

# 5 places that MAKE YOU GO VEGAN in a second

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## 41 VAUST BRAUGASTSTATTE

Pestalozzistr. 8  
Charlottenburg ③  
+49 (0)30 5459 9160  
[www.vaust-berlin.de](http://www.vaust-berlin.de)

Vaust is one of the few fancy 100 percent vegan restaurants in Berlin. The service is friendly and the cuisine could be classified as 'vegan German fine dining'. Portions are rather small so you still have some room for the very tasty chocolate cake. Another plus: they have self-brewed beer.

## 42 LUCKY LEEK

Kollwitzstrasse 54  
Prenzlauer Berg ③  
+49 (0)30 6640 8710  
[www.lucky-leek.com](http://www.lucky-leek.com)

Here's one of the first vegan restaurants that took vegan food to another level. It's located right between the Kollwitzplatz and the famous Water Tower and offers a superb dining experience. It's a little on the expensive side for Berlin but Josita Hartanto's vegan dishes are worth it - think pear and chilli risotto with *tandoori* cabbage and *nori tempoh* rolls. Nice outside terrace.

## 43 KOPPS

Linienstrasse 94  
Mitte ①  
+49 (0)30 4320 9775  
[www.kopps-berlin.de](http://www.kopps-berlin.de)

Kopps has been around since 2011 and CNN voted it one of the best vegan restaurants in the world. The restaurant emphasises quality, regional produce sourced from small farmers in Brandenburg. They also serve an excellent brunch in the weekends. Lots of good coffee bars and ice-cream parlours in the neighbourhood.

## 44 SOY

Rosa-Luxemburg-  
Strasse 30  
Mitte ①  
+49 (0)30 2340 5890  
[www.soy-berlin.com](http://www.soy-berlin.com)

Very tasty glutamate-free dishes at very reasonable prices: that's what you can expect at this beautiful restaurant near the Babylon cinema. The restaurant was designed with the help of a feng-shui master and has a nice view on the Volksbühne and an outside terrace.

## 45 RAWTASTIC

Danzigerstrasse 16  
Prenzlauer Berg ③  
+49 (0)172 4391 287  
[www.rawtastic.de](http://www.rawtastic.de)

If you're a fan of the raw food movement, don't miss this restaurant in the heart of Prenzlauer Berg. The food here is never heated over 42°C because then the enzyme activity and nutrient levels begin to diminish. They serve breakfast, lunch and dinner and also make 100 percent cold pressed juices. Want to try this at home? Take one of their cooking lessons.

## The 5 most ECCENTRIC BARS

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### 111 BRYK

Rykestrasse 18  
Prenzlauer Berg ③  
+49 (0)30 3810 0165  
[www.bryk-bar.com](http://www.bryk-bar.com)

Here's one of the few non-smoking bars in Berlin. It has a sunny terrace and the bar itself is a mixture of different styles: antique, design, vintage and industrial. Drinks here are among the best in the city. Bryk offers also catering, cocktail workshops, and spirits seminars. Ring the bell or you won't get in.

### 112 BAUMHAUS BAR

Falckenstein-  
strasse 48  
Kreuzberg ②  
+49 (0)30 2391 9994

This tree house bar serves baked goods by day and booze by night. The view on the yellow U1 trains is amazing. But if you don't like it, no problem: there are a million of other bars, restaurants and clubs around the corner to choose from.

### 113 WÜRGEENGEL BAR

Dresdener Str. 122  
Kreuzberg ②  
+49 (0)30 6155 560  
[www.wuergeengel.de](http://www.wuergeengel.de)

This bar got its name from the Luis Bunuel movie *The Exterminating Angel*. In the film, the bar's visitors are caught under the angel's mysterious spell. They experience a force that doesn't allow them to move anymore. This bar aspires to have this same effect. We tried it. And it worked.

### 114 KLO BAR

Leibnizstrasse 57  
Charlottenburg ③  
+49 (0)30 4372 7218  
(till 2 pm)  
+49 (0)30 4372 7219  
(after 5 pm)  
[www.klo.de](http://www.klo.de)

*Klo* means 'loo' in German; nothing more, nothing less. No kidding, the loo, that's the theme here. A very popular one apparently, and not only with students. You sit on an actual toilet while you are sipping a beer and stirring it with a small toilet brush. Really.

### 115 CAFÉ STRAUSS

Bergmannstrasse 42  
Kreuzberg ②  
+49 (0)30 6956 4453  
[www.cafestrauss.berlin.de](http://www.cafestrauss.berlin.de)

This *Friedhofcafé* (cemetery cafe) on the Friedrichwerderscher Friedhof is an oasis of serenity in hip and loud Kreuzberg. It's the perfect place for an afternoon tea or coffee (which is excellent by the way) with a long-forgotten friend.





