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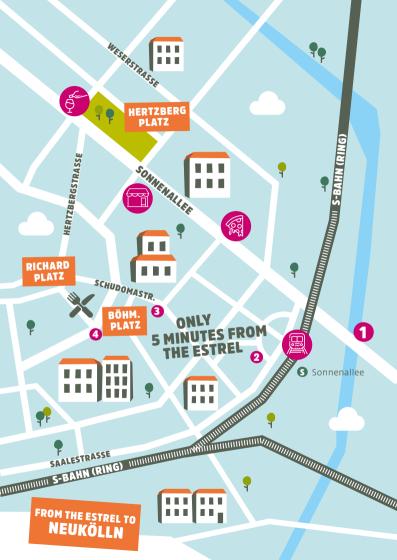
WELCOME TO NEUKÖLLN

When real estate developer Ekkehard Streletzki opened the Estrel Hotel back in 1994, many wondered why he chose the borough of Neukölln as the preferred location for Germany's largest hotel. Today he is known as a Berlin visionary for seeing the transformation of this neighborhood before it began to unfold. Aware of the city's plans to create the BER airport nearby in the city's South East as well as the expansion of the ring road making the city center reachable in 15 minutes, he saw the potential early on.

In addition to the expansion of the city ring motorway which will give the Estrel its own exit by 2021, the Estrel is surrounded by excellent public transportation options, whether it be the M41 bus right out front or the city's rapid transit network accessible at the Sonnenalle Station just a five minutes' walk away. Now situated in one of Berlin's most dynamic neighborhoods, the allure of the trendy shops, restaurants, cafés, bars and notable points of interest has made the district "the place to be" attracting young people from all around the world. This "kiez", as Berliners call their neighborhoods has even made it to the top 10 of the hippest districts in the world.







BERLIN'S HIPPEST BOROUGH

Today's area of Neukölln dates back to 1237 to its origin as the city of Cölln which was eventually merged with larger Berlin. The district of modern Neukölln developed from five villages: Rixdorf, Bohemian Rixdorf, Buckow, Rudow and Britz. First mentioned in documents was Britz in 1237, followed by Richardsdorp in 1360 which was later renamed Rixdorf.

About 100 years ago, Rixdorf's reputation had deteriorated due to its inhabitants' ongoing binge drinking and brawls so that in 1912 it was decided to rename the place Neukölln. The namesake stems from the settlement further north of the then double city Berlin-Cölln.

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A territorial reform in the 1920s incorporated Neukölln together with Britz, Rudow and Buckow into the larger city of Berlin. Since the

administrative reform in 2001, Neukölln has become one of the 12 main districts in Berlin and with its 330,000 inhabitants from more than 150 nations, it has also become one of the most densely and internationally populated boroughs in Germany's capital.



ALT-RIXDORF

Just a few minutes away from the Estrel, discover the remnants of the old village of Bohemian Rixdorf. The townlet was founded by Bohemians who emigrated from their homeland in pursuit of religious freedom and resettled around Richardstrasse. A statue on Kirch-

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gasse depicts king Friedrich Wilhelm I. who supported the refugees at the time and granted them the right to settle.

To this day, the 8th genera-

tion descendants of those Bohemian migrants still live on Richardstrasse. A small museum at Kirchgasse 5 documents the history of this Czech enclave. In the narrow alleys and streets of Rixdorf, you will find many well-preserved historic buildings. For example, there is a 400-year-old forge that runs blacksmithing courses, hosts exhibitions, and also serves as a local meeting point for womens empowerment. In addition, there is the 15th century Bethlehem church that is still used by the Bohemian-Lutheran congregation. Lovely cafés and restaurants around the Richardstrasse round out the appeal of Alt-Rixdorf.



STADTBAD NEUKÖLLN

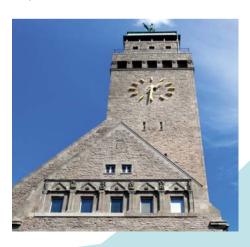
When it first opened in 1914, the Neukölln public baths were known as the prettiest and largest of their kind in Europe, with 10.000 bathers flocking to the pool every day. Modelled according to an antique thermal bath, the architect Heinrich Best created a unique ensemble combining the baths with a public library and shared atrium. The spacious Roman-Russian styled bathhouse consists of a domed skylight structure with a large rectangular and smaller circular pool. Today, the Stadtbad Neukölln pool facility is managed by Berlin's network of public pools, the "Berlin Bäder-Betrieb".

