

Dear participant,

We are looking forward to your arrival in Berlin!

We want your arrival to be as seamless as possible, so please find attached some practical information for your upcoming stay.

ARRIVAL

You are arriving at Berlin Brandenburg Airport on (date) at (time).

There is free wifi in the airport - you can email or call me (information below) in case you need anything. However, please be sure to read (and/ or print) this email before departing, in case there are problems connecting to the internet upon your arrival in Berlin.

GETTING AROUND IN BERLIN

We will provide you with information on how to use public transport within Berlin, including a map of the subway (U-Bahn), train (S-Bahn) and to get from the hotel to the venue where our event takes place (Akademie der Künste in Hanseatenweg).

There is free wifi in some of the public transportation: the U-Bahn does have wifi, unfortunately the S-Bahn and the bus/tram do not.

NAVIGATING BERLIN

Medical Treatment and Emergency:

In an emergency in Germany, call one of the following numbers from any telephone:

Police: 110

Medical service: 112

Fire service: 112

For less serious medical issues, you can call 116 117 to speak to an on-call doctor or you can also contact the nursing advice line on 00800 4759 2330. To speak to an on-call pharmacist, call 0800 002 28 33 from a landline or you can also dial 22 8 33 from a mobile phone.

Emergency Hospital:

Campus Charité Mitte Emergency Department / Rudolf-Nissen-Haus,

t: +49 30 450 531 000

Philippstraße 10 / [Route Map](#), 10117 Berlin

COVID 19 in Germany

On June 1st, the obligation to provide proof – vaccinated, recovered or tested negative – ended when entering Germany. Excluded are people arriving from a virus variant area. However, no country is currently classified as a virus variant area.

From June 11, 2022, the remaining corona-related entry restrictions for entry from third countries were also lifted. Due to a reciprocity reservation, however, this does not apply to entries by residents from China.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/service/gesetze-und-verordnungen/guv-19-lp/coronavirus-einreiseverordnung.html>

Cash machines and ATMs in Germany

ATMs (*Geldautomat*) are at bank branches as well as supermarkets, shopping centers, train stations, and main streets. Using ATMs is free but there can be a charge of up to €5–10 if you use an ATM at a different bank. Some banks have partner agreements for fee-free transactions, such as Deutsche Bank and Barclays; it's wise to check with your bank to see what agreements are in place for low-cost withdrawals. The three major German banks – Deutsche Bank, Commerzbank, and HypoVereinsbank – cooperate as the Cash Group; this allows free withdrawals at each others' ATMs.

You can find the nearest ATM that takes Visa cards in Germany [here](#). For Mastercard, see [here](#). For American Express, see [here](#).

Exchange Offices

Usually, exchange offices and banks provide up to 100 different currencies and money exchange is possible without reservation.

Addresses of central places for currency exchange:

Bahnhof Alexanderplatz Alexanderplatz 10178 Berlin +49 (30) 2 41 50 97 Mon-Sat: 08:00 - 20:00 Sun: closed	10117 Berlin +49 (30) 20 45 50 96 Mon-Sun: 08:00 - 20:00
Bahnhof Friedrichstraße Friedrichstraße 141-142	Hauptbahnhof Berlin Europaplatz 1 10557 Berlin +49 (30) 20 45 37 61 Mon-Sun: 08:00 - 22:00

TRANSPORTATION

For August 2022, you can buy a transport ticket for only 9 euros per month. This ticket gives you unlimited travel on local transport systems throughout Germany. Tickets for public transport can be purchased at the ticket machines located on the platforms of S-Bahn and U-Bahn stations. The machines are multilingual (German, English, French, Spanish, Turkish, and Polish). Tickets can also be purchased in shops marked with "BVG" signs, or via the free BVG app (be sure to purchase the ticket before boarding transport).

On buses, fares are paid directly to the bus driver. On trams, at the ticket machines inside the trains.

more information: <https://www.bvg.de/en/tickets-tariffs/9-euro-ticket>

*Exceptions: The 9 euro tickets do NOT work for high speed trains. This means any train number that starts with IC, ICE, or EC. You'll need to purchase normal tickets for those trains.

Please be sure to VALIDATE YOUR TICKET in a validation machine.

Operating Times

U-Bahn operating hours:

Mon – Fri: 4 am to 1 am (5–10 minute intervals)

Sat-Sun: 24hr service (10–15 minute intervals)

S-Bahn operating hours:

Mon – Fri: 4:30 am to 1:30 am (5-20 minute intervals)

Sat-Sun: 24hr service (30-minute intervals)

Tram operating hours:

Regular service, 7 days a week (30-minute intervals from 0:30 am)

Bus operating hours:

24-hr service, 7 days a week. Night buses, recognizable by the letter N, take over when other transportation modes shut down. They depart every 30 minutes.

Sbahn and Ubahn interactive map: <https://sbahn.berlin/en/route-map/>

NEARBY CAFES and RESTAURANTS FOR LUNCH and DINNER

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Kirchstraße 16 10557 Berlin

T +49 30 397 495 54 Indian & Nepalese Dishes

Angkor Wat Restaurant

Paulstraße 22 10557 Berlin

T +49 30 393 392 2

Opens at 6pm Tue-Fri, 12pm Sat & Sun Cambodian Restaurant

Ergun's Fisch-Bude

Lüneburger Str. 382 10557 Berlin

T +49 30 397 573 7 Mon-Sun 3:30PM-12AM Turkish & Mediterranean dishes

Song Lam 37

Stromstraße 64, 10555 Berlin, Germany

T +493039404270

Casual venue with a terrace serving classic Vietnamese meals & desserts, plus coffee & craft drinks.

Humbaba Falafel

Turmstraße 85, 10551 Berlin, Germany

T +493053050493

Buchkantine

Dortmunder Straße 1 10555 Berlin
T +49 30 948 837 28
Breakfast, Burgers, Flammkuchen & Coffee

Konditorei & Café Buchwald

Bartningallee 29, 10557 Berlin
T +49 30 3915931
Coffee, traditional Baumkuchen pastries & desserts at a homey cafe with a garden terrace.

moa - café & bar

Kirchstraße 1 10557 Berlin/Moabit
T +49 30 809 27 917
Sandwiches, paninis & cakes, plus evening drinks & cheese bites in an industrial-style cafe.

Café Paci

Kirchstraße 19, 10557 Berlin, Germany
T +4917661570340
Breakfast, Soups, Coffee and pastries

Zwölf Uhr Mittags

Kirchstraße 17, 10557 Berlin (7min walk from AdK), only open till 2pm

Viet & My II

Kirchstraße 16, 10557 Berlin (7min walk from AdK)

Ristorante-Pizzeria Da Ponte

Helgoländer Ufer 7, 10557 Berlin (6 min walk from AdK)

Best wishes from the entire team of the SOUNDINGS and we are looking forward to welcoming you to Berlin!

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