



Berlin Accommodation Guide 2023 Entry

MetFilm School Berlin Accommodation Guide

Choosing where to live while studying is a big decision, and it's important to take the time to find out what's available, and what would best suit your needs.

MetFilm School Berlin does not offer its own student accommodation; however, Berlin offers a variety of accommodation options to suit all budgets.

With many people looking for the same, it is important to be well-prepared, and to start looking early.

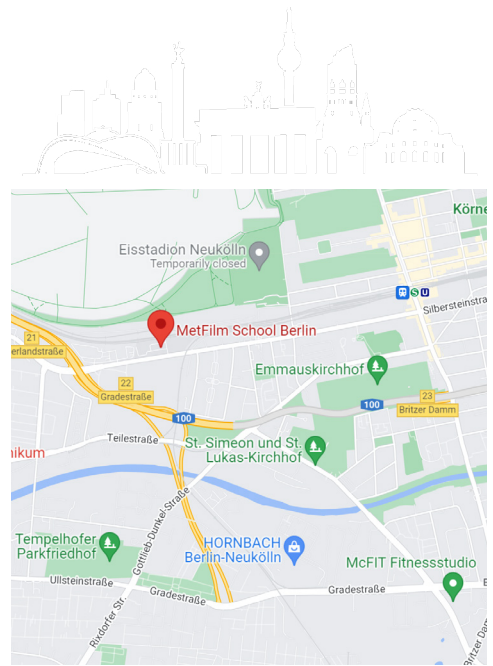
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One of the most exciting capital cities in Europe, Berlin has been booming for the last decade, in more ways than one.

Home to 3.7 million people from around the world, it offers a high quality of life and many opportunities for young creatives. It is therefore no surprise that the German capital has long been a favourite amongst international filmmakers and cinephiles.

Berlin is also home to more than 50 film festivals per year, including punk, African films, fashion cinema, and of course, Berlinale, one of the top international film festivals in Europe.

If you are looking to live and breathe film all day every day, and to connect with likeminded people who share your passion, it's hard to find a better place to study.



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Accommodation

Settle in Berlin

Settle in Berlin gives a comprehensive overview of the renting process in Berlin, costs, and top tips on how to find the perfect accommodation to suit you.

For further information visit

W: settleinberlin.com/find-a-flat-in-berlin-apartement/

Neon Wood

Neon Wood has three properties in Berlin-Friedrichshain (Neon Wood Berlin Frankfurter Tor), Berlin-Wedding (Neon Wood Berlin Mitte-Wedding), and Berlin Adlershof, offering more than 1,000 fully furnished student apartments.

Prices start at around €630 up to €935 per month, and amenities include high speed internet, 24/7 gym access, community lobby with ping-pong and pool tables, spacious study areas, outdoor courtyards, a gaming room, laundry services, and a community manager.

For further information visit

W: neonwood.com/city/berlin

The Fizz

The Fizz provides fully furnished studio apartments at their location in Kreuzberg.

Prices start at around €650 plus a one-time deposit, and amenities include high speed internet, a gym, laundry services, and an on-site community manager, as well as a movie room and study hall.

For further information visit

W: the-fizz.com/en/home

Studentenwohnheim Edith Stein

Located within walking distance of the School, this is the closest student accommodation to MetFilm School Berlin and Tempelhofer Feld.

Wheelchair accessible apartments are available, as well as free internet and on-site laundry facilities.

For further information visit

W: studentenwohnhaus-edith-stein.de

Home in Berlin

House of Nations offers modern apartments and single rooms for students in Berlin at reasonable prices, across several locations. These fully furnished rooms and apartments are aimed entirely at the needs of young people; ideal for students studying in Berlin.

For further information visit

W: home-in-berlin.de

WG-Gesucht

Find or rent shared rooms, flats, or student apartments in Berlin. Providing over 60,000 listings, there is something for everyone to ensure you can choose a room, flat, or flatmate that is perfect for you!

For further information visit

W: wg-gesucht.de

WG Company

WG-Gesucht's smaller off-shoot. While their website looks and functions somewhat anachronistically, they have excellent rental offers for shared apartments.

These apartments are especially popular within the LGBTQIA+ community.

For further information visit

W: wgcompany.de/cgi-bin

Immobilienscout24

Germany's #1 in real estate. You will have to purchase a subscription to have a fighting chance when applying for apartments, but they also allow you to create and upload all necessary lease documents in advance, letting you apply in just one click. Their mobile app also works considerably well.

Please see further below for common abbreviations in the German real estate market.

For further information visit

W: immobilienscout24.de



HousingAnywhere

Discover hundreds of accommodation options in Berlin, mark your favourites, and sign up for search tips so that you don't miss out on your dream accommodation, communicate directly with landlords, book and pay directly and securely online.

