Berlin Restaurants
Reviewed by Leonard Barkan and Nick Barberio

Asian

Aroma
Location: Kantstraße 35, 10625
Review: It’s all about the dim sum at this restaurant, with about 20 choices that are all very good. Don’t neglect the tripe as well!

Choice
Location: Akazienstraße 9, 10823
Review: This is excellent, reliable Vietnamese, with fine noodle dishes, Pho soups and warm beef salad. The curries are best of all.

Dajiale
Location: Goebenstraße 23, 10783
Review: Impressive from the first visit, this Northeastern Chinese cuisine boasts unique qualities. The service was helpful and well attuned to recommending the more interesting cuisine they serve. This restaurant is high quality almost invariably, with a sublime eggplant dish.

Flying Fish Sushi
Location: Eisenacher Str. 67, 10823
Review: This is a no-frills, non-Japanese administered excellent sushi place.

Good Friends
Location: Kantstraße 30,10623
Review: This is great Cantonese food with a vast menu. They have incredible shrimp wonton soup, asparagus with roasted pork belly, lettuce-filled meat mixture, steamed fish, salty fish rice and amazing tripe dishes.

Hanok
Location: Kurfürstendamm 134, 10711
Review: This restaurant has excellent fish pancakes and pretty good barbecue.

Hot Spot
Location: Eisenzahnstraße 66, 10709
**Review:** This is spicy Szechwan cuisine with an amazing German wine list. It has an unforgettable eggplant/pork dish that isn’t so spicy.

**Ixthys**
**Location:** Pallasstraße 21, 10781
**Review:** This fundamentalist Christian restaurant’s décor includes walls covered in Bible verses written in German. As for the food, it has the best bibimbop.

**Kimchi Princess**
**Location:** Skalitzer Str. 36, 10999
**Review:** This has a decent lunch menu with other, possibly more interesting items on the dinner menu.

**Men Men**
**Location:** Weserstraße 16, 12047
**Review:** If you’re looking for pretty good ramen soups and gyoza, this is a great restaurant to visit.

**Ming’s Garden**
**Location:** Tauentzienstraße 16, 10789
**Review:** This restaurant looks fancy and has quite good Chinese in a convenient spot. It’s a favorite for some.

**Papaya**
**Multiple Locations:** Krossener Straße 11, 10245 Berlin-Friedrichshain; Krossener Straße 15, 10245 Berlin-Friedrichshain; Hauptstraße 159, 10827 Berlin-Schöneberg; Winterfeldtstr. 42, 10781 Berlin-Schöneberg; Kantstr. 122, 10625 Berlin-Charlottenburg
**Review:** This is a dependable chain of Thai restaurants. Their best dish is the fish cakes.

**Pho12**
**Location:** Bayerischer Pl. 12, 10779
**Review:** This Vietnamese restaurant is a cut above the standard.

**Saigon Com Nieu**
**Location:** Bülowstraße 9, 10783
**Review:** This is a Vietnamese place a cut above the ordinary with spring rolls and summer rolls, excellent soup that has a great broth and a terrific shrimp dish.
Sasaya
Location: Lychenerstr. 50 10437
Review: This is said to have the best sushi in Berlin.

Sisaket
Location: Dircksenstraße 47, 10178
Review: An excellent quality of very fresh Thai food. This restaurant is part of the Mao Thai group, and they’re probably all comparable.

Văn Anh
Location: Oderberger Str. 7, 10435
Review: This Vietnamese restaurant has a large menu with promising possibilities.

Wok Show
Location: Greifenhagener Str. 31, 10437
Review: The place to go to for superb dumplings. You have to order large numbers of them, but you can also take them home frozen or as leftovers.

Yumcha Heroes
Location: Weinbergsweg 8, 10119
Review: A great place to go for very good, creative dumplings.

German, etc.

Alpenstück
Location: Gartenstraße 9, 10115
Review: This restaurant is quite similar to Schneeweiß with hip, informal, well-made food that does interesting variations on German traditions.

