Cadette Silver Award Browsing Berlin



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The Badge

Browsing Berlin is a badge created by 2 Cadettes, Maggie and Vicky, members of Cadette Troop 502 in Berlin, Germany. The badge takes you around Germany's capital. As you complete the tour you will also learn new things about the city we call home.



Brandenburger Tor (Gate)

Fernsehturm (TV Tower) Berlin Bear Siegessäule (Victory Column)

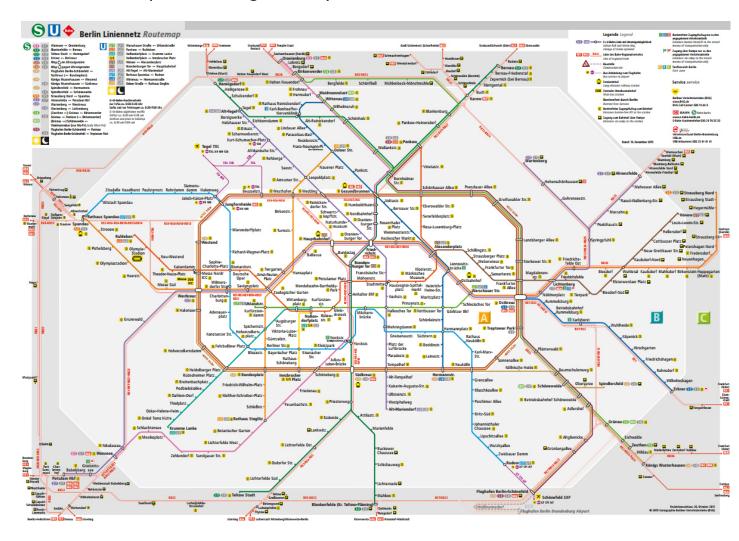
Bricks representing where the Berlin Wall stood in front of the Brandenburg Gate.

BVG Information

BVG is the agency that runs public transportation in Berlin: S-bahns, U-bahns, Buses and Streetcars.

Website in English: http://www.bvg.de/en/

You can also download the BVG App from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. You can purchase your tickets directly on the app and use their travel planner to figure out your route.



You could complete this badge completely on foot, but you can see and do more by using Berlin's public transportation to get from sight to sight. **The sights listed in the badge program are all in the AB zone.** If you decide to add additional sights to your plan, check to see which zone it is located in as you may need to upgrade to an ABC ticket.

Ticket Prices:	AB	ВС	ABC
Normal/Regeltarif:	2,80	3,10	3,40
Child/Ermäßigungstarif (6-14):	1,70	2,20	2,50

These tickets expire 120 minutes after stamped. Do not forget to validate your ticket before using it.

Day/Tageskarte

Normal/Regeltarif:	7,00	7,40	7,70
Child/Ermäßigungstarif (6-14):	4,70	5,10	5,30

These tickets expire at 3 a.m. of the next day

This ticket could be a great deal for a family or troop traveling together.

Small group Day Ticket - Valid for up to 5 persons from the time of purchase or on the day chosen until 3 a.m. the next day. AB Zone only.

19.90

There are additional tickets available on the BVG website or at ticket kiosks located in public transportation stations that include discounts on sights around Berlin. You can find information about these tickets on the BVG website listed above.

Tour Overview

There are two ways to approach this tour. You can take a list of the sights we recommend that you visit and plan the route yourself using maps and guidebooks. But for your touring convenience, as locals, we have designed a route that will enable to you visit the recommended sights in a logical order. We indicate how to get from each point via both public transportation or via walking. This badge book only serves as a general list of the sights you should see while in Berlin. We recommend you have a good guidebook or do some research about the sights before you arrive. An excellent website to use for information on all of the sights on this tour is www.visitberlin.de.

Sights

Alexanderplatz

Gendarmenmarkt and Bebelplatz

Siegessäule (Victory Column)

Reichstag

Brandenburg Gate, Pariser Platz

Memorial to Fallen Jews

Potsdamer Platz / Leipziger Platz

Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche and Kurfürstendamm (KuDamm)

Bonus:

Checkpoint Charlie

Topography of Terror/Berlin Wall Memorial

What's a Buddy Bear and how many can you find?



