

USEFUL NOTES

YOUR ADDRESS: SCHILLERPROMENADE 13 · 12049 BERLIN-NEUKÖLLN

TOURISM TAX · TOURISTENSTEUER · TAX DE SÉJOUR

The Berlin Government demands a Tourism-Tax from every visitor staying overnight in hotels, apartments, boarding houses etc. It is 5% of the costs for hosting. We are obliged to cash additionally to your rent-payment on behalf of the Berlin revenue/tax office.

If, however, you visit Berlin for business you are not subject to this tax. Please have a declaration ready with you signed by you (if you are self-employed) or by your employer. A form for your declaration will be provided by us.

To learn more about the tax please visit: (click here!) www.berlin.de/en/tourism/travel-information/3298255-2862820-city-tax-in-berlin-who-is-to-pay-how-muc.en.html

HOW TO ARRIVE

From TXL Tegel airport (total app. 55 mins.)

Ride **bus 109** to subway station JAKOB-KAISER-PLATZ

Change to subway line U7 (direction: Rudow) to stop «Hermannplatz»

Change to subway line U8 (direction: Hermannstraße) to station «BODDINSTRASSE» take exit on the far end right side. Walk down (south) Hermannstraße to Kienitzer Straße. Turn right. Walk up to Schillerpromenade. Cross green road center and find Schillerpromenade 13.

(You could also take bus 128 to U8 «Osloer Str.» and ride to «Boddinstr.» [+6 mins.]

From SFX Schönefeld airport (total app. 40 mins.)

Ride **bus X7** to subway station «RUDOW» --> Change to subway, line U7 (direction: Rathaus Spandau) to stop «Hermannplatz» --> Change to subway line U8 (direction: Hermannstraße) to station «BODDINSTRASSE» --> proceed as described above.

OR: Walk to **S-Bahn** (city-rail) station. Ride S-Bahn S45 to stop «Hermannstraße». Change to subway U8 (direction: Wittenau) to «Boddinstraße». Proceed as described above.

From HAUPTBAHNHOF (main station) (total app. 30 mins.)

Ride S-Bahn **S7** (or any going there) to stop «JANNOWITZBRÜCKE».

Change here to subway U8 (direction: Hermannstraße) to «Boddinstraße». Proceed as described above. [DO NOT change from S-Bahn to U8 at ALEXANDERPLATZ !]

By Car

instruct your navigation system this address: 12049 Berlin · Schillerpromenade 13 · parking is free in this neighbourhood. To enter the city your car needs a green sticker.

Ask us for details or visit: (click!) http://www.stadtentwicklung.berlin.de/umwelt/luftqualitaet/umweltzone/index_en.shtml

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

MAKE SURE YOU VALIDATE YOUR TICKET AT TICKET-STAMP-MACHINE ON PLATFORM: YOU MIGHT BE TREATED TO A 60.- FINE FOR NOT HAVING A VALID TICKET.

Public Transport is very economic and comfortable. A regular ticket (zones AB) costs 2.80€ (2017) and is valid on buses, subway (U-Bahn), city-rail (S-Bahn) and tramways (Straßenbahn). You may change lines as you like and need - but within 2 hours only. A day ticket costs less than 3 regular tickets, valid until 3 a.m. next day. TXL airport is AB fare (2.80), SFX airport requires ABC ticket (3.70€), so do Potsdam and ferry boats.

On weekends traffic is nocturne (all night) and on weekdays a net of night buses bring you back home. Detailed informations and plans on www.bvg.de Consider to get a BERLIN WELCOME CARD. It includes public transport and reduced rates to tourist's attractions: (click!)

<http://www.visitberlin.de/de/welcomecard> (change to your preferred language).

LIVING IN THIS NEIGHBOURHOOD

You are located in the **district** Neukölln - which name goes back to the formerly independent city «Cölln». In the beginning of last century a traditional worker's district it is now experiencing a new hype. Students and media-related independents have discovered its unspoiled character and vivid population mixture. This neighbourhood is **safe**: no matter what colour, religion or sexual orientation - you don't have to fear strange looks or comments or aggressions. Parking is safe and free where not regulated.

Your neighbourhood is called «Schiller-Kiez» (where Kiez means neighbourhood) because it is all around Schillerpromenade. It is one of the most vivid ones in Berlin. *Not to be compared with Prenzlauer Berg with its yuppies and 'successful' families or Friedrichshain with its fuck-the-world-alternatives, let alone Kreuzberg and Kreuz-Kölln with their art and design students or wanna-bees and graphic-design volunteers.*

Though you'll probably encounter many a tourist, the local mixture and structure is still based on regular inhabitants and their employments and engagements in their quarter. 'Original' Berliners live and work here together with many a newcomer. You may want to consider to contribute to them respect by avoiding noise in the stair house and drunk yelling in the streets at night.

TAP WATER / *chateau neuf du robinet*

Tap water in Berlin - as all over Germany - is of excellent quality and may be used to prepare baby food. It is maybe the most and best tested staple nutrient. Much better than many a 'mineral water'.

MUSEUMS

are often closed on Mondays. Check opening hours on: www.smb.museum/smb/service. If you're interested in art consider participating in the »Galerien-Rundgang« (gallery tour) or »Lange Nacht der Museen« (long museum's night).

Check magazines like SIEGESSÄULE (gay), ZITTY or TIP or a daily paper such as TAGES-SPIEGEL or BERLINER ZEITUNG. Visit official tourism site: (click!) <http://www.berlin.de/en>

Admissions to art galleries are generally free and the owners love art-addicted visitors.

TAXI

Despite of their bad reputation, they are decent - no matter where the driver or you might be from. Ask them (silly) questions and they'll explain the world to you. Fares are comparatively very affordable. To order your cab get the App «[TaxiBerlin](#)» or call +49 30 261026 or +49 30 210101 or +49 30 202020. You can pre-order a taxi for the next day. There are taxis available for 7 and more persons. **Prices to Schillerpromenade 13 in 12049 Berlin should not exceed** (surcharge on Sundays and after midnight possible) (2017): from TXL: 40.- | from SFX: 30.- | from Hbf: 22.-

EATING AND DRINKING OUT

Quality and prices vary strongly. A dish of noodles or any Asian style meal for less than 7€ should ring all your alarm bells; decent meat dishes cost certainly more than 9€. Beer for more than 3,50€ is slightly overpriced, whereas long drink prices always hit the roof. When driving a blood alcohol concentration (BAL) of 0.5‰ is tolerated - but if you cause an accident, a 0.0‰ rule applies.

TIP is generally 10% and service staff is very much depending on your generosity to make a living since the basic salary is very poor, sic! Though many a waiter/waitress *in his/her real life* is an actress/actor you should not mistake friendliness for greed for money or an invitation to flirt.

Your host will gladly help you with any problem or question. Ask for Werner.

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or mail to: booking@apartment4u.berlin

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

will work with any mobile phone - even without local provider or sim-card

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