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Dear Virtuoso advisor,

Berlin is thrilled to host the 2014 Virtuoso Symposium. As Director of Sales & Marketing, I would like to enthuse everyone for the legendary Hotel Adlon Kempinski and diversity that our fascinating city has to offer.

Not only in honour of next year's Symposium but also for first time Virtuoso clients and returning guests, the Adlon team has created a special edition of insider tips when visiting Berlin.

Thank you for trusting us with your much valued clients, and see you next year in one of the most exciting and dynamic cities in the world. ... Berlin is VirtuoCity!

> Bardia Torabi Director of Sales & Marketing Area Director Sales Germany & Austria

"A lifetime contains simple moments and sometimes simple moments contain a lifetime."



Highlights

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Did you know, that...

- ...with an area of 892 km², Berlin is nine times bigger than Paris?
- ...Berlin has around 1650 bridges, hence more bridges than Venice and Amsterdam together?
- …at 368 metres the Berliner Fernsehturm (TV Tower) is the tallest building in Germany and one of the tallest constructions in Europe?
- …the Berlin Zoologische Garten (Zoo) is the oldest in Germany and the third oldest in Europe? It was founded over 150 years ago.
- ...Berlin is the only city in the world with three active opera houses, which can seat a total of 4,411 opera lovers?
- …with around 420 galleries, Berlin is the biggest location for classical, modern and contemporary art galleries in Europe?





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- Name: Susanne Pöhlchen
 Position: Reservation Supervisor
 At the Adlon since: 2002
- Don't miss... Reichstag

췒 I like it because...

My recommendation is the Reichstag, because that is where culture meets relaxation. When I am not enjoying the sun on the large lawn in front of the Reichstag, I am drawn into the Reichstag dome, which is made of steel and glass. There, one has a fantastic view of Berlin. My tip: make a reservation at the restaurant in the Reichstag, skip the long entry queue of visitors and enjoy an excellent coffee with breathtaking views of the city.

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Name: Ronald Spicale Position: Director of Sales Government & Corporate Travel At the Adlon since: 2010

On't miss...

Gendarmenmarkt

췒 I like it because...

When I walk through Berlin – the city I love so much – I often end up at Café Einstein opposite the Deutscher Dom (German cathedral). Then, with a newspaper and a steaming cappuccino I sit and watch the world go by on Berlin's most beautiful square, next to the concert hall, the Französischer Dom (French cathedral) and the Deutscher Dom.

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Name: Caroline Hüsemann
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Ø Don't miss... Art Galleries

😻 I like it because...

Art and Culture enriches and inspires. Berlin offers an enormous variety of public and private art spaces and collections which are so worth a visit not only during events like Berlin art fairs and the Biennale. I especially recommend a thematic tour focusing on topics that you have a particular interest in. My favorite is "Kiezkultur" (Neighborhoods) and Street Art.

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 Name: Kosin Lay, Ira-Frederike Gauss, Christian Zilinski-Meyer
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- Ø Don't miss... Café am Neuen See
- 😻 We like it because...

Let your mind wander ... The Café am Neuen See is divided into a beer garden and a restaurant section, though we prefer the beer garden situated at the lake. They offer delicious German food and excellent pizza as well as a fine glass of wine or a cold draught beer.

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Name: Topan Setjiada
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췒 Don't miss...

Grill Royal

😻 I like it because...

Grill Royal longs for all these urban carnivores out there! Located on Friedrichstraße, it is one of the places-to-be in Berlin. If you wish to see and be seen while enjoying a hearty rib-eye, this meat temple is the place for your next night-out. Take a seat and watch these stars and starlets coming by and be part of Berlin's society.

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췒 Don't miss...

Die Henne - Alt Berliner Wirtshaus

췒 I like it because...

They serve the very best grilled chicken and potato salad. This is one of the restaurants that perfectly exude the real Berlin flair as this one does. It's a true part of Berlin's history. Each piece of the original interior portrays the moving history of this traditional premise. Even John F. Kennedy was a guest once.

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Name: André Höftmann Position: Head Concierge At the Adlon since: 2010

췒 Don't miss...

