



Berlin Köpenick



Set on an island at the point where the Dahme and Spree rivers converge is the historic old quarter of Köpenick. Its baroque Hohenzollern moated palace houses the Arts and Crafts Museum. The Gothic town hall was where the mayor was arrested and the city's treasury stolen by the self-styled "Captain of Köpenick" in October 1906. Known as the 'coup of Köpenick', this event is documented in a small museum. Alt-Köpenick has a wealth of restaurants and cafés where you can stop off for refreshments and gourmet treats. Many of them are on the water's edge. The tourist information is situated on Köpenick's Schlossplatz square.



Berlin's largest lake, the Müggelsee, is just a few minutes from the old quarter. It is a paradise for amateur skippers, bathing, sailing and cruising on the round trips. On its northern shores lies charming Friedrichshagen with its generous assortment of restaurants, cultural institutions and the waterworks museum. Cruise boats connect Friedrichshagen to other places of interest all around the lake and beyond. The Müggelberg hills, covered by mixed forest, are home to Berlin's highest natural elevation (115m) and are a popular destination for walkers, cyclists and bladers.

Köpenick in winter



Köpenick Castle



Luisenhain



snowy
Wendenschlossstraße



Snowbound boat in the river Dahme



Pub Fährhafen Wendenschloss



ducks on floating ice sheets

Traditional Christmas markets

Anyone who wants to experience the incomparable charm of “Winter Magic” has to come to Berlin! Berlin is the capital city of the German Christmas Markets. Whether you prefer a contemplative and magical Christmas Market or a lively and urban one, this year Berlin offers you a choice of sixty Christmas Markets.

Discover the vendor booths’ magic charm and unique Christmas gift items along the broad boulevards and large squares. Find small markets tucked into the small side streets and even in several museums can be discovered

Charlottenburg Castle Christmas Market

Since 2007, Berlin’s Charlottenburg Castle hosts one of the most famous Christmas Markets in the German capital. For 35 days the castle and its park are immersed in a special romantic light and a unique ensemble is created with approximately 150 vendors from all over Germany as well as abroad. Alongside attractive temporary and permanent exhibitions inside the castle, the Christmas market presents carefully selected arts and crafts, ancient handicrafts, and well chosen gastronomy inside of festively decorated cabins and exclusive glass pagodas.



Gendarmenmarkt Christmas Market



An atmospheric backdrop guarantees a wonderful experience at the Gendarmenmarkt Christmas Market in one of the most beautiful squares in the city. Insights into old handicrafts such as linen embroidery are offered at the Gendarmenmarkt. Wood carvers and stonemasons present their work. Jugglers, acrobats, fire eaters, dance groups, choirs, Berlin classical, jazz and Gospel ensembles, as well as internationally famous artists, also ensure a varied show programme.

Alongside the exhibitors' wares, culinary temptations from top chefs also promise "Christmas spirit".

Potsdamer Platz Christmas Market

The heart of "WinterMagic" beats particularly strongly on the Potsdamer Platz Christmas Market and in the Sony Centre, where there is a Christmas Market in the Sony Centre's 4,000 square metre event area. Lots of lights, handicrafts, music and delicacies ensure a reflective atmosphere at the Christmas Market at Potsdamer Platz. Alongside the handicrafts market along Alte Potsdamer Straße and an ice rink, the Winter World also offers fast fun on the largest mobile toboggan run in Europe, which is 12 metres high and 70 metres long. Anyone still looking for more sporting activity after the toboggans can skate on the 500 square metre open air rink. Finally, the nearly ten metres high Clock Tower from the Erzgebirge (Ore Mountains) is always there too.



Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church Christmas Market



Every year during Advent it smells of roasted almonds, hot cocoa and mulled wine at the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church Christmas Market, near the Kurfürstendamm. Because that's when more than 170 craft and Christmas market stands are set up around the historical church in the centre of City West. Christmas fairy lights surround the elaborately decorated Breitscheidplatz. The right present for everyone – no empty promises here. You'll find everything

here, from Christmas decorations and ornaments to toys and delicate accessories. And refreshments are also taken care of: the range extends from cocoa, mulled wine and punch,

plus glazed fruit up to grilled sausages. More than two million visitors enjoy the Christmas atmosphere around the 20 metre high Christmas tree every year.

