



卓美亚海滩

迪拜拥有众多公共海滩，其中卓美亚海滩 (Jumeirah Beach) 公园算是来迪拜的一个必打卡之处。这里也是和帆船酒店合影的绝佳地点。卓美亚海滩公园内有一片迷人的海岸线、细沙碧水和丰富的海滩活动，还有不少热闹的沿海餐厅、果汁吧和水上公园。不妨在日落时分拍一张与“帆船”还有大海的合影，留作纪念。



在迪拜开启一场“高性价比”之旅

提起迪拜，人们可能会想到遍地都是豪华度假村、高级餐厅和精品店的繁华大都市。其实，迪拜也是世界上能找到最多不同预算等级的酒店、餐厅、景点选择的地方。可以说，每一位游客都能在迪拜找到属于自己的“高性价比”之旅。

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迪拜喷泉

迪拜喷泉 (Dubai Fountain) 紧邻世界最大的购物中心——迪拜购物中心和世界第一高楼——哈利法塔，每天下午和晚上都有音乐喷泉表演。随着一首首世界名曲，这里将轮番上演绚丽的灯光秀和喷泉表演，150 米高的水柱令人震撼，是不可错过的精彩水幕盛宴。



逛特色市集

位于迪拜老城区的香料市集和黄金市集，保留了传统阿拉伯市集的样子，是了解当地文化、体验风土民情的窗口，也是购物的好去处。在香料市集，你可以找到异域香料、草药、蜜饯、坚果和当地的混合茶等各类商品；在黄金市集可以购买金饰；不远处的香水市集则是香水、精油、香薰和传统沉香爱好者的天堂。

如果想参观比较现代化的阿拉伯式市场，位于卓美亚古堡酒店的卓美亚古堡市集（Souk Madinat Jumeirah）和能够俯瞰迪拜喷泉的阿尔巴哈（Al Bahar）市集也是不俗之选，这两处市集里都开设了不少纪念品商店。不过，无论在哪个市集逛，都别忘记砍价！



了解阿法迪历史街区

渡过迪拜河，摄影爱好者可以前往阿法迪历史街区（Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood）采风。阿法迪历史街区的建筑设计采用阿拉伯风格，并用传统建筑材料，经过工匠精心雕琢建成，以此向传统致敬。只见狭窄的步行街两侧是沙土色的房屋，房屋顶上还装有“天然空调”——风塔。这里每个角落都十分“出片儿”。拍摄完，还可以在沿路店铺逛一逛美术馆和工艺品店。



横渡迪拜河

迪拜河（Dubai Creek）是这座城市的象征，也是 20 世纪早期当地渔业和珍珠业的发展基础。现今的迪拜河依旧充满生机，每天货船在河上来来往往，进行货物交易。只需花费 1 迪拉姆（约 1.7 元），便可乘坐木桅船（Abra）横渡迪拜河，在水上感受这座城市古老的一面。



La Mer 海滩区

迪拜最新海滨胜地 La Mer 海滩区为迪拜城市风景锦上添花。这片魅力无限的胜地空间开阔，大道旁棕榈林立，涂鸦艺术壁画加上休闲的海滨氛围，将卓美亚一区的郊区地带塑造造成一片完美的度假天堂。海浪卷着残木、锈铁和桶罐冲上岸边的壮观景象，成为 La Mer 海滩区随处可见的海风主题灵感来源。逛海滩之余，游客还可以探索南岛和北岛的 130 家商店、餐厅，参与到大量海滩活动中去。



Best Value Destinations in Dubai

In a city bustling with luxurious resorts, fine dining restaurants and designer boutiques, it is a popular misconception that a budget-conscious trip to Dubai may be out of reach. Fortunately, Dubai is also one of the best cities in the world to find competitive deals on hospitality, pampering, shopping and dining. Whatever visitors are looking for, there are a whole host of affordable options available to help you make the most out of your visit.

