

## East Side Park

**Location:** Berlin, Germany **Designer:** HÄFNER / JIMENEZ Büro für Landschaftsarchitektur **Photographer:** Hanns Joosten, HÄFNER / JIMENEZ Büro für Landschaftsarchitektur **Completion date:** 2009 **Site area:** 39,720 sqm



1. Park along Spree
2. Brommy Bridge
3. East Side Park
4. Plaza
5. Spree River
6. Oberbaum Bridge
7. Mühlen Street

The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 ushered in one of the busiest moments in the history of modern, urban architecture as innumerable buildings and open spaces became available for development throughout the former Communist East. One of the most famous of these spaces in Berlin is the East Side Gallery, a strip of the original wall that has been left as a monument to the division of the city where artists began painting a mural in the 1990s.

As a meaningful and multilayered historical document, along with its impressive constructed appearance and artistic design, the East Side Gallery follows the entire length of open space along the Spree from the Mühlenspeicher at the Oberbaum Bridge to Stralau Square. It makes this strip of the Spree's bank unique and momentous for both tourists and Berliners. The promenade on the south bank of the Spree creates an attractive open space for residents of the two boroughs bordering the site and visitors to the wall monument.

The park is conceived in two parts with the East Side Gallery and the patrol path forming the historical monument while the new park opens toward the water. The expanse of the Spree, the liveliness of the water and the traffic of the ships offer important potential for a rich and multi-faceted downtown Berlin experience. The prominence of the water in the area surrounding the East Side Gallery is an important measure in creating quality city development.



Right: Park an der Spree – Promenade