Café Einstein Stammhaus
Location: Kurfürstenstraße 58, 10785
Review: Visit this restaurant for a traditional, good brunch with lovely surroundings.

Drei Schwestern Kreuzberg
Location: Mariannenpl. 2, 10997
**Review:** Set in a fascinating location with excellent food, this restaurant is nice for brunch and lunch, as well as dinner.

**Engelbecken**
- **Location:** Witzlebenstrasse 31, 14057
- **Review:** This is a delightful space where everything is quite perfect. The cuisine is German-Austrian tradition with exquisite finesse. A lovely place to visit in the daytime for a perfect Sunday lunch, which is the only time they serve a midday meal. It’s also lovely at night.

**Florian’s Restaurant and Bar**
- **Location:** Grolmanstrasse 52, 10623
- **Review:** This is the perfect place to see and be seen — with the likes of Yoko Ono dining here. The food is also really excellent with a superb chicken and a very imaginative dish with matjes and beets. There is something profoundly comfortable about the milieu.

**Fleischerei Mitte/Prenzlauer Berg**
- **Location:** Schonhauser Allee 8, 10119
- **Review:** This is a nice, new-style meat restaurant.

**Fruehsammers Schmargendorf**
- **Location:** Flinsberger Pl. 8, 14193
- **Review:** This is a major find of inventive cuisine that really works with an extremely serious wine list.

**Gambrinus Oranienburger Straße Mitte**
- **Location:** Krausnickstrasse 1, 10115
- **Review:** This has a tremendous lunch bargain and really good German standard food with possibly the best sauerkraut.

**Gasthaus Wiesenstein**
- **Location:** Rothenburgstr. 41, 12163
- **Review:** This is at a lovely location with a cute, old-fashioned interior. They have decent Schwäbische cuisine with wonderful lentils and a recommendation to try the maultaschen.

**Horvath**
- **Location:** Paul-Lincke-Ufer 44a, 10999
Review: This place manages to be high style and informal at the same time with a really quite perfect tasting menu.

**Joseph Roth Diele**
**Location:** Potsdamer Straße 75, 10785
**Review:** This promising German place is not open on weekends but is actually a good quality, inexpensive lunch place.

**Katz Orange Bergstraße Mitte**
**Location:** Bergstraße 22, 10115
**Review:** The fabulously beautiful surroundings make for a delightful atmosphere in this restaurant — grand and informal at the same time. The much-touted special meat main course is a great hit and the starters include an incredible smoked salmon.

**Kurpfalz Weinstuben**
**Location:** Wilmersdorfer Str. 93, 10629
**Review:** This is like no other place: a seriously traditional Pfälzische weinstube with dozens of good Pfalz wines by the glass and a superbly managed version of the (quite intense and heavy) regional cuisine, such as saumagen, schnecken and schmorgurken. It has a fabulous wine selection at very reasonable prices by the “glass,” which is quite the large portion of about a third of a bottle.

**Lenzig**
**Location:** Eisenacher Str. 75, 10823
**Review:** This is an everyday German place with occasionally thrilling results of good salads and goulash.

**Lindenbräu Potsdamer Platz**
**Location:** Bellevuestraße 3, 10785
**Review:** You can go here to sit in the Sony Center. There is much to love in the matjes, and they have excellent beer.

**Noto**
**Location:** Torstraße 173, 10115 (Mitte)
**Review:** Despite the short menu, this fusion place has good quality barbecue and German-style soup.
Ottenthal
Location: Kantstraße 153, 10623
Review: This is another great favorite with the perfectly correct semi-formal ambiance that is surprisingly rare in Berlin. Try the consummate wiener schnitzel.

Paris-Moskau
Location: Alt-Moabit 141, 10557
Review: This restaurant could easily be in New York, and yet the modern-style cuisine clearly takes its inspiration from German traditions. This is perhaps the best high-class food in Berlin, truly imaginative and quite successful, traditional and inventive at once. Everything manages to be both creative and yet to reflect deep, honest flavor.

