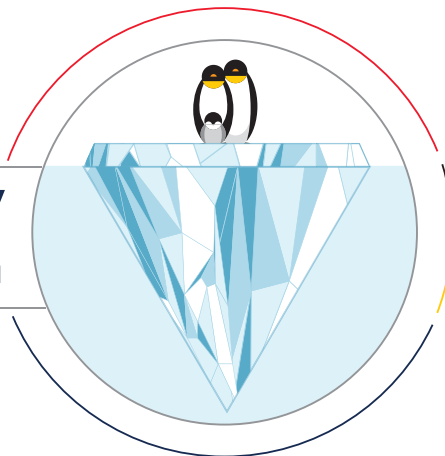
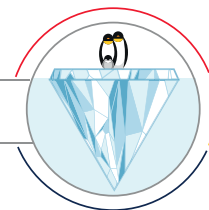


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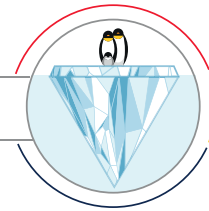
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## Delegates Guide



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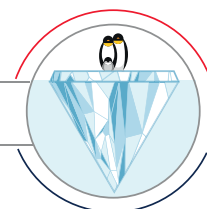


## Welcome!

As the Host Country of the XLIV Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM XLIV), the Federal Republic of Germany would like to give a warm welcome to all the Representatives of the Consultative and Non-Consultative Parties, Observers, Antarctic Treaty System bodies and Experts who participate in this meeting in Berlin.

This handbook contains detailed information on the arrangements of the Meeting and useful information about your stay in Berlin, including the meeting schedule, venues and facilities, logistic services, etc.

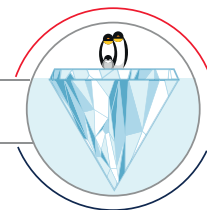
It is recommended to read the Handbook in advance to help you organize your stay. More information is available at the ATCM XLIV website: <https://atcm44-berlin.de>



## Daily Events and Schedule

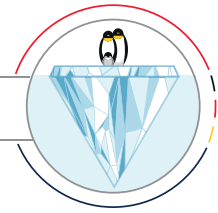
**NB** This is the draft schedule. It will be updated near the beginning of the meeting.

<i>Day</i>		<i>Room 1</i>	<i>Room 2</i>	<i>Other</i>
<b>Sunday 22 May</b>	15:00-18:30	—	—	Registration
<b>Monday 23 May</b>	08:00-09:00	—	—	Registration
	09:00-12:30	CEP XXIV	—	
	12:30-14:00	—	—	
	14:00-18:00	CEP XXIV	—	
	18:00-19:00	—	—	HoD meeting (MR3)
	19:00-21:00	—	—	HoD dinner
<b>Tuesday 24 May</b>	08:00-09:00	—	—	Registration
	09:00-12:00	—	Opening plenary	
	12:00-13:00	—	SCAR lecture	
	13:00-14:00	—	—	—
	14:00-18:00	CEP XXIV	Working Group 1	—
	Evening	—	—	Informal dinner for all delegates
<b>Wednesday 25 May</b>	09:00-12:30	CEP XXIV	Working Group 1	—
	12:30-14:00	—	—	—
	14:00-18:00	CEP XXIV	Working Group 2	—
	Evening	—	—	—
<b>Thursday 26 May</b>	09:00-12:30	CEP XXIV	Working Group 2	—
	12:30-14:00	—	—	—
	14:00-18:00	CEP XXIV	Working Group 1	—
	18:00-19:00	—	—	HoD Meeting (MR3)
	Evening	Clear of events to allow meeting overrun and completion of the CEP report		
<b>Friday 27 May</b>	09:00-12:30	CEP XXIV	Working Group 2	—
	12:30-14:00	—	—	—
	14:00-18:00	CEP XXIV	Working Group 2	—
	Evening	—	—	—