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Jumeirah Beach

Dubai has a number of public beaches, with Jumeirah Beach at the top of many travelers' list. It's a great photo-op for the Burj Al Arab. Stretching across a charming coastline, Jumeirah Beach Park offers azure water, white sandy beach and numerous beach activities. In addition, there are many popular beachfront restaurants, juice bars, and water parks. At sunset, snap a picture of the iconic sail-shaped building rising from the sea.

Dubai Fountain

Dubai Fountain is right next to the Dubai Mall, largest mall in the world, and the Burj Khalifa, world's tallest structure. Performance runs in the afternoon and evening. As internationally renowned music play, the most powerful water jets can send water nearly 150 meters into the air, and when lights and melodies are added, you end up with a show like no other at all.



Authentic Souks

The Spice and Gold Souks in Old Dubai are the traditional Arab markets. They are great places to learn about culture, see the local life, and do some shopping — exotic spices, herbs, candied fruits, nuts and locally-blended teas in the Spice Souk, jewellery pieces in the Gold Souk. The nearby Perfume Souk has everything for fragrance lovers, from pure perfume to essential oils, incense sticks and agar wood.

For a more contemporary take on the Arabian market, Souk Madinat Jumeirah in Madinat Jumeirah and Souk Al Bahar overlooking the Dubai Fountain are great souvenir stops. Wherever you choose to go, don't forget to haggle!



Boat rides across Dubai Creek

Dubai Creek, symbol of the city, was the center for local fishing and pearl diving in the early 20th century. Dubai Creek remains active today, with a variety of commerce vessels weaving their way up and down the creek. For just AED1, you can hop aboard one of many traditional boats, known as abras, to cross the creek and experience what remains of the old Dubai.



Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood

After crossing Dubai Creek, photography buffs wouldn't want to miss Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, where narrow lanes are lined by traditional earthen-colored Emirati architecture constructed from stone, teak, sandalwood and gypsum. Looming above are elegant barjeels (rooftop wind towers used as air conditioning). It's photogenic every corner you turn. There are also art museums and craft shops worth visiting.

La Mer beach district

Dubai's newest beachfront address, La Mer has transformed the suburban Jumeirah 1 neighbourhood and features wide open spaces with palm tree-lined boulevards, graffiti art murals and laidback beachside charm. Inspired by the way the sea washes up timber, rusted metal and barrels to the shore, La Mer's seafresh marine theme is visible at every turn. Visitors can explore 130 stores, restaurants and many beach activities at North Island and South Island.



墨尔本：精彩不停

澳大利亚维多利亚州首府墨尔本被誉为世界上最宜居的城市之一，它将时尚、体育、文化和美食完美结合，让每位到访的游客都流连忘返。一起来看看在这座城市里，会收获哪些意想不到的新鲜体验吧！

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漫步于墨尔本的小巷中

墨尔本市中心有不少以鹅卵石铺设的小巷，开满了咖啡店和精品店。旅客可从弗林德斯大街火车站开始，顺着德格雷夫斯街漫步，探索墨尔本的漂亮商场和随处可见的街头艺术，其中就包括著名的英国涂鸦艺术家班克斯（Banksy）的作品。逛得累了，不妨到位于小柏克街（Little Bourke Street）上的咖啡店 Brother Baba Budan 或 Patricia 喝一杯。



品尝墨尔本的优质咖啡

对墨尔本人来说，咖啡不只是每天早上的必饮，更是深深植根于当地的文化。墨尔本的咖啡厅数以千计，其中不乏一些世界最优秀的咖啡师开的店铺。随处都可品尝到纯正的咖啡，不仅有澳大利亚的招牌——馥芮白（Flat White），还有漂亮的抹茶、蓝藻和姜黄味拿铁。南墨尔本的 ST. ALI 咖啡厅、卡顿区（Carlton）的 Seven Seeds 咖啡厅，以及费兹罗伊（Fitzroy）的 Industry Beans 咖啡厅都值得尝试。

