



BERLIN THREE-DAY ITINERARY

Here's a **3-night Berlin itinerary** for an Indian tourist on a modest budget, covering the main highlights of Berlin, plus a day trip to Potsdam. I've included transport tips, food suggestions, and budget-friendly options.

Arrival & Transport

- **Airport to Hotel (Berlin Brandenburg Airport – BER):**
 - Take the **Airport Express (FEX)** train (every 30 mins) to **Berlin Hauptbahnhof (Central Station)** → ~30 mins, €3.80 (ABC ticket).
 - From there, connect by **S-Bahn/U-Bahn** to your hotel.
 - Taxi costs ~€50–60, but public transport is reliable and cheaper.
 - **City Transport:**
 - Buy a **Berlin ABC WelcomeCard (72 hours)** – ~€38. Valid for unlimited travel on S-Bahn, U-Bahn, buses, and trams (includes Potsdam trip). Also gives discounts at museums & attractions.
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Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival & Berlin Highlights

- **Afternoon (Check-in & Orientation)**
 - After arrival, check into hotel/hostel (budget areas: Alexanderplatz, Friedrichshain, Kreuzberg).
 - Lunch: Try a **Döner Kebab** (€5–7) or **Currywurst** (€3–5).
 - **Evening Walk (Historic Berlin Core)**
 - Start at **Alexanderplatz** (TV Tower outside view; ticket to go up ~€22, optional).
 - Walk along **Unter den Linden Boulevard** → **Berlin Cathedral** → **Museum Island** (UNESCO World Heritage site).
 - Continue to **Brandenburg Gate** (great evening photos).
 - Nearby: **Reichstag Parliament Building** (free rooftop dome visit, but pre-book online).
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Day 2: Berlin History & Culture

- **Morning – Nazi & Cold War History**
 - Visit **Berlin Wall Memorial (Bernauer Str.)** – free.
 - Walk through **East Side Gallery** (1.3 km open-air wall paintings).
 - Stop at **Checkpoint Charlie** (symbolic, museum ticket optional).
 - **Afternoon – Museums & Monuments**
 - Head to **Topography of Terror Museum** (free, powerful WWII history).
 - Visit **Holocaust Memorial (Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe)** – free.
 - If interested in art/culture: **Pergamon Museum** or **Neues Museum** (on Museum Island).
 - **Evening**
 - Relax in **Tiergarten Park** or go to **Potsdamer Platz** (modern Berlin with Sony Center).
 - Dinner: Try German food at a local beer garden (meal €12–15).
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Day 3: Potsdam Day Trip (Palaces & Gardens)

- **Morning**
 - Take **S-Bahn S7 from Berlin Hbf to Potsdam Hbf** (~40 min, included in WelcomeCard).
 - Walk or take bus to **Sanssouci Palace & Gardens** (Prussian king's summer palace, UNESCO site). Entry ~€14, gardens free.
 - Explore **Neues Palais** and **Chinese House**.
- **Afternoon**
 - Visit **Dutch Quarter (Holländisches Viertel)** – red-brick houses, cafés.
 - Option: **Cecilienhof Palace** (WWII Potsdam Conference site, ~€10).
- **Evening Return to Berlin**
 - Dinner in **Kreuzberg** – famous for cheap international food (Turkish, Indian, Vietnamese).

Day 4: Departure (Short Sightseeing)

- If you have time before flight:
 - Visit **Charlottenburg Palace** (baroque beauty, gardens free, entry ~€12).
 - Or do some **shopping at Kurfürstendamm** or **Alexanderplatz (Galeria Kaufhof)**.
 - Head to Airport by FEX train (allow 1.5 hours including check-in).
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Budget Tips

- **Accommodation:** €40–70/night (budget hotel/hostel).
- **Food:** Street food €5–8, budget restaurants €10–15/meal.
- **Transport:** Berlin WelcomeCard ABC (72 hrs) ~€38 covers all travel.
- **Main Attractions (optional tickets):**
 - TV Tower – €22
 - Museum Island ticket – €19 (day pass)
 - Sanssouci Palace – €14



Total estimated spend (excluding flights): **€250–300 for 3 nights** (₹22,000–26,000 approx).

Top Attractions At A Glance:

Here's a curated list of **top attractions in Berlin** that most visitors (especially first-timers) should consider.

Historic & Political Landmarks

- **Brandenburg Gate** – Iconic 18th-century gate and symbol of German unity.
- **Reichstag Building (German Parliament)** – Famous glass dome with panoramic city views (free entry, pre-book online).
- **Berlin Wall Memorial (Bernauer Str.)** – Preserved section of the Wall with open-air exhibition.
- **East Side Gallery** – 1.3 km stretch of the Berlin Wall covered with murals.
- **Checkpoint Charlie** – Former Cold War border crossing between East and West Berlin.

Museums & Cultural Sites

- **Museum Island (UNESCO World Heritage Site):**
 - **Pergamon Museum** (antiquities, Ishtar Gate – note: parts under renovation).
 - **Neues Museum** (Egyptian collection, bust of Nefertiti).

- **Altes Museum, Bode Museum, Alte Nationalgalerie.**
 - **Jewish Museum Berlin** – Striking architecture and moving exhibits.
 - **Topography of Terror** – Documentation center on Nazi terror (free).
 - **DDR Museum** – Interactive look at life in East Germany.
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Memorials

- **Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe (Holocaust Memorial)** – 2,711 concrete slabs creating a haunting labyrinth.
 - **Soviet War Memorial (Treptower Park & Tiergarten)** – Monument to fallen Soviet soldiers of WWII.
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Parks & Palaces

- **Tiergarten** – Berlin's central park, perfect for walks.
 - **Charlottenburg Palace** – Baroque palace with gardens.
 - **Tempelhofer Feld** – Former airport turned into a vast open-air park.
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Modern Berlin

- **Potsdamer Platz** – Rebuilt modern square with Sony Center.
 - **Berlin TV Tower (Fernsehturm, Alexanderplatz)** – 368 m high, city's best viewpoint (ticketed).
 - **Kurfürstendamm (Ku'damm)** – Berlin's famous shopping boulevard.
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Day Trips Nearby

- **Potsdam** – Sanssouci Palace, gardens, Dutch Quarter, and Cecilienhof (WWII Potsdam Conference site).
- **Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp (Oranienburg)** – Memorial site, about 1 hour from Berlin.

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