<i>Day</i>		<i>Room 1</i>	<i>Room 2</i>	<i>Other</i>
<b>Saturday 28 May</b>				
<b>Sunday 29 May</b>				
<b>Monday 30 May</b>	09:00-12:30	Working Group 1	Working Group 2	
	12:30-14:00	—		
	14:00-18:00		Plenary - CEP report to ATCM (Ag. Item 5)	
	Evening			
<b>Tuesday 31 May</b>	09:00-12:30	Working Group 1	Working Group 2	
	12:30-14:00	—	—	—
	14:00-18:00	Working Group 1	Working Group 2	
	Evening			
<b>Wednesday 1 June</b>	09:00-12:30		Working Group 2	
	12:30-14:00			
	14:00-18:00		Working Group 1	
	18:00-18:30			HoD meeting (MR3)
	Evening	Clear of events to allow meeting overrun and completion of the CEP report		
<b>Thursday 2 June</b>	09:00-12:30		Plenary (Final Report adoption)	—
	12:30-14:00			—
	14:00-18:00		Plenary (if required)	—





## Venue

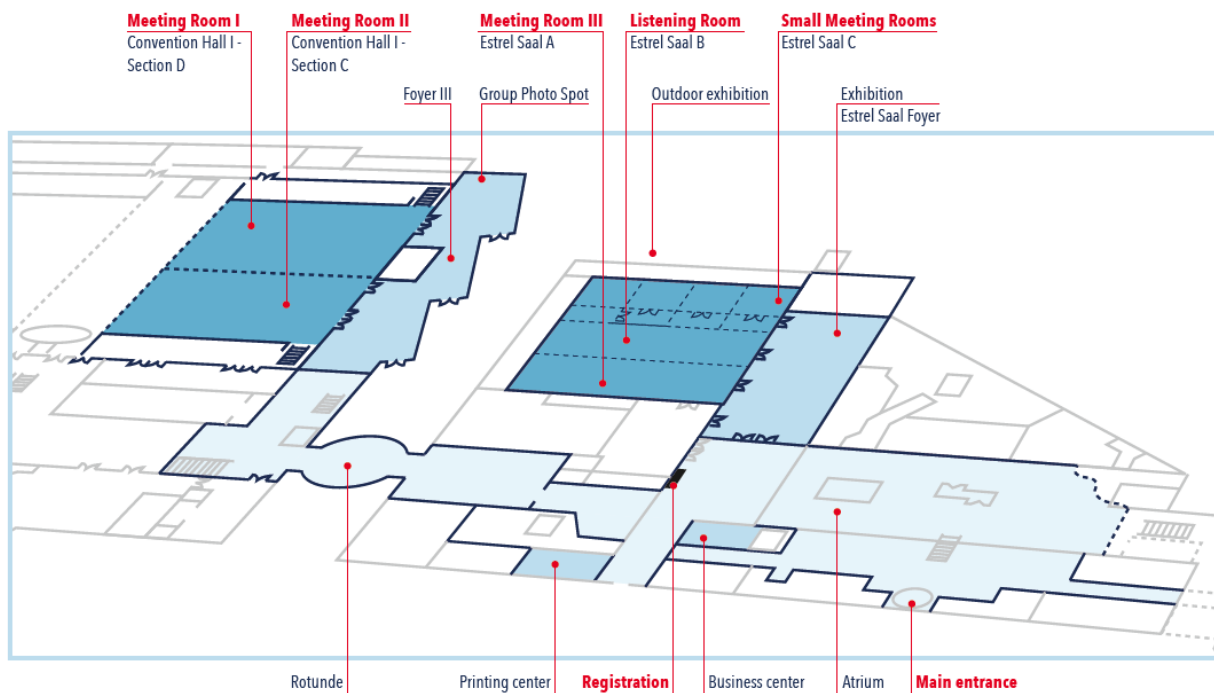
