



Berlin Accommodation Guide 2021 Entry

MetFilm School Berlin Accommodation Guide

Choosing where to live while studying is a big decision and it's important to take the time to find out what's available and what would best suit your needs. MetFilm School Berlin does not offer its own student accommodation; however, Berlin offers a variety of accommodation options to suit all budgets. Whatever you are looking for, our Accommodation Services team is on hand to help you find a great place to live.

A Great Place to Live

One of the most inexpensive capital cities in Europe, Berlin is now booming, in more ways than one. It has officially become one of Europe's most visited cities. Home to 3.5 million people from around the world. It offers a high quality of life whilst remaining affordable.

It is no surprise, that the German capital has long been a favourite location for international filmmakers and cinephiles. If you are looking to live and breathe film all day every day and connect with people who share your passion, then it's hard to find a better city to live and study. Berlin is host to more than 50 film festivals per year including punk, African films, fashion cinema and of course The Berlinale which is one of the top international film festivals in Europe.

Below are some of our top Bar, Café and Restaurant recommendations!

Bars

- **Mein Haus Am See**, Torstr. 125, 10119 Berlin (Chill out atmosphere with weekly concerts)
- **Klunkerkranich**, Karl-Marx-Straße 66, 12043 Berlin (Bar on top of a shopping mall, ideal for a late afternoon cocktail while enjoying the sunset over Berlin skyline)
- **Das Gift**, 119 Donaustraße, 12043 Berlin (Bar with Scottish pub food and weekly quizzes)
- **Villa Neukölln**, Hermannstraße 233, 12049 Berlin (Weekly salsa/swing dances in the back ballroom also film screenings and events)

Cafés

- **NeMyxa Café Berlin**, Lenau Str. 22, 12047 Berlin
- **Roamers**, Pannierstraße 64, 12043 Berlin
- **Five Elephant**, Reichenberger Str. 101, 10999 Berlin

Restaurants

- **Masaniello – Italian**, Hasenheide 20, 10967 Berlin
- **Hamy Café – Vietnamese**, Hasenheide 10, 10967 Berlin
- **Kotti Dang – Vietnamese**, Kottbusser Damm 73, 10967 Berlin
- **Villa Rixdorf – German**, Richardplatz 6, 12055 Berlin

Open Air Cinemas

- **Freiluftkino Hasenheide**
- **Freiluftkino Kreuzberg**
- **Freiluftkino Friedrichshain**

Cinema

- **York Kinos** – lots of different promotions available to save money!



Accommodation

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Popular areas to live with good transport links to MetFilm School Berlin:

Kreuzberg, Neukölln, Mitte, Prenzlauer Berg, Friedrichshain, Schöneberg, Charlottenburg.

Some accommodation options below:

Settle in Berlin

Settle in Berlin gives a comprehensive overview of the renting process in Berlin, costs and top tips on how to find the perfect accommodation to suit you.

settle-in-berlin.com/find-a-flat-in-berlin-apartement

Neon Wood

Neon Wood has two properties in Berlin-Friedrichshain (Neon Wood Berlin Frankfurter Tor) and Berlin-Wedding (Neon Wood Berlin Mitte-Wedding), offering more than 1,000 fully furnished student apartments. Prices start at around €630 up to €935 per month. Amenities include high speed internet, 24/7 gym, community lobby with ping-pong and pool tables, spacious study areas, outdoor courtyards, gaming room, laundry services, and security services/community manager on hand.

neonwood.com/city/berlin

The Fizz

Fully furnished apartments for students, providing a hassle-free experience.

the-fizz.com/en/home

Studentenwohnheim Edith Stein

Furnished student apartments within walking distance to the school.

studentenwohnhaus-edith-stein.de

Habyt

Choose between co-living spaces, shared apartments and private studios. Facilities include high speed internet, all costs included, weekly cleaning and fully furnished rooms.

habyt.com/cities/berlin

Happy Pigeons

Co-living in Kreuzberg, Schöneberg, Mitte etc. bringing people together from different cultures, backgrounds, and experiences to build a supportive, respectful and value-oriented living-environment.

happypigeons.com

House of Nations

House of Nations offers modern apartments and single rooms for students in Berlin at reasonable prices and at seven locations. Fully furnished apartments and rooms are aimed entirely at the needs of young people; ideal for students studying in Berlin.

house-of-nations.de

Crocodilian

Stylish furnished apartments for rent.

crocodilian.de

WG-Gesucht

Find or rent shared rooms, flats or student apartments in Berlin. Providing over 60,000 listings, there is something for everyone to ensure you can choose a room, flat, or flatmate that is perfect for you!

wg-gesucht.de

Xpat Rentals

Xpat Rentals provide long stay apartments in Berlin.

xpatrentals.com/country/germany/berlin

Sublet.com Berlin

Sublet.com allows you to search by price, location and utilities whilst also allowing you to get in touch with your future landlord.

berlin.sublet.com

ImmobilienScout24

Germany's number 1 in real estate.