Pauly Saal Berlin
Location: Auguststraße 11-13, 10117
Review: This is a nice location in the former Jüdische Mädchenschule with a very pleasant and elegant lunch. It comes highly recommended by some.

Renger-Patzsch
Location: Wartburgstraße 54, 10823
Review: This is a favorite — great ambiance somewhere between Berlin Kneipe and Union Square Café. They have excellent flammkuchen and really well revisited German dishes with an unforgettable suckling pig. This is a great place for those dining alone who want to be splendidly well treated by the staff.

Schneeweiß Friedrichshain
Location: Simplonstraße 16, 10245
Review: This restaurant is a little bit Italian and a little bit German. It is imaginative, stylish, warm in feel and with the cuisine to go along with those qualities.

Ständige Vertretung
Location: Schiffbauerdamm 8, 10117
Review: The setting here is wonderful, inside or out. The flammkuchen is very good, the bouletten excellent, and they have quite good beer. This is high quality fare set within historical surroundings — with exhibits from the two Germanys, the Wende and the move of the capital from Bonn to Berlin — are very exciting.
**Volt Paul-Lincke Ufer Kreuzberg**

**Location:** Paul-Lincke-Ufer 21, 10999  
**Review:** This is a great discovery with hauntingly lovely surroundings as it’s set in an old power station. The food is very inventive with the best dessert — a set of variations on chocolate. The rest of the menu is excellent, try the little roundels of chicken.

**WeinGut Restaurant & Weinbar**

**Location:** Vorbergstraße 10A, 10823  
**Review:** This is part of a wine store and their quite small restaurant features a short menu of well-made dishes. It’s a very friendly atmosphere and the meals have become more ambitious as time goes on.

**Weinschenke Weinstein**

**Location:** 10437, Lychener Str. 33, 10437  
**Review:** This major wine establishment — they are wholesalers in German and Austrian wines — is also a very high quality restaurant with nifty combinations of menu and wine selection and lots of interesting choices. You’ll likely be dazzled by the pfifferlinge with poached egg on top. Year in, year out, this may be the most perfectly dependable high quality restaurant in Berlin.

**Zur Letzten Instanz**

**Location:** Waisenstraße 14-16, 10179  
**Review:** This is the oldest restaurant in Berlin and it’s very atmospheric.

**Other Cuisines**

**Bandol sur mer (French)**

**Location:** Torstraße 167, 10115  
**Review:** This restaurant has a very short menu, perfectly executed, of simple French classics. It’s a great, fun environment with the kitchen all around you. It has a considerably ambitious and creative kitchen doing inventive and wholly satisfying dishes with a superlative tasting menu.

**Bar Centrale**

**Location:** Yorckstraße 82, 10965  
**Review:** This restaurant has good pasta with beautifully cooked fish and superlative vitello tonnato.
Bar Raval (Spanish)
Location: Lübbener Str. 1, 10997
Review: The food here is excellent, with splendid tapas of both fish and meat, and a fabulous plate of Spanish hams. It’s a very nice place to sit outside.

Belmèr
Location: Belziger Str. 34, 10823
Review: This is a Mediterranean place with a good wine list and mixture of appetizers.

Berkis (Greek)
Location: Winterfeldtstraße 45, 10781 Berlin and a branch has opened in Prenzlauer Berg
Review: This is the perfect location near Winterfeldtplatz, and the roasted meat and chicken is good.

Gugelhof Knaackstraße
Location: Knaackstraße 37, 10435
Review: This restaurant is nestled in a lovely setting in Prenzlauer Berg. It has excellent Alsatian and German food. The fleischkäse is sublime and the flammkuchen excellent. You can eat an excellent midday meal here on Sunday that isn’t brunch.

Hasir (Turkish)
Multiple Locations: Adalbertstr.10, 10999; Adalbertstraße 12, 10999; Oranienburgerstraße 4, 10117; Nürnbergerstraße 46, 10789; Maaßenstraße 10, 10777; Breite Straße 43, 13597
Review: While it looks like a corporate affair, it serves really excellent döner-style roast meats.