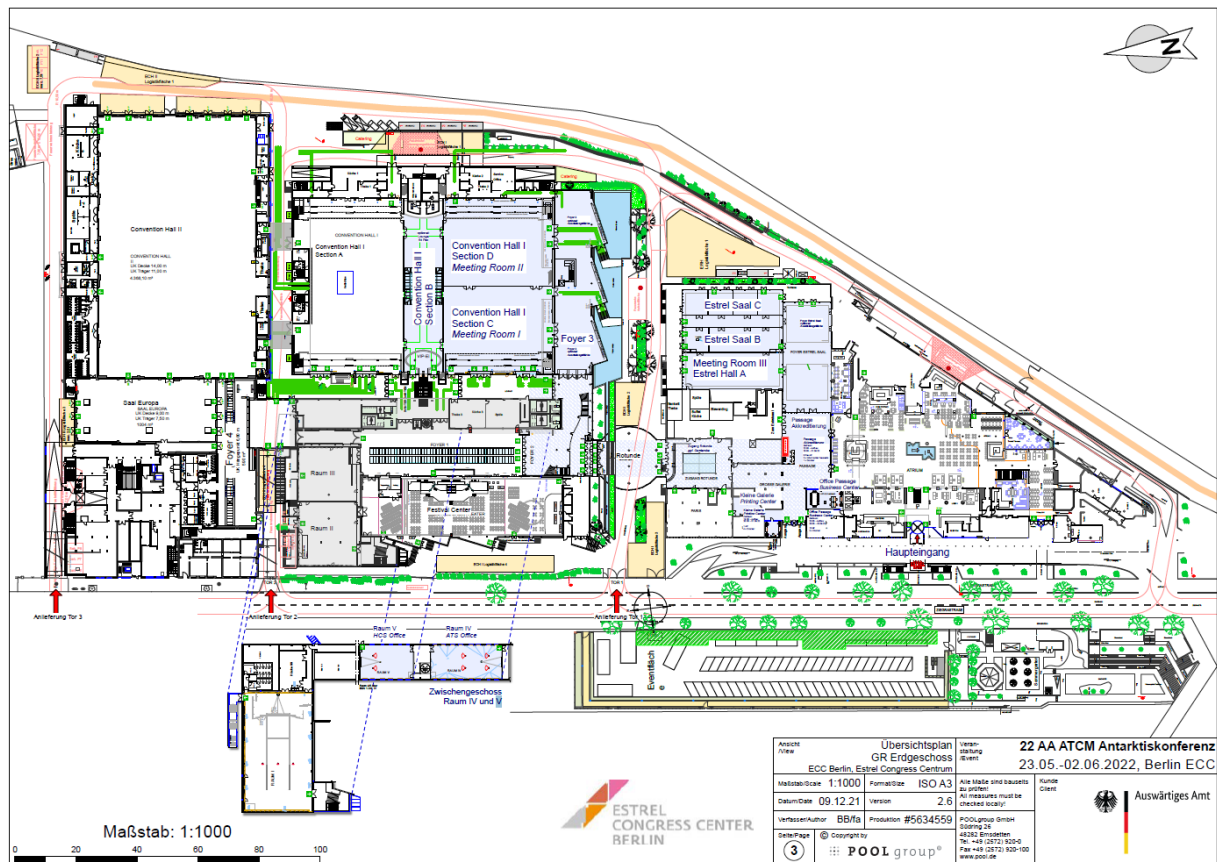
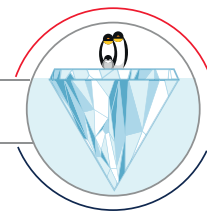
ATCM XLII and CEP XXIV will be held at the Convention Center Estrel, located at Sonnenallee 225, 12057 Berlin. To get there, use the Ringbahn train S41, and get off at the station "Sonnenallee". Take the exit „Sonnenallee/ Ziegrastraße" (see Picture 1). After leaving the stairs, turn left and then keep walking straight. You will then cross a bridge. You will find the Estrel on the left side (picture 2).



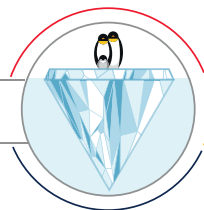
Picture 1



Picture 2



The entrance to the venue is on the right side, opposite the Reception Desk. Please see the attached map of the hotel conference center, where you will find the main conference rooms for the ATCM and CEP meetings, all offices and the Information Desk.