For further information visit
W: housinganywhere.com/de

Airbnb

Airbnb lets people rent out their properties or spare rooms to guests. There's a vast criteria to search for on a property, for example a shared room or entire house.

For further information visit
W: de.airbnb.com

Ex-Berliner Flat Rentals

Berlin's English-speaking accommodation service will assist you in finding suitable accommodation within your price limits and preferred district. Offers furnished and unfurnished flats.

For further information visit
W: exberlinerflatrentals.com

TOP TIP!

Subscribe to Woloho newsletter for the latest information on jobs, apartments, and help settling into life in Berlin.

For further information visit
W: woloho.com/#subscriben

Accommodation via Facebook

Search 'Wohnung Berlin' and 'Flat Berlin', or visit:

- Berlin WG-Zimmer Wohnung Room Apartment for Rent facebook.com/groups/easy.wg
- Berlin Startup Flats, Flatshares, Offices, Wohnungen facebook.com/groups/666822796665326

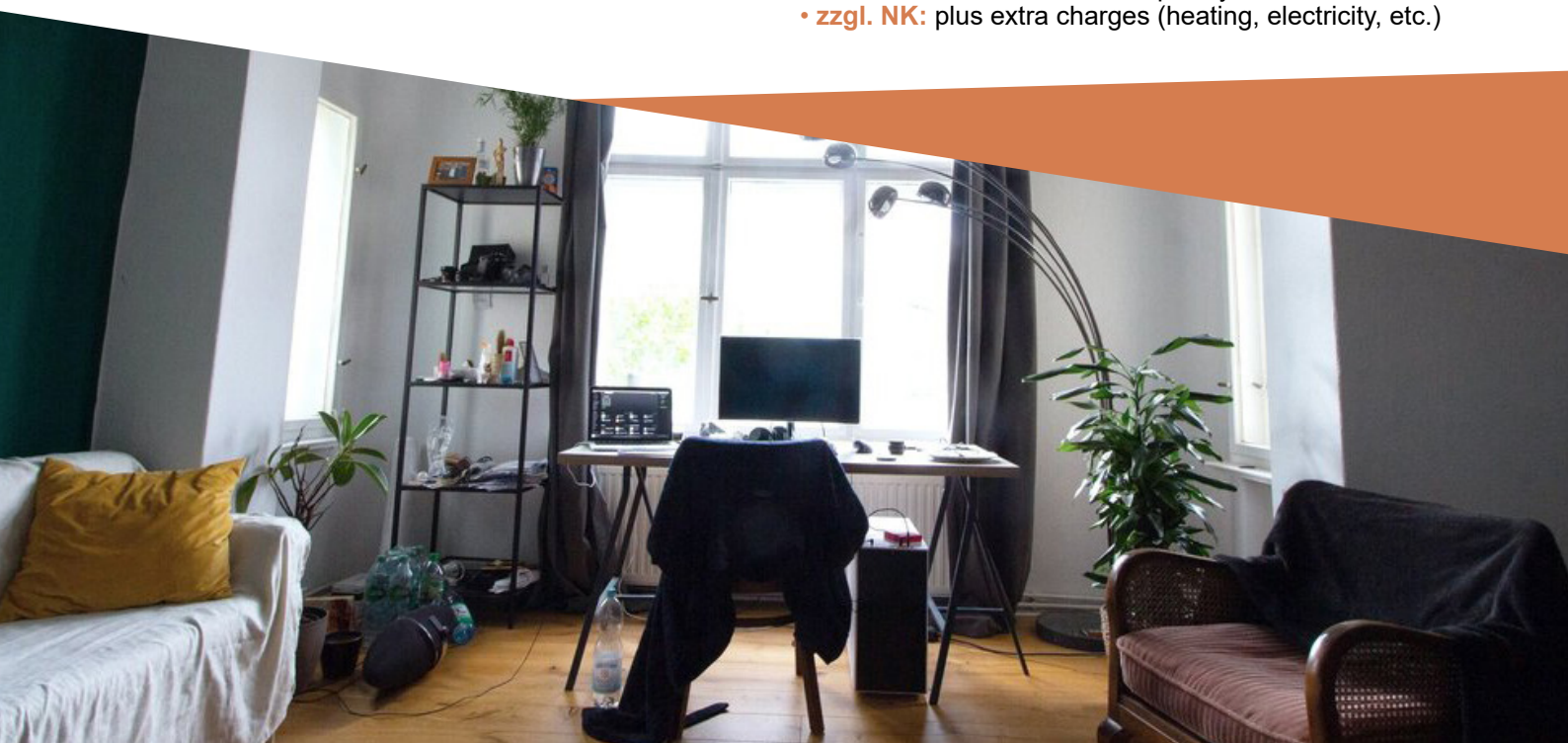
German Housing Terms

Apartments in Germany are typically rented out without furniture. The listing will show 'Kaltmiete' (rent without utilities), 'Heizkosten' (heating), and 'Nebenkosten' (utility costs). You need to add all of this together to get the total cost of rent - the 'Warmmiete'.

