

## 11 SIEGESSÄULE



Grosser Stern

### HOW TO GET THERE

Bus 100 to Grosser Stern



The Siegestssäule or Berlin's Victory Column is one of the city's most iconic monuments. It can be found in the Tiergarten in Grosser Stern, where all the streets that run through the park meet.

Victoria, or the goddess of victory atop the column, looks resplendent from afar. When you stand in front of the Brandenburg Gate, you can see the Victory Column, which is 2 kilometres up the road, sparkle through the gate. The 8,5-metre-tall statue is completely gilded and weighs a whopping 35 tons.

You'll be able to take even more impressive shots if you walk up a spiral staircase with 285 steps to the viewing platform at a height of 69 metres, from where you can enjoy great views of the Tierpark, the Brandenburg Gate, the Fernsehturm, the Reichstag and all the other iconic monuments in the city.

At first glance, getting to the Victory Column seems almost impossible, as it is situated in the centre of a major intersection. But look again, and you'll find two gate buildings on the street level, which lead to underground pedestrian tunnels and the column.

### FUN FACT

In the underground pedestrian tunnels, you'll be treated to *Mnemosyne*, an interactive light installation that is activated by the movements in the tunnels. The installation was designed by Stig Skjelvik, a Norwegian industrial designer, and is fun to play with. The name Mnemosyne was inspired by the Greek goddess of memory and refers to the slowed images of the movements on the light wall.

### INSTAGRAMMABLE PLACES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- COFFEE Teehaus im Englischen Garten: Altonaer Strasse 2 (8 min. walk)
- FOOD Café am Neuen See: Lichtensteinallee 2 (10 min. walk)
- SEE Hansaviertel – Eternithaus: Altonaer Strasse 1 (8 min. walk)  
Rosengarten in Tiergarten (8 min. walk)



#siegestssäule #victorycolumn #visitberlin #tiergartenpark #wonderlustberlin

### INSTA TIP

Use the round shapes in the fences to frame your shot when standing on the viewing platform.

## 34 ZEISS GROSS-PLANETARIUM



Prenzlauer  
Allee 80

### HOW TO GET THERE

S8, S41, S42,  
S46 to  
Prenzlauer  
Allee

M10 (tram)  
to Prenzlauer  
Allee

M2 (tram) to  
Fröbelstrasse



The Zeiss Gross-Planetarium (Zeiss Major Planetarium) with its dome, which has a diameter of 23 metres, is Germany's largest planetarium. It was designed by the East German architect Erhardt Gisske and built in 1987 as one of the largest prestigious GDR buildings. The building's inauguration coincided with the celebrations of Berlin's 750th anniversary.

Since its renovation in 2014, the planetarium is widely considered the most modern stellar theatre in Europe. The building is used for astronomy shows as well as music concerts and plays. The planetarium's cinema also regularly screens sci-fi and East German films. It's easy to see why it's also called *Wissenschaftstheater* or Science Theatre.

The exterior of the Zeiss Gross-Planetarium is stunning. Its location in the park makes it even more photogenic. At night, the planetarium and dome light up, offering a colourful spectacle. Do check it out if you're into night photography.

### FUN FACT

Currently nobody knows how many stars there are in the universe. An estimate is made of the number of stars in our own galaxy, the Milky Way, which is then multiplied by the number of galaxies in the universe. The result? An estimated 70 sextillion, or 700.000 million million million.

### INSTAGRAMMABLE PLACES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

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|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| COFFEE    | Orange Coffee: Prenzlauer Allee 171 (5 min. walk)                                                  |
| ICE CREAM | Eispatisserie Hokey Pokey: Stargarder Strasse 72/73 (10 min. walk)                                 |
| FOOD      | AtayaCaffe: Zelterstrasse 6 (6 min. walk)<br>Brammibal's Donuts: Danziger Strasse 65 (6 min. walk) |
| SEE       | MACHmit! Museum for Children: Senefelderstrasse 5 (7 min. walk)                                    |



@planetarium.berlin #zeissgrossplanetarium #prenzlauerberg #planetarium

### INSTA TIP

The Zeiss Gross-Planetarium is one of the top places for photos of cherry blossoms. The soft pink blossoms contrast beautifully with the sheen of the planetarium's gigantic metal dome. Check the hashtag #berlinblossom to see when the cherry trees in front of the planetarium are in flower (usually in April).

