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GUIDE

or how to survive in Berlin

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PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP

Weather in Berlin

March and April in Berlin are commonly mildly cool but sunny. However, in the evening it may still get chilly. We are expecting temperatures between 10 and 15 degrees Celsius (that's between 50 and 59 degrees Fahrenheit). We recommend to check the forecast before packing.

Money

Germany's currency is the Euro (EUR, €). Please consider that you can only pay with € in Germany and that you will have to change money at a Euro Change Office or use a cash machine (Geldautomat) to withdraw € (the latter is often cheaper). There are currency exchange offices and cashpoints (EC, Visa, MasterCard, Maestro) at Schönefeld airport (SXF) and at Tegel airport (TXL). Cashpoints can also be found all over the city. Please note that some shops, restaurants and bars only accept cash.

Cash machines nearby the Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof Airport

- Berliner Volksbank eG, Hermannstraße 51
- Western Union Bank, Hermannstraße 58

Cash machines nearby the Motel One Berlin Mitte

- Euronet ATM, Oranienstraße 57

Internet Access

Free wireless network access throughout the conference venue and at the hotels is provided (your voucher codes are provided upon registration). Free WiFi is also common in cafes and restaurants; you may have to ask for a password.

Electricity Access

In Germany plug type F (230V at 50 Hz), also known as a Schuko plug, is used. Please bring your adapter if needed! Please be aware that you need to buy the corresponding adapter in your home country, since it's impossible to buy it in Berlin.

MOST IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

Conference Venue and Accommodation – Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof Airport

Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof Airport

Rollbergstraße 214-216

12049 Berlin

Tel.: +49 30 627800

📍 Nearest U-Bahn (underground station) station: Boddinstraße (U8)

Check-in time: 15:00, Check-out time: 12:00.

Accommodation – Motel One Berlin Mitte

Motel One Berlin Mitte

Prinzenstraße 40-42

10969 Berlin

📍 Nearest U-Bahn station: Moritzplatz (U8)

Check-in time: 15:00, Check-out time: 12:00.

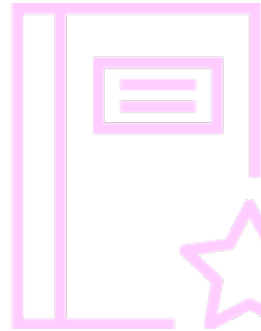
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Tempelhofer Ufer 23-24

10963 Berlin



📍 Nearest U-Bahn station: Möckernbrücke (U1, U7)



HOW TO GET AROUND

Public Transport






Before using the public transport services to travel from the airport/central station to the hotel/conference venue, please make sure to purchase the right ticket and to validate it.

Tickets can be purchased at ticket machines on the platforms of the “S-Bahn”  (urban railway) and “U-Bahn”  (underground) stations. In buses the fare can be paid to the bus driver. The obtained tickets must be validated by stamping them at the yellow boxes on the platform of the S-or U-Bahn or in the bus.








Berlin is divided into three different tariff zones: A, B and C. When travelling from Tegel Airport or the central station to the hotels/conference venue, you need an AB ticket (2,80€). When coming from Schönefeld Airport you need an ABC ticket (3,40€).

Way from the **airports** to the **Mercure Hotel**

Airport Tegel (TXL) to the Mercure Hotel (duration 59 min):






Take the  **Bus 128** (direction: Osloer Str.)
Depart at  **U Berlin Osloer str.** (terminal station)
Take the  **Osloer str.** (U8) (direction: Hermannstraße)
Depart at  **U Boddinstraße** (U8)
Walk  5 minutes to the hotel

Airport Schönefeld (SXF) to the Mercure Hotel (duration 39 min):








Walk  5 minutes to the  **Flughafen Berlin-Schönefeld Bhf**
Take the  **S45** (direction: S Südkreuz)
Depart at  **S+U Hermannstraße**
Take the  **U8** (direction: S+U Wittenau)
Depart at  **U Boddinstraße** (U8)
Walk  5 minutes to the hotel

Way from the **airports** to the **Motel One Hotel**

Airport Tegel (TXL) to the Motel One Hotel (duration 50 min):