- WWW.BERLINERBAEDER.DE
- GANGHOFERSTRASSE 3, 12043 BERLIN
- U7 KARL-MARX-STRASSE

THE TOWN HALL OF NEUKÖLLN

Inaugurated in 1908, the Town Hall of Neukölln was designed by Reinhold Kiefer who was at that time the architect and director of urban development in the city of Berlin. The administrative building with its 500 rooms accommodates the district administration of Neukölln as well as the tourist information centre. The roof of the building is adorned with the statue of the goddess Fortuna, created by Josef Rauch in 1905. 177 steps lead to the top of the dominant town hall tower. From the tower's observation deck the entire city skyline can be seen.

- **→ KARL-MARX-STRASSE 83. 12043 BERLIN**
- **U** U7 KARL-MARX-STRASSE, RATHAUS NEUKÖLLN







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HEIMATHAFEN NEUKÖLLN

Since its inception in 2009, the Heimathafen Neukölln has been centre for concerts, theatre, performance and debate. Before Rixdorf became Neukölln, it was considered the suburban entertainment focal point for Berlin's unpretentious common folk. Today, the Heimathafen Neukölln is trying to re-capture that Rixdorf feeling and lifestyle by staging a diverse cultural program at this historic place.

- WWW.HEIMATHAFEN-NEUKOELLN.DE
- **♦ KARL-MARX-STRASSE 141, 12043 BERLIN**
- **U** U7 KARL-MARX-STRASSE

NEUKÖLLNER OPER

The opera house in Neukölln was established in 1972 as the fourth and most intimate of the opera houses in Berlin, hosting contemporary shows from all musical genres: classics, musicals and crossover productions.

- WWW.NEUKOELLNEROPER.DE
- ARL-MARX-STRASSE 131, 12043 BERLIN
- **U** U7 KARL-MARX-STRASSE





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KINDL - CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

This brick expressionist monument of the 1920s has been transformed into a unique exhibition hub. Once the Kindl brewery in Neukölln, this industrial building complex is now home to exhibits featuring the works of renowned international contemporary artists. There are a number of large shows each year as well as artist talks, lectures and concerts.

The culinary offerings of the centre's Café Babette is an additional highlight along with the beer garden during the open air season.

- WWW.KINDL-BERLIN.DE
- AM SUDHAUS 3, 12053 BERLIN
- **U** U8 BODDINSTRASSE. U7 RATHAUS NEUKÖLLN



"NEUKÖLLNER STOFF" – TEXTILE, ART AND DESIGN MARKET

Every Saturday, the allure of the art and design market "Neuköllner Stoff" invites people to take a relaxing stroll along the Landwehr canal and discover unique handmade and handcrafted designs.

As varied and exciting as Berlin itself, up to 100 mostly local vendors present designs, jewelry, fashion, cosmetics, children's toys and a large variety of textiles.

Since its inception in September 2010, the "market for the pretty stuff," with its outdoor flair has become a meeting place for the Berlin and international creative scene.

Art / Handicraft / Design / Fashion
Handmade Stuff / Toys / Textiles / Cloth / Street food

- SATURDAY 11 AM TO 5 PM
- WWW.MV-PERSKE.DE
- MAYBACHUFER 3, 12047 BERLIN
- **U** U1 KOTTBUSSER TOR, U8 SCHÖNLEINSTRASSE





PARKS AND GARDENS

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TEMPELHOFER FELD

One of the largest and most unique inner-city open spaces in the world is situated on the border between the Berlin boroughs of Neukölln, Kreuzberg and Tempelhof-Schöneberg. The home of the historic Berlin Airlift and where planes once took off to destinations worldwide, is now a 750 acre green space for skating, cycling, strolling, gardening, picnics, bird watching, kite-surfing and more.

