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Germany's capital city is living the good life.

ALTHOUGH REMNANTS of its past are everywhere, Berlin is embracing its stylish and vibrant present. **STAY** An apartment-style room at Lux Eleven—a renovated building that once housed the KGB-will make you feel at home. The minimalist décor is accented with pops of color, and each room has a kitchenette. EAT/SHOP Head to the Prenzlauer Berg area for breakfast; Betty'n Caty draws in locals with its homemade sweets, acai bowls and excellent coffee. Afterward, explore the area's unique shops. Find made-in-Berlin styles at Flagshipstore and quirky messenger bags at Tausche. SEE Don't miss East Side Gallery, a stretch of the Berlin Wall featuring more than 100 paintings by artists from around the world. It truly is a thing of beauty. - ELIZABETH DOYLE

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STOP BY BAERCK ON MULACKSTRASSE FOR UNIQUE GIFTS AND FASHIONS.