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## The 5 best CONTEMPORARY DESIGN shops

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### 246 GEYERSBACH

[Kopenhagener Str. 17](#)  
[Prenzlauer Berg](#) ③  
+49 (0)176 6416 7571  
[www.geyersbach.com](http://www.geyersbach.com)

This furniture shop takes upcycling and recycling to another level. Old doors are turned into lockers, old floors into tables. It's all very beautiful, ecological, one-of-a-kind and soulful. Ulf and Katia Geysersbach have a passion for old pinewood that they mainly salvage from old abandoned buildings.

### 247 S7-STORE

[Max-Beer-Strasse 25](#)  
[Mitte](#) ①  
+49 (0)30 3087 2074  
[www.siebensachen.com](http://www.siebensachen.com)

Siebensachen is the baby of Adam+Harborth. Both these product designers design games, musical boxes and other items under their own names, but they also work for various international brands. Their designs are timeless with a twist, and made out of carefully selected materials.

### 248 HALLESCHES HAUS

[Tempelhofer Ufer 1](#)  
[Kreuzberg](#) ②  
+49 (0)176 8413 8777  
[www.hallescheshaus.com](http://www.hallescheshaus.com)

Everything in this former post office is selected with the greatest care and style. One of the owners, Oliver, makes closed jar mini-gardens that add even more character to the space. The spacey and airy restaurant serves an excellent lunch that changes every day. And then there's the lovely inside courtyard.



250 AMODO



248 HALLESCHES HAUS

## The 5 most astonishing STREET ART WORKS

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### 316 RAW GELÄNDE

Along Revalerstrasse  
Friedrichshain ④

This old train repair centre is now one of the last subcultural compounds in central Berlin. This graffiti-filled space also harbours clubs, bars, a swimming pool club, an indoor skate park, a flea market and a bunker-turned-climbing-wall.

### 317 KREUZBERG

Entire  
neighbourhood  
Kreuzberg ②

Kreuzberg was always at the centre of Berlin's alternative scene, which explains why there is a lot of politically motivated street art here. The highlights of this area are the firewalls with huge murals on them. *Take the Spaceman*, for example: it's one of the largest stencils in the world, tagged by the French artist Victor Ash.

### 318 HAUS SCHWARZENBERG

Rosenthalerstr. 39  
Mitte ①  
+49 (0)30 3087 2573  
[www.haus-schwarzenberg.org](http://www.haus-schwarzenberg.org)

The whole of Haus Schwarzenberg and its courtyard manages to maintain its postwar state. It houses shops, a club, an independent cinema and two museums. What triggers the interest of street art enthusiasts are the stunning works of famous street artists like D Scream, Jimmy C or El Bocho.

### 319 TAGESZEITUNG (TAZ)

“Friede sei mit Dir”  
(May peace be with  
you)  
Rudi-Dutschke-  
Strasse 23  
Kreuzberg ②

Kai Diekmann, the right-wing editor of *Bild Zeitung*, sued the leftist TAZ for libel after it ‘reported’ in its satire column that Diekmann had a penis enlargement surgery, “but the operation went badly and resulted in castration”. Diekmann lost and TAZ installed a sculpture of Diekmann, with a six-metre-long penis, on the side of their building, which is across the street from Bild’s building.

### 320 EAST SIDE GALLERY

Mühlenstrasse  
Friedrichshain ④

After the Wall came down, the East Side Gallery was created by more than 150 artists that used this section of the Wall as their canvas. Very famous is the *Kiss of Death*, showing Soviet premier Brezhnev and GDR leader Honecker in an intimate embrace.



## 5 important CULTURAL FESTIVALS

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### 391 BERLINALE

[www.berlinale.de](http://www.berlinale.de)  
FEBRUARY

The Berlinale must be Berlin's most famous festival. It's one of the most important dates for the international film industry: more than 335.000 tickets are sold every year, and there are more than 20.000 professional visitors from 122 countries. That's a lot of glitter and glamour for 'poor but sexy' Berlin. Buy your tickets early!

### 392 TANZ IM AUGUST/ DANCE IN AUGUST

+49 (0)30 2590 0427  
[www.tanzimaugust.de](http://www.tanzimaugust.de)  
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Germany's biggest festival for contemporary dance began as an avant-garde and experimental festival. During later years, it moved on to being about more than niche art, and it now stands for great guest performances. The festival (presented by HAU, see secret 388) explores the link between visual art and movement.

### 393 48 STUNDEN NEUKÖLLN

Neukölln  
[www.48-stunden-neukoelln.de](http://www.48-stunden-neukoelln.de)  
END OF JUNE

Two days of art in Berlin's hippest district. The festival is a joint initiative involving artists, spectators and other residents. The organisers try to involve all segments of the local population, regardless of age, ethnic background or social standing. Bringing art closer to the people, it had been tried before, but 48 Stunden Neukölln really seems to succeed in its mission.

### 394 BERLIN BIENNALE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

[blog.berlinbiennale.de](http://blog.berlinbiennale.de)  
EVERY EVEN YEAR ON  
DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

The Berlin Biennale has established itself as an 'open space' that experiments with, identifies and critically examines the latest trends in the world of art. This 'art lab' has a strong focus on the post-contemporary condition. Don't expect too many established names. The latest editions are proving to be a polarising affair.