Take the  **Bus 128** (direction: Osloer Str.)
Depart at  **U Berlin Osloer str.** (terminal station)
Take the  **Osloer str.** (U8) (direction: Hermannstraße)
Depart at  **U Moritzplatz** (U8)
Walk  2 minutes to the hotel

Airport Schönefeld (SXF) to the Motel One Hotel (duration 45 min):

Walk  5 minutes to the  **Flughafen Berlin-Schönefeld Bhf**
Take the  **S45** (direction: S Südkreuz)
Depart at  **S+U Hermannstraße**
Take the  **U8** (direction: S+U Wittenau)
Depart at  **U Moritzplatz** (U8)
Walk  2 minutes to the hotel

Way from the **Boddinstraße station** to the **Venue and Mercure Hotel**








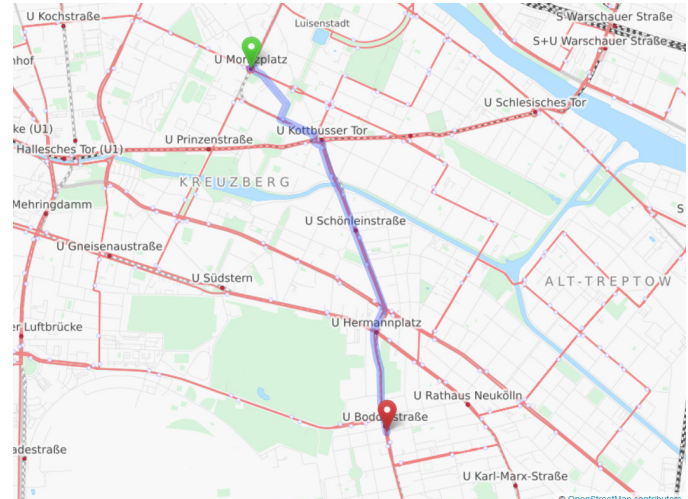
Way from the **Moritzplatz station** to the **Motel One Hotel**



Way from the **Motel One Hotel** to the **Mercure Hotel (Venue)**



It takes 15 minutes to come from the hotel **Motel One Mitte** to the **Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof Airport**

Walk  2 minutes to the  **U Moritzplatz**
Take the  **U8 Moritzplatz** (direction: Hermanstraße)
Depart at  **U8 Boddinstraße**
Walk  5 minutes to the **Mercure Hotel**








Way from the **Berlin Central Station (Hauptbahnhof)** to the **hotels**

Hauptbahnhof to the Mercure Hotel (duration 29 min):

Take the  **S-Bahn S75, S3, S7**
Depart at  **U+S Jannowitzbrücke**
Take the  **U8 Jannowitzbrücke** (direction: Hermannstraße)
Depart at  **U8 Boddinstraße**
Walk  5 minutes to the hotel

Hauptbahnhof to the Motel One Hotel (duration 28 min):

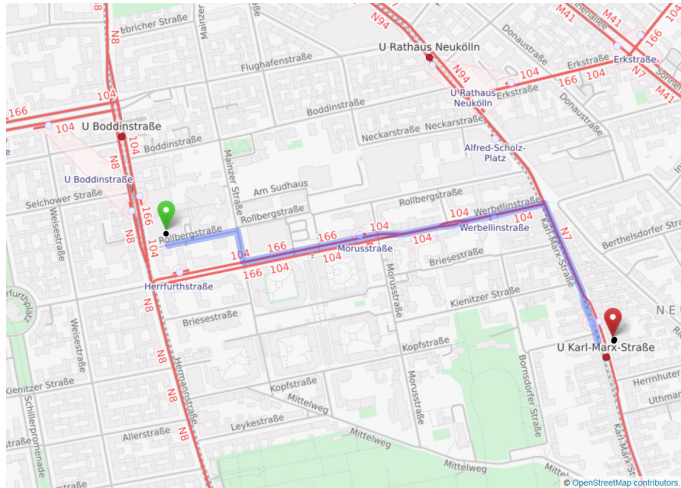
Take the  **S-Bahn S75, S3, S7**
Depart at  **U+S Jannowitzbrücke**
Take the  **U8 Jannowitzbrücke** (direction: Hermannstraße)
Depart at  **U Moritzplatz (U8)**
Walk  2 minutes to the hotel

Way from the **hotels** to the WMCON Party location (**Heimathafen Neukölln, Karl-Marx-Straße 141, 12043**)
Advice: Find the building where it is written “**saalbau neukölln**”, take the right entrance and go through to the backyard.