Spandau Christmas Market

Berlin's largest Christmas market takes place in the Spandau Old Town, casting a spell on the historic backdrop with pre-Christmas lustre. At the Spandau Christmas Market an unmistakable Advent landscape comes into being here every day during Advent. 250 stands during the week and 400 at weekends together with live shows (including a Christmas rock concert on Fridays from 6 pm) ensure multi-faceted entertainment. Highlights are a Christmas crib with living animals on Reformationsplatz, the St. Nikolai Christmas Garden and crafts and design at the historic crafts market on Reformationsplatz – where a medieval plague procession also takes place every Wednesday. There is a special range for children and families around the St. Nikolai church.



Christmas market Köpenick 2011- Schlossplatz Köpenick

The Christmas Market Köpenick traditionally takes place every year on the “Schlossplatz Köpenick” and receives numerous visitors. Many musicians like the Swing hearts with its song “swinging Christmas!”, the Brass Children Company or the Köpenick orchestra of wind instruments and choirs will perform. Children can listen to stories and fairy tales, watch a puppet theatre or visit Santa Claus.



Besides, there are lots of artisans and market stalls with traditional Christmas food and other culinary delights. Berlin has 54 more Christmas Markets to explore. Scattered throughout the city they all offer something unique, different and sometimes unusual.



Berlin is a wonderful place for winter activities. There are many indoor and outdoor ice skating rinks. Several of the outdoor ice skating rinks are set up among along city boulevards and squares for an exhilarating experience under the Berlin city lights. Frozen lakes offer an authentic ice skating experience during the cold of winter. The hilly terrain of Berlin is transformed into excellent toboggan runs on snowy days. Some city parks feature runs specifically designed for toboggans.

Accommodation in Berlin for rent in December



Berliners skidding across snowy Potsdamer Platz, carols ringing out from baroque churches and Christmas markets full of twinkling cheer are what winter in Berlin is all about. Spending the winter in Berlin is a great experience. Take the opportunity to rent a flat in Berlin Köpenick.

The borough Köpenick/ Wendenschloss, where the apartment is situated, is very quiet, but there's a good public transport connection. Furthermore, there is a supermarket, a pharmacy and some other shops nearby. Restaurants are close to the riverside along the numerous landing places for the boats.

It only takes a few minutes by tram to get to the historical city centre of Alt-Köpenick which is characterized by its impressive architecture and the great hospitality of the waiters in the restaurants and bars.

The flat

It is a flat with 2 bedrooms situated on the 2nd floor of a 3 floor house. The living room is large and spacious with a separated work area, TV and Internet (w- lan available). There is a storage room with two bikes in the basement.



There is a telephone which can be used for free to call to German and English landlines. You can watch TV (30 channels) or use the small library with videos, DVDs, guidebooks and fiction.. The sofa in the living room can also be used as double bed if it is pulled out.



The bedroom has got two single beds. One of them can also be pulled out into a double bed. The room also contains a desk, a wardrobe and a CD- player.



In the bathroom there is a basin, shower, bath and an efficient heated towel rail.



The kitchen is equipped with an oven, an electric stove, microwave and a refrigerator. It also contains a small dining table with three chairs.

Restaurants and Cafes

Freiheit 15



Freiheit 15, 12555 Berlin

“Event boat” Ars Vivendi



“Ars Vivendi” is a moored ship restaurant in Köpenick’s old town centre with beautiful view of Spree and garden. The restaurant offers regional specialties at fair prices, considerable buffet and menus for events of all kinds.

Ratskeller



Alt Köpenick 21, 12555 Berlin

This vaulted cellar is a venue for jazz concerts and theatre on Fridays and Saturdays.

Altstadtcafé Köpenick



Alt- Köpenick 16, 12555 Berlin

This Café has got a beautiful garden and its situated on the water front between the church and City Hall.

Location of the flat

It takes about 25 minutes by the interurban "S- Bahn" to get to Berlin's city centre from Köpenick Bahnhof in the new town centre, which, in turn, is easily reached from the flat by the frequent tram service.

Arrival

The nearest airport from the flat is Berlin- Schönefeld. This airport is approached by the most popular , among these Easyjet, German wings and Ryanair.

It only takes about 15 minutes by taxi to get from the airport to the flat in Berlin Köpenick. The price is about 18 Euros. If you prefer using the public transport (S- Bahn or bus) it takes about 40 minutes to get there. We can also offer you a pick up/ drop off service.

Costs

The price for 1 week/ 2 persons:

21 st of November – 1 st of January:	£ 250 (£200 for 1 person)
2 nd of January – 29 th of February:	£ 140 (£115 for 1 Person)

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