## 58 LANDWEHRKANAL



From Spreekreuz to Osthafen

### HOW TO GET THERE

U2 (red) to Mendelssohn-Bartholdy-Park

U6 (purple) or U7 (blue) to Mehringdamm

U1, U3 (green) or U8 (blue) to Kottbusser Tor



The Landwehr Canal cuts through Kreuzberg and a walk along its banks will take you past a series of truly picturesque spots. The 10,7-kilometre-long canal leaves the River Spree in the Osthafen in Friedrichshain, rejoining it at Spreekreuz in Charlottenburg.

During the late middle ages, a precursor of the current canal encircled the Berlin city walls, like a moat, between Schlesisches Tor and Hallesches Tor. In the 19th century, the River Spree could no longer cope with the increasing number of barges. The former moat was thus excavated in 1850 and turned into a canal for the transport of building materials and fuel. After World War II, the canal was used to transport the rubble that was cleared in the city.

On 15 January 1919, Rosa Luxemburg, the German Marxist politician after whom Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz is named, was shot and her body was thrown in the canal. It was only found several months later. A commemorative plaque was installed on the banks of the Landwehr Canal in Grosser Tiergarten.

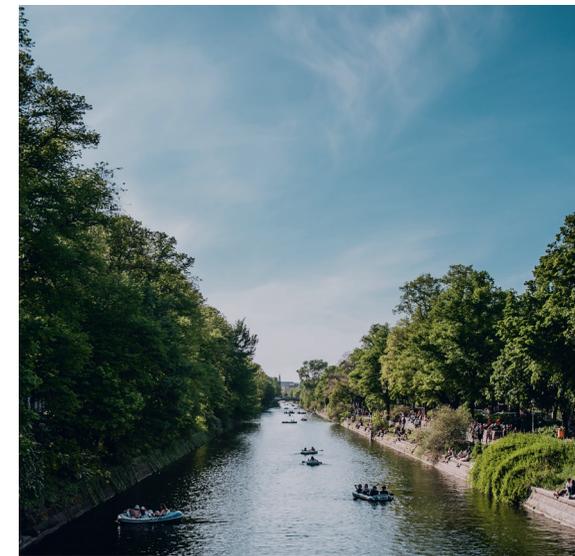
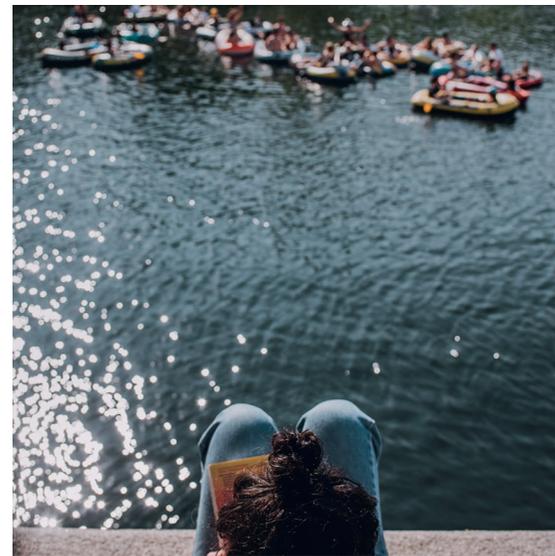
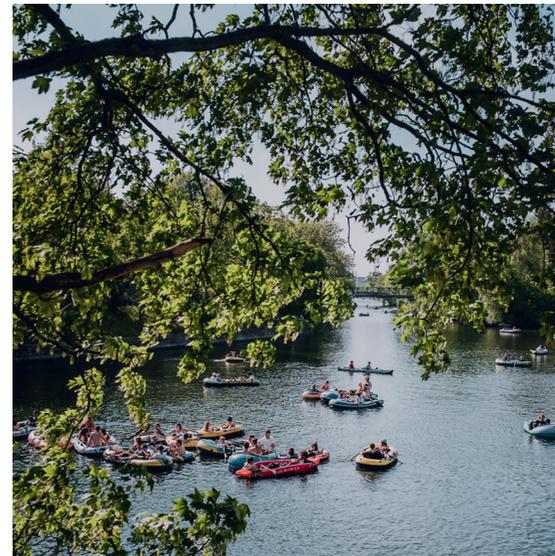
Since the works on the canal in 2009, it is no longer used as a supply route. Nowadays it is mainly reserved for tour boats and is a popular waterway to float down during the summer months, in a kayak, canoe or inflatable boat. The many parks on the canal banks are the place to go in the summer for spontaneous parties and barbecues.

