

BERLIN

That is the Brandenburg Gate, Berlin's most famous landmark. It is over 200 years old. Until 1989 it symbolized the division of Berlin and Germany; today it is a national symbol of unity.

At the top of the gate, you can see the "Quadriga," a four-horsed chariot.



The Berlin Town Hall is the office of the mayor of Berlin. Because of its red facade it is popularly referred to in German as the "Rotes Rathaus." The rectangular tower is 74 meters high.

The Congress Hall was the US American contribution to the International Building Exhibition in 1957. It was declared as a gift of America to its close affiliate of West Berlin. Since 1989 it has been used under the rather ungainly name "House of the Cultures of the World" as a site for events and exhibitions and also for Berlin festivals such as the jazz festival in November and, for a time, the Berlinale (a film festival) in February.



The Reichstag building, just a few paces from the Brandenburg Gate, is the symbol of the new Berlin capital. After the Bundestag moved from Bonn to Berlin, it convenes in the more than a century old parliament building. It's seat of the German government. It is the new cupola on the roof of the Reichstag that attracts so many visitors. The 800 ton steel and glass accessible structure has a forty meter high viewing platform that can be reached by traversing two spiral ramps. There is also a rooftop restaurant for visitors.



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