本页左下图：ROBERT BLACKBURN



在当地餐厅品尝美食

墨尔本的城市小巷中有许多受欢迎的餐厅，如隐藏在小巷街头涂鸦之后的 Tonka，还有市场路（Market Lane）上优雅的 Flower Drum。但说到好吃又便宜，不得不提 Hanoi Hannah 餐厅，店内提供美味的越南街头美食。Fonda Mexican 餐厅则供应地道的墨西哥夹饼和卷饼。两间餐厅都非常容易满座，记得提前预订。



逛一逛热闹的市集

墨尔本的市集是当地一大特色。熙来攘往的维多利亚女皇市场（Queen Victoria Markets）是南半球最大的露天市场，售卖当地的农产品、艺术品和工艺品等。从维多利亚女皇市场乘坐巴士，即可抵达南墨尔本市场（South Melbourne Market），感受市场浓厚的历史韵味之余，不妨品尝一下这里的墨西哥街头美食。周末可以从市中心乘坐电车，前往位于费兹罗伊的罗斯街艺术家市集（Rose St. Artists' Market），挑选几件澳洲新兴设计师的作品。



在天台酒吧浅尝鸡尾酒

市中心区费兹罗伊和卡顿区的波希米亚社区一带有众多天台酒吧，你可以一边坐在高处品尝美酒，一边观赏日落美景。深受当地人喜爱的酒吧有迷人天台阳台酒吧 Naked in the Sky、位于市中心的 Rooftop Bar（这里在夏天会摇身一变成为天台剧场），还有附近独具特色的 Madame Brussels 酒吧。

了解充满活力的艺术和文化

说到墨尔本的艺术和文化，维多利亚国家美术馆（National Gallery of Victoria）不可错过。这座美术馆建于 1861 年，拥有超过 70,000 件藏品，是澳大利亚历史最悠久的美术馆。要是觉得意犹未尽，还可以参观一下澳大利亚动态影像中心（Australian Centre for the Moving Image），让自己沉浸在电影、电视和数码文化的世界中。夜幕降临后，可选择墨尔本市内众多的剧院欣赏表演，无论是音乐剧、喜剧还是卡巴莱歌舞，应有尽有。想听现场音乐，可以到墨尔本中心的 Bird's Basement 爵士乐俱乐部，那里经常会有国际和本地的音乐人演出。原住民文化也是墨尔本的一大特色，只需参观墨尔本博物馆的布吉拉卡原住民文化中心（Bunilaka Aboriginal Culture Centre）和原住民所有的库里传统基金会（Koorie Heritage Trust），便可探究一番。

在菲利普岛观赏企鹅归巢

喜欢企鹅吗？那你一定要去菲利普岛（Phillip Island）看看。从墨尔本向南驱车不到两小时即可抵达此处。在这里，你可以看到小企鹅们结束一天的捕猎，摇摇摆摆地爬上夏日海滩回到自己巢穴的场景。你的参观还很有意义——菲利普岛自然公园（Phillip Island Nature Parks）致力于保护野生动物、改善岛上环境，而企鹅归巢（Penguin Parade）正是该环保组织管理的五个生态旅游项目之一，门票费用将用于资助这一研究。



本页下图：DEAN GIFFORD



乘坐蒸汽火车

乘坐澳大利亚最受欢迎的蒸汽铁路火车 Puffing Billy，在敞开车厢里呼吸清凉的山间空气。这条铁路线建于 1900 年，本是为丹德农山（Dandenong Ranges）上的社区运送木材、牲畜和生活用品，如今成了一个怀旧景点。火车将在丹德农山脉高耸的山灰森林和蕨类植物沟渠中行驶 20 多公里，途中还会在历史悠久的小镇火车站停车，供乘客下车游览。最有趣的体验是行驶途中把腿悬在车厢外（孩子们很喜欢这样）。





Wander through Melbourne's alleys

The centre of Melbourne is threaded with cobbled alleys, which have become a mecca for cafés and unique shopping boutiques. Start at Flinders Street station, wander down Degraves Street, and explore the city's beautiful arcades and street art around every corner—including from England-based graffiti artist Banksy. Head for Collins Street to visit the exquisite Block Arcade, then get your caffeine hit at pocket-sized Brother Baba Budan or Patricia, both on Little Bourke Street.

