

TIPS, HINTS AND USEFUL NOTES

YOUR ADDRESS IS: RINGBAHNSTRASSE 38/40 IN 12099 BERLIN-TEMPELHOF

TOURISM TAX

The Berlin Government cashes a **Tourism-Tax. It is 5%** of the costs for hosting. The tax office (Finanzamt) obliges us to cash it for them from you on your arrival.

You are freed from this tax if your visit to Berlin is business related. Please have a declaration ready with you signed by you (if you are self-employed) or by your employer. A form for your declaration will be provided by us.

To learn more about the tax please visit: www.berlin.de/en/tourism/travel-information/3298255-2862820-city-tax-in-berlin-who-is-to-pay-how-muc.en.html

HOW TO ARRIVE

From TXL Tegel airport

take **bus 109** (direction: ZOOLOGISCHER GARTEN) to U-Bahn Station JUNGFERNHEIDE (app 8 mins) cross the street walk to S-Bahn station, take **S-Bahn S42** (counterclockwise!) to TEMPELHOF. Walk Tempelhofer Damm south, at traffic light turn left into Ringbahnstraße.

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take **bus 109** or X9 to subway station JAKOB-KAISER-PLATZ (4 mins). Change to U-Bahn, line **U7** (direction: Hermannstrasse) to MEHRINGDAMM (22 mins), change to train U6 on same platform (direction Alt Mariendorf) to stop TEMPELHOF (5 mins). Take front left exit and enter Ringbahnstraße.

From SXF Schönefeld airport

take **bus X7** (direction: subway station RUDOW) to subway / final stop (app. 10 mins) Change to U-Bahn, line **U7** (direction: Rathaus Spandau) to station HERRMANNSTRASSE. Walk to S-Bahn (3 mins) Take **S46** or **S41** to station TEMPELHOF (5 mins). Continue as described above

From HAUPTBAHNHOF (main station)

Any S-Bahn to station FRIEDRICHSTRASSE. Change to subway **U6** (direction: Alt-Mariendorf) to stop TEMPELHOF (app. 18 mins). Continue as described above.

From BUSBAHNHOF ZOB (Central Bus Station, ZOB)

Cross parking area opposite of Bus Terminal to reach S-Bahn Station. Take **S-Bahn S42** (counterclockwise!) to TEMPELHOF. Continue as described above.

By Car

instruct your navigation system this address: **Ringbahnstraße 38 in 12099 Berlin (Tempelhof)**
To enter the city your car needs a green sticker. Ask us for details or visit:
http://www.stadtentwicklung.berlin.de/umwelt/luftqualitaet/umweltzone/index_en.shtml

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

is very economic and comfortable. A regular ticket (zones AB) costs 2.70 € (2015) and is valid on buses, subway (U-Bahn), city-rail (S-Bahn) and tramways (Straßenbahn). You may change lines as you like and need - within 2 hours. A 24-hours-ticket costs less than 3 regular tickets.

TXL airport is AB fare; SXF airport requires ABC ticket (3.60 €), so do Potsdam and ferry boats. On weekends traffic is nocturne (all night) and on weekdays a net of night buses bring you back to Adenauer Platz. Detailed informations and plans on www.bvg.de

Consider to get a BERLIN WELCOME CARD. It includes public transport and reduced rates to tourist's attractions :

<http://www.visitberlin.de/de/welcomecard> (change to your preferred language).

LIVING IN THIS NEIGHBOURHOOD

You are located in **Tempelhof** that is a part of the district Schöneberg-Tempelhof. After the war, this part of the city had been a little neglected since the airport and its starting runway made living here quite uncomfortable. Consequently some minor industrial companies built a number of medium deposit halls on sites were nobody wanted to reconstruct war-destroyed tenant houses. Now, that the airport is closed, the neighbourhood gained a new attraction and is being revitalized by young urban professionals that search the neighbourhood of the TEMPELHOFER FELD and the 'special atmosphere'.

This neighbourhood is safe: no matter what co(u)lor, religion or sexual orientation - you don't have to fear strange looks or comments or aggressions. Parking is safe and free.

Though you'll probably encounter many a tourist, the local mixture and structure is still based on regular inhabitants and their employments and engagements in their quarter. 'Original' Berliners live and work here together with many a newcomer.

You may want to consider to contribute respect to the Berliners who live and work here – and often have to get up when you may just come home – by avoiding noise in the stair house and (drunk) yelling in the streets at night.

TAP WATER / *chateau neuf du robinet*

Tap water in Berlin - as all over Germany - is of excellent quality and may be used to prepare baby food. It is maybe the most and best tested staple nutrient. Much better than many a 'mineral water'.

MUSEUMS

are often closed on Mondays. Check opening hours on: www.smb.museum/smb/service.

If you're interested in art consider participating in the »Galerien-Rundgang« (gallery tour) or »Lange Nacht der Museen« (long museum's night).

Check magazines like SIEGESSÄULE (gay), ZITTY or TIP or a daily paper such as TAGES-SPIEGEL or BERLINER ZEITUNG.

Admissions to art galleries are generally free and the owners love art-addicted visitors.

TAXI

Despite their bad reputation, taxi drivers in Berlin are honest – no matter where the driver or you might be from. Ask them (silly) questions and they'll explain the world to you. Fares are comparably very affordable.

To order your cab get the App »TaxiBerlin« or call +49 30 261026 or +49 30 210101. You can pre-book the night before and a taxi will be waiting for you on your departure.

Expect fares to/from **Damaschkestraße** (2015):
TXL: 18.- | SFX: 45.- | Hbf: 12.- | ZOB 10.-

EATING AND DRINKING OUT

Quality and prices vary strongly. A dish of noodles or any asian style meal for less than 7€ should ring all your alarm bells; decent meat dishes cost certainly more than 12€. Beer for more than 3€ is slightly overpriced, whereas long drink prices always hit the roof. When driving a blood alcohol concentration (BAL) of 0.5‰ is tolerated - but if you cause an accident, a 0.0‰ rule applies.

TIP is generally 10% and service staff is very much depending on your generosity to make a living since the basic salary is very poor, sic! Though many a waiter/waitress *in his/her real life* is an actress/actor you should not mistake friendliness for greed for money or an invitation to flirt.

Your host will gladly help you with any problem or question. Ask for Werner.
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EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

will work with any mobile phone even without local provider or sim-card

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