

Off to the Capital's Largest Winter Attraction

The 8th annual Winter World at Quartier Potsdamer Platz opens on 5th November 2011, ready to enchant young and old with its own unique brand of winter fun until 1st January 2012. With 2.7 million visitors, this Berlin mix of sports, fun and alpine specialties in the heart of the city is one of the capital's most popular winter attractions.

Europe's Largest Mobile Snow Tubing Run

Europe's largest mobile snow tubing run (12.4 m high, 70 m long) opens for the 8th time on 5th November: Off we go! **FREE** sliding for everyone who brings a snow tube. The rental fee for this modern variation of the toboggan, required for safety reasons, is € 1.50 per slide. A four-slide ticket costs € 5, a ten-slide ticket € 10. You can slide with a view of the Brandenburg Gate from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily until 1st January 2012. Winter World at Potsdamer Platz is closed only on 13th November 2011 (Remembrance Day) and 20th November 2011 (Sunday of Commemoration of the Dead).

Numbers, Data and Facts

Size:	12.40 m wide, 12.40 m high, 48 m long, including flat run-off: 70 m long						
Area:	approx. 840 m ² including flat run-off						
Quantity of Snow:	ca. 150 m ³ , snow depth ca. 20 cm						
Sliding without Snow:	Under the snow are so-called summer sliding mats, so sliding is possible even without snow.						
Safety (Braking Mats):	In the flat run-off area 2 or 3 long braking mats are spread across the track to slow the snow tubes as they reach the end of the run. The speed of the snow tubing run varies from day to day depending upon the consistency of the snow. The faster the track is, the more braking mats are set up.						
Safety (Toboggans):	As a safety precaution, sliding is only permitted with so-called snow tubes.						
Snow Tubes:	Rental Fee for Snow Tubes <table> <tr> <td>Single Ticket</td> <td>1.50 Euros</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4-slide Ticket</td> <td>5 Euros</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10-slide Ticket</td> <td>10 Euros</td> </tr> </table> <p>The snow tubes come in two sizes: 75 cm for a sliding weight of up to 120 kg 110 cm for a sliding weight of up to 150 kg</p>	Single Ticket	1.50 Euros	4-slide Ticket	5 Euros	10-slide Ticket	10 Euros
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Opening Times:	from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily on 24 th December 2011 until 4:00 p.m.
Special Opening Times of the Potsdamer Platz Arcades:	from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, and on the follow- ing Sundays: 6 th November 2011 – 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 4 th December 2011 – 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 18 th December 2011 – 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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Free Outdoor Ice Skating

Beginning on 5th November 2011, the 8th annual Winter World will be offering free outdoor ice skating. The rink at Marlene-Dietrich-Platz is once again inviting everyone to step out onto the ice. Rental skates are available for € 2,50.

Berlin Schools are invited to add ice skating to their morning activity schedule. The rink is open to school classes every morning free of charge. A written reservation is required. The form can be downloaded at www.winterwelt-berlin.de or www.bergmannevent.de under "Reservierungsanfrage".

Free Ice Skating Lessons for Children between the ages of 4 and 7 is being offered again at Winter World in cooperation with the *Bundesstützpunkt Eislauf Berlin*. Experienced trainers will coach the new ice skaters. Lessons take place from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, from 6th November 2011 to 10th December 2011 (except for 13th November 2011 and 20th November 2011).

During these six weeks, the trainers from the *Bundesstützpunkt* will be on the lookout for **Ice Skating Talent 2012**. The quickest, most agile learners will be invited to participate in the Finale on Sunday, 11th December 2011. All of the finalists can look forward to a free, 4-week trial course at a Berlin ice skating club of their choice. The winners in each of the four age groups will be proclaimed Junior Ice Star 2012, and receive a gift certificate for a pair of professional ice skates.

The talent search at Marlene-Dietrich-Platz is Berlin's largest, sport talent competition for children between the ages of four and seven.

Numbers, Data and Facts on the Ice Skating Rink

Size:	40 m long, 13 m wide
Area:	with 520 m ² , Europe's second largest
Ice Preparation:	The ice is resurfaced after every 1.5 hours of ice skating. Resurfacing takes 30 minutes.