Get a taste of Melbourne's best coffee

For local people, coffee is more than just an essential part of their morning routine. It's become so deeply embedded in the culture that it has truly evolved into an art form. Here, the home to thousands of cafés and some of the world's best baristas, you'll never be far away from a sophisticated cup of single-origin coffee. Australia's signature coffee is the flat white, but you'll also find Instagram-worthy green matcha,

blue algae and turmeric-infused lattes. Head to ST. ALi in South Melbourne, Seven Seeds in Carlton or Industry Beans in Fitzroy to see how serious coffee can be.

Stroll in bustling market

Melbourne is renowned for its markets. Get everything from local produce to arts and crafts and vintage fashion amongst the hustle and bustle of the Queen Victoria Markets, the largest open-air market in the Southern Hemisphere. You can take a bus there to the South Melbourne Market, and enjoy street-style Mexican food under its historic awnings. On weekends, pick up handmade pieces from emerging Australian designers at the Rose St. Artists' Market in Fitzroy, just a quick tram ride from the city centre.



Dine at local eateries

Melbourne's city alleys are home to popular restaurants, such as Tonka, hidden down the graffiti-covered Duckboard Place, and elegant Flower Drum on Market Lane. For the tastiest cheap eats, don't miss Hanoi Hannah's delicious Vietnamese street food or Fonda Mexican for tacos and burritos. Both pack out quickly, so book ahead.

Melbourne: a Magnetic Multitude

With Melbourne's combination of world-class dining, art galleries, homegrown fashion and a packed sports calendar, it's no surprise Victoria's capital is regarded as the world's most livable city. Here are some highlights to do whilst in Melbourne.

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Sip on a cocktail at rooftop bars

There are many rooftop bars in downtown Fitzroy and the bohemian neighbourhoods of Carlton. Have a drink at great heights as you watch the spectacular sunset. Local favorites are the charming Naked in the Sky, the CBD Rooftop Bar, which transforms into the Rooftop Cinema in summer, and the quirky Madame Brussels nearby.



Explore Melbourne's vibrant arts and culture

The National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) is Australia's oldest gallery (founded in 1861) and hosts a collection of more than 70,000 works. Visit the Australian Centre for the Moving Image



(ACMI) to immerse yourself in the world of film, television and digital culture. In the evening, catch a performance at one of Melbourne's many theatres, which host everything from musicals to comedy and cabaret. Or if you're in the mood for jazz, swing past Bird's Basement jazz club in the centre of Melbourne for gigs from local and international musicians. Melbourne is also home to an Aboriginal community that is eager to share its stories. Discover their life and legacy at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Culture Centre, housed inside the Melbourne

Museum, or join a cultural walk of the Koorie Heritage Trust, an Aboriginal owned and managed organisation.

See the Penguin Parade at Phillip Island

Like penguins? Then you'll love Phillip Island. It's about a two-hour drive south of the city. As evening falls, watch hundreds of little penguins waddle ashore at Summerland Beach after a day's foraging in the sea. Your visit would also play a valuable part in



the Phillip Island Nature Park's conservation and research effort, as all revenue from ticket sales of its five ecotourism attractions, including the Penguin Parade, is reinvested into enhancing the natural environment on the island and protecting native wildlife.

Board a heritage steam train

Puffing Billy amasses popularity in Australia, allowing you to take a fresh breath in compartment which tramping over hills. The Puffing Billy, Australia's favourite steam train, is located in the heart of the Dandenong Ranges. First built in 1900, it served the local communities living in the hills and carried everything from livestock, timber, to daily necessities. Nowadays, it's a major tourist attraction. The area's lush fern gullies and the Mountain Ash trees make for an exceptional opportunity to relax and take in the fresh air. The journey is over 20km, with stops at vintage stations for visitors to explore. One Puffing Billy tradition is to sit on the window sill and dangling your legs over the side during the ride (especially exciting for children).