### FUN FACT

The Landwehr Canal is also often used for the infamous rubber boat parties during the summer months. It really resembles an upbeat, open-air club, with hundreds of boats, loud music and dancing people.

### INSTAGRAMMABLE PLACES ALONG THE LANDWEHRKANAL

- COFFEE Populus Coffee: Maybachufer 20
- BAR Birgit & Bier: Schleusenufer 3
- FOOD No Bananas: Pannierstrasse 29  
Van Loon Restaurantschiffe: Carl-Herz-Ufer 5
- SEE *Make Art Not War* mural: Mehringplatz 28  
Deutsches Technikmuseum Berlin: Trebbiner Strasse 9



#landwehrkanal #urbanhafen #bridgeview #bridgelife #kreuzbergstyle

### INSTA TIP

There are more than 40 bridges in all across the Landwehr Canal. Many of these pedestrian bridges are popular places to meet up with friends or relax with a view of the water. The bridges also offer a great vantage point for pictures.

## 88 BERLIN UPPER WEST



Kantstrasse  
163-165

### HOW TO GET THERE

S3, S5, S7, S9 to  
Zoologischer  
Garten

U2 (red),  
U3 (green),  
U9 (orange) to  
Zoologischer  
Garten



The Upper West skyscraper in Breitscheidplatz was designed by Christoph Langhof. The sleek, elegant building is a landmark in Kurfürstendamm.

This white, 118-metre-tall tower has 33 floors and towers above the city.

The curved cube, with alternating 3D shapes, adds to the tower's unusual appearance, from every angle.

The building is home to Hotel Motel One, among others, which extends across 19 floors. Its interior decoration scheme was inspired by the legendary Zoo Palast cinema on the opposite side of the street. The cinema theme starts at the reception desk.

Head to the 10th floor and the Cinema Lounge to watch some film classics and take in the amazing views of the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche, Bikini Berlin, Zoo Palast and the Zoologischer Garten.

At the hotel's entrance, you'll spot a 16-metre-tall, historic Schinkel street lamp. This artwork, named *Lesser*, refers to the nostalgic past of this street.

### FUN FACT

Don't remember whether you're in East or West Berlin? Take a look around you: do you see tram tracks and the Ampelmann on the traffic lights? Then you're in former East Berlin.

### INSTAGRAMMABLE PLACES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- COFFEE** Talking Beans: at Bikini Berlin, Budapester Strasse 38-50 (4 min. walk)  
Café im Literaturhaus – Wintergarten: Fasanenstrasse 23 (8 min. walk)
- BAR** Panorama Bar at Hotel Motel One: Kantstrasse 163-165  
Monkey Bar at 25hours Hotel Bikini Berlin: Budapester Strasse 40 (4 min. walk)
- FOOD** NENI at 25hours Hotel Bikini Berlin: Budapester Strasse 40 (4 min. walk)  
Mine: Meinekestrasse 10 (9 min. walk)
- SEE** Bikini Berlin: Budapester Strasse 38-50 (3 min. walk)  
Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche: Breitscheidplatz (2 min. walk)  
Kino Zoo Palast: Hardenbergstrasse 29-A (1 min. walk)  
Käthe-Kollwitz-Museum: Fasanenstrasse 24 (8 min. walk)



@langhofberlin @motel\_one #berlinupperwest #moteloneberlin #lookupclub #lookuparchitecture

### INSTA TIP

A photo of the Upper West building from this angle is an Insta classic! Stand in the centre of the arch, place your camera on the ground facing up and take a photo using the self-timer. It's a good way to be certain that the photo is taken 100% straight up.