### 395 INTERNATIONALES LITERATURFESTIVAL BERLIN

Chausseestrasse 5  
Mitte ☺  
+49 (0)30 2787 8620  
[www.literaturfestival.com](http://www.literaturfestival.com)  
SEPTEMBER

The Berlin International Literature Festival invites contemporary authors of prose and poetry from all over the world to present their work in the original language. The texts, poems and verses are grouped thematically into five sections: literatures of the world, reflections, international children's and young adult literature, 'Speak, Memory' as well as specials.

# The 5 most UNUSUAL PLACES to sleep

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## 431 PROPELLER ISLAND CITY LODGE

Albrecht-Achilles-  
Str. 58  
Charlottenburg-  
Wilmersdorf ④  
+49 (0)30 8919 016  
[www.propeller-  
island.de](http://www.propeller-island.de)

If you've always wanted to sleep in a work of art, this is your chance. German artist Lars Stroschen created all rooms and all objects in this extraordinary place. Some rooms are pretty extreme, others a lot more normal, so choose wisely. But you may rest assured that literally everything in this hotel is unique.

## 432 NHOW BERLIN

Stralauer Allee 3  
Friedrichshain ④  
+49 (0)30 2902 990  
[www.nh-hotels.de/hotel/  
nhow-berlin](http://www.nh-hotels.de/hotel/nhow-berlin)

This huge hotel was built near the Universal building on the so-called Media Spree – on this bank of the Spree river several media-players, like MTV, have their offices. Nhow attracts a lot of musicians, not only because of the radical design of the hotel by architect Karim Rashid but also because of the in-house concerts and fashion shows. All 304 rooms have stunning views.

## 433 OTEL HOTEL BERLIN

Wriezener Karree 5  
Friedrichshain ④  
[www.otel.eu](http://www.otel.eu)  
+49 (0)30 2576 8660

This design hotel is located near the famous East Side Gallery and the huge Mercedes Benz World venue and takes you back to the time of the GDR (German Democratic Republic). Everything here reminds you of those days when the Soviets called the shots in East Berlin, from the building – an authentic *Plattenbau* (see secret 429) – to the interior design and vintage memorabilia. Nostalgia turned Ostalgia or GDR-chic.

## 434 MODERN BOAT

On lake  
Rummelsburg  
Lichtenberg  
+49 (0)163 7372 509  
[www.welcomebeyond.  
com/property/modern-  
boat](http://www.welcomebeyond.com/property/modern-boat)

This private (boat) house lies in a little working harbour on the river Spree, namely in Rummelsburg, and offers a truly wonderful view on the water. It's only 10 minutes by car or tram to the funky district of Friedrichshain. The building features modern design, large windows and a fireplace.

## 435 HOTEL-PENSION FUNK

Fasanenstrasse 69  
Charlottenburg ④  
+49 (0)30 8827 193  
[www.hotel-pension  
funk.de](http://www.hotel-pension-funk.de)

Built in 1895, this house reached fame through its prominent inhabitant, the world famous actress of silent movies Asta Nielsen. The hotel is pretty authentic and the detailed Art Nouveau windows and beautiful ceilings are well preserved. Ideal if you like small, well priced hotels with a lot of character.

## The 5 most BEAUTIFUL LAKES around Berlin

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- 451 **GROSS GLIENICKER SEE**  
Potsdam  
This lake is a little bit further away from the city but it's absolutely worth the trip, not only because of the extremely clear water, but also because of the two little green islands. There are two sandy beaches and there's a bus stop near the lake.
- 452 **SCHLACHTENSEE**  
Steglitz-Zehlendorf  
This is one of the most beautiful lakes that public transportation will ever take you to. The Schlachtensee, on the border of the Grünewald, is rated Berlin's cleanest lake. It's a pristine spot for swimming as well as an ideal hiking area. Go to the Fischer Hütte for a cold post-swim beer.
- 453 **MÜGGELSEE**  
Treptow-Köpenick ⑤  
[www.spreearche.de](http://www.spreearche.de)  
Berlin's largest lake, east of Köpenick, is fed by the Spree. The lower section of the lake - the Kleiner Müggelsee - is perfect for swimming and a chill-out afternoon. The big Müggelsee is perfect for a boat trip - there are boats for rent. A perfect place for dinner is the Spreearche, a log-house that you can only reach by mini-ferry.

454 **SACROWER SEE**  
Potsdam

This less frequented but clean and beautiful lake is a bit more difficult to reach. There's only one real beach at the lake, next to the restaurant Landleben Potsdam.

455 **LIETZENSEE**  
Charlottenburg ⑤

The large Lietzensee can get pretty crowded because of its proximity to the city, but still it's absolutely worth a visit. The Parkhaus Lietzensee is stunning and sells ice cream on sunny afternoons.

