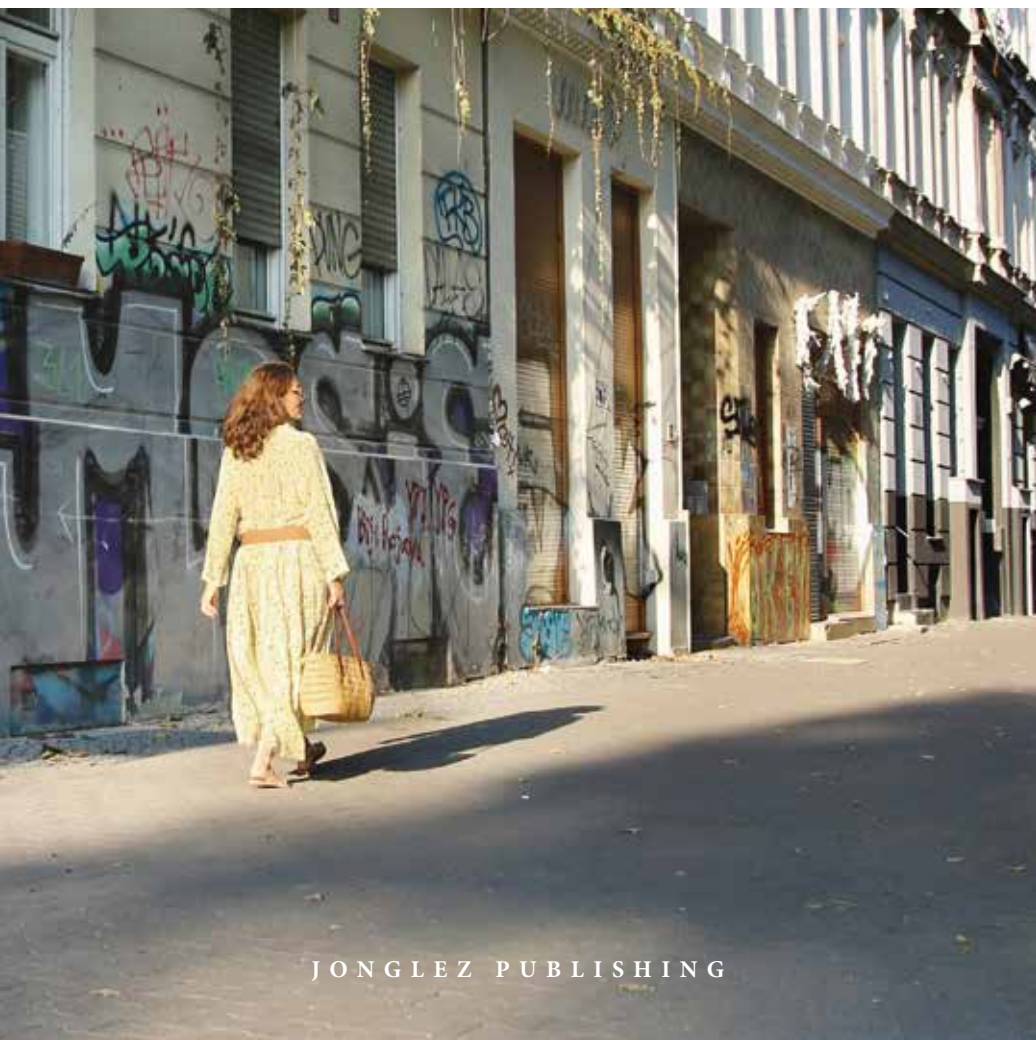


THOMAS JONGLEZ

SOUL OF BERLIN

A GUIDE TO THE 30 BEST EXPERIENCES



JONGLEZ PUBLISHING



THE ICE CREAM SHOP THAT MAKES ITS OWN CONES

Famous in the neighbourhood (the queues can be long in the warm months), Jones is one of Berlin's most famous ice-cream makers – the best, even, according to some fans. But what really makes it unique is that they make their own cones, right in front of their customers. You can also get a traditional cone for a bit less, but why would you skip the house speciality?