## 92 PASSAGE MESSE NORD/ICC



Messe-  
damm 22

**HOW TO  
GET THERE**  
S42, S46 to  
Messe Nord/  
ICC



The underground passage under the intersection of Messedamm and Masurenallee is part of the ICC Messe (convention centre). It's only in use as a metro station when there's an event going on. On all other days, the corridors are usually empty, except for a few tourists who got lost en route – the passage is often confused with the nearby S-Bahn station – and Instagrammers and film fans who want to take a photo of this photogenic location.

The underground passage is a hotspot for Hollywood action scenes. It served as a backdrop for dramatic scenes in a number of blockbusters such as *The Bourne Supremacy* (2004), *The Hunger Games – Mockingjay Part 2* (2015), *Captain America: Civil War* (2016), *Atomic Blonde* (2017) and *Hanna, the series*. (2019).

The underground corridors with the orange tiled walls, the symmetric columns and the round lamps are extremely popular. According to a location scout, the script of a film was even adapted in some cases to this stunning location.

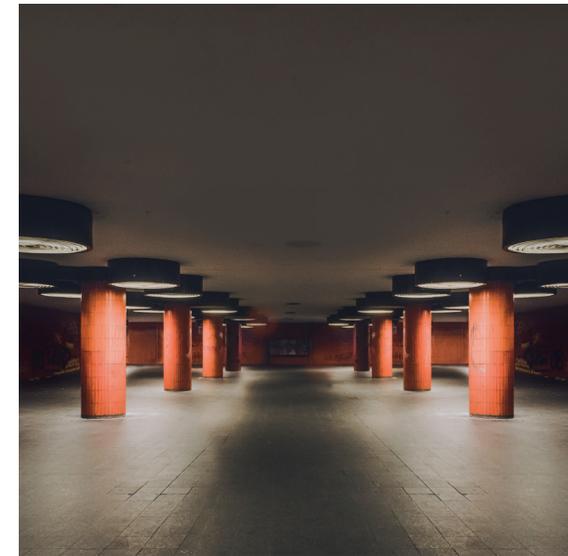
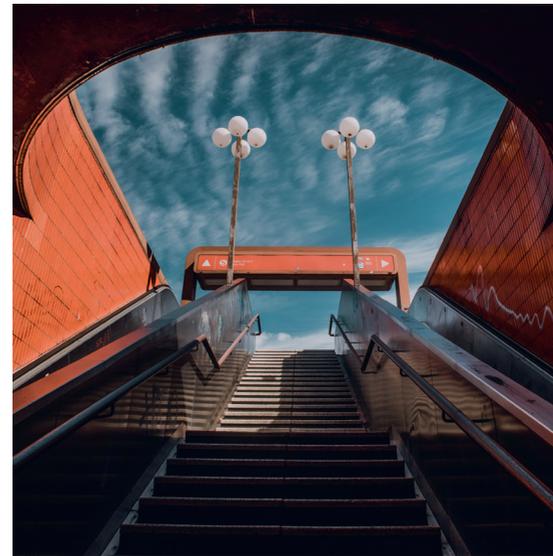
Other Hollywood blockbusters that were partly filmed in Berlin: the James Bond movie *Octopussy* (1983), *Lola rennt* (1998), *Inglourious Bastards* (2009) and the *Babylon Berlin* TV-series (2017).

**FUN  
FACT**

Almost 40% of the buildings in Berlin are underground. This includes the city's extensive railway network, as well as tunnels, sewers, bunkers and secret cellars that are hidden under the city's streets.