Sra Bua by Tim Raue

😻 I like it because...

Sra Bua ("Lotus pond") takes you on a culinary journey through Asia with a modern interpretation of classical dishes. Add in Kempinski flair with regional touches, and you are in for a memorable dining experience. Star chef Tim Raue is running the restaurant. I can only recommend: go there and taste for yourself!

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 Name: Bardia Torabi
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췒 Don't miss...

Lavanderia Vecchia

😻 I like it because...

To experience authentic Italian cuisine, I like to meet up with friends in the Lavanderia Vecchia. Unlike at a more usual restaurant, the kitchen is located in the heart of the restaurant, so the chef can be watched as he prepares culinary delights for his guests. The fact that the restaurant is housed in an old laundry equipped with functioning washing machines makes for a rustic ambience.

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Name: Sabina Held Position: Public Relations At the Adlon since: 1997

Don't miss... Hackesche Höfe & Barcomi's Deli

췒 I like it because...

I love the Hackesche Höfe because they are full of galleries, tiny exclusive shops, really quirky shoe shops, trendy boutiques as well as a whole load of unusual cafés, coffee shops, restaurants and snack bars that are second to none anywhere in the world. My walks almost always end up at Barcomi's Deli in the Sophien-Höfe.

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췒 Name: Joanna Dziersk Position: Guest Relation Manager At the Adlon since: 2002

췒 Don't miss...

Bocca Di Bacco

酸 I like it because...

For me, the Bocca Di Bacco is undoubtedly one of the best restaurants in Berlin. I usually have a plate of their deli-cious homemade pasta or one of their great fish dishes. The modern decor and atmosphere of sheer elegance is just how I like a restaurant to be!

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😻 Name: Mario Weidner Position: Florist At the Adlon since: 2001

🗞 Don't miss...

Markthalle Kreuzberg

🕺 I like it because...

I love this market. When I moved to Berlin a few years ago I discovered this market hall while walking around this very nice urban area in Kreuzberg. Since then it is a ritual for me to buy fresh vegetables and fruits there every week. Not only the relaxed atmosphere is a weekly highlight for me but also the great variety of merchants is a bonus. Be aware of the heavenly delicious bruschettas.

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Name: Philipp Hartmann Position: Assistant Restaurant Manager Restaurant Quarré At the Adlon since: 2006

🗞 Don't miss... Solar Bar

😻 I like it because...

You would like to have a splendid view over Berlin while having a delicious dinner? Solar is the place. Reserve a table near the panoramic window and see the beautiful sunset over Berlin! And if you feel like sipping cocktails just head to the bar one floor above and listen to the vibrant lounge music until sunrise.

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- Name: Stephan Hempel
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- 췒 Don't miss...

Café Anna Blume

😻 I like it because...

On a sunny morning, do what Berliners love to do... have brunch!

Anna Blume is possibly the loveliest of all casual places to enjoy brunch. Be prepared for loads of tasty treats (go for the three tier display) and enjoy the chatty atmosphere outside in the shade of old trees, or inside where the interior reminds me of a 1930's cabaret. Don't let the fact that it's a weekday stop you; any day can be brunch-tastic.

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Name: David Seidel Position: Front Office Manager At the Adlon since: 2000

췒 Don't miss...

East Side Gallery

😻 I like it because...

The east side gallery has always been the must show sight to my visiting friends. This gallery is one of its kind and the longest open air exhibition worldwide. The extraordinary paintings on the Berlin wall reflect the past, future, hope and peace that is Berlin's history. It always reminds me of the quote "Where there's a will there's a way".

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Name: Hanna Hinz Position: Sales Manager At the Adlon since: 2010

췒 Don't miss...

KaDeWe - Kaufhaus des Westens

😻 I like it because...

A sight to see. I personally consider the Kaufhaus des Westens ("Department Store of the West") one of the two legends here in Berlin. It is the largest department store in Continental Europe and has a history dating back to 1907 - just like the Hotel Adlon Kempinski. A total of eight floors focus on a different type of merchandise on each floor. The 6th and 7th floors are entirely devoted to food & beverages. Jaw dropping and perfect for sipping off a weekend with a glass of champagne.

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