

the Ringbahn.

9. Hertha-Domizil | Hertha BSC, Berlin's soccer team, called this home for many years; their fan shop stood directly across from the "Plumpe", the once famous stadium of the blue-and-white team. But you won't see soccer played here any longer. In the 1970s concrete was spread across the grass; today the Hertha-Domizil is in ruins. So much for keeping the tradition alive. | BehmEcke Jülicher Straße | www.hertha-geschichte.de

10. Lokal Karadiniz | Turkish cuisine from the Black Sea is the fare at this small, modest restaurant. Be it dorade royal or mackerel, lamb kebab or vegetable stew, the Turkish community is loyal – and the restaurant accordingly full at lunchtime | Bellermannstraße 15

11. Karl im Kiez | By day a neighborhood consultant office, by evening a "lounge bar" with a broad cultural program. Here "Elvis from Britz" sings his tunes; there are classic, swing, and sing-along nights. No gastronomy, just a private house bar with its own entertainer | Bellermannstraße 14 | www.karlimkiez.de

12. Grüntaler Promenade | The tracks from Berlin to Szczecin ran along Grüntaler Straße's middle median, through the densely built neighborhood, until 1897. The former route was recently transformed into a green space with sculptures and playgrounds | Grüntaler Straße

13. Bistro Sila Manti + Gözleme Evi | In this tiny shop, the lady of the house makes Anatolian little dumplings (Manti) and flatbread (Gözleme). A tasty alternative to the omnipresent döner | Grüntaler Straße 17

14. Autohöfe | Sparks fly out of the small workshop as cars of old are being raised from the dead. Some junkyard jewels get a second chance at life after their radical makeover here. Chevys stand alongside Polos; East German Trabbis loaf in the company Mercedes coupés | entrance at Badstraße 59 or 62

15. Erkan Möbel Discount | Chaise longues in lilac and champagne, divans in velvet and silk, plastic glory for the bedroom somewhere between Versailles and Barbie's dream house. Don't miss this display window | Böttgerstraße 7

16. Café Barrikade | The self-proclaimed last bastion of the former People's Republic of Wedding, the café offers a communist cultural program for friends of highbrow chaos. Just a stone's throw from Wedding's district court... | Buttmannstraße 2 | www.barrikade.de

17. Bibliothek am Luisenbad | The little spring house that gave the district its name once stood nearby. The beautiful neo-Baroque building of the Luisenbad was augmented with a modern addition in 1995 and now houses a city library branch. A successful synthesis of old and new | Travemünderstraße 2

18. Pfarrkirche St. Paul | A real Schinkel building on the outside, pure 1950s on the inside. Badly damaged during WWII, the church was painstakingly historically restored on its exterior while the interior got a modern design. Classicism with a kidney-shaped pulpit | Badstraße 50-51

19. Mitte Museum | The center of Berlin is in Wedding? After the consolidation of Berlin's districts, yes. The exhibition is all about the historic districts Mitte, Wedding, and Moabit. The garden never had a well of its own, but now it has a replica of the famous spring house | Pankstraße 47 | www.mitemuseum.de

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