- WWW.GRUEN-BERLIN.DE
- **U** ENTRANCE TEMPELHOFER DAMM, U6 PLATZ DER LUFTBRÜCKE
- **U** ENTRANCE ODERSTRASSE, U8 LEINESTRASSE
- **B** ENTRANCE COLUMBIA DAMM, BUS 104

COMENIUS GARDEN

The Comenius Garden off of Richardplatz in the Bohemian village, is a stunning public park dedicated to the universal education scholar and last bishop of the Bohemian Community-of-Brothers, Johann Amos Comenius. The "Path of Life" leads through the 3 acres garden that has become a popular summer retreat.

- WWW.COMENIUS-GARTEN.DE
- RICHARDSTRASSE 35, 12043 BERLIN
- **U** U7 KARL-MARX-STRASSE





KÖRNERPARK

Landscaped 100 years ago, the 1977 reconstruction of the Körnerpark represented one of the biggest projects in the district. The worthwhile result may be seen today in that this Neukölln park is considered one of the most beautiful green spaces in all of Berlin. Originally a gravel pit, there are long staircases with balustrades that lead to a grassy area five to seven meters below street level. Water flows six levels down before it is swirled through the air by a fountain. Small canals run through the magnificent park lined with trimmed hedges, colourful flower arrangements and Sycamore trees.

The former orangery houses a gallery and café which have become important cultural locations in Neukölln, and a place where national and international contemporary artists exhibit their works. "Summer in the Park" and "Salon Music" are two public concert series that may be enjoyed during Spring and Autumn.

- WWW.KÖRNERPARK.DE
- SCHIERKER STR. 8, 12051 BERLIN
- U U7 NEUKÖLLN
- S NEUKÖLLN S41/42



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HALLMANN & KLEE

This restaurant with its open kitchen is offered as an insider tip in Berlin. The owner's motto "simply good food" is supported by a careful choice of products, mostly with organic ingredients and traditional processing. Fresh and light quality dishes are the key to success. Sarah Hallmann fulfilled her own dream of restaurant ownership after working at the 2-Michelin-Stars restaurant Facil on Potsdamer Platz and at the well-known Margaux.

- WWW.HALLMANN-KLEE.DE
- **❷** BÖHMISCHE STRASSE 13, 12055 BERLIN
- S SONNENALLEE S41/42

LAVANDERIA VECCHIA

This beautiful trattoria with its rural cuisine, home-made wine and oil invites you to the backyard of an old laundry business for a rustic ambience. Step into an adventurous world of colour, space, sound, aroma and, of course, taste.

- WWW.LAVANDERIAVECCHIA.WORDPRESS.COM
- FLUGHAFENSTRASSE 46, 12053 BERLIN
- **U** U8 BODDINSTRASSE



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Gault & Millau experts, along with Berlin's top chefs highly recommend a visit to Tisk. This modern tavern located near the Neukölln town hall offers contemporary interpretations of classic Berlin cuisine, served through an ever changing 3-5 course menu. For a lighter menu or one of their nonpareil cocktails head directly to the bar, the coveted focal point of the restaurant.

- WWW.TISK-SPEISEKNEIPE.DE
- NECKARSTRASSE 12, 12053 BERLIN
- **U** U7 RATHAUS NEUKÖLLN

PAULINSKI PALME

A cosy café in the Bohemian village of Rixdorf part of Neukölln's historical district, makes a point of working with local producers to stock their kitchen. Neighborhood butcher Marcus Benser delivers the meat, the royal bakery of Michael Köser provides savory organic bread, and Sarah from the Holzmarkt patisserie bakes their scrumptious cakes. If you are a late riser, it's worth noting that Paulinski Palme serves breakfast until 4pm!

- WWW.PAULINSKIPALME.DE
- RICHARDSTRASSE 76, 12043 BERLIN
- U U8 KARL-MARX-STRASSE



GESCHWISTER NOTHAFT

Hipster vibes and gourmet coffee is what you will find at Geschwister Nothaft. Located directly across the street from the Sonnenallee station, the unique décor and cactus collection create a relaxing atmosphere for you to enjoy their home baked cakes, fresh squeezed juices, sandwiches and energy balls.

SCHWARZASTRASSE 9, 12055 BERLIN

S SONNENALLEE S41/42



EISDERIX

What's your flavor; chocolate, fruity, nutty, or something a bit more exotic? EisdeRix's "mission" is to create ice cream that pays homage to our inner child, as well as having the courage to experiment with unique combinations including tasty vegan options. And no worries, there are no artificial flavors or additives in this ice cream!

