

# STREET ART TOUR



4 to 8 hours



Private driver, car & expert  
guide within Berlin



Berlin's unique history of destruction, division, and reincarnation as a cultural & artistic hub has imbued it with a one of a kind mentality and vibrancy, it is a city constantly evolving and ever-changing. It is said "Berlin is forever becoming, yet never being," and nowhere is that more clear than in the art that has come to dominate the streets of this city. The contribution of graffiti and street artists both local and world-renowned have transformed the walls of this city into the largest open-air art gallery in the world, contributing to Berlin's status as the UNESCO "World City of Design".

## Mitte - where it all started

Begin your modern cultural experience in the heart of Berlin's former Jewish district. Formerly a part of East Berlin, Mitte became the center of an explosive art, culture, and music scene in the early 90's. In the years following the fall of the Berlin wall over 100 artist communes, cooperatives, and squatter communities arose in the heart of the former communist capital, contributing to Berlin's popular appeal as Europe's "poor but sexy" capital. Today Mitte is home to chic and trendy restaurants & boutiques, but as you walk/drive through the district signs of its past jump out to you, with pieces by artists like: Sobr with his beautiful dancing girls, which have become a symbol Berlin's nightlife & carefree attitude; SP38, the local artist whose outspoken art has given voice to Berlin's displaced & disenfranchised; and El Bocho, who has risen through the ranks of Berlin's street art community to become an internationally recognized and respected artist.



**IMPRESSIONS**  
BERLIN

impressions.berlin  
exclusive tours & limousines GmbH  
Schillerstraße 64, 10627 Berlin

web: impressions.berlin  
office: +49 (0) 30 83 22 22 07  
mail: info@impressions.berlin



This portion of the tour will end with a visit to Haus Schwarzenberg, a veritable time capsule back to 90's cultural movement that made Mitte famous, it is one of the only artist communities to have survived the decades and today it is an open canvas for artists, both professional and amateur, from around the world. You can even embrace your inner artist and leave your own mark behind on its storied walls.

### **Kreuzberg - carrying on the torch**

Next, we will drive down to Berlin's new hip/alternative center, Kreuzberg. The destination for all young creative-types moving to the city today, this historically Turkish district of West Berlin still has a distinct ethnic flair, with phenomenal middle eastern cuisine and culture. Here graffiti is king, every wall and window is covered with the distinctive art form, but the main attractions are the 'epic-sized' murals that dominate entire building facades. We'll drive you to the highlights by well known international artists such as Victor Ash with his weightless behemoth "The Astronaut" considered the largest stencil work in the world, ROA's morbid yet provoking "Animal" series, Brazilian born twins & art duo Os Gêmeos and their "Yellow Man", and finally the iconic piece of social commentary "Pink" by Italian artist Blu.

### **Friedrichshain - past, present, and future**

You will end the tour across the river Spree in the lively district of Friedrichshain, which today is home to two of the most important and iconic symbols of Berlin's dynamic and evolving culture. You'll walk through R.A.W. Temple, a sprawling art, community, and event space, reclaimed from the abandoned shell of an East Berlin industrial complex. Today R.A.W. houses some of the best markets & galleries; bars & clubs; and street art & graffiti in the city. The tour will end at the quintessential memorial to Berlin's past, present, and future: The East Side gallery. The longest section of Berlin Wall still standing, which has been transformed from a symbol of oppression into a symbol of expression. 105 murals by artists from all around the world now adorn its face, illustrating this city's troubled past and its optimism for the future.





As you walk and drive through the varied districts of Berlin you will get a feel for the culture and spirit of modern Berlin, and how it used art and expression to survive and reinvent itself after the 20th century's most brutal conflicts. You will get to know it's ever-changing streets and the artists who paint them, and come to understand why it is they say "Paris will always be Paris, but Berlin is always becoming Berlin."