And (the cherry on the top, as it were): Jones also has excellent cookies – homemade, naturally.

 **JONES ICE-CREAM**
GOLTZSTRASSE 3,
10781 BERLIN (SCHÖNEBERG)



DAILY: noon / 7 pm

041 523 0034

U7 (Eisenacher Straße)



© MARIE ENCOREMAGAZINE

B A B Y L O N
#07

A MASTERPIECE OF SILENT CINEMA WITH A LIVE ORCHESTRA

About twice a month, the legendary Babylon Mitte offers the chance to see Fritz Lang's 1927 masterpiece of silent cinema, the mythical *Metropolis*, in exceptional conditions. At the heart of the enormous auditorium with its art deco vibe, an orchestra some thirty musicians strong provides a musical accompaniment for two and a half hours, evoking the glory days of pre-war cinema, when every screening was a true performance.

Remember to book in advance on the cinema's website so you're sure to get a seat.



The Babylon also lets you (re)discover other cool silent films accompanied by an organ every Saturday night at midnight - free of charge. 0:00 am, 0€, 0 dialogue - a programme as original as it is minimalist.



© KINO BABYLON



METROPOLIS AT THE BABYLON
ROSA-LUXEMBURG-STRASSE 30, 10178
BERLIN (MITTE)



Reservations
highly recommended

babylonberlin.eu

U2 (Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz)



© WIKIPEDIA

A ONE-OF-A-KIND CINEMA

Opened in 1963, a few minutes' walk from Alexanderplatz, it retains its inimitable East German atmosphere despite renovations after the fall of the Wall – especially in the upstairs bar, where you can have a drink under chandeliers from the former Czechoslovakia. Then there's the 17.5-metre screen, a large auditorium that seats 608 (currently 551) and impeccable acoustics, thanks in particular to the wave-shaped ceiling ... If the Funkhaus (see p. 65) wasn't enough to convince you that they also knew how to build quality buildings in East Germany, head on over to Kino International.

KINO INTERNATIONAL KARL-MARX-ALLEE 33, 10178 BERLIN (MITTE)

yorck.de/kinos/kino-international
U-Bahn (Schillingstraße)

THE MAGIC OF OPEN-AIR CINEMA

One of the great pleasures of summer in Berlin is catching a film under the open skies. The city is teeming with great open-air cinemas in every district, whether in parks (Hasenheide, Rehberge) or in gardens right in the heart of the city. Our favourites are the ones in Kreuzberg (behind the Künstlerhaus Bethanien) and especially the Pompeji in Ostkreuz (in the grounds of the ZUKUNFT cultural centre).

FREILUFTKINO (OPEN-AIR CINEMA)

Various locations: openair-kino.net

OSTKREUZ

zukunft-ostkreuz.de/freiluftkino.html

(NB: this brilliant spot – with indoor & outdoor cinemas, a bar, a concert hall, etc. – is under threat of closure, so hurry on over there right now!)

KREUZBERG

freiluftkino-kreuzberg.de

From May to approx. mid-September





09



BERLIN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL CYCLING ROUTE

It's no secret to Berliners, but not many tourists know that the German capital is a little paradise for nature lovers and cyclists. South-west of Berlin (but still within the official city limits), you can spend an amazing day between the Wannsee S-Bahn station and northern Potsdam.

Some tips:

- Ideally, choose a nice, warm sunny day so you can go for a swim every now and then. Leave early because the route is so pleasant and wide-ranging that it can take all day if you want.



- Take your bike on the S-Bahn to Wannsee (or rent a bike when you get there). Exit on the west side (towards the water), cross the bridge (Wannseebrücke) and take the first right onto Am Großen Wannsee. There are two places where you might stop along the way, both on the right: the Max Liebermann Museum, with its charming garden overlooking the lake, and the Haus der Wannsee Konferenz (infamous for its role in the Holocaust), which has an interesting historical exhibition and a lovely garden overlooking the water. Once you reach the end of this street, the rest of the route takes you along an exceptionally pleasant, car-free path.