## **Accreditation/Facilitation**

Upon arrival at the conference venue, the delegates are kindly requested to contact the Registration/Information Desk to pick up their badges and welcome packages after showing their passports. The Registration Desk will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, 22 May, and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 23 May. The Registration/Information Desk will be open throughout the event.

Please note that delegates without badges will not be permitted to enter the venue, nor attend the reception and other social events.

## **Facilities and Service**

### **Registration/Information Desk**

The Registration/Information Desk will be open during registration hours, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every day throughout the event. It is located in front of the Foyer Estrel Saal.

### **Catering & Coffee Breaks**

Coffee breaks will be provided during intervals between sessions twice a day at the Foyer III and the Foyer Estrel Saal (10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.).

There will be a lunch break from 12:30 to 2:00 pm which will provide a light lunch (sandwiches, wraps and bagels) as well as a daily soup.

### **Business Centre**

The Business Centre is located on the left hand side right after you enter the Accreditation area. It is an area where delegates can comfortably browse the Internet, send e-mails and print documents. There are 5 working computer stations connected to the Internet as well as 1 printer available throughout the event.

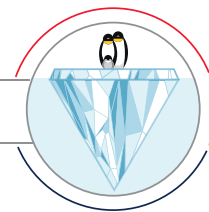
### **Additional meeting rooms**

There are three additional meeting rooms which will be available for bilateral and other meetings. One of them is equipped with projectors. Delegates can contact The Host Country Secretariat (HCS) to book the rooms in advance.

### **Network**

Free Wifi is available at the meeting venue. Delegates can connect to the internet simply by logging in to the wireless network.





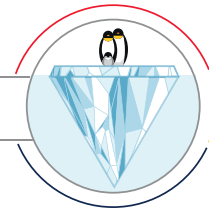
## Working Language and Interpretation

The official languages of the meeting are English, French, Russian and Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation of the four languages will be provided in Meeting room 1 (Convention Hall 1 Section C) and Meeting room 2 (Convention Hall 1 Section D).

## Test Center Estrel Hotel

Please note that it is mandatory to be tested on a daily basis. We will provide a Covid-19 test center in the conference venue. You find the test center in the basement of the Estrel Hotel. Rapid tests will be performed there free of charge. The center will be open in the early morning before the conference starts and in the afternoon/evening every day. Each rapid test has a validity of 24 hours. So tests taken the night before are still valid the next morning. This is to prevent unnecessary queues from forming in front of the test center in the morning. We will also accept valid tests from other COVID-19 test centers. Mandatory tests will apply to all persons staying in the conference area, i.e. delegates, technicians and service personnel. Control at the entrance is based on colored admission wristbands, which delegates receive in case of a negative COVID-19 test.

Please get tested for COVID-19 immediately after collecting your badge for ATCM XLIV or CEP XXIV at the ESTREL Convention Center. We will have a sign post in the atrium of the ESTREL from where you can find the testing premises. More information can be given at the Accreditation counter.



## Transportation

### Airport Travel Information

#### Public Transport

To get from BER airport to the hotel, you can choose from numerous public bus and train connections. Connection information can be found [here](#).

#### Taxi

The airport is approximately 19 km from the Estrel Hotel, where the meeting will be held. A taxi from Berlin airport to the conference venue takes about 25 minutes and will cost around EUR 40 (USD 42, 06).

For more detailed information click [here](#).

### Berlin Transportation

#### Subway –U-Bahn

On weekdays, most subway lines run from 4 AM till 1 AM. In between these service hours, night buses can be used for public transport. Subway trains run in 5-minute intervals during the day and 10-minute intervals at night. Over the weekend, the subway runs 24 hours, usually in 10-minute intervals during the day and 15-minute intervals at night.