柏林： 艺术常新

柏林，这座城市的每一处角落都充满可能。它完美融合了壮观的新式建筑、古代瑰宝、新开张的艺术场所、特别展览以及购物等多种体验。2021 年和 2022 年，柏林新开放了多处艺术场所，不妨跟着本文前去探索一番。

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柏林洪堡论坛正式启用

2021 年 7 月，位于柏林宫廷广场（Schlossplatz）的洪堡论坛（Humboldt Forum）内部正式对外开放。这个新的城市空间面积约为 30,000 平方米，既保留了原有建筑、霍亨索伦家族近 500 年的宅邸——柏林宫的巴洛克外墙，还新建了一座俯瞰施普雷河的前卫场馆——由 Franco Stella 进行了现代的室内设计。

洪堡论坛不仅致力于探索柏林对世界的影响，讨论气候变化、环境破坏、物种灭绝等重大社会问题，还设有民族博物馆和亚洲艺术博物馆，其中的展品亮点包括来自巴布亚新几内亚鲁夫岛的支腿船，来自澳大利亚的袋鼠牙链，以及来自中国新疆的克孜尔石窟等。



新国家美术馆重新开放

耗资 1.4 亿欧元（约 9.8 亿人民币）的新国家美术馆（New National Gallery）修复工作历时 6 年终于完成，并于 2021 年 8 月再次对公众开放。新国家美术馆的修复工作与其他项目有明显不同：虽然建筑被拆得只剩下地基，但它仍然保留着密斯·凡·德罗（Mies van der Rohe）最初设计的样子——甚至在新的展览室里还铺了一块原地毯的复制品。

新国家美术馆共有 1800 件藏品，从古典现代主义到 20 世纪 80 年代的作品都有，包括具有里程碑意义的绘画和雕塑：德国表现主义以恩斯特·路德维希·基什内尔（Ernst Ludwig Kirchner）、奥托·迪克斯（Otto Dix）和马克斯·贝克曼（Max Beckmann）为代表；达利和毕加索会带领参观者来一次超现实主义之旅；而克利和康定斯基则呈现了他们对包豪斯的见解。



凯特·珂勒惠支博物馆开始搬迁

德国女雕塑家、平面艺术家凯特·珂勒惠支(Käthe Kollwitz)的作品聚焦社会不平等和反对战争等主题，风格犀利。凯特·珂勒惠支博物馆收藏了这位艺术家的200幅绘画、版画、雕塑，以及著名的木刻系列作品，藏品的核心是跨越50年的一系列自画像。

凯特·珂勒惠支博物馆占地约600平方米，建于1871年，是著名商人斯戈默(Schirmer)的别墅，也是这条街上最古老的房屋之一。

博物馆连同柏林文学馆和格里斯巴赫别墅一起，组成了一个独特且充满活力的文化区。但是这一片建筑群在战争中遭到严重破坏，很长一段时间都被忽视，战后这些建筑物还被建议拆除，以便拓宽其所在街道。但是当地市民阻止了这项提议，最终这片小而精致的文化区得以保留。

随着越来越多的游客参观这座博物馆，其空间也显得愈发局促。2022年夏天，凯特·珂勒惠支博物馆将开始搬迁。这位世界著名艺术家的绘画、平面艺术和雕塑作品之后将在夏洛滕堡宫著名的剧院大楼里展出。



重新体验武士世界

柏林的日本武士博物馆(Samurai Art Museum Berlin)是世界上为数不多的专门介绍武士艺术的博物馆之一。5月8日，博物馆将在新地点米特区的Auguststraße 68开放。