### INSTAGRAMMABLE PLACES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

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| COFFEE    | Pianocafe am Lietzensee: Neue Kantstrasse 20 (3 min. walk)<br>Doppio Pazzo – Coffee & Cake Factory: Leonhardtstrasse 2 (15 min. walk) |
| ICE CREAM | Gimme Gelato: Wundtstrasse 15 (1 min. walk)                                                                                           |
| BAR       | Bootshaus Stella am Lietzensee: Witzlebenplatz 1-A (10 min. walk)                                                                     |
| SEE       | Funkturm: Hammarskjöldplatz (2 min. walk)<br>ICC Berlin: Messedam 22 (3 min. walk)<br>Lietzensee Park: Neue Kantstrasse (4 min. walk) |



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**INSTA  
TIP**

In addition to the well-known orange pillars, there are several other photogenic spots in the ICC Messe complex. Clockwise:

- The staircase to the underground passage, with the street lamps from 1970
- The passage which resembles a film set
- The passage with the scene from *The Hunger Games*
- The outside of the ICC Messe, with its unique brutalist architectural style

## 95 TEUFELSBERG



Teufelssee-  
chaussee 10

### HOW TO GET THERE

S3, S5, S9 to  
Heerstrasse

S3, S5, S7  
to Berlin-  
Grunewald



In the early 20th century, Grunewald was still a swamp. After the war, lorries full of rubble from the destroyed city were dumped here. Two artificial mounds were built using 25 million cubic metres of rubble: the 120-metre-tall Teufelsberg (Devil's Hill) and the 99-metre-tall Drachenberg (Dragon Hill).

In the 1950s, during the Cold War, the Americans installed antennas and radar domes on the summit of Teufelsberg. Huge satellite dishes were built to intercept radio signals from the Eastern Bloc and disrupt them where possible.

In 1972, the rubble stopped coming and the hills were planted with trees. There were plans to turn the Teufelsberg into a wintersports resort, with a ski jump, a ski lift and a bobsled course but these never materialised. In winter, it is still a popular place to test the speed of your sled.

Nowadays you can still see the remnants of the spy headquarters. You can visit the site for a small fee. You will be rewarded for your efforts with a panoramic view of Berlin. There's also plenty of cool street art to see on Teufelsberg, which is called Europe's largest (and highest) open-air street art gallery. Regular tours and events are organised here.

Want to walk even further? Grunewald is a 3000-hectare forest and a popular weekend destination for Berliners. Besides the Teufelsberg, you'll also find the Ökowerk Nature Conservation Centre, Teufelssee Lake, Jagdschloss Grunewald and a dog beach here.

### FUN FACT

Concerts are sometimes organised in the highest dome. A unique musical experience because of the chapel's acoustics.

### INSTAGRAMMABLE PLACES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

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| COFFEE AND DRINKS | open air bar at the Teufelsberg                                                                                                                               |
| FOOD              | Bistro at Ökowerk, Teufelsseechaussee 22 (10 min. walk)                                                                                                       |
| SEE               | Ökowerk Nature Conservation Centre,<br>Teufelsseechaussee 22 (10 min. walk)<br>Teufelssee: Teufelsseechaussee 22 (12 min. walk)<br>Drachenberg (18 min. walk) |



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### INSTA TIP

From Drachenberg, which is slightly less imposing, rising 99 metres above sea level, you have a superb view of the gigantic golf balls, the former radar station and the Teufelsberg.

## 96 PFAUENINSEL



Ferry:  
Pfaueninsel-  
chaussee 1

### HOW TO GET THERE

S1 to  
Wannsee,  
then take  
the bus and  
the ferry to  
Pfaueninsel



Pfaueninsel (Peacock Island) is a 67-hectare nature reserve in the middle of the Havel River and possibly the most idyllic place in Berlin. You can only reach the island by ferry, which is how your trip to this enchanted place starts.

