

Berlin Restaurants

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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: Eisenbahnstraße 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: Schönhauser Allee 8, 10119

Review: This is a nice, new-style meat restaurant.

[Frühsammers 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: Metzger 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.