

IIPPE Conference Programme

City tours with Vive Berlin Tours, Saturday, 16 September 2017



1. Essential Berlin - The historical highlights

During the 20th century alone Berlin housed fascists, witnessed the devastation of war, was separated into two cities, pieced back together, and acted a symbol for both communism and capitalism simultaneously! Berlin's colourful history plays into the city as we know it today. This tour weaves through Berlin's history by visiting landmarks such as the impressive Brandenburg Gate, the notorious Berlin Wall and the beautiful Gendarmenmarkt. We discuss the importance of the government district and the Reichstag building, the TV Tower and Bebelplatz as well as why the city's struggle with its past is integral to its future.

2. The alternative 'scene' & the threat of Gentrification

Ever since the wall fell Berlin once again has become a Mecca for all those seeking an alternative lifestyle. The city is full of artists, students, revolutionaries and day dreamers, their liberal lifestyle can be experienced in almost every corner. We take you to those four neighbourhoods that over the last 20 years have been known as what Berliners call "die Szene", simply the scene, the place to be for all those individualists, the cool, the hip and the different and all those trying to get some of that coolness too: Mitte, Prenzlauer Berg, Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg and "Kreuzkölln". This tour will not just cover the places that gave Berlin its party and protest image, it will also talk about the massive gentrification that has been happening as a result and is still threatening Berlin's unique lifestyle like almost nothing else.

3. Bohemian - Kreuzberg in all of its glory

Over the last couple of decades Berlin has become quite a multicultural city. No part of the city represents this diversity better than Kreuzberg, the district just south of the city centre. On this tour we will show you how the former Nazi airport Tempelhof and the squatting movement helped protect some of the most beautiful parts of the city, how the Turkish population shaped what is now often called 'Little Istanbul', how the punk culture of the '80s led to the annual riots at the 1st of May and what conflicts move the city today. Come with us to Kreuzberg and discover a completely different side of Berlin!

The cost for each tour is €10 per person. Tours will start around 10:00 am and last for 3½ hours.

Participants in the Gentrification & Kreuzberg tours will require an all-day public transport ticket for zones A & B (€7 per person or €19.90 for group of 5 people, available at stations).

Please register for a tour below by 1 September. Payment will be collected at the conference.

[Tour 1: Essential Berlin](#)

[Tour 2: The alternative 'scene'](#)

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