



WIKIMEDIA
CONFERENCE

GUIDE

or how to survive in Berlin

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PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP

Time

Clocks in Germany are set to Central European time (GMT/UTC +2 hours). Sun rises at around 05:55 and sets at around 20:15.

Weather in Berlin



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 currency exchange office or use a cash machine (Geldautomat) to withdraw € (the latter is often cheaper). There are currency exchange offices and cash machines (EC, Visa, MasterCard, Maestro) at Schönefeld Airport (SXF) and at Tegel Airport (TXL). Cash machines can also be found all over the city.

Cash machines nearby Mercure Hotel:

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

Please note that many shops, restaurants and bars only accept cash.

Internet Access

📶 Wikimedia Conference 2018 📍 WMCON18_Berlin

Free wireless network access throughout the conference venue and at the hotel is provided. To ensure full internet connectivity for all participants, we kindly ask you for a considerate use of data. Free WiFi is also common in cafés 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
Phone: +49 30 627800

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

Check-in time: 15:00, Check-out time: 12:00.
Luggage storage is available at the hotel.

Wikimedia Deutschland Office

Wikimedia Deutschland e. V.
Tempelhofer Ufer 23-24
10963 Berlin



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

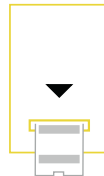


HOW TO GET AROUND

Public Transport

Before using the public transport services to travel from the airport/Central Station to Mercure Hotel, 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 before departure by stamping them, using the yellow ticket validators 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 Mercure Hotel, you need an AB ticket (2,80€). When coming from Schönefeld Airport you need an ABC ticket (3,40€).

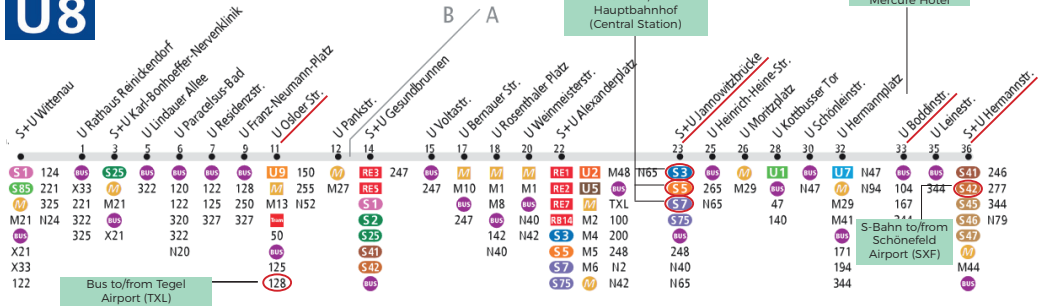
On Friday and Saturday the S-bahn and U-bahn run 24 hours. Please consider the following operating times from Sunday to Thursday:

- S-Bahn: from 4.30 a.m. - 1.30 a.m.
- U-Bahn: from 4.00 a.m. - 1.00 a.m.

In between, the night bus lines provide public transport service.

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

U8



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

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

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

Way from **Berlin Central Station (Hauptbahnhof)** to **Mercure Hotel**

Hauptbahnhof to Mercure Hotel (duration 29 min):

Take the **S75, S3 or S7**
Depart at **Jannowitzbrücke**
Take the **U8** at **Jannowitzbrücke**
(direction: Hermannstraße)
Depart at **Boddinstraße**
Walk **5 minutes** to the hotel

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

Take the **S45** (direction: Südkreuz)
Depart at **Hermannstraße**
Take the **U8** at **Hermannstraße** (direction:
Wittenau)
Depart at **Boddinstraße**
Walk **5 minutes** to the hotel



Way from **Boddinstraße station** to **Mercure Hotel**

REGISTRATION & HELP DESK SERVICES

Registration - Opening Hours

Upon your arrival at 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, April 18, 2018

- 8:30 to 14:00

THURSDAY, April 19, 2018

- 8:30 to 20:00

FRIDAY, April 20, 2018

- 8:00 to 12:00

Help Desk Services

The help desk is open from 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after the conference program and offers among others the following services:

- Printing Boarding Passes
- Information about public transport services
- Information about Berlin
- Lost & Found

IMPORTANT:

Please wear your name badge at all times, otherwise we can't grant access to the conference space.



SOCIAL EVENTS

Guided city walk

Martin Rulsch, German Wikipedian and volunteer, provides sightseeing tours through his home city Berlin.

Please check the Meta page for further information:

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_Conference_2018/Social_Events

Dinner 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) and its restaurant.

WMCON Party at CRCLR (SAT)

On Saturday, April 21, we would like to invite you for dinner and dancing at the CRCLR House. Doors open at 19:00. Starting from 20:00 until 21:15 warm dinner will be offered. Afterwards, it's time to dance or hang out with your international friends.

