

## **UPDATE 10-24-2024**

### **TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS: from “BER” airport to our Hotel**

Now that you have arrived at Flughafen Berlin Brandenburg (BER), you now need to get to our 2024 Reunion Hotel ie: the Dorint Kurfürstendamm Berlin, Augsburger Straße 41, 10789 Berlin, Germany.

The Flughafen Berlin Brandenburg has good information on local transportation at:

<https://ber.berlin-airport.de/en/orientation/getting-here.html>.

Public Transportation (*we recommend the S-Bahn being your best option cost wise*), Rental Car and Taxi are outlined below: **(An UBER option has now been added below)**

#### **Public Transportation**

The rail station is located in Terminal 1 on level U2 and the bus stops for the local buses are located on the arrivals level E0 of Terminal 1. This truly is your best option!

*Recommend you download the BVG Fahrinfo app for your cell phone and use the Trip Planner feature to find all of your options to get to the hotel. This application provides outstanding step by step directions to your destination based on the time of day and how long the trip will last.*

Here are few options and all currently cost 4.40 euros for a zone A-B-C ticket which you can purchase from BVG ticket vending machines, which do include an English (Union Jack) option. **Do remember to validate your ticket (stamp it) before boarding the trains or the bus.**

- **S-Bahn:** Take the S-Bahn S9 toward S Spandau Bhf which runs every 20 minutes from Track 5 to the Zoologischer Garten Bhf then you get to choose:
  - Walk for 7 minutes (534 meters) to the hotel.
  - Switch to U-Bahn U-9 toward Rathaus Steglitz for a one stop ride arriving at the U-Bahnhof Kurfürstendamm and then walk for 2 minutes (149 meters) to the hotel.
  - Switch to Bus 204 toward S Sudkreuz for one stop to U-Bahnhof Kurfürstendamm and then walk for 2 minutes (149 meters) to the hotel.
  
- **Bus to U-Bahn:** The Express Bus X7 or X71 runs every 5 to 10 minutes from BER to the U-Bahnhof Rudow, were you switch to U-Bahn U-7 toward Rathaus Spandau for 21 stops and then switch to U-7 at U-Bahnhof Berliner Straße to U-Bahn U-9 toward Osloer Straße for 3 stops to U-Bahnhof Kurfürstendamm and then walk for 2 minutes (149 meters) to the hotel.
  
- **Regional Train:** There are three regional trains options and the best is the RE8 which goes to the Zoologischer Garten Bhf and like the S-Bahn option, you then get to choose how to finish the trip:
  - Walk for 7 minutes (534 meters) to the hotel.
  - Switch to U-Bahn U-9 toward Rathaus Steglitz for a one stop ride arriving at the U-Bahnhof Kurfürstendamm and then walk for 2 minutes (149 meters) to the hotel.
  - Switch to Bus 204 toward S Sudkreuz for one stop to U-Bahnhof Kurfürstendamm and then walk for 2 minutes (149 meters) to the hotel.

## **Rental Car**

There are a good number of car rental companies operating at BER, among them are: Avis, Hertz, SIXT, Europcar and Enterprise rent a car. They are found in the Arrival Area in Terminal 1, level E0. This is the most expensive option but gives you total flexibility. However, you will have to pay 30 euros per night to park your car at the hotel. This is not a recommended option unless you are going outside Berlin as there are much better options.

## **Taxi**

Taxi is the quickest, easiest, and most expensive way to get to the hotel. The taxi stands are in front of Terminal T1 on Level E0. There are signs in the terminal guiding to the taxi stand. The taxi driver is obliged to take the shortest and therefore cheapest route to the hotel, which should cost around 70 euros. Please make sure that you only get into a vehicle marked as a taxi at the designated taxi stands. Outside these areas, there is a risk of fraudulent suppliers.

*Thank you to Greg Mattson'77 – for this valuable tipsheet. Greg was recently in BERLIN.*

## **UPDATE: UBER -VS- TAXI**

Our parent's organization, the Berlin U.S. Military Veterans Association (BUSMVA), just held their BERLIN REUNION at the Dorint Hotel. They informed their "UBER app" worked perfectly at the "BER" airport. Service was immediate and cost was 47-50 euros versus a taxi at 70 euros. If you don't have the app you should download it to your phone prior to departure, making sure your phone works overseas with your carrier.