

GESUNDBRUNNEN

Tips and Links for Gesundbrunnen

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1. Berliner Unterwelten e.V. | Anyone interested in the city under the cityhas come to the right place. Tours of the area's bunkers begin at the U-Bahnstation entrance; the tour guide group's own museum tells the stories of thecreation of a metropolis, of nighttime air raids and escape tunnels |Brunnenstraße 105 | www.berliner-unterwelten.de

2. Humboldthöhe | The quaint name betrays nothings of either a rubblemountain or of bunker remains. The half-imploded wartime building's formerartillery platform affords a panoramic view over Gesundbrunnen | VolksparkHumboldthain

3. Kletterhalle Magic Mountain | It may not be the highest of elevations,but 50 feet is enough for some good climbing practice. A large indoorrock-climbing hall for everyone in Berlin with an itch for the Alps |Böttgerstraße 20-26 | www.magicmountain.de

4. Curry Baude | A trained butcher stands behind the counter and thesausages are homemade, but the secret is in the sauce. Friendly andprofessional, here the curry wurst reins! One of Berlin's best kiosks, to whichthe never-ending queue attests. | Badstraße 1-5 | www.curry-baude.de

5. Gesundbrunnen-Center | It's hard to overlook. This enormous shoppingcenter sits like a roadblock between the Ringbahn station and Gesundbrunnenneighborhood. The mall's stores are dominated by chains | Badstraße 4

6. Gartenstadt Atlantic | The small front yards and green backyards are thehallmark of this 1920s residential settlement. Never losing sight of theensemble's ideals, it was privately refurbished in exemplary manner. Artistsateliers, including that of famous German sculptor-installation artist Günther Uecker,have made their home in the Heidebrinkerstraße | Behm- Ecke Bellermannstraße | www.gartenstadt-atlantic.de

7. Lichtburgforum | At this meeting place, „German – Turkish – Jewish,Intercultural" is the name of the game. Concerts, readings, and theatricalperformances enrich life in the *Kiez* |Behmstraße 13 | www.lichtburgforum.de

8. Swinemünder Brücke | Popularly called the "Million-Dollar Bridge" since 1905,thanks to the building costs of c. one million Goldmark, the 660 foot rivetedpiece of steel and timber-framed construction spans

the Ringbahn.

9. Hertha-Domizil | Hertha BSC, Berlin's soccer team, called this home formany years; their fan shop stood directly across from the "Plumpe", the oncefamous stadium of the blue-and-white team. But you won't see soccer played hereany longer. In the 1970s concrete was spread across the grass; today theHertha-Domizil is in ruins. So much for keeping the tradition alive. | BehmEcke Jülicher Straße | www.hertha-geschichte.de

10. Lokal Karadiniz | Turkish cuisine from the Black Sea is the fare at thissmall, modest restaurant. Be it dorade royal or mackerel, lamb kebab orvegetable stew, the Turkish community is loyal – and the restaurant accordingfull at lunchtime | Bellermannstraße 15

11. Karl im Kiez | By day a neighborhood consultant office, by evening a"lounge bar" with a broad cultural program. Here "Elvis from Britz" sings histunes; there are classic, swing, and sing-along nights. No gastronomy, just aprivate house bar with its own entertainer | Bellermannstraße 14 | www.karlimkiez.de

12. Grüntaler Promenade | The tracks from Berlin to Szczecin ran alongGrüntaler Straße's middle median, through the densely built neighborhood,until 1897. The former route was recently transformed into a green space withsculptures and playgrounds | Grüntaler Straße

13. Bistro Sila Manti + Gözleme Evi | In this tiny shop, the lady of thehouse makes Anatolian little dumplings (Manti) and flatbread (Gözleme). A tastyalternative to the omnipresent döner | Grüntaler Straße 17

14. Autohöfe | Sparks fly out of the small workshop as cars of old are beingraised from the dead. Some junkyard jewels get a second chance at life aftertheir radical makeover here. Chevys stand alongside Polos; East German Trabbisloaf in the company Mercedes coupés | entrance at Badstraße 59 or 62

15. Erkan Möbel Discount | Chaise longues in lilac and champagne, divans invelvet and silk, plastic glory for the bedroom somewhere between Versailles andBarbie's dream house. Don't miss this display window | Böttgerstraße 7

16. Café Barrikade | The self-proclaimed last bastion of the former People'sRepublic of Wedding, the café offers a communist cultural program for friendsof highbrow chaos. Just a stone's throw from Wedding's district court... |Buttmannstraße 2 | www.barrikade.de

17. Bibliothek am Luisenbad | The little spring house that gave the districtits name once stood nearby. The beautiful neo-Baroque building of the Luisenbadwas augmented with a modern addition in 1995 and now houses a city librarybranch. A successful synthesis of old and new | Travemünderstraße 2

18. Pfarrkirche St. Paul | A real Schinkel building on the outside, pure1950s on the inside. Badly damaged during WWII, the church was painstakinglyhistorically restored on its exterior while the interior got a modern design.Classicism with a kidney-shaped pulpit | Badstraße 50-51

19. Mitte Museum | The center of Berlin is in Wedding? After theconsolidation of Berlin's districts, yes. The exhibition is all about thehistoric districts Mitte, Wedding, and Moabit. The garden never had a well ofits own, but now it has a replica of the famous spring house | Pankstraße 47 | www.mittemuseum.de

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