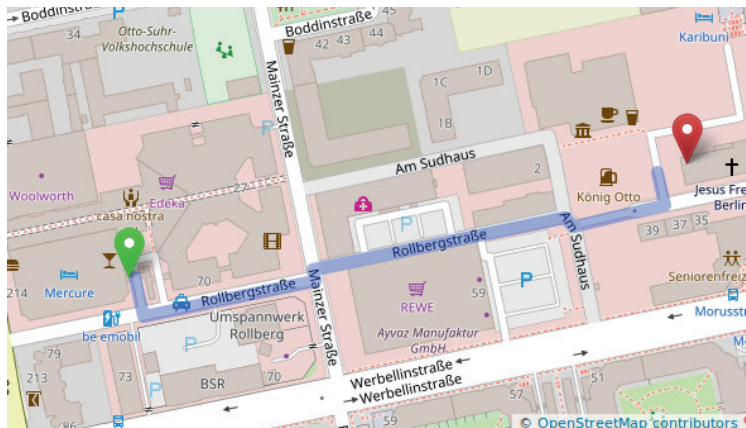
IMPORTANT: Your name badge will allow you to enter the party location. Don't forget it!

Address of the WMCON Party Venue

CRCLR
Rollbergerstr. 26
12053 Berlin

From Mercure Hotel to CRCLR

It takes 5 minutes to walk from Mercure Hotel to CRCLR.

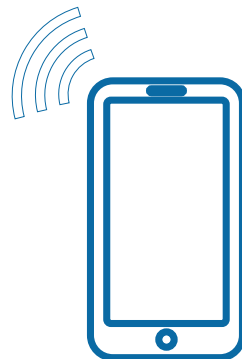


Way from Mercure Hotel to CRCLR



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
TaxiFunk Berlin:	+49 30 443322
Funk Taxi Berlin:	+49 30 261026
BVG (PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE)	
LOST & FOUND HOTLINE:	+49 30 261026
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HEALTH

Hospitals

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

The above mentioned hospitals are accredited by the United Health Care Global (UHCGlob).

Pharmacies

Pharmacy nearby Mercure Hotel

Werbellin Apotheke
Hermannstraße 52, 12049 Berlin
Phone: +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



OUR NEUKÖLLN FAVORITES

Welcome to Neukölln – you are accommodated in one of the most pulsing and vibrant neighbourhoods of Berlin! Here are our favorite spots:



Boulevardgarten: One of my favourite places in Neukölln (especially if it's a cold or rainy day) is the Boulevardgarten in Thiemannstraße. You can climb (whether you're a beginner or a pro), get warmed up in the sauna, or you can just play table football, have a cup of coffee and a piece of cake. When you're done climbing you can stroll up the so-called hipster-street Weserstraße, or walk along the canal on Weigand-ufer.

Anne, Assistant
International Relations



Laidak: Laidak is one of the more popular bars in the neighborhood, famous for its cultural events. It offers a wide range of beers and other drinks. On weekends, it might be quite crowded. Be aware, it's a smoker's bar, as most of the bars in Berlin.

Cornelius, Program and
Engagement Coordinator



Klunkerkranich: It's kind of Neukölln itself, in one location. Klunkerkranich is a beautiful rooftop garden bar offering a stunning view of Germany's capital. The venue has an exceptionally broad program on show: from concerts, parties to art exhibitions and performances to a rooftop garden project. There is no better place to be in Berlin when the sun starts to set.

Daniela, Event Coordinator

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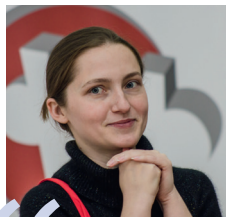
Tempelhofer Feld: The now closed city airport is the best local recreational area you will find in this city. When you walk through the lively Neukölln neighborhood and then enter the vastness of the airfield, you will immediately feel detached from time and space. You can have a morning run on the field, rent a bike and race or cruise along the runway, have a picnic on the meadow or just walk and enjoy the spirit of this wonderful place.

Nicole, International
Relations Advisor



Zauberkönig: Dive into the world of magicians, hocus-pocus and pranksters at the long standing shop "Zauberkönig" on Hermannstraße. Bright eyes like a child guaranteed, when browsing magic sets, bizarre joke articles, costumes or surprise packages.

Michelle, Event Assistant



Hamy: Hamy is one of the most famous Asian food places in the neighborhood. It's famous for being fresh, tasty and having favorable prices. While they have a broader menu, usually people choose among the 2 daily dishes. The place is always very crowded, but as food is served within seconds, waiting for a seat shouldn't take too long.

Vira, Visiting Wikimedian

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.	Danke.
Please / You're welcome.	Bitte.
Excuse me / Sorry!	Entschuldigung!

Help!	Hilfe!
How do I get to...	Wie komme ich zu...
I'm looking for...	Ich suche...
I'd like to have...	Ich hätte gern...



NOTES

FLOOR PLAN

