

## USEFUL NOTES

YOUR ADDRESS:

**SCHLIEMANNSTRASSE 40 · 10437 BERLIN PRENZLAUERBERG**

**TOURISM TAX** The Berlin city council charges a Tourism-Tax. It is 5% of the costs for hosting. We are obliged to cash it on behalf of the revenue 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: [www.berlin.de/en/tourism/travel-information/3298255-2862820-city-tax-in-berlin-who-is-to-pay-how-muc.en.html](http://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

take bus **TXL** (that's a bus-line's name!) (direction: Alexanderplatz / Hauptbahnhof) to Station «HAUPTBAHNHOF» (main station) (20 minutes) – Change to TRAM **M10** (direction: Warschauer Strasse) to station «HUSEMANNSTRASSE» (15 minutes) – Cross tracks and street, walk a little back and turn into Schliemannstr. to find Nr. 40

### From SFX Schönefeld airport

walk to S-Bahn (city rail) to station «FLUGHAFEN» (6 minutes), take **S9** or **S45** to station «SCHÖNEWEIDE» (15 minutes) – change to **S8** (direction: BIRKENWERDER) to «PRENZLAUER ALLEE» (17 minutes) – Walk from here **OR** change to tram **M12** (direction KUPFERGRABEN) to station «SENEFELDER STR.» – walk down «Danziger Strasse» to Schliemannstrasse. See map provided!

### From HAUPTBAHNHOF (main station)

TRAM **M10** – direction: Warschauer Strasse (see instructions for TXL above)

**From ZOB** (central bus terminal - zentraler Omnibus-Bahnhof) Funkturm walk to S-Bahn (city Rail) «WESTKREUZ» ride **S41** to «PRENZLAUER ALLEE» (20 minutes) – continue as in SXF instructions



**By Car** instruct your navigation system this address:

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## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

is very economic and comfortable. A regular ticket (zones AB) costs 2.70 € (2016) and is valid on buses, subway (U-Bahn), city-rail (S-Bahn) and tramways (Straßenbahn). You may change lines as you like and need - within 2 hours. TXL airport is AB fare, SFX airport requires ABC ticket (3.60 €), so do Potsdam and ferry boats. On weekends traffic is nocturne (all night) and on weekdays a net of night buses bring you back to Mehringdamm. Detailed informations and plans on [www.bvg.de](http://www.bvg.de)

**Consider to get a BERLIN WELCOME CARD.** It includes public transport and reduced rates to tourist's attractions : <http://www.visitberlin.de/de/welcomecard> (change to your language).

**LIVING IN THIS NEIGHBOURHOOD** You are located in **Helmholtz neighbourhood** - the favoured heart of famous and beloved district PRENZLAUERBERG. In the beginning of the last century a traditional worker's district it is now experiencing a new hype. Students and media-related independents have discovered its (still rather) unspoilt character and vivid population mixture. This neighbourhood is **safe**: no matter what co(u)lor, 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 «Helmholtz-Kiez» because it is situated all around Helmholtzplatz. This neighbourhood is one of the most vivid ones in Berlin.

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](http://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 TAGESSPIEGEL or BERLINER ZEITUNG.

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

**TAXI** Despite of their bad reputation, taxi drivers are honest – no matter where the driver or you might be from. Ask them (silly) questions and they'll explain the world to you. Fares are comparably very affordable. To order your cab: call +4930 261026 or +49 30 210101.

**Prices to Schliemannstr. should not exceed (2016):**

from TXL: 26.-€ (25 Minuten / mins)  
from SFX: 46.-€ (40 Minuten / mins)  
from Hbf: 14.-€ (13 Minuten / mins)  
from ZOB: 30.-€ (30 Minuten / mins)

**EATING AND DRINKING OUT** Quality and prices vary strongly. In Helmholtz-Kiez you'll find all kinds of restaurants. Some of them offer poor, cheap quality. 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 14€. Beer for more than 3.50€ per 0,4l 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, the 0.0‰ rule applies.

**TIP** is generally 10% and not included. Service staff is very much depending on your generosity to make a living since the basic salary is very poor, sic! We believe: if you can afford to dine out you can certainly afford the tip, too. 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: [office@apartment4u.berlin](mailto:office@apartment4u.berlin)

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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