

## Preview for 2010

60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Berlinale– Retrospective “Frida Kahlo” – Miss Prussia 2010

**Berlin, December** – Berlin is a fascinating, bustling and creative culture metropolis in the heart of Europe. World-renowned museums or avant-garde galleries, thrilling musicals or a popular film festival, unforgettable premieres or several theatres in one evening – with around 1,500 events every day, Berlin really has something for everyone.

At the beginning of the year wintry Berlin shines forth in the glitter of the stars who come to present their latest films at the International Film Festival Berlin. 2010 is a very special year. The Film Festival celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and looks back, together with its audience, on six turbulent decades. The biggest events in Berlin in 2010 include the “Frida Kahlo – Retrospective” exhibition in the Martin Gropius Building and the big anniversary year “Berlin – City of Science”.

## Festivals and Events

### The Berlin International Film Festival turns 60

Curtains up for the 60<sup>th</sup> Berlinale. On 6 June 1951 the first Berlin International Film Festival had its premiere. Since then thousands of international stars have graced the festival with their presence such as Sophia Loren or Keanu Reeves. The Berlinale has long since established itself as the biggest world-wide festival for cinema-goers and an international cultural event. With almost 20,000 professional visitors, including 4,000 journalists, it is one of the most important gatherings of the international film industry. No other film festival has closer ties to its audience. That's why for its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday the audience is to play a very special role with its own personal film festival stories and experiences. The most touching memories will be presented during the anniversary event

Berlinale Palast and other venues, February 11-21, 2010, [www.berlinale.de](http://www.berlinale.de)

### Miss Prussia 2010

To mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the Prussian Queen Luise (1776-1810) the Prussian Palaces and Gardens Foundation is staging three major exhibitions: in Charlottenburg Palace, on Berlin's Peacock Island and in rural Paretz visitors can encounter the beautiful and powerful "Miss Prussia" at authentic locations in her life – in her residences, gardens and in her Mausoleum. More than 200 paintings, sculptures and historic documents about the life of the Queen will be on display in Charlottenburg Palace, including masterpieces by Karl Friedrich Schinkel, Johann Gottfried Schadow and Christian Daniel Rauch. On the idyllic Peacock Island, one of Queen Luise's favourite places, contemporary artists are to stage an innovative exhibition project under the guidance of Michael Lukas (Munich).

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Charlottenburg Palace, new wing and Mausoleum, March 6 – May 30, 2010  
Peacock Island, park building and dairy, May 1 – October 31, 2010, [www.spsg.de](http://www.spsg.de)

## Science Year 2010

In 2010 Berlin is entirely given over to the sciences. For instance, the Staatsbibliothek (state library) in Berlin celebrates its 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Charitè its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of the Sciences its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Humboldt University its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Max Planck Society its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There are already more than 150 events on the calendar of this theme year. On 5 June 2010 scientific institutions from Berlin and Potsdam extend an invitation to the Long Night of the Sciences. In laboratories, libraries and auditoria visitors can experience for themselves science from 5 pm to 1 am. Lectures, presentations and experiments are as much on the agenda of the "Cleverest night of the year" as games, music and theatre. Little research scientists are also welcome.

From 6 to 15 October 2010 the anniversary institutions extend an invitation to a joint anniversary week. Besides conferences and exhibitions there are also concerts, theatre performances and festival events on the programme.

All events on the annual theme: [www.wissenschaftberlin2010.de](http://www.wissenschaftberlin2010.de)

## Long Night of the Museums

Night owls take note: twice a year the Berlin museums turn night into day. Numerous museums, collections and exhibition venues keep their doors open until 2 am in the morning. With just one ticket guests can visit around 100 different institutions in one night which are linked by eight bus shuttle routes. The 26<sup>th</sup> Long Night of the Museums will be staged on 30 January 2010.

Long Night of the Museums, January 30, 2010 and August 28, 2010,  
[www.kulturprojekte-berlin.de](http://www.kulturprojekte-berlin.de)

## Festival of the Staatsoper Berlin

Three outstanding 19<sup>th</sup> century operas are all to be staged during the Festival of the Staatsoper Unter den Linden under the musical direction of Daniel Barenboim: "Tristan and Isolde" in the production by Harry Kupfer, Achim Freyers "Eugene Onegin" and Federico Tiezzis "Simon Boccanegra". Besides the Staatskapelle Berlin and the State Opera Choir, outstanding singers like Plácido Domingo, Rolando Villazón and Anna Netrebko will be making an appearance. Staatsoper Unter den Linden Berlin, March 26 – April 5, 2010, [www.staatsoper-berlin.de](http://www.staatsoper-berlin.de)

## Long Night of the Opera Houses and Theatres

In 2010 the "Long Night of the Opera Houses and Theatres" is to be staged for a second time. Around 50 Berlin theatres and opera houses will demonstrate what they have to offer throughout the night. Visitors have an opportunity to put together an unusual drama evening: from puppet shows over youth theatre, from

chansons to opera – everything is possible in the space of just one night. This is ideal for everyone who wishes to gain an overview of the diversity of Berlin theatres and opera houses in a short space of time. Bus shuttles covering various routes facilitate visits to the different theatres and opera houses.