IMPORTANT: Your name badge will allow you to enter the party location. Don't forget it!

From the Mercure Hotel

It takes 15 minutes to walk from the Mercure Hotel to the **Heimathafen Neukölln**.










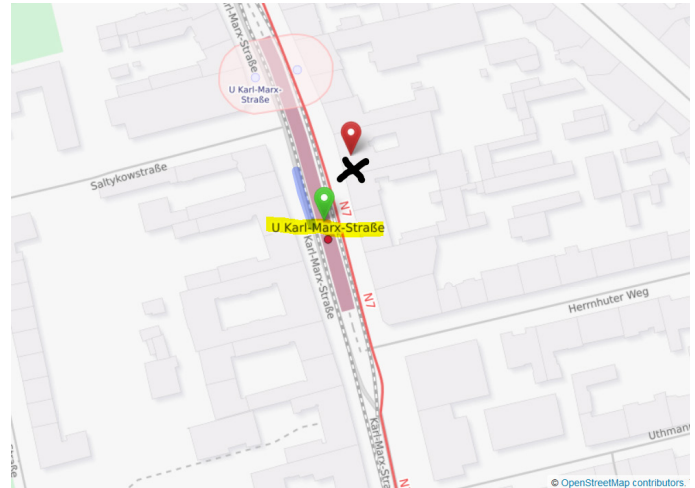
Way from the **Mercure Hotel** to the **Heimathafen Neukölln**

From the Motel One Hotel

Walk

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Walk

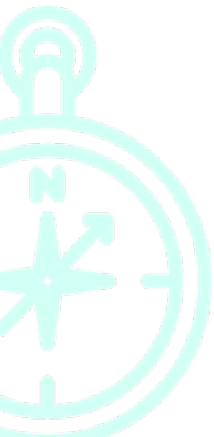
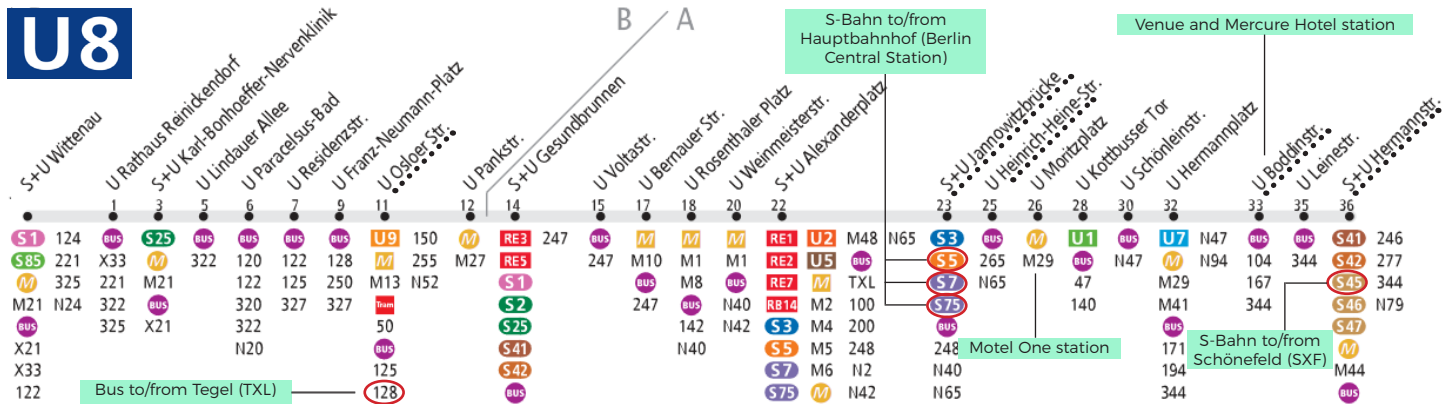
-  2 minutes to the  **U Moritzplatz**
-  **U8 Moritzplatz** (direction: Hermanstraße)
-  **U8 Hermanplatz**
-  **U7 Hermanplatz** (direction: Rudow)
-  **U7 Karl-Marx Straße**
-  5 minutes to the **Heimathafen Neukölln**



Way from the **Karl-Marx-Straße station** to the **Heimathafen Neukölln**

U-Bahn (undeground) **U8** line will be your line.