数十年来，博物馆的创始人彼得·杨森(Peter Janssen)一直在收集来自世界各地的武器和盔甲，并且十分期待与游客分享他的收藏。1500平方米的博物馆里展示了从8世纪到19世纪的盔甲、头盔、面具、剑和剑甲。与欧洲盔甲不同的是，日本武士的盔甲是由做工精致的金属部件、皮革、丝绸和漆器组成的复杂结构。在和平时期，盔甲还是身份的象征。精致的盔甲和头盔、独特的雕塑和举世闻名的武士刀，以及工艺精湛的各种珠宝将让你全面了解统治日本社会近700年的武士阶层和当代日本艺术家的立场。

柏林医学历史博物馆将重新开放

保存完好的器官、年代久远的假肢和有趣的 X 光片——这些只是柏林医学历史博物馆 (Berlin Medical History Museum) 300 年医学史中的部分展品, 该博物馆是著名的夏里特 (Charité) 大学医学院的一部分。永久展览“追踪生命”聚焦德国著名病理学家鲁道夫·魏尔肖 (Rudolf Virchow) 的遗产, 其收藏的解剖标本作为核心展品展出。在解剖大厅, 玻璃橱窗内展示着各个器官, 如表现脑肿瘤不同发展阶段的器官等。健康的器官也被展示出来, 供参观者进行比较。展览的最后部分是演讲厅, 今天这里仍在举行一些会议和研讨会。

这座博物馆展现了德国医学发展的巨大成就, 经过大规模翻新后将于 2022 年底再次呈现在公众面前。



以法莲宫将重新开放

经过多年的修缮, 宏伟的以法莲宫 (Ephraim Palace) 将于 2022 年 9 月重新开放。以法莲宫距博物馆岛不远, 曾被誉为“柏林最美丽的角落”, 是这座城市最宏伟的联排别墅之一, 镀金的阳台栏杆与托斯卡纳风格的柱子十分引人注目。这座建筑历史悠久, 于 1766 年由建筑师弗里德里希·威廉·迪特里希 (Friedrich Wilhelm Dieterichs) 为普鲁士的铸币商和珠宝商所建。

1985 年至 1987 年, 这座宫殿按照最初的蓝图在新开发的尼古拉区重建。宫殿内部以洛可可元素为基础, 设计形式简单。最吸引人的是内部的螺旋楼梯, 从上面看, 它好似一个巨大的贝壳; 而一楼由安德列亚斯·施吕特 (Andreas Schlüter) 设计的装饰华丽的天花板是另一个亮点。雅致的房间、厚重的历史, 让以法莲宫成为探索柏林艺术和文化的完美地点。





Inauguration of Humboldt Forum

Humboldt Forum at Schlossplatz opened to the general public in July 2021. This new urban space with about 30,000 square meters brings together the original buildings, the baroque façades of the Berlin Palace – home of the Hohenzollern family for nearly 500 years – and a newly built avant-garde pavilion overlooking the Spree River with a modern interior designed by Franco Stella.

Humboldt Forum is dedicated to exploring the impact of Berlin on the world and discussing major social issues such as climate change, environmental degradation and species extinction. The Ethnographic Museum and the Asian Art Museum inside Humboldt Forum exhibit precious artifacts such as outrigger boats from Papua New Guinea, kangaroo tooth chains from Australia and relics from Kizil Cave, Xinjiang, China.



Berlin: Ever Fresh Art Scene

Every corner of Berlin is full of possibilities. Here you will come across magnificent modern architecture, ancient treasures, newly opened art spaces, special exhibitions and unique shopping experience. A number of art spaces have been opened in this city in 2021 and 2022. Why not come and take a look?

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Reopening of the New National Gallery

The New National Gallery reopened to the public in August 2021 after a six-year renovation that cost EUR 140 million (about RMB 980 million). Unlike the other renovation projects, the New National Gallery remains as Mies van der Rohe first designed it and even a replica of the original carpet is laid in the new exhibition room, though the original buildings were leveled to the ground.