ImmobilienScout24.de

Immowelt

Finding apartments to rent in Berlin

immowelt.de/liste/berlin/wohnungen/mieten?sort=rel

HousingAnywhere

Discover hundreds of accommodation options in Berlin, mark your favourites and sign up for search tips so you don't miss out on your dream accommodation, communicate directly with landlords, book and pay directly and securely online.

housinganywhere.com/de

Airbnb

Airbnb lets people rent out their properties or spare rooms to guests. There's a vast criteria to search for on a property for example; a shared room or an entire house.

de.airbnb.com

Ex-Berliner Flat Rentals

Berlin's English-speaking accommodation service will assist you in finding suitable accommodation within your price limits and preferred district. Offers furnished and unfurnished flats.

exberlinerflatrentals.com

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woloho.com/#subscriben

Finding Accommodation via Facebook Groups

Search '*Wohnung Berlin*' and '*flat Berlin*'

- WG-Zimmer & Wohnungen Berlin
facebook.com/groups/wg.wohnung.berlin
- Berlin WG-Zimmer Wohnung Room Flat Apartment for Rent
facebook.com/groups/easy.wg
- Berlin Startup Flats, Flatshares, Offices, Wohnungen, WG
facebook.com/groups/666822796665326/?ref=br_rs

German Housing Terms & Abbreviations

- 3 Zi.-Whg = three-room apartment
- 3 ZKDB = three rooms plus kitchen, hallway, bath
- Abstand = you have to buy some of the fixtures and furnishings
- DG (Dachgeschoss) = loft apartment
- EBK (Einbauküche) = built-in kitchen
- EG (Erdgeschoss) = ground floor
- HH (Hinterhaus) = back of the house (might have little light)
- K (Kaution) = deposit
- kalt = heating extra
- NR (Nichtraucher) = non-smokers
- KM (Kaltmiete) = (cold rent)
- KN = kitchenette
- MVZ (Monatliche Vorauszahlung) = rent in advance
- Nachmieter = tenant who takes over an old lease
- NMM (Nettomonatsmiete) = net monthly rent (plus costs for heating, electricity, gas, water, waste disposal)
- OH = Oven heating
- Prov. (Provision) = commission
- qm (Quadratmeter) = square metre (size of the apartment)

- Seitenflügel= side wing
- TG (Tiefgarage) = underground garage
- Untermiete = sublet
- VH (Vorderhaus) = front of the house
- WG (Wohngemeinschaft) = shared flat
- WBS erford. (Wohnberechtigungsschein) = subsidised housing
- only rented to holders of a special permit (WBS)
- Wfl. (Wohnfläche) = living space
- WM (Warmmiete) = warm rent
(this is the cold rent plus additional cost)
- Zi (Zimmer) = room(s)
- ZH (Zentralheizung) = central heating
- Zwischenmiete = sublet / temporary rental contract
- zzgl. NK = plus extra charges (heating, electricity, etc.)

What you need to know

Renting Accommodation in Berlin

Before you sign your contract, you will have to provide a couple of documents to your landlord/agency. These include: A copy of your ID or passport, confirmation that you do not owe your previous landlord (if applicable) any money and that you always paid your rent on time, salary confirmation, bank statements and documentation of your credit record/history.

Signing a Contract

Most landlords/agents will require you to sign a tenancy agreement. This is a legally binding document setting out both party's rights and responsibilities. By signing it, both you and the landlord/agent have certain rights protected in law which cannot be overwritten by the contract. Make sure that before you sign, you understand all the clauses, you don't want any nasty surprises!

Registering your Accommodation

Registering your address is the first thing you should do after moving to Berlin. This can be done by making an appointment in advance at a Citizen's Advice Office (this can be made online). If you stay at an address for more than 6 months, you must register. You should register within 14 days of your move-in date, but this rule is not enforced in Berlin. By registering your address, you obtain a certificate of registration and a tax ID. You need the certificate of registration to apply to open bank accounts and to set up an internet connection etc. The registration requires

a signature from your landlord or agency and a valid ID document such as your passport.

Paying a deposit

Some landlords request one to three months' rent as a deposit. The deposit is a safety net for the landlord in case you have not paid the due rent or if there are any damages to the property which need to be repaired.

Guarantor

Landlords/agencies may ask you to provide a guarantor, meaning a person that confirms that he or she will pay if you cannot pay.

Some letting agencies are not keen on letting directly to students and in many cases will ask the parent(s) to rent the apartment.

MetFilm School Guides

For further information please download our other Guides:

- London Accommodation Guide
- London Funding & Finance Guide
- Berlin Funding & Finance Guide
- London Student Support Guide
- Berlin Student Support Guide
- London International Students Guide
- Berlin International Students Guide

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