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**BER Airport Launch**

Berlin Brandenburg Airport, BER for short, will open on 31 October 2020. The existing airports Tegel (TXL) and Schönefeld (SXF) will become redundant and all air traffic will fly into and out of the one new airport, giving the region around the German capital its own flight hub. The launch will see not only the new terminals T1 and T2 taken into operation, but also two new runways on the south side of BER. Schönefeld Airport will be renamed Terminal 5 (T5) and be integrated into BER. Flights from Tegel Airport will be transferred in stages to BER, before the airport in the north west of Berlin finally closes on 8 November 2020. Journalists who would like to be updated on the importance of these steps in the development of the airport for the Berlin-Brandenburg region, as well as for national, European and global flight traffic, can register using the following link and will receive all relevant information and dates for the launch of BER. <https://event.berlin-airport.de/main_frontend.php>

**By the way …… BER Airport is in Brandenburg**

Berlin´s BER Airport is actually in Brandenburg, so getting to the state´s leading attractions by public transport or car could not be quicker or easier. Compared to the distance from Tegel Airport, for example, the drive to Bad Saarow on Lake Scharmützel, the Gherkin Cycle Trail in the Spree Forest or the new holiday homes, outdoor Amazonia and Tropical Sea at Tropical Islands is much shorter. There will be a direct connection on public transport from BER to the UNESCO World Heritage parks and palaces in Potsdam. And it is just a stone´s throw to Zeuthen, where license-free houseboats can be hired. Especially in times of face masks and social distancing, with its lakes and rivers, wide-open spaces, countryside and plenty of scope for activities, Brandenburg is the ideal safe destination.

Journalists, bloggers or influencers, who are interested in Brandenburg´s potential or would like to visit, are welcome to contact us. Please include a short description of yourself, your media, followers, distribution and media data. [www.brandenburg-tourism.com](http://www.brandenburg-tourism.com)

**Take off! Hurricane Factory**

An outing with an adrenaline rush guaranteed! Experience a wind so strong that you can fly. Free flying in the wind tunnel in Berlin Schönefeld, right next to BER Airport is not just for experienced parachutists, but for almost everyone – young or old, for

families or as part of a company event. In the Hurricane Factory´s glass tunnel, the wind reaches speeds of up to 280 km/h. The tunnel measures 5.2 metres in diameter and is 15 metres high. Flying in it is like taking a parachute jump from a height of 4,000 metres. The difference? You fly in the safe environment of the glass flight chamber under the constant watchful eye of your instructor. It is so easy that children from the age of 5 can try it. You will be fully briefed before your flight, which can vary in length from 1.5 minutes, including protective gear and coaching up to 9 minutes per session. [www.hurricanefactory.com/berlin/en](http://www.hurricanefactory.com/berlin/en)

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