U8



REGISTRATION

Upon your arrival at the Conference Venue and Mercure Hotel, please proceed to the registration desk on the first floor and pick up your name badge. The registration desk is open as follows:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

- 8:30 to 12:30

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

- 8:30 to 20:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

- 8:00 to 12:00



SOCIAL EVENTS

DINNER SNACK AT THE CONFERENCE VENUE (THU, FRI, SUN)

On Thursday starting from 18:00 and on Friday as well as Sunday following the conference program, we would like to invite you to get together with all conference participants for dinner and to meet and chat. Dinner and drinks will be provided in the foyer of the conference area (first floor of Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof Airport) and its restaurant.

WMCON PARTY AT HEIMATHAFEN (SAT)

On Saturday, April 1, we would like to take you out for dinner and dancing to the glamorous ballroom of the historic theater Heimathafen Neukölln. Starting from 19:15 until 21:00 warm dinner will be offered. Afterwards the dancefloor will be opened by our DJ to mingle and dance together through the night with your international friends.

IMPORTANT: Your name badge will allow you to enter the party location. Don't forget it!

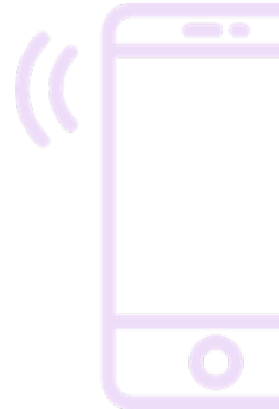
GUIDED CITY WALK

Martin Rulsch, German Wikipedian and volunteer, provides sightseeing tours through his home city Berlin on two days. Please check the Meta page:

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_Conference_2017/Social_Events

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

POLICE	110
AMBULANCE/FIRE	112
DOCTOR ON CALL	+49 116 117
INT. CALLING CODE FOR GERMANY	+49
TAXI	
Taxi Berlin:	+49 30 202020
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USEFUL ADDRESSES

Hospitals which are accredited by the United Health Care Global (UHCGlob)

Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin

Luisenstraße 65
10117 Berlin
Phone: +49 30 450 531 000

DRK Kliniken Berlin (Westend)

Spandauer Damm 130
14050 Berlin
Phone: +49 30 30 35 0

Pharmacy nearby Hotel Mercure

Werbellin Apotheke
Hermannstraße 52, 12049 Berlin
Tel.: +49 30 6221067
Opening hours: 8:30 - 18:30 (Mon-Fri), 9:00 - 14:00 (Sat)

24 hour Pharmacy

Apotheke Berlin Hauptbahnhof
Europaplatz 1
10557 Berlin
Phone: +49 30 206 14 190



USEFUL GERMAN PHRASES

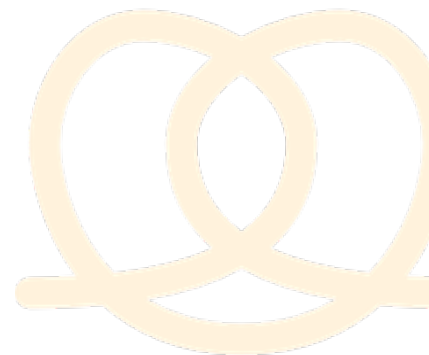
Hello!	Hallo!
Good morning!	Guten Morgen!
Good day/ afternoon!	Guten Tag!
Good evening!	Guten Abend!
Cheers!	Prost!
Bless you!	Gesundheit!
See you later!	Bis später!
See you tomorrow!	Bis morgen!
Bye!	Tschüss!
Yes	Ja
No	Nein
I like you/that.	Ich mag dich/das.
I'm tired.	Ich bin müde.
I'm happy.	Ich bin glücklich.