There are 9 different underground lines:

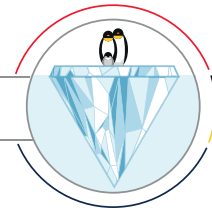
- U1 (between S+U Warschauer Straße and Uhlandstraße)
- U2 (between S+U Pankow and Theodor-Heuss-Platz or Ruhleben)
- U3 (between S+U Warschauer Straße and Krumme Lanke)
- U4 (the shortest, between Nollendorfplatz and S+U Innsbrucker Platz)
- U5 (between Hönow and S+U Hauptbahnhof (Berlin Central Station))
- U6 (between Alt-Tegel and Alt-Mariendorf)
- U7 (between S+U Rathaus Spandau and Rudow)
- U8 (between S+U Wittenau and S+U Hermannstraße)
- U9 (between Osloer Straße and S+U Rathaus Steglitz)

#### S-Bahn

The S-Bahn in Berlin is a subsidiary of the national railway company Deutsche Bahn and part of the Transport Association Berlin-Brandenburg (VBB). Therefore, S-Bahn tickets are also valid for buses, the Berlin subway (U-Bahn), trams, and vice versa.

On weekdays, the S-Bahn starts running around 4.30 AM and stops service at 1.30 AM. Depending on the time of day, the trains run in five-, ten- or 20-minute intervals. On weekends, S-Bahn trains run 24 hours, at night in 30 minute intervals.

For more information about S-Bahn trains look up [here](#).



## Trams

The BVG tram network consists of nine Metrotram lines (M1 to M17) and 13 tram lines (12 to 68). The Metrotram lines of the Metrotram are marked with a "M". Tram and Metrotram lines run on different schedules. While normal trams have limited operating hours, Metrotram lines run 24 hours a day. During the day, they run at least every ten minutes. At night (from 0.30 AM) they run in 30-minute intervals.

## Buses

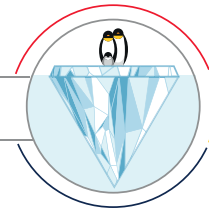
Daylines: During the daytime, the bus lines 100 to 399 connect the suburbs with central Berlin and many S-Bahn and subway stations.

Metro Buses: The MetroBus network in Berlin includes a number of express buses that serve the most important stops of Berlin's urban center. You can recognize these express bus lines by the letter M. The MetroBus lines M11 to M85 run 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in ten-minute intervals.

Night buses: Night bus lines are marked with the letter N and operate all night. The lines N1 to N9 replace the subway lines U1 to U9 at night from Monday till Friday. The night buses N10 to N97 replace the most important daytime bus lines.

Source: <https://www.berlin.de/en/public-transportation/>

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## Tourism in Berlin

### Berlin

Berlin is an exciting city with all the flair that a metropolis can boast. It has a vibrant history, museums with international standing, unsurpassed galleries, UNESCO World Heritage Sites and historic buildings to be explored. Berlin offers music and theatre, young artists and a glittering fashion scene. Nowhere else in Germany will you find more creative young talent, more award-winning restaurants or more start-up lofts. Berlin is fast-paced, dynamic and constantly changing.

With a population of 3.7 million people, Berlin is the largest city in Germany. It is home to people from 190 nations, and each year over 40,000 people add to their number as a result of migration.

Under the Prussian kings, Berlin developed into an important political center, first becoming the capital of Prussia and then, in 1871, the capital of the entirely new founded German Empire. After the Second World War, the city was divided into an eastern and a western part. In 1961, it was then carved apart along a 43-kilometer inner-city border by the Wall, which became a monument to the Cold War and the division of Europe.

Parts of the Wall can still be seen today at memorials such as the one on Bernauer Strasse. After reunification, Berlin once again became the capital city for the whole of Germany.

### Berlin Cathedral

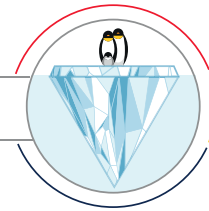
The mighty Berlin Cathedral in the heart of the city is impossible to miss thanks to its striking dome. A visit to the cathedral is not only a must-see for every architecture lover because of its richly decorated outside and inside – after climbing up to the dome, visitors are offered an amazing view over Berlin's city center with the Spree River, the Lustgarten and Museum Island. Opening hours are from 10 am to 5 pm on working days, on Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm, and on Sundays from 12 am to 4 pm.