Prices:	Use of the ice skating rink is free. Rental skates are available for a fee of € 2,50 per session and pair.
Session:	One session is 1.5 hours.
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Ice Skating Lessons:	Every Saturday and Sunday from 6 th November to 11 th December 2011, from 10:00 to 11.30 a.m. (except 13 th November 2011 and 20 th November 2011). Lessons are provided by experienced trainers from the <i>Bundesstützpunkt Eislauf Berlin</i> . The ice skating lessons are free of charge.
Dates of Ice Skating Lessons in November	Sunday, 6 th November 2011 Saturday, 12 th November 2011 Saturday, 19 th November 2011 Saturday, 26 th November 2011
in December	Sunday, 27 th November 2011 Saturday, 3 rd December 2011 Sunday, 4 th December 2011 Saturday, 10 th December 2011 Sunday, 11 th December 2011 (Finale)
Junior Ice Star 2012:	Participants for the Finale on Sunday, 11 th December 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., will be selected from among all children who take part in the free lessons. At the Grand Finale, the little winners will be proclaimed “Junior Ice Star 2012”.

Bavarian Curling at Winter World

The Bavarian curling rink, first introduced for Winter World 2009, has proven to be one of the main attractions of the Berlin Winter Sports Centre and will be ready once again at Varian-Fry-Straße for the 8th annual Winter World. The five-meter wide, 30-meter long rink is open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. This traditional alpine sport, also known as ice stock sport, is free of charge for all players who bring their own equipment.

The rental fee for equipping 4 to 8 players is € 15 per hour (between 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday, and Sundays) and € 20 per hour (between 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday, and Sundays). On Fridays and Saturdays the rental fee is € 20 per hour from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and € 30 per hour from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Maximum playing time: 2 hours.

A reservation must be made via internet at www.bergmannevent.de or telephone at 0177-828 53 87. School classes are invited to make reservations; special conditions are available.

Celebrate with Ski Holiday Style

The **Schmankerl-Hüttn** offers original Austrian specialties in an alpine atmosphere with room for around 230 guests. It is open from 10:00 a.m. to midnight daily. Built exclusively for Winter World from 180-year old Austrian cabin logs, the Schmankerl-Hüttn is kept cosy by an old stove decorated with hand-painted tiles from the same period as the skis and ski boots, peasant tools, traditional costumes, pots, pans and jugs that create the authentic mood within. Be sure to take a closer look at the antique wooden carriage, the cargo sledges and the wine press from 1892. A tempting selection of alpine specialities is available: *brettljause* (a wooden platter with hearty bread and cold cuts), *obazda* (a spicy cheese spread), Vienna goulash, *kasnocken* (Tyrolean cheese gnocchi), cured meats, *frittatensuppe* (pancake soup), *kaiserschmarrn* (pancake mash with fruit and nuts), *germknödel* (yeast dumplings), sacher cake and apple strudel. Original Austrian *Stiegl-Bier*, *Jagertee* (black tea and rum), *Almdudler* (sweet carbonated drink) and many other beverages are also served. The après-ski party complete with DJ begins every evening at 7:00 p.m. – relish the music, dance and sing.

Those seeking quaint, alpine comfort on a smaller scale will enjoy the **Salzburger Stiegl Alm** at Quartier Potsdamer Platz

Reservations (also for the Christmas holidays):

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www.bergmannevent.de (under “Reservierungsanfrage”)

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Christmas at Quartier Potsdamer Platz

From 21st November to 26th December 2011, the traditional Christmas Market under the festively lighted linden trees of Alte Potsdamer Strasse will round out Winter World. Everything your heart desires can be found here: delicious chocolate-coated apples, holiday tree ornaments from the Erz Mountains, traditional cinnamon-star cookies, and much more.

The craft and artisan market will be here again, too. Watch beautiful Christmas gifts take shape right here at Winter World on Quartier Potsdamer Platz, where potters, woodcarvers, bakers, felt crafters, basket weavers, candlemakers, smiths, and florists demonstrate their skills.

Open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily; on 24th December 2011 till 4:00 p.m.

Current photos, impressions of Winter World at Quartier Potsdamer Platz and further information are available at www.winterwelt-berlin.de.

The free iPhone-App guides friends of Winter World and all Potsdamer Platz fans right to their very favourite spots.

More information on Potsdamer Platz - the Platz to be at www.potsdamerplatz.de and www.facebook.com/potsdamerplatz

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