Throughout its history, the island has been populated by a colourful mix of inhabitants. Its history can be traced back 2500 years, based on the bronze Iron Age bracelets and hair spirals that were found on the island. In the 17th century, the island was used as a rabbit breeding facility, earning it the name *Kaninchenwerder* (Rabbit Island). The island later became home to a glassworks (where experiments were conducted to produce coloured glass) and a dairy farm.

You can already spot Schloss Pfaueninsel from the jetty. It wouldn't look out of place in a fairy-tale book. King Frederick William II had the romantic palace built for his mistress, the Countess of Lichtenau, drawing inspiration from a medieval castle ruin. The outside of the palace resembles white marble but is actually made from painted wood. The cast iron bridge that connects the two towers was subsequently added to the castle. The Luisentempel, a memorial temple dedicated to Queen Luise, is located at the other end of the island. The colonnade was moved from Schlosspark Charlottenburg to this place.

The island owes its name to the stunning peacocks that live in the park. The island is also inhabited by several other bird species. During the summer months, you can also spot water buffalo grazing in the wet meadows and keeping the grass short.

### FUN FACT

The dairy farm was built at the same time as Pfaueninsel Schloss, in keeping with a romantic idea and recreating an idyllic version of country life for the island's noble inhabitants. The Countess of Lichtenau personally milked the cows, even churning her own butter.

### INSTAGRAMMABLE PLACES ON PFAUENINSEL

COFFEE AND FOOD    Wirtshaus zur Pfaueninsel: Pfaueninselchaussee 100  
SEE                      Schloss Pfaueninsel / Kavalierschhaus / Luisentempel / Meierei



@spsgmuseum #pfaueninsel #schlosspfaueninsel #peacockisland #wannsee #lakescape

### INSTA TIP

The romantic Schloss Pfaueninsel is beautifully lit in the late afternoon. The lush greenery around the castle provides a nice frame for your image.

## 100 U-BAHNHOF RATHAUS STEGLITZ



Intersection  
Schlossstrasse  
and Albrecht-  
strasse/  
Grunewald-  
strasse

### HOW TO GET THERE

S1 to Rathaus  
Steglitz

U9 (orange)  
to Rathaus  
Steglitz



There are two stations that are called Rathaus Steglitz near the town hall in Steglitz: a U-Bahn station and an S-Bahn station.

The S-Bahn station, on the S1 line, was one of the first underground stations in Germany at its inauguration in 1839. The line takes you from Oranienburg to Wannsee. The U-Bahn station is the terminus of the U9 line, that connects Steglitz with Wedding. Both stations are connected by a tunnel.