Source: <https://www.berlin.de/en/attractions-and-sights/3559744-3104052-berlin-cathedral.en.html>

### Charlottenburg Palace

Built between 1695 and 1699 Charlottenburg Palace is located in the western part of Berlin. With its orangery, palace park and ancillary buildings, the former summer palace is now Berlin's largest palace complex. Over the course of history, it was rebuilt and expanded many times and thus reflects the development of contemporary taste in a compressed manner. You can visit the Palace as a museum with two permanent exhibitions or just enjoy the beautiful garden complex.

Source: <https://www.berlin.de/en/museums/3109862-3104050-charlottenburg-palace.en.html>



## Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church

The Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church is the most famous landmark in the western city centre and is one of Berlin's most important churches – but at the same time much more than just that. It is composed of the ruins of the church that was destroyed in the war, as well as a modern church building. It is a memorial for peace and reconciliation, commemorates Berliners' determination to rebuild after the war, and is a place of contemplation. Opening hours are from 9 am to 7 pm every day.

Source: <https://www.visitberlin.de/en/kaiser-wilhelm-memorial-church>

## Holocaust Memorial

The Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe is better known as the Holocaust Memorial by most Berliners. Opened in May 2005, the memorial in Berlin-Mitte is located near the Brandenburg Gate and is one of the city's most impressive sights. It consists of an undulating field of 2711 concrete steles, which can be passed through from all sides. While walking between the columns of different heights and the labyrinthine corridors, visitors may experience a brief moment of disorientation, which should open up space for discussion. Beneath the memorial is the Information Centre, which documents the crimes of the Nazi era in themed rooms.

Source: <https://www.berlin.de/en/attractions-and-sights/3560249-3104052-holocaust-memorial.en.html>

## Checkpoint Charlie

The former border crossing Checkpoint Charlie is one of the most important and most visited sights in Berlin. The spot on Friedrichstraße that now attracts huge crowds of tourists from Germany and abroad used to be a military checkpoint during the time of German division. Even though the Wall has long since disappeared and the turnpikes and watchtowers of Checkpoint Charlie have been replaced by replicas, the interest in the former border crossing remains high. **The Wall Museum** is also located in the immediate vicinity.

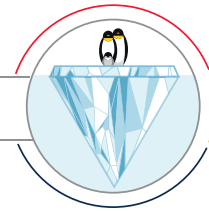
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## East Side Gallery

Hardly any Berlin visitors leave the city without taking a selfie in front of the East Side Gallery. The 1.3-kilometer stretch of the Berlin Wall was painted by various artists after the German reunification. The former gray dividing wall, a symbol of the Iron Curtain, was turned into the longest open-air gallery in the world. With their creative wall paintings, artists transformed the relic from times of separation into a colorful monument to the freedom of expression.

Source: <https://www.berlin.de/en/attractions-and-sights/3559756-3104052-east-side-gallery.en.html>





## Gedenkstätte Hohenschönhausen

GDR opponents, people who helped others to flee and political prisoners are all familiar with the former Stasi prison. Today the Berlin Hohenschönhausen Memorial remembers their story. Contemporary witnesses guide you over the site that houses 44 years of political persecution. Large parts of the building have been preserved and give you an authentic impression of the prison conditions between 1946 and 1990. It is therefore no wonder that the memorial attracts more than 400,000 visitors every year.

Opening hours are from 9 am to 6 pm.

Source: <https://www.visitberlin.de/en/berlin-hohenschonhausen-memorial>

## Garden and Museums

There are many museums in Berlin, such as the Berlinische Galerie, the Museum Island, The Wall Museum or the Jewish Museum.

If you like to relax after a long conference day, you might enjoy the evening in one of the beautiful parks and gardens: e. g. Volkspark Friedrichshain, Lustgarten, Tiergarten, Gärten der Welt (gardens of the world) and so on.

## "Secret spots" – special recommendations from the host country secretariat

Besides the well-known sightseeing locations we would like to recommend you some hidden places...

Miriam Wolter (HoD of the German delegation)

"I would highly recommend the exhibition SEAPHONY. It takes the sea to Berlin, with three immersive installations and an associated programme of artist talks and panels.