The New National Gallery houses 1,800 works that span from the classical modernist period to the 1980s, including famous sculptures and paintings of all time in the art history. Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Otto Dix and Max Beckmann are representative figures of German Expressionism. Dalí and Picasso unfold a journey into Surrealism. Klee and Kandinsky provide insights into the principles of Bauhaus.



Relocation of Käthe Kollwitz Museum

The German sculptress and graphic artist Käthe Kollwitz focused on social inequality and the fight against war in her works and illustrated such subjects in a poignant way. The Käthe Kollwitz Museum collects 200 drawings, prints, sculptures and the famous woodcut series by the artist, which are centered around a series of self-portraits spanning 50 years.

The museum, with an area of about 600 square meters, was built in 1871 as the villa of Schirmer, a prominent businessman. It is one of the oldest houses on the street and is one of the three sections forming a unique and vibrant

culture zone, the other two being Litteraturhaus Berlin and the Villa Grisebach Auktionen.

Unfortunately, these buildings were severely damaged during the war and were left into oblivion for a long time. After the war, they were facing the fate of demolition for the expansion of the street. It was the protest of the local citizens that prevented the implementation of the proposal and preserved this small but exquisite art block.

As more and more tourists visit the museum, it becomes increasingly cramped. In the summer of 2022, the Käthe Kollwitz Museum will move to the famous theater building of Charlottenburg Palace, where the paintings, graphic arts and sculptures of this world-renowned artist will be exhibited.



To Discover the World of Samurai

Come and admire one of the world's biggest samurai collections at the Samurai Art Museum Berlin. On May 8, 2022, the Museum will open at its new location at Auguststraße 68 in Berlin-Mitte. Its founder, Peter Janssen, having collected Samurai art around the world for decades, now eagerly shares his life's collection with visitors.

The exhibition hall of 15,000 square meters shows helmets and armor, masks, swords and scabbards from the 8th century to the 19th century. Unlike European armor, samurai armor is a complex structure composed of sophisticated metal parts, leather, silk and lacquer work. In peacetime, armor mainly becomes a status symbol.

Exquisite armor, sculptures and world-famous samurai swords and well-designed jewellery will give you a unique understanding of the samurai class that has ruled Japanese Society for nearly 700 years and the viewpoints of Japanese contemporary artists.



Reopening of Berlin Medical History Museum

Preserved organs, antique prosthetic limbs and interesting X-rays — these are just some of the exhibits from 300 years of medical history found at the Berlin Medical History Museum, which forms part of the famous Charité University Hospital. The centerpiece of the museum is the anatomical specimen collection of noted German pathologist Rudolf Virchow, on a permanent exhibition called "Tracing Life". Each glass case focuses on a different body part. One, for example, displays various stages of brain tumours. Healthy organs are also displayed for comparison. At the end of the exhibition is the lecture hall where meetings and workshops take place even today. The museum is scheduled to open again by the end of 2022 after a major renovation, introducing the key developments in the German medical history to more visitors.

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Ephraim Palace Inviting Visitors Back

After years of renovation, the grand Ephraim Palace will reopen to the public in September this year. Known as the most beautiful corner of Berlin, Ephraim Palace is not far from the Museum Island and is one of the most magnificent town houses in the city. The gilded balcony lattice and Tuscan columns are very impressive. This building has a long history dated back to 1776, when it was built by the architect Friedrich Wilhelm Diterichs for the Prussian mint master and jeweler.

From 1985 to 1987, Ephraim Palace was being rebuilt according to the original blueprints in the newly developed Nicholas' Quarter. The interior is based on the Rococo elements and is designed in a simplified form. The most eye-catching part is the spiral staircase, which looks like a gigantic shell from above. Another highlight is the elaborately decorated ceiling designed by Andreas Schlüter on the first floor. With elegant rooms and a rich history, Ephraim Palace is an ideal spot for an exploration into the art and culture of Berlin.