Long Night of the Opera Houses and Theatres, April 10, 2010, [www.berlin-buehnen.de/langenacht/](http://www.berlin-buehnen.de/langenacht/)

## **Theatertreffen**

Every May the most important German theatre festival attracts theatre professionals, journalists and guests from all over the world to Berlin. The centrepiece of the Theatertreffen are the ten "most remarkable productions" selected each year by a jury of critics from around 400 plays presented in one season. The Theatertreffen is accompanied by a varied programme of further events including public debates, première parties and concerts.

Haus der Berliner Festspiele and other venues, May 7 – 23, 2010, [www.berlinerfestspiele.de](http://www.berlinerfestspiele.de)

## **Carnival of Cultures**

Samba, Salsa and a Brazilian atmosphere: Berlin celebrates for the 15<sup>th</sup> time the Carnival of Cultures on the Whitsun Weekend. The highlight of the four-day street festival is the traditional parade on Whit Sunday. On foot or on decorated floats, in fantastic costumes or in regional dress, whether dancing, making music or doing acrobatic turns, the participants ensure there is a wonderful atmosphere on the route between Hermannplatz and Yorkstrasse. In 2009 a total of 72 floats with 4,700 participants from 70 nations took part.

Blücherplatz, Berlin-Kreuzberg, May 21 – 24, 2010, [www.karneval-berlin.de](http://www.karneval-berlin.de)

## **ILA Berlin Air Show**

The International Aerospace Exhibition ILA Berlin Air Show, which has been staged every two years since 1992 at Berlin-Schönefeld Airport, is seen as one of the global trade fairs in the industry and an important economic driver for the region. The first three days of ILA are reserved exclusively for trade visitors. The weekend open to the general public will feature a spectacular air display programme with aircraft of all types and sizes.

Berlin-Schönefeld Airport, June 8 – 13, 2010, [www.ila-berlin.de](http://www.ila-berlin.de)

## **Fête de la Musique**

In the sunniest season Berlin heralds with a large, colourful music festival. In time for what is officially the first day of summer, 21 June 2010, the Fête de la Musique once again plays host to all kinds of music from pop over reggae down to choral music, punk, folk and world music. Music is played in tents, churches, art galleries, summer gardens and parks. Music sounds forth by professionals, amateurs, concert or street musicians on almost every corner. The whole city gets in the swing.

Fête de la Musique, June 21, 2010, [www.fetedelamusique.de](http://www.fetedelamusique.de)

## **BerMuDa – Berlin Music Days**

You can sleep later. Anyone who comes to the German capital for the Berlin Music Days can look forward to a tightly packed, four-day club spectacle. The best Berlin clubs, including Berghain, WMF and Watergate invite friends of electronic music to dance and celebrate. Launched in 2009, the world party capital now has a music week which is well on the way to becoming a fixture in the calendar of internationally renowned music festivals.

Diverse Berlin Clubs, September 2010, [www.bermuda-berlin.de](http://www.bermuda-berlin.de)

## **Festival of Lights**

For the sixth time the Festival of Lights dazzles night after night for almost two weeks in October; as soon as it gets dark the Spree metropolis is illuminated with artistic and fantastic light shows. There are special "light seeing" tours with buses, boats and velotaxis that take visitors straight to the light spectacles. The highlight of the festival is the opening and the fantastic closing fireworks.

Berlin City centre, October 13 – 24, 2010, [www.festival-of-lights.de](http://www.festival-of-lights.de)

## **New Year's Party at the Brandenburg Gate**

Since the fall of the wall millions of people celebrate the coming of the New Year at the Brandenburg Gate. The festival mile runs from the Straße des 17. Juni to the Victory Column. On this two kilometre stretch there are many show stages on which international music stars, rock and pop bands perform. The New Year is greeted with spectacular fireworks and laser shows at midnight.

Brandenburg Gate, Straße des 17. Juni, December 31, 2010, [www.silvester-in-berlin.de](http://www.silvester-in-berlin.de)

## **Exhibition**

### **"Frida Kahlo – Retrospective"**

Colourful paintings with a tragic motif: the works by the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo both fascinate and shock the beholder. In the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century she knew better than anyone else how to combine the enigmatic culture of her home country with her own traumatic experiences. Her paintings and sketches will be on display in the Berlin Martin Gropius Building. "Frida Kahlo – Retrospective" also presents Kahlo's last work for the first time to the public at large.