Buddy Bears is the name given to painted, life-size fiberglass bear sculptures developed by Klaus and Eva Herlitz, in cooperation with sculptor Roman Strobl. The raised arms of the standing Buddy Bears are aligned on the dissemination of friendliness and optimism, and thus mediate a positive mood. "The Buddy Bear has become an unofficial ambassador for Germany and is a symbol of Berlin since 2001. The story of the Buddy Bears started with an artistic event in Berlin in 2001. Inspired by the idea of bringing art in the streets of a metropolis like the cow parade in Zurich and New York."^[1] In addition to the Classic Buddy Bears presented far beyond Berlin's city limits, the circle of United Buddy Bears came into being in 2002. The Exhibition travel around the world promoting "peace, international understanding and tolerance among the nations, cultures and religions of this world" (Wikipedia)

How many Buddy Bears can you find on your tour of Berlin? Take a photo of each one you find.

Berlin Manhole Covers

Throughout Mitte (the center) of Berlin, there are manholes covered with these ornate covers feature several landmarks of Berlin. After you "Browse Berlin," maybe you'll be able to name some or all of these landmarks.



Make a fun souvenir! Take a sheet of large paper and with a crayon, make a rubbing of the manhole cover.

Alexanderplatz

From your start point, take public transportation to Alexanderplatz.

Exit the train at Alexanderplatz Bahnhof. Walk to the middle of the square.

Find the Weltzeituhr (World Time Clock).

1. What time is it in: Havana

Karachi

Tokyo

Kuala Lumpur

Sofia

Kamatschka

Walk towards Galeria Kaufhof. Stop at the large fountain.

- 2. What is this fountain called?
- 3. How many platforms are there?

Walk to the large train station next to Galeria Kaufhof. Pass through it and cross the street when you have exited the station. Walk around the Fernsehturm and to the front of the Marienkirche.

4. What is the story behind the stone in the front of the entrance?

Gendarmenmarkt and Bebelplatz

From the Alexanderplatz area, you have two options to get to the next sightseeing area. You can take public transportation (easiest is the 100 Bus) or you can walk and see many sights along the way.

If you choose to walk, walk from the Alexanderplatz area to Gendarmenmarkt via Bundesstraße/Unter den Linden. You will see the Berliner Dom (Cathedral), cross the River Spree, pass by Museumsinsel (Museum Island), and the Staatsoper (Berlin State Opera House). Just past the opera, you will make a left onto Bebelplatz.

Bebel Platz:

- 1. What event took place here?
- 2. When did it happen?
- 3. What do you see when you look at the underground memorial?

Walk toward St. Hedwig's Cathedral and down Hedwigskirchgasse toward Französische Straße. Make a right on Französische Straße and then the next left on Markgrafenstrasse. You have arrived at:

Gendarmenmarkt:

- 1. In the middle of Gendarmenmarkt there is a statue, who is it?
- 2. Cross off the correct answer. What type of churches are found at Gendarmenmarkt?

Italian and Polish French and Polish

German and Polish Italian and French

Italian and German German and French

For extra fun:

- Have you noticed any differences on the crosswalk lights in Berlin so far? These little figures are unique to Berlin and are called Ampelmann. There is an Ampelmann gift shop located at Gendarmenmarkt for souvenir shopping.
- Very close to Gendarmenmarkt is a well-known and tasty chocolate shop called Rausch Schokoladenhaus at Charlottenstraße 60, 10117
 Berlin. The shop displays different landmarks from Berlin in chocolate form and it's a great place to buy souvenirs.
- If time allows, this would be a good place to make a side-trip to see Checkpoint Charlie. It is about 1 km south, on foot, of Gendarmenmarkt.
- The German Currywurst Museum is also very close to this area on Schützenstraße 70, 10117 Berlin. This might make a great place to grab lunch and try a Berlin classic Currywurst.

Backtrack to Unter den Linden (near Bebelplatz). From this point you could walk down Unter den Linden all the way to the Brandenburger Tor, seeing sights along the way as you walk. You will be returning to Brandenburger Tor from the other side later in the tour. If you choose to walk, walk as far as you like and when you are ready, hop on the 100 Bus (direction S&U Zoologischer Garten). You are taking this bus to: Siegessaule or The Victory Column. Disembark the bus at the Grosser Stern stop and then walk to the column.

Siegessäule:

- 1. What does this monument commemorate?
- 2. Scout challenge: Climb the 285 steps of the column for a great view of Berlin. (cost 3 Euros)

Next, head to the Reichstag Building. You can return to the Grosser Stern bus stop and take the 100 Bus (Direction S&U Alexanderplatz) to the Reichstag or take a beautiful walk through Berlin's **Tiergarten**, Berlin's Central Park.

3. What was the original purpose of the Tiergarten?

Reichstag:

- 1. What is the significance of this building?
- 2. What is the glass structure on the top of the Reichstag called and when did the original one get replaced and why?

The grounds near the Reichstag would make a nice place to have a picnic lunch.