Thank you
Please / You're welcome
Excuse me / Sorry

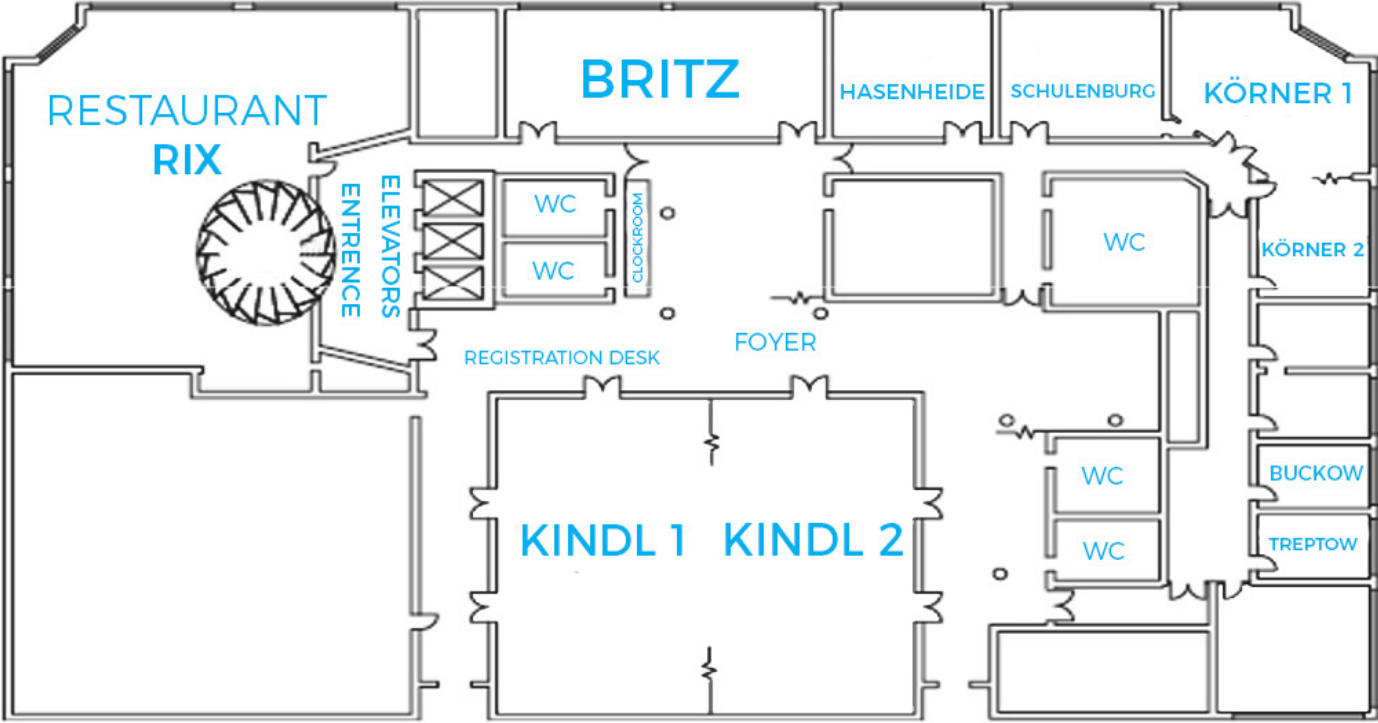
Help!
How can I go to...
I'm looking for...
I'd like to have...