Be mindful: depending on the apartment, you will need to contract energy, as well as internet, on the side. **These are not included in your rent.**

Rent in Germany is paid monthly and in advance. Your landlord will require you to pay a deposit, usually amounting to three rental payments. You will receive this back so long as you leave the apartment without damages. Your landlord may also wait until a new year to repay your deposit, given that heating and utilities are billed on a yearly basis.

- **3 Zi.-Whg:** three-room apartment
- **3 ZKDB:** three rooms plus a kitchen, hallway, bath
- **Abstand:** you have to buy some fixtures/furnishings
- **DG (Dachgeschoss):** loft apartment
- **EBK (Einbauküche):** built-in kitchen
- **EG (Erdgeschoss):** ground floor
- **HH (Hinterhaus):** back of the house, so little light
- **K (Kauton):** deposit
- **NR (Nichtraucher):** non-smokers
- **KM (Kaltmiete):** rent without heating and utilities
- **KN:** kitchenette
- **Nachmieter:** tenant who takes over an old lease
- **OH:** oven heating
- **Prov. (Provision):** commission
- **QM (Quadratmeter):** square metre (size of apartment)
- **Seitenflügel:** side wing
- **TG (Tiefgarage):** underground garage
- **Untermiete:** sublet
- **VH (Vorderhaus):** front of the house
- **WG (Wohngemeinschaft):** shared flat
- **WBS erford. (Wohnberechtigungsschein):** subsidised housing, you are not eligible unless you already have a Berlin address and hold the necessary permit
- **Wfl. (Wohnfläche):** living space
- **WM (Warmmiete):** total rent (including utilities etc.)
- **Zi (Zimmer):** room(s)
- **ZH (Zentralheizung):** central heating
- **Zwischenmiete:** sublet / temporary rental contract
- **zzgl. NK:** plus extra charges (heating, electricity, etc.)



What you need to know

Viewing and renting an apartment

If you receive an invitation to view an apartment, confirm the date and time as soon as possible. Most landlords will not issue an invitation without having seen your documents first. If they haven't, bring copies of everything to the viewing.

The required documents are:

- A copy of your ID/passport
- 'Mietschuldenfreiheitsbescheinigung': confirming you have not and do not owe rent to your previous landlord (if applicable)
- Your last three pay slips
- SCHUFA Confirmation of Good Standing (if applicable)
- Written confirmation of security/guarantee to pay be someone else

If you intend to rent an apartment and have someone else guarantee your ability to pay, you will need all of the above documents from the person providing the guarantee.

If you are offered the apartment, you will receive a contract from your landlord. Make sure to review it carefully before you sign. After you have paid the deposit and the first rent, you can then arrange a move-in date.

Do not make any payments before you have seen the apartment and the person renting it to you.

Your landlord will then provide you with a confirmation of place of residence. You will need this document when visiting the authorities the first time, to do your 'Anmeldung' (Registration).

Viewing and renting a shared apartment

It will be somewhat easier to rent a shared apartment or student accommodation, but most will require at least a deposit.

Make sure that you are able to register ('Anmeldung') with them. Immigration authorities will demand the 'Anmeldung' to process your residence permit. You should receive confirmation of place of residence from your landlord.

Registering your address

Registering your address is the first thing you should do after moving to Berlin. Unless you are doing a Short Course, you must register with the local town hall.

You can book these appointments at service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/120686/

Berlin's public services are notoriously overwhelmed, so finding an appointment might require some persistence. New appointments are made available every morning (around 8am), so check early and repeatedly.

For the registration, you will need your ID/passport, and your landlord's confirmation of place of residence. They will then give you your confirmed registration, which you can take to your appointment with the immigration authorities.

Please note: this information is correct at the time of publishing, but may be subject to change.

If you stay at an address for more than six months, you must register. You should register within 14 days of your move-in date, but this rule is not enforced within Berlin.

By registering your address, you obtain a certificate of registration and a tax ID. You need the certificate of registration to apply to open a bank account, to set up an internet connection, etc. The registration requires a signature from your landlord or agency, and a valid ID document – such as your passport.

MetFilm School Guides

For further information please download our other Guides:

- UK Accommodation Guide
- UK Student Support Guide
- Berlin Student Support Guide
- UK International Students Guide
- Berlin International Students Guide

Please note the information provided in this guide referring to any external company, is provided as an overview only. All details and information are subject to change and may be impacted by Covid 19 restrictions. Please refer to individual websites for the latest information.

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