- WWW.EISDERIX.DE
- **BÖHMISCHE STRASSE 48, 12055 BERLIN**
- **U** U7 BODDINSTRASSE
- S SONNENALLEE S41/42

ZITRONENCAFÉ AT THE KÖRNERPARK

Like a hidden treasure, Zitronencafé is tucked away in the Körnerpark Orangery, and is the perfect place to enjoy your coffee and cake in an elegant atmosphere with a view of the beautiful park. During the summer months the café's lovely terrace is open for public enjoyment.

- WWW.ESSKULTUR-BERLIN.DE
- SCHIERKER STR. 8, 12051 BERLIN
- U7 S+U NEUKÖLLN S41/42
- S NEUKÖLLN



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KLUNKERKRANICH

Providing breathtaking city scape sunsets of Berlin since 2013, Klunkerkranich lures both locals and guests from around the world to its casual hip rooftop bar. In addition to the spacious outside area there are two levels inside that host a variety of cultural programs such as poetry readings, art exhibitions, wine tastings, concerts and dancing.

- WWW.KLUNKERKRANICH.ORG
- NARL-MARX-STRASSE 66, 12043 BERLIN
- **U** U7 KARL-MARX-STRASSE, RATHAUS NEUKÖLLN

ROLLBERG BREWERY

The vaults of the historic Kindl Brewery are where Wilko Bereit has been brewing his organic beer since 2009. On the weekends you can taste his creations at his small pub located at the entrance of the brewery.

- WWW.ROLLBERGER.DE
- AM SUDHAUS 3, 12053 BERLIN
- **U** U8 BODDINSTRASSE. U7 RATHAUS NEUKÖLLN

VELVET BAR

With cocktails created from fresh seasonal ingredients like marjoram, dandelion, hazelnut and Japanese knotweed, it's no wonder that this nightspot was crowned "bar of the year 2019" when it took part in the Mixology Bar Awards. The Velvet Bar is located not far from the Stadtbad Neukölln pool facilities, and is known as one of Berlin's best cocktail bars.

- WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/VELVET.BERLIN
- GANGHOFERSTRASSE 1, 12043 BERLIN
- **11** U7 RATHAUS NEUKÖLLN



SCHWUZ

Berlin's largest LGBT club has found its new home base at the former Kindl Brewery. The desire to be part of the culturally diverse Neukölln "Kiez" was the driving force for this endeavor. Schwuz regularly hosts parties for the LGBT community and provides space for a variety of activities such as the production of the short films "Berlin Live" as well as exhibitions and debates.

- WWW.SCHWUZ.DE
- ROLLBERGSTRASSE 26, 12053 BERLIN
- **U** U7 RATHAUS NEUKÖLLN





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THE GREEN SOUTH OF BERLIN

First documented in 1237, Britz is one of the oldest neighborhoods of Neukölln. Popular attractions are the Britzer Mühle, (windmill) Britz manor and the Horseshoe Estate built in

- BRITZ CASTLE AND MANOR
- NEUKÖLLN MUSEUM
- BRITZER MÜHLE
- 4 HORSEHOE ESTATE
- **5** MURUGAN HINDU TEMPLE

the famous Bauhaus style. Further South from Britz is Rudow where you can walk along part of the former Berlin Wall or follow the Rudower Fliess into the very green suburbs of Berlin. From the Estrel

Hotel, Britz can be reached in about 20 minutes by car or public transportation.

LANDMARKS



BRITZER MÜHLE

Britzer Mühle is one of Berlin's last fully operating windmills. Built in 1865 in classic Dutch mill style, this 20m tall landmark is now under historic preservation. There is a guided tour featuring the history and architecture of the mill, and on windy days to guests' delight, the mill can still produce flour. The miller's house has been turned in to a rustic restaurant with a large beer garden.

- WWW.BRITZERMUEHLE.DE
- **➡** ENTRANCE FROM BUCKOWER DAMM 130, 12349 BERLIN
- **M44 DACHDECKERWEG**

BRITZ PALACE

This 300 year old Prussian manor is considered a jewel among the landscape of Berlin Palaces. Its historic rooms from the era of Kaiser Wilhelm when Germany underwent a rapid industrial expansion are used today for exhibitions, concerts, and conferences. Since 2009 the apprentices of Estrel Hotel have been responsible for running the restaurant, a concept and initiative that was founded by the management of Estrel Berlin in cooperation with the district administration of Neukölln. The restaurant with its beautiful ambiance offers a variety of fresh regional produce and delicious international cuisine, as well as an extensive wine menu. On Sundays and during the holiday season the restaurant hosts excellent brunches.