Danke
Bitte
Entschuldigung

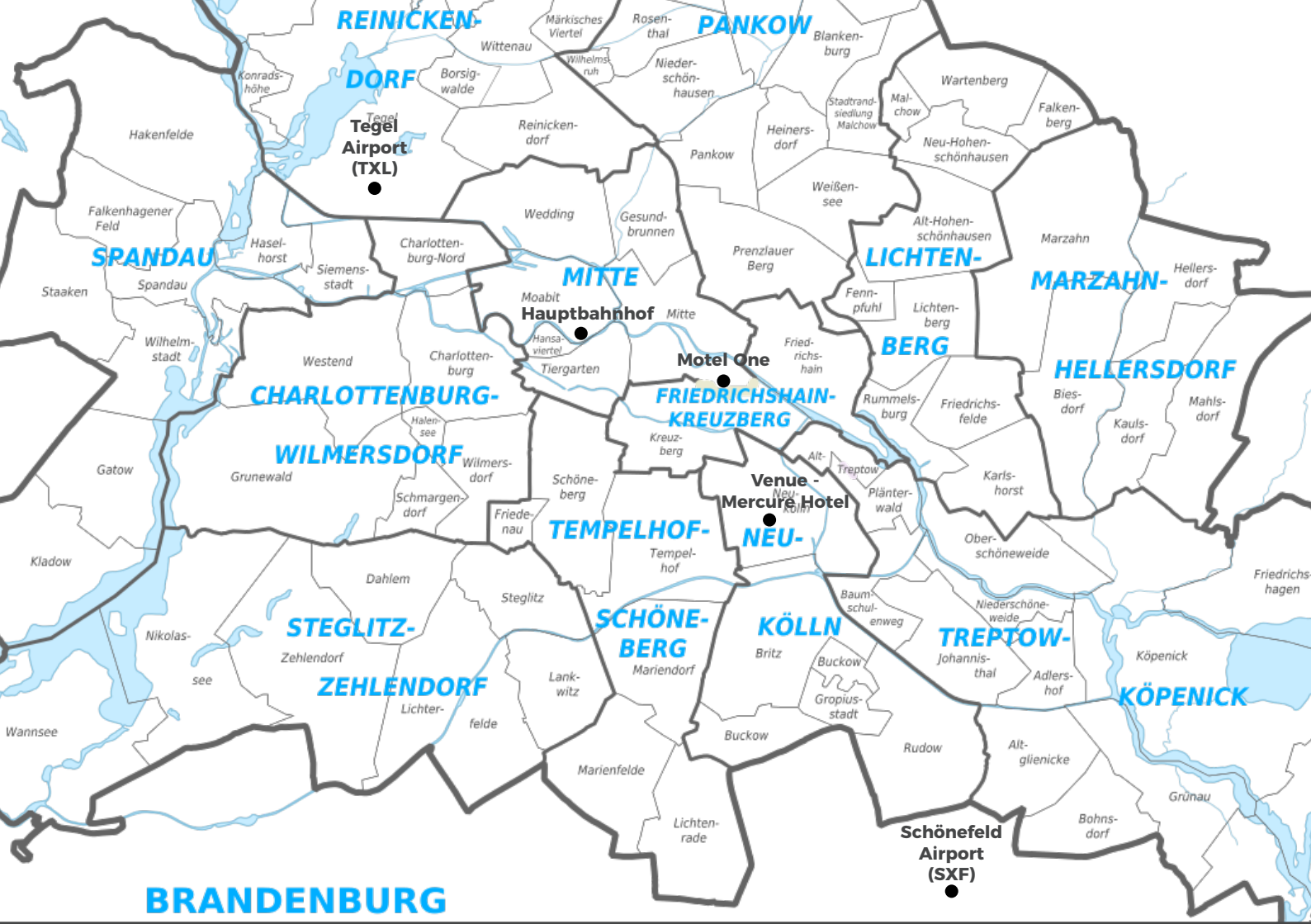
Hilfe!
Wie komme ich zu...
Ich suche...
Ich hätte gern...



FLOOR PLAN



NOTES



REINICKEN-

PANKOW

DORF

Tegel
**Airport
(TXL)**

SPANDAU

MITTE

LICHTEN-

MARZAHN-

CHARLOTTENBURG-

**FRIEDRICHSHAIN-
KREUZBERG**

BERG

HELLERSDORF

WILMERSDORF

TEMPELHOF-

NEU-

Venue -
Mercure Hotel

STEGLITZ-

**SCHÖNE-
BERG**

KÖLLN

TREPTOW-

ZEHLENDORF

KÖPENICK

BRANDENBURG

Schönefeld
**Airport
(SXF)**