Il Casolare (Pizza)
Location: Grimmstraße 30, 10967
Review: This restaurant offers the best pizza in Berlin.

La Cocotte (French)
Location: Vorbergstraße 10, 10823
Review: This place has great ambiance, and the menu includes so many good things cooked in casseroles or mason jars. The lamb is superb, and the simple fish (not cooked en cocotte) is also excellent.
Park Café Schöneberg
   **Location:** Fehrbelliner Pl. 8, 10707  
   **Review:** This is a nice place in Fehrbelliner Platz, located in the middle of a park. Try to visit it when the flea market is on, and taste their quite good chili.

Pasternak/Gorki Park Café Bar (Jewish and Russian/Russian)
   **Location:** Knaackstraße 22/24, 10405/Weinbergsweg 25, 10119  
   **Review:** These are related places and both excellent. The borscht is really quite sublime. They also have more branches (e.g., Datscha and the delightfully named Mazel Topf, the latter apparently with a somewhat different menu).

Potemkin Restaurant
   **Location:** Viktoria-Luise-Platz 5, 10777  
   **Review:** This restaurant is located in gorgeous Viktoria-Luise-Platz. The borscht is good and especially the pelmeni.

Restaurant Le Piaf
   **Location:** Schloßstraße 60, 14059  
   **Review:** Try this place for an excellent French bistro.

Ristorante Ana e Bruno (Italian)
   **Location:** Sophie-Charlotten-Straße 101, 14059  
   **Review:** This is in another class from every Italian restaurant in Berlin. It’s serious but not stuffy, with the greatest gnocchi.

Ristorante I Due Emigranti
   **Location:** Belziger Str. 38, 10823  
   **Review:** This is a local Italian favorite. They’re Sardinian and at their best doing Sardinian things.

Salumeria Da Pino (Italian)
   **Location:** Windscheidstraße 20, 10627  
   **Review:** This is an eat-in deli with impeccable meats, olives, etc., and very good pasta dishes. It’s also excellent for buying Italian foods and wines.

Taverna Ousies (Greek)
   **Location:** Grunewaldstraße 54, 10825
Review: This is one of the supreme favorites. The meze platter has a dozen wonderful things, especially the tarama, and the simple roast meats are excellent. The fish is superb as well.

3 Minutes sur Mer
Location: Torstraße 167, 10115
Review: This is Bandol’s junior partner, though not very junior with its magnificent bouillabaisse. Somehow each of the very different fishes is perfectly cooked.

Tipica Mitte
Location: Rosenstraße 19, 10178
Review: This is an excellent value at lunch for Mexican cuisine.

Imbiss; Brunch

Angry Chicken
Location: Oranienstraße 16, 10999
Review: This restaurant has good, spicy chicken.

Der Kuchenladen
Location: Kantstraße 138, 10623
Review: This place has really good cakes and a nice kaffee-und-kuchen atmosphere.

Inka Eis
Location: Belziger Str. 44, 10823
Review: This restaurant offers a well-spiced roast chicken and excellent tamales.

Kuchenkaiser
Location: Oranienpl. 11-13, 10999
Review: This is a delightful big place in a nice setting. The kuchen is famous, and the hamburgers look promising.

Lina Rothenberger Feine Kost & Speisen
Location: Belziger Str. 30, 10823
Review: This is the perfect lunch place with charming staff and excellent food. Try the fabulous matjes salad and maultaschen in soup.
Mustafa’s Gemüse Kebab
Location: Mehringdamm 32, 10961
Review: The chicken-vegetable döner is a masterpiece at this restaurant.

Oetcke
Location: Freiligrathstraße 8, 10967
Review: This is a lovely little informal restaurant.

Panineria Damisch
Location: Einkaufsbahnhof Berlin Friedrichstraße, Friedrichstraße 141, 10117
Review: Quite absurdly, this is excellent fast food in a train station. You can get delicious Leberkäse in a really lovely atmosphere.

Rüya Gemüsekabob
Location: Hauptstraße 133, 10827
Review: This is very good food with large portions.