- About halfway along the route (20 to 30 minutes by bike), we recommend taking the ferry to visit Pfaueninsel (Peacock Island) on foot. You can enjoy a well-earned drink sitting on a deckchair overlooking the water, next to the pier – a better location than the restaurant behind it.

- Back on the mainland, pedal on for another 15 to 20 minutes to discover a corner of paradise: the small natural cove of Moorlake with the Wirtshaus Moorlake (Moorlake Inn), where you can stop for a delicious lunch. There are a number of beaches along the





way, some larger than others, where you can take a welcome dip. The one in front of the restaurant, though small, is an absolute must. Cycling on, you'll catch sight of the charming Italianate Heilandskirche (Church of the Redeemer) on the other side of the Wannsee.

- Continue along the waterfront path to the beautiful Glienicke Park, where you can visit the small museum in the palace, stroll through the gardens and enjoy a meal in the beautiful inner courtyard. The route concludes with a ride across the Glienicke Brücke (the famous bridge where spies were exchanged during the GDR era) and then, keeping to the right, to the sublime Kongsnaes Restaurant, where you can round off the day with dinner (reservations recommended, see p. 62). The view from the terrace is exceptional.

- To get back to Berlin, turn back along the water or, if it's already dark, take the S-Bahn from Babelsberg in Potsdam (a shorter and nicer route than the direct one to the Wannsee S-Bahn station).



HERE ARE SOME OTHER LOVELY CYCLING ROUTES
IN THE HEART OF NATURE:

- From Schlachtensee to Grunewaldsee via Krumme Lanke, going round all three lakes; you can also do this route on foot (south-west of Berlin – Nikolassee S-Bahn station) – see p. 17.
- Along the north-west shore of Tegeler See (north-west Berlin – Alt Tegel station on the U6).
- Along Treptower Park and Plänterwald (Treptow – Treptower Park S-Bahn station).
- From Wendenschloss beach (see p. 85), along the water's edge, to Große Krampe. You can continue on from there along the waterside to Seddinsee, but the path is pretty rough (Köpenick – Grünau S-Bahn station).
- Along Meskengraben, starting from the U7 Rudow station: a truly rural atmosphere.
- In Lübars, north of Berlin, starting from Hermsdorfer See, passing near the Lübars beach (where we recommend making a stop: see p. 84), to the village of Alt-Lübars, where you can have lunch or dinner across from the church on the terrace of the Alter Dorfkrug Inn (recommended for its location more than anything else) (S-Bahn: Waidmannslust station, then Bus 222).



© THE FEUERLE COLLECTION

70

AN EXCEPTIONAL AESTHETIC EXPERIENCE

Located in Kreuzberg, in a former Second World War bunker converted by the architect John Pawson, the Feuerle Collection is an exceptional private collection of ancient Khmer and Chinese art open for viewing by appointment only.

The visit, which lasts a total of one hour, is a true aesthetic, spiritual and erotic experience, the collection of ancient art being interspersed with works of art by Cristina Iglesias, Anish Kapoor and others, as well as contemporary photographs.

More well-to-do patrons can rent the venue to visit it at their leisure but also and above all to enjoy a unique olfactory experience in private: an Incense Ceremony that lasts about 45 minutes.

The collection is named after Désiré Feuerle, the founder (together with Sara Puig) of this exhibition space, which promises visitors the feeling of a moment outside of time.



THE FEUERLE COLLECTION
HALLESCHES UFER 70,
10963 BERLIN (KREUZBERG)



Reservations required

thefeuerlecollection.org/en

U1, U3, U7 (Möckernbrücke)





13



EAST GERMANY AT THE TOP OF ITS GAME

The Funkhaus is an amazing place. Headquarters of the East German state radio until 1990, the building – designed by Franz Ehrlich in 1951 – is a masterpiece of 1950s architecture.

Today, the vast 13-hectare complex offers exciting guided tours (the fantastic staircase that leads nowhere, designed with different surfaces to make it possible to record the nuances of footsteps on the stairs, is particularly impressive), concerts (some of which take place in the world's largest music recording studio) and sound performances.