The museum Neukölln is located in the revamped horse stables of the 250-year-old manor park, while the historic cowshed has become a modern event location for up to 120 people. In addition, a goat pen, a concert hall and an openair stage for public use belong to the estate.

- WWW.SCHLOSS-BRITZ-BERLIN.DE
- ALT-BRITZ 73, 12359 BERLIN
- **M44 OR M46 FULHAMER ALLEE**



Planned and built between 1925 and 1933 by the Bauhaus architects Bruno Taut and Martin Wagner, the Horseshoe Estate is one of the first social housing projects in the world. In 2008 it was rightfully listed among the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. One building in the form of a horseshoe is the namesake of the project and sits in the center of the estate encircling a garden with a pond. The estate is further characterized by its lush greenery and a mix of town houses and three-story apartment buildings with colorful walls and lattice windows.





MURUGAN HINDU TEMPLE

This richly decorated temple draws worshippers and visitors from all over the world who come to simply view its beauty, or pray to Murugan and other Hindu Gods. The freestanding, 240m² Hindu temple is open daily. Shoes are left in the entrance hall and photographing and the use of mobile devices is strictly forbidden.

- WWW.MAYURAPATHY-MURUGAN-BERLIN.COM
- BLASCHKOALLEE 48, 12359 BERLIN
- **U** U7 BLASCHKOALLEE

BOATS TOUR FROM HOTEL ESTREL TO THE CITY



Berlin is a city of rivers and lakes, so naturally one of the best ways to explore it is via its waterways. The dock at Estrel Berlin is open from Spring through Autumn everyday. The tour includes Potsdamer Platz, Schloss Charlottenburg, Friedrichstrasse, Jannowitzbrücke and back to the hotel. You may use the boat as a water taxi and hop on and off this circular tour at any of the stops on the route.

 YOU MAY BOOK THE TOUR DIRECTLY WITH THE INTERCLASSIC CONCIERGE SERVICE BASED IN THE LOBBY HALL OF HOTEL ESTREL.

WALKING TOUR

If you would like to join a tour with a wellinformed Neukölln expert, Reinhold Steinle offers entertaining and informative walking tours through the "kiez" (neighborhood) where

he takes you to Rixdorf and the areas of Richardstrasse and Schillerstrasse. Special tours are also available upon request.

WWW.REINHOLD-STEINLE.DE





BRITZ GARDEN

Home to the National Garden show 1985, the Britz Garden is known as one of the most attractive gardens in Berlin. The park offers different special exhibits reflecting the current season, and if exploring the spacious estate on foot is a tad too much, you can use the park's own little railway.

- WWW.GRUEN-BERLIN.DE
- SANGERHAUSER WEG 5, 12349 BERLIN
- BUS M44, BRITZER GARTEN





RUDOWER FLIESS

This stream or former meltwater canal dates back to the glacial period, about 18,000 years ago. Today, hikers can explore the 9.2km trail along the sand bottomed lowland stream surrounded by lush meadows, shrubbery and trees. Biotopes and observation points give bird and nature lovers the opportunity to learn about the ecosystem and observe birds of prey, kestrels, and other interesting creatures. Another attraction is the Berlin Wall Path that stretches from Rudower Fliess to Heidekampgraben in the North, and to Rudow Wäldchen (Rudow forest) in the South.

- GROSS-ZIETHENER CHAUSSEE
- U U7 RUDOW



BRITZ WINE CULTURE

The 300 year old tradition of wine making in Britz was revived in 2002, and today its 5,000 m² makes it the largest wine growing area in Berlin.

From April to October the winery hosts a variety of events showcasing the "Britz Wine Culture" to the public. Guests are invited to stroll through the vineyards and of course sample and purchase wine as an exquisite souvenir from Neukölln.

WWW.BRITZER-WEIN.DE

- NOPPELWEG 70, 12347 BERLIN
 - **509** M44, BUS 181 BRITZER DAMM/MOHRINER ALLEE





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