If you'd like to climb the dome of the Reichstag, you must make a (free) reservation online before you visit. Visit this website to make your booking:

https://visite.bundestag.de/BAPWeb/pages/createBookingRequest.jsf?lang
=en

Keep in mind that you will have to choose a time slot, so consider that when planning your sightseeing tour so you can arrive in time for your booked entrance.

From the Reichstag building you will now walk to Brandenburger Tor. This is a ½ km walk.

Brandenburger Tor (Gate):

- 1. What is the green symbol on the top of the gate called?
- 2. Do you know which side (East or West) of Berlin you are standing on right now?
- 3. Look for the double lined bricks that pass in front of the gate. What do you think they represent?

Continue past the Brandenburg Gate and past the US Embassy on Ebertstrasse. After you cross Behrenstrasse, you will see the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe.

Please note that this is a place of remembrance and should be treated with respect. No climbing on the memorial despite what you see other tourists doing.

Potsdamer Platz

Follow Ebertstrasse (away from Brandenburg Gate) toward Potsdamer Platz. There is much to see and do in this area: shopping, dining, see a movie (in English) and more.

From Ebertstrasse, turn right onto Potsdamer Straße. Cross to the red path in the middle of the street. This is Boulevard der Stars - like the Hollywood Walk of Fame, but for German Stars.

1. Write the correct names next to the misspelled ones. Use the gold stars.

Karell Meyer -

Emilio Jennings -

Carl Walentan -

Dories Dofiri -

Gotße Georg -

Ange Engeke -

Michal Bullie Herig -

Mario Aldorf -

Hanelere Elser -

Matti Schweighofor -

For extra fun: From here, you could pop into the Sony Center for photos, a bite to eat or to watch a movie

2. After exploring the Boulevard der Stars, head toward Leipziger Platz and the Mall of Berlin. If you want a shopping break, check out Berlin's biggest mall. As an added scavenger hunt, find the golden quotes on the floor in the mall. Fill in the blanks below as you find them. Also complete the names of the person who said the quote. " Jetzt _____ zusammen was zusammengehört. " -Willy _____ " Die Menschheit muss dem ein Ende setzen, oder der setzt der Menschheit ein Ende." - John _____ "Es gibt keinen Weg zum_____ , denn ____ ist der Weg." - Mahatma _____ "Wer lachen kann, dort wo er hätte _____ können bekommt wieder Lust zum Leben." - Wiener _____

Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtnis-Kirche

Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church

From Potsdamer Platz, there are two options to travel to the church:

- Take the 200 Bus (Direction S&U Zoologischer Garten) to Breitscheid Platz. This option takes you directly to the church.
- Take the U2 (subway, look for the "U" station, Direction Ruhleben) to Wittenbergplatz. This option requires you to walk down Kürfurstendamm about 500 meters, but allows you to check out the famous department store KaDeWe (Kaufhaus des Westens) of the former West Berlin along the way.

Upon arrival to Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtnis Kirche, answer these questions.

1. What kind of church is it? Circle the right answer.

Catholic Jewish Buddhist

Protestant Mormon Islamic

- 2. What caused the large chips and holes on the church's exterior?
- 3. When was the church built?
- 4. What damaged the church?

For more fun in this area:

- Visit KaDeWe (mentioned above), the famous department store in Berlin. It is especially nice during the holidays. You can go to the top of the department store and there is a cafeteria where you can get something to eat and have nice views over this area of Berlin.
- The Berlin Zoo and Aquarium is nearby. https://www.zoo-berlin.de/en

From here, you can add on any extra sights that interest you.

Other Things To Do

- Biking at Tempelhofer Feld (Tempelhof Field)
- Museumsinsel (and nearby)
 - Neues Museum (bust of Nefertiti)
 - Alte Nationalgalerie
 - Germany History Museum
 - o DDR Museum
- Checkpoint Charlie
- Schloss Charlottenburg a palace in Berlin
- Reichstag
 - You can bring your food to the lawn in front of the Reichstag
 - You need to book tickets in advance if you want to go in
 - If you go in you need to bring identification
- Fernsehturm
 - You can go up to the top for great views of Berlin.
- Boat Rides on the Spree. Many companies offer this.
- Currywurst Museum
 - You can try the famous Berliner Currywurst here as well
- Berlin Zoo and Aquarium
- Berlin War Memorial
- Topography of Terror
- Gemäldegalerie
- Jewish Museum
- Day Trips from Berlin:
 - o Potsdam, Sanssouci Palace
 - Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp Memorial and Museum
 - Martin Luther Sights in Wittenberg