After lunch in one of the Funkhaus's two restaurants, you could spend a delightful afternoon and evening on the terrace next to the Spree, which you can also explore by renting a kayak a few metres away.

© UWE FABICH



FUNKHAUS
NALEPASTRASSE 18,
12459 BERLIN (RUMMELSBURG)



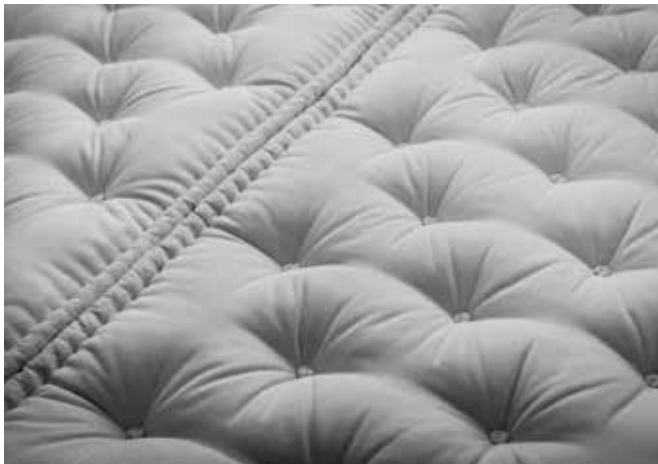
030 12085416

info@funkhaus-berlin.net
tickets@funkhaus-berlin.net
funkhaus-berlin.net

Tram 21 (Blockdammweg)







© DANIEL HEER

#14



SPEND A NIGHT IN A UNIQUE MATTRESS WORKSHOP

Working out of a beautiful flat in a classic building in Schöneberg, Daniel Heer is one of the last four manufacturers of exceptional mattresses in Europe: made exclusively by hand, using traditional techniques, his horsehair mattresses are guaranteed for life.

To allow his customers to test the quality of his mattresses under the best conditions, this passionate artisan had the wonderful idea of letting them spend one night – and one night only – in a room in his workshop.

After you've enjoyed a long and exceptionally restful sleep, Daniel will serve you breakfast (in the courtyard garden, weather permitting), giving you the perfect chance to discuss his know-how or the best places in the neighbourhood.

DANIEL HEER
SCHÖNEBERGER ZIMMER
BLUMENTHALSTRASSE 7,
10783 BERLIN (TIERGARTEN)



030 81475123
danielheer.com

U1, U3 (Kurfürstenstrasse)



© DANIEL HEER

For dinner, you can head to the charming Oh, Panama Restaurant, just a stone's throw from the workshop. The nearby Victoria Bar (great for cocktails!) is also a sure bet, as is the Kumpelnest 3000 Bar/nightclub, with its slightly more

eccentric vibe. For experimental music, the tiny Au Topsy Pohl Bar is also close by, as is the more traditional but no less pleasant Joseph-Roth-Diele Restaurant (see p. 26).



BERLIN
WE TRIED 1,000 PLACES
AND KEPT ONLY 30

The world's smallest nightclub, an exceptional private collection of ancient Asian art, Berlin's best beaches, the most beautiful bike ride, a fabulous spa that'll make you feel like you're in Bali, exploring the city's underground spots, an ice cream shop that makes its own cones right in front of you, the city's best restaurants (not necessarily the ones you'd think), where to go kayaking just like in Venice, the best places to have lunch by the water, an outstanding burger, spending a night in a mattress workshop, some unique architectural curiosities and psychedelic metro stations ...

The 'Soul of' collection is a new approach to travel that's all about vagabonding around town, chance encounters and unforgettable experiences. Guides for those who want to unlock the hidden doors of a city, feel out its heartbeat and plumb every last nook and cranny to reveal its soul.

JONGLEZ PUBLISHING
144 PAGES

€14.95 - \$14.95 - £13.99

info@jonglezpublishing.com
www.jonglezpublishing.com

ISBN: 978-2-36195-394-2



9 782361 953942