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Hackesche Höfe and more

A ramble through the famous series of interconnected courtyard Hackesche Höfe and afterwards splashing and romping in Monbijou-Park

Start: Hackescher Markt

 **S3, S5, S7, S75, S9** Hackescher Markt



We start our little walkaway through the Berliner Scheunenviertel at the suburban train station Hackescher Markt. Here, the high and black-marble facade of the famous **Hackesche Höfe (1)** catches already your eye. You have to transcend a strongly cruised crossway on which the cars and the yellow streetcars pave their ways before you can discover the nine individual courts.

The Hackesche Höfe extend in the space of Oranienburger Straße and Rosenthaler Straße. They are considered the biggest coherent court-area in Germany and thus they are even for Berlin's circumstances an outstanding attraction. In the first two courts it scents out of the restaurants and cafés. The **Hackesche Hoftheater** offers a lot of theatre for both - young and old. The fashion-stores and shops for emblazonment of Berlin's designers invite to a shopping stroll in the rear courts, which are also inhabited. You will also find a couple of handcraft factories that you can visit, e.g. the printing plant or the workshop where picture frames are manufactured. Those who are very curious will certainly find the court where the sand box with the big chestnut is located.


Tip for bookworms and fans of audiobooks:

Berlin's centre for child literature - **LesArt (2)** - always cordially welcomes little literature fanciers. If you like participating in a fairy tale-reading or one of the other reading - events, you have to apply for in advance. LesArt is situated in Weinmeisterstraße 5 and it is easily reached from the Hackesche Höfe / Rosenthalerstraße.


If the children like splashing or romping on a playground, you should now leave Hackesche Höfe and turn into Oranienburgerstraße. You will pass by small fashion shops and cafés. After a few minutes, you will see on the left side the park **Monbijoupark (3)** that is zoned on the other side by river Spree.

This small green oasis in the busy quarter offers adventure and repose for both - young and old. In the summertime, you will daily find a lot of space for splashing in **Kinderbad Monbijou**. The open-air bath possesses a wading pool and a swimming pool for non-swimmers, slides and springboards. The grassy areas invite you for relaxing and bathing in the sun. You should bring something to eat from home, as there is no catering in the open-air bath. The Monbijoupark is a great place playing in the meadow or having picnics and watching other people. In order to reach the **playground** you go towards Kinderbad Monbijou and then you turn to yours right. Nothing gets now in the way of romping at the jungle gym or on the slide and of hiding in the small tunnel.

In order to get back to the suburban train station Hackescher Markt, you just orient on the elevated railway where trains clatter over. The best way is along the S-Bahn-arches and after a few metres you will reach the station.

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For those who like to go to suburban train and underground station Friedrichstraße take the direction contrarily to Kinderbad Monbijou along the bank of river Spree. You will pass altogether 3 bridges until you reach the station. The first one is Monbijou-Brücke that leads to Bode-Museum. Continuing your way along Spree you will promenade through green colonnades and will reach at last Ebert-Brücke. The rest of the way to Friedrichstraße leads to the cast-stock Weidendammer-Brücke, which you will cross having a great view over Spree and the Museuminsel (Museum Island). You pass the Friedrichstraße straight on and reach at the end the great suburban train station Friedrichstraße.

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