



ERASMUS+ INFO-KIT

Georg-Schlesinger-Schule

Berlin Reinickendorf, Germany

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ABOUT US

Key Area: Mechanics

Georg-Schlesinger-Schule is a vocational education and training (VET) college in Berlin Reinickendorf, specializing in training apprentices across 8 metal, plastics, and synthetic-related training programs in collaboration with partner companies. We also offer grammar school-equivalent tracks for students aiming to achieve their A-Levels or college entrance certificates, with a specialized focus on metal technology and environmental technology. Our school serves around 1,900 students supported by 70 staff members. Located near the center of Berlin, our campus enjoys excellent public transport connections.



IMPORTANT INFO

Berlin is the capital of Germany and one of Europe's major cultural, historical and international cities. Germany uses the euro (€), and while card payments are increasingly accepted, cash is still widely used, so it's good to carry some with you. The official language is German, while English is widely spoken in international, educational and tourist environments. The European emergency number is 112. Berlin has a high quality of life and an efficient public transport system. September is generally a pleasant time to visit, but temperatures can vary, so comfortable clothing and a light jacket are recommended.



MEANS OF TRANSPORT

Berlin has one of Europe's most extensive public transport systems, including underground trains (U-Bahn), suburban trains (S-Bahn), trams, and buses. The U-Bahn and S-Bahn are particularly useful for covering longer distances quickly, while trams are common in the eastern parts of the city and buses fill in the gaps elsewhere. Berlin is also a very walkable and bike-friendly city, with cycling a popular way to get around, especially in summer. For planning journeys, Google Maps is useful, while the official BVG app provides public transport connections, route planning and ticket information.

USEFUL APPS

BVG - official Berlin public transport app for routes, tickets and connections.

Google Maps - useful for walking, cycling and public transport directions.

DB Navigator - useful for regional and national train journeys around Germany.

ACCOMMODATION

1. <https://www.booking.com/Share-2tFo5m>
2. <https://www.booking.com/Share-TGWWU4>
3. <https://www.booking.com/Share-E4tpgFD>
4. <https://www.booking.com/Share-2g5lhH>

LOCAL TIPS

Berlin combines a rich, layered history with a relaxed, creative and multicultural lifestyle. Take time to explore the city's diverse neighbourhoods, stop by a traditional bakery, and browse the many street markets and flea markets around the city. German and Berlin specialities include Currywurst, Döner Kebab, Schnitzel, Sauerbraten, Bratwurst, Kartoffelsalat and Pretzels, alongside sweet treats like Berliner Pfannkuchen and Streuselkuchen. Berlin's numerous parks, lakes and beer gardens are also ideal for relaxing after a training day. Remember that Berlin has a strong café and bar culture, with locals often taking their time over a coffee or a drink outdoors, especially in the warmer months - it's a good opportunity to slow down and enjoy the city's laid-back pace.

TRY:

-  Currywurst
-  Döner Kebab
-  Sauerbraten
-  Bratwurst
-  Kartoffelsalat
-  Pretzels (Brezel)
-  Berliner Pfannkuchen
-  Berlin beer gardens



POINTS OF INTEREST

Berlin is a city of modern history, art, culture and architecture, shaped by its unique 20th-century past and vibrant contemporary scene. The city is spread out more than Vienna, so a mix of walking and public transport is ideal for exploring its landmarks. Visit the Brandenburg Gate, Berlin's most iconic symbol, and walk along the remains of the Berlin Wall at the East Side Gallery. In the city centre, discover the Reichstag Building, Museum Island with its world-class collections, and the striking Berlin Cathedral. For contemporary art and culture, explore the galleries of Kreuzberg and Mitte, or visit the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, a significant historical site.

🏛️ BRANDENBURG GATE

Berlin's iconic landmark and symbol of the city's history.

🧱 EAST SIDE GALLERY

Longest remaining stretch of the Berlin Wall, now an open-air gallery.

🏛️ MUSEUM ISLAND

UNESCO World Heritage site with five major museums.

🏛️ REICHSTAG BUILDING

Germany's historic parliament building, famous for its glass dome.

🏛️ BERLIN CATHEDRAL

Berlin's grand cathedral overlooking the Spree river.



DAY TRIPS

Berlin is a great base for exploring both the surrounding region and destinations further afield in Germany. Participants can visit **Potsdam**, a historic city known for its palaces, gardens and UNESCO-listed architecture, including the famous **Sanssouci Palace**, just a short trip from Berlin by S-Bahn. **Dresden**, often called the "Florence of the Elbe", is famous for its stunning Baroque old town, art collections and dramatic World War II history, and makes for a rewarding full-day trip. Leipzig is known for its rich musical heritage (home to Bach and Mendelssohn), thriving creative and startup scene, and a lively, youthful atmosphere that offers a different side of eastern Germany. For a change of pace, the **Spreewald** is a beautiful biosphere reserve of winding canals and forests south of Berlin, ideal for a relaxing day exploring by traditional punt boat or bike, and known for its pickled gherkins. All of these destinations are reachable by regional or national train, making them straightforward to combine with a day of sightseeing.



LANGUAGE TIPS



GREETINGS

Hallo! - Hello!

Guten Morgen! - Good morning!

Guten Tag! - Good afternoon / Hello!

Guten Abend! - Good evening!

Auf Wiedersehen! - Goodbye!

Danke! - Thank you!

Bitte! - Please / You're welcome.

Entschuldigung! - Excuse me!

RESTAURANT / CAFÉ

Ich hätte gerne... - I would like...

Die Rechnung, bitte. - The bill, please.

Ein Wasser, bitte. - A water, please.

Sehr lecker! - Very delicious!

GETTING AROUND

Wo ist die U-Bahn? - Where is the metro?

Wo ist der Bahnhof? - Where is the train station?

Wie komme ich zum Zentrum? - How do I get to the city centre?

Wie viel kostet das? - How much does it cost?