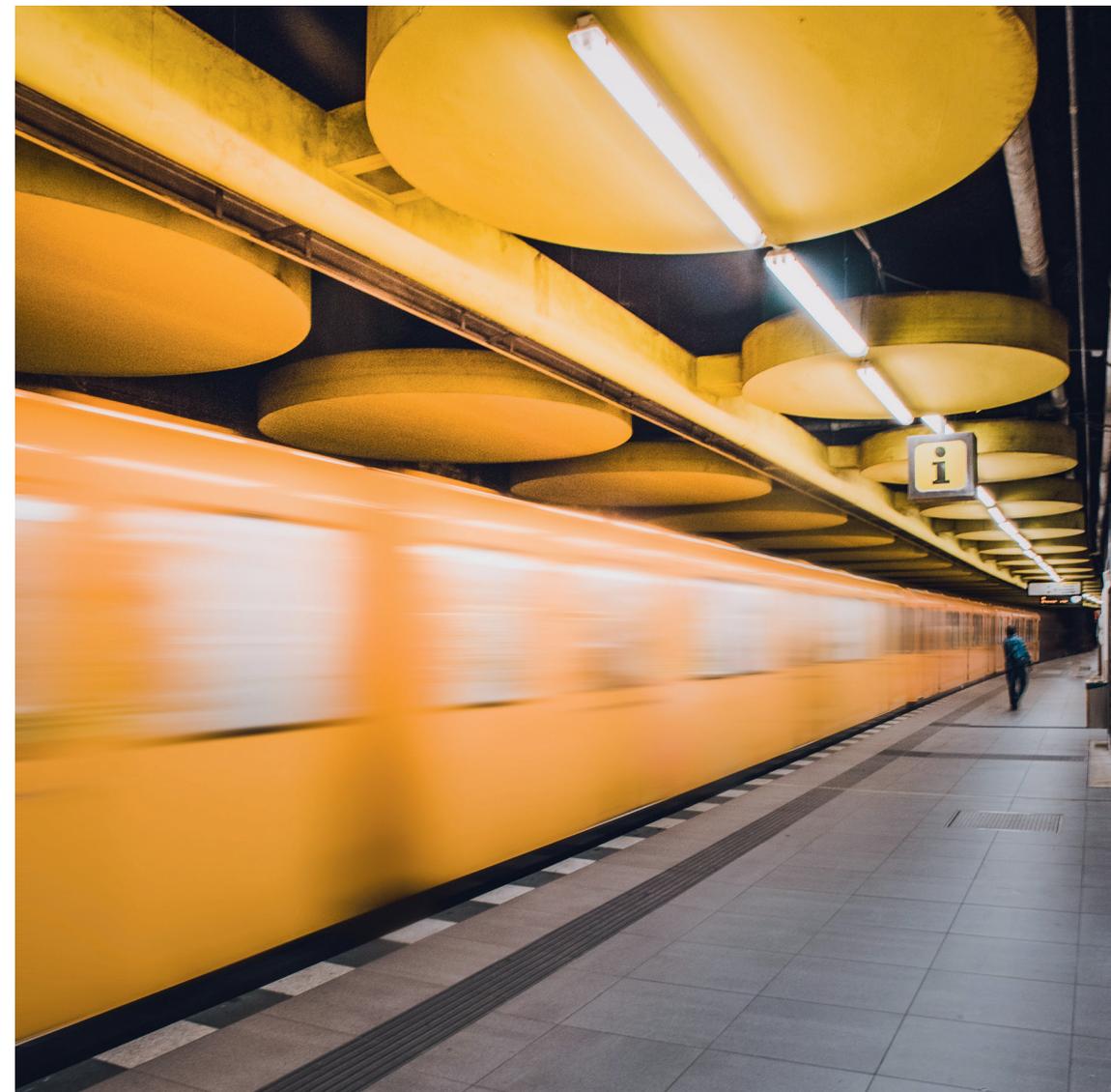
The bright yellow platform of this U-Bahn station is a real Insta hotspot. The large yellow circles on the ceiling only add to its retro, futuristic appearance, casting the station in a golden glow. A large, steel Hellhound Cerberus sculpture watches over the pedestrian walkway to the platform, entirely in keeping with the station's 1970s vibe.

### FUN FACT

There are several other photogenic stations on this same metro line (U9). The Schlossstrasse station was designed by the same team that designed the Bierpinsel, while an entire city is portrayed in the tiles on the walls of Turmstrasse station.

### INSTAGRAMMABLE PLACES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

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|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| COFFEE    | Café Schwartzsche Villa: Grunewaldstrasse 55 (2 min. walk)<br>Fendricks Coffee & Breakfast: Muthesusstrasse 1 (3 min. walk)<br>Morgenstern – Antiquariat und Café: Schützenstrasse 54 (4 min. walk) |
| ICE CREAM | Vanille & Marille: Leydenallee 92 (5 min. walk)                                                                                                                                                     |
| SEE       | Spiegelwand: Düppelstrasse 1 (1 min. walk)<br>Schlosspark Theater: Schlossstrasse 48 (4 min. walk)<br>Bierpinsel: Schlossstrasse 17                                                                 |



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### INSTA TIP

This is the perfect metro station to experiment with your camera's shutter speed. If you wait until the U-Bahn leaves (and there's nobody else on the platform), you can capture the vehicle's movement with a long shutter speed.