You can experience the deep Ocean and its unique soundscapes through spatial sounds, light and imagination. Virtual reality and three dimensional audio tableaux let you immerse yourself in a world that can seem otherworldly unreal, always sensual and often fragile.

Time slots and tickets have to be booked online.

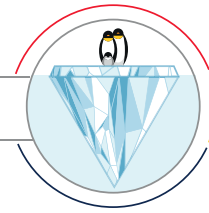
For more information [click here](#)

Christian Schulz

When I have official trips to conferences, I love to see at least one opera or theatre play. Therefore, I suggest you to go to the Staatsoper Berlin or the Komische Oper Berlin.

Follow the links for the programme:

[Staatsoper](#) | [Komische Oper](#)



Katharina Götze

I believe you get to know a city by its food! Berlin is famous for its "Pfannkuchen": the German donuts. I especially like the ones from Sammy's Berliner Donuts. They have a variety of different donuts – one for everyone's tastes.

For more details [click here](#)

Jana Weißer

If you like to experience a more cozy kind of theatre you might visit the Chamäleon Berlin. The current piece is called "The elephant in the room". You don't need to worry about your German language skills. The plot is easy to understand even without language skills and is told with words as well as acrobatics and physical humor.

[Click here](#) for your tickets

Stella Winter

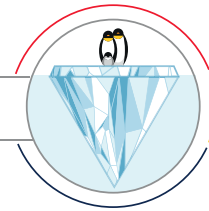
My personal recommendation is the exhibition "Pergamonmuseum: The Panorama". It shows selected masterpieces from the Antikensammlung in combination with a 360° panorama of the old city of Pergamon created by the artist Yadegar Asisi.

For more information [click here](#)

*Fun fact:* Yadegar Asisi is currently developing a new panorama called ANTARCTICA. You have the chance to meet the artist in person at the conference on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May from 1 pm to 2 pm.

Marco Gogolin

I very much like the area behind the Berliner Dom and the Museum Island along the river Spree where you can find vast lawn areas with free comfortable chairs to lounge in. Sitting there watching with a cold drink from one of the various bars located underneath the S-Bahn tracks might be something you want to try for yourself after a long day at the conference.



## Practical Information

### Public Transport

You can choose from numerous public bus and train connections. Connection information can be found [here](#).

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### Climate

Germany has a temperate climate. The average temperatures in May and June are between 12°C and 15°C. However, with occasional highs of 20°C in May and over 30°C in June, these two months are unpredictable – best to pack for both cooler and warmer days in Berlin.

### Time zone

During the conference, Central European Summer Time is in effect in Germany, which is two hours ahead of UTC (UTC+2).

### Telephone

The German country code is 0049, German emergency numbers are as follows:

112 – Fire and rescue service

110 – Police

The medical on-call service can be reached at 116117.

### Power

Type F sockets are used in Germany. At a frequency of 50 Hz, the mains voltage is 230V.

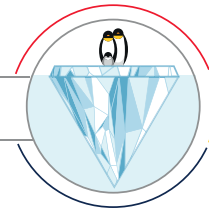
### Local opening hours

Most supermarkets in Berlin are open from 7 am to 10 pm, some even earlier or longer. They are closed on Sundays and public holidays (26 May 2022 is a public holiday this year). But there are some smaller supermarkets inside the big train stations (e. g. at the Central Station, Ostbahnhof or Südkreuz) which also open on Sundays and holidays. Pharmacies usually have shorter opening hours and usually close at 7 pm. Money can be withdrawn 24/7 at numerous ATMs in Berlin.

Restaurants are usually open until late in the evening. In German restaurants service is included in the price. It is customary to give tip between 5% and 10% though.

### Health

No vaccinations are required for entry into Germany. However, travellers are advised to check current entry requirements in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Patients who have health insurance will receive medical care services according to their insurance modalities, which may require payment in cash. EU citizens are advised to carry the European Health Insurance Card.

## National holidays

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May is a national holiday in Germany. All public offices, shops, supermarkets etc. will be closed during the day. The public transport will run less often than on a workday.

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