Splendid Delikatessen
Location: Dorotheenstraße 37, 10117
Review: This restaurant is only open for lunch but a good place to eat.

Treviso Schöneberg
Location: Eisenacher Str. 49, 10823
Review: This is a good Italian deli with nice pastas for lunch.

Kneipen, Wine Bars, etc.

Clärchens Ballhaus
Location: Auguststraße 24, 10117
Review: This place is fun for pizza and dancing (related to Strandbar).

Les Climats
Location: Pohlstraße 75, 10785
Review: This is a nice French place with an excellent (though small) selection of wines by the glass and a nice cheese plate.

Möve im Felsenkeller
**Location:** Akazienstraße 2, 10823  
**Review:** This is a classic institution with a regular crowd where you can feel at home, and the beer is superlative.

**Not Only Riesling**  
**Location:** Schleiermacherstraße 25, 10961  
**Review:** This is a very nice place, a nice scene and good wines, especially German whites, and has munchies.

**OttoRink**  
**Location:** Dresdener Str. 124, 10999  
**Review:** This is maybe the best wine bar with a great selection by the glass, a very knowledgeable staff and excellent munchies.

**Strandbar**  
**Location:** Monbijoustraße 3, 10117  
**Review:** This is a joyous place to sip wine and watch outdoor dancing along the banks of the Spree. They have pretty good pizza and you should get there early for a seat near the dance floor.

**Wirtshaus Max und Moritz**  
**Location:** Oranienstraße 162, 10969  
**Review:** This boasts an absolutely gorgeous interior in the old beer hall style, and in an interesting neighborhood. The food is perfectly OK, with the best matjes.

**Tea, etc.**

**Anna Blume**  
**Location:** Kollwitzstraße 83, 10435  
**Review:** This has great cakes, coffee, tea and a lovely outdoor (or indoor) seating area in trendy Prenzlauer Berg.

**Café BilderBuch**  
**Location:** Akazienstraße 28, 10823  
**Review:** This café has good breakfast food and a very nice scene with a charming interior. You should try to get there early for the weekend brunch or even make a reservation.

**Café Hilde**
**Location:** Metzer Str. 22, 10405  
**Review:** This is a lovely laid-back environment amidst fifties furniture in Prenzlauer Berg.

**Chén Chè**  
**Location:** Rosenthaler Str. 13, 10119  
**Review:** This place has gorgeous Asian surroundings, with interesting tea and side dishes.

**Reinhard’s am Kurfürstendamm**  
**Location:** Kurfürstendamm 27, 10719  
**Review:** This place has a sublime apple torte to go with good tea.

**Tadshikische Teestube**  
**Location:** Oranienburger Str. 27, 10117  
**Review:** This is like going on a trip to another world with good tea, excellent pelmeni and other munchies. It’s a wonderful snack spot in a convenient place.

**Tee Tea Thé**  
**Location:** Goltzstraße 2, 10781  
**Review:** They have a truly great tea selection with perfect brewing. This is a nice friendly place with decent munchies and an excellent omelette for breakfast.

**Buying food and eating at counters**

**Die Arminius-Markthalle**  
**Location:** Arminiusstraße 2-4, 10551  
**Review:** This is another great food court and food-purchasing environment that is more like a restaurant than the Kreuzberg. It includes a nice wine bar and a wide range of possible eats with great Fischladen (incredible fish and chips).

**KaDeWe Feinschmecker-Etage**  
**Location:** Tauentzienstraße 21, 10789  
**Review:** This is the best thing this side of Harrod’s. They have oysters at the oyster counter, and great gazpacho and jamón at the Spanish counter.

**Markthalle Neun**  
**Location:** Eisenbahnstraße 42-43, 10997
Review: This is a great, very Brooklyn-style, authentic food production food court. It has the best smoked salmon in Berlin and great Italian things like mozzarella (direct from Paestum) or amazing pizza by the slice.

Rogacki

**Location:** Wilmersdorfer Str. 145/46, 10585

**Review:** This place is similar to KaDeWe and less expensive.