Martin-Gropius-Bau, April 30 – August 9, 2010, [www.martin-gropius-bau.de](http://www.martin-gropius-bau.de)

### **Reopening: Topography of Terror Documentation Centre**

Between 1933 and 1945 the administrative headquarters of the National Socialist SS and police state were located in the heart of Berlin. The genocide of European Jews and the systematic persecution of political opponents were organised from

here. The "Topography of Terror" Documentation Centre is located today on this terrain on Niederkirchnerstrasse. In May 2010 this exhibition area will be enhanced by a new Documentation Centre. The modern, cube-shaped building is to have four new exhibition areas. The permanent and revolving exhibitions and a library are located on the ground floor. Outside there will be a new covered exhibition excavation.

Topography of Terror, opening May 7, 2010, [www.topographie.de](http://www.topographie.de)

## **“Universal Knowledge. 300 Years Science in Berlin”**

The central event in the Berlin Year of Sciences 2010 is the exhibition "Universal Knowledge. 300 Years Science in Berlin" in the Martin Gropius Building. This exhibition showcases Berlin's 300 year history of the sciences, a history of outstanding scholars, Nobel Prize laureates and groundbreaking discoveries. Gottfried Wilhelm Leibnitz was one of the great universal scholars in Berlin. Albert Einstein completed his general relativity theory here. Konrad Zuse built the first computer in Berlin.

Martin-Gropius-Bau, September 24, 2010 – January 9, 2011, [www.gropiusbau.de](http://www.gropiusbau.de)

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### **Bread & Butter**

Fashion trends at the former Tempelhof Airport: the renowned fashion fair Bread & Butter moved back to Berlin from Barcelona in the summer of 2009 with tremendous success. In January 2010 the next trade fair for street and urbanwear is to be staged under the motto "The Original" in the fashion and creative metropolis Berlin. Around 550 brands, labels and designers took part last summer in the trade fair with their creative stalls and presentations. Numerous upscale brands and labels have confirmed their participation for January 2010.

Tempelhof Airport, January 20 – 22, 2010, [www.breadandbutter.com](http://www.breadandbutter.com)

### **Berlin Fashion Week**

In January Berlin is entirely given over to fashion. Hot on the heels of Bread & Butter, international top designers and labels will present their new collections at Berlin Fashion Week. At this fashion event which is staged twice a year buyers, professional visitors and media representatives come together at fashion shows, find out about the latest trends at trade fairs, visit exhibitions and offsite events. The showroom mile makes the latest collections, works and projects of Berlin fashion designers and international artists accessible to a broad public.

Bebelplatz and diverse Showrooms, January 28 – 31, 2010, [www.berlin-fashionweek.de](http://www.berlin-fashionweek.de)

## **The Key**

Eco-fashion is more chic, stylish and glamorous than ever. "thekey.to" goes one step further than previous fashion events and offers green and sustainable fashion labels from streetwear over sportswear down to high fashion at a spectacular platform staged during Berlin Fashion Week. On the programme there are fashion shows, organic food and natural beauty.

Berlin Fashion Week, January 28 – 31, 2010, [www.thekey.to](http://www.thekey.to)

## **DMY International Design Festival**

Berlin has long since established a reputation for itself as a centre of modern design. For instance UNESCO awarded the German capital the title of "City of Design". The DMY International Design Festival is staged once a year and has grown over time into a meeting place for the industry, a trend barometer and a design laboratory. Spread over five days, up-and-coming and established designers present the latest developments in contemporary design. Arena Treptow and other venues, May 26 – 30, 2010, [www.dmy-berlin.com](http://www.dmy-berlin.com)

## **6<sup>th</sup> berlin biennale**

One of the flagship events for contemporary art is to be staged in Berlin even before the art-filled autumn gets going. The 6<sup>th</sup> berlin biennale underpins Berlin's major importance for the international art scene. This is where new trends are presented, experiments are dared and, above all, young artists enter into a dialogue with the public at large. Two years ago at the 5<sup>th</sup> berlin biennale the works of more than 150 artists spanning four generations could be enjoyed at different locations in the city. KW Institute for Contemporary Art and other venues, June 11 – August 8, 2010, [www.berlinbiennale.de](http://www.berlinbiennale.de)

## **Exhibition: Dysfashional Paris/Berlin**

Before and during the Berlin Fashion Week in the summer, Dysfashional will turn its attention to clothing and art in June and July. Fashion design, art and dance forge new alliances in completely new and unusual art objects in exhibitions and performances.

Haus der Kulturen der Welt, June 18 – July 18, 2010, [www.create-berlin.de](http://www.create-berlin.de)

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