

SPACES TO EXPLORE

Got a specific kink? There's a venue for that. **By Laura-Jane Walzel**

Fetishes are all about turning the everyday into the extraordinary: making objects, materials or situations suddenly sizzle with erotic energy. Berlin might have a reputation for being kinky, but that can mean so many different things, depending on your tastes; navigating the scene isn't always easy. Whether you're into BDSM or looking for more situational fetishes, we've found the best spots for you to explore your desires.

FETISCH KLINIK BERLIN

Fetisch Klinik Berlin, open since September 2024, resides in an unassuming industrial area near Südkreuz. The clinic specialises in maximising how realistic the experience feels, and features an authentic hospital atmosphere. "Only a few details give away that it's not a real clinic," explains Dr. Eve. The range of 'examinations' available to guests ranges from routine check-ups and urological or proctological exams to full surgical simulations. The equipment on-site is extensive and also fully operational: dilators, urinary catheters, blood pressure monitors, ECGs, ultrasound machines, rectoscopes and patient monitoring systems are all available. Most of the 'medical' staff actually have professional healthcare backgrounds as former nurses and medical assistants, adding to the authenticity. Fetisch Klinik Berlin provides a safe, controlled space for guests who are searching for highly realistic medical roleplay.

**Wilhelm-Kabus-Str. 21-35,
Schöneberg-Tempelhof**

HIMMELSSCHWESTERN

Sex and couples therapists Ariane Mayer and Christina Hofmann, the duo behind Himmelsschwestern, have made it their mission to bring tantra and BDSM together. "The project grew out of a longing for spaces that barely existed at the time – spaces that were conscious,

safe, playful and deep all at once," they explain. Through multi-day retreats held in various locations, they create guided spaces where participants can explore mindfulness practices alongside kinky play. It's about curiosity, connection and pushing personal boundaries in a considered way. Their workshops are open to all relationship styles: singles, couples, queer people, anyone keen to explore desire, intimacy and edge play with awareness. For those interested in BDSM, Himmelsschwestern offers a particularly gentle introduction, thanks to their attentive facilitation and sensitive approach.

Various locations

AVARUS BERLIN

Right in the heart of Wedding, Avarus is one of Berlin's best-known swinger and lifestyle clubs. Step through the door and you're met with a sprawling mix of play spaces and spa zones: a sex swing, wall bars, a gynaecologist chair, generous lounge and play areas and plenty of options for tying up or suspending your partner. What really sets Avarus apart, though, is its wellness space. Thanks to a special filtration system, guests are able to fully indulge in the on-site pool. There's also a spacious Finnish sauna with regular infusions, and on Sundays, the steam bath turns into a chocolate-fuelled free-for-all. Let's just say you're not only encouraged to play with your food. But if hunger strikes, a buffet, complete with vegan options, is also included. Avarus mainly caters to couples and open-minded singles, and it has an extremely varied events calendar featuring group sex parties, nights for 18-35-year-olds and darkroom events that take place, quite literally, in complete darkness.

Seestraße 50, Wedding

DAS VERSTECK

Tucked away in an industrial estate in Britz, Das Versteck (The Hideout) is not the easiest place to find, but that's kind of the point. What makes it stand out from other kink venues? Total anonymity. You book your slot by email or phone and shortly before your entry time, you're sent a code to unlock the door. Payment is by the hour, regardless of how many people attend, plus a cleaning fee. Inside, there's a small kitchenette stocked with chilled drinks, and a narrow corridor leads to four



Avarus

Avarus Berlin

individually designed rooms, each kitted out with impressive attention to detail. After more than 17 years in operation, the collection of furniture and toys is extensive: St Andrew's crosses, sex machines, whips, restraints and just about every accessory you could imagine. "The space is for everyone. We get grandparents, your classic dominatrix, even politicians," says the owner. Das Versteck sees itself as a discreet retreat where anonymity, control and freedom take centre stage.

Gradestraße 123, Britz

KINBAKU E.V.

Japanese bondage, also known as shibari, comes from the word 'to tie' or 'to bind'. In Berlin, Osada Kinbaku Dojo e.V. has been dedicated to this traditional form of rope art since 2009. At training locations in Pankow, Kreuzberg and Neukölln, participants learn the basics of shibari in group sessions, workshops and one-on-one classes, starting with single- and double-column ties and

then progressing to more complex techniques. Alexander Esser, chairman of Kinbaku e.V., clarifies what the club is – and what it isn't. "You can dip your toe in or commit to learning over several years, building up your skills and knowledge. I'm often asked if we have sex here. No – we're a sports club. We train in comfortable athletic clothing." If you want to learn the art of shibari in a space that keeps things focused on technique rather than stimulation, this is your place.

Binzstraße 64, Pankow

CLUBSAUNA.BERLIN

clubsauna.berlin is a project headed up by Boiler Berlin. It positions itself in direct contrast to traditional men-only saunas. Operations manager Thomas Grafe says, "Boiler is a men-only sauna; with clubsauna, we wanted to create a space for everyone." Since January 2025, the subterranean venue has welcomed a mixed queer crowd keen on combining

sexual exploration with a sauna visit. The concept follows the cruising principle: you can, but you don't have to. Under warm, low lighting, you'll find seven steel cabins, private corners with darkroom elements and gloryholes, all situated alongside a proper sauna area, complete with a steam bath. The varied events programme adds another layer to the experience at clubsauna. The space caters to different communities hosting FLINTA* events, TIN* nights and even themed evenings like Bears and Otters or Puppy Sweat. And if you're not sold yet, if you're under 28, you get a discount!

Mehringdamm 32, Kreuzberg

FETISCHATELIER BERLIN

Fetischatelier Berlin in Lichtenberg is split into three themed rooms, each filled with carefully curated inventory and thoughtful details. The BDSM room features leather and latex outfits, bondage sacks, gas masks for breath play, a mechanical sex device and a cage. The darkroom includes a dungeon-style bench, heavy metal chains and a large wooden chest for all kinds of play. The clinic room is perfect for medical roleplay, complete with vintage medical tools. Owner Thomas Wilke also offers his experience as a play partner for dominant couples, women or trans folks. With professional setups and versatile spaces, Fetischatelier provides both seasoned players and curious newcomers a safe, creative environment to explore their fantasies.

Schöneicher Str. 18, Lichtenberg

CYBROTHEL BERLIN

Cybrothel, opened in 2021 by director Philipp Fussenegger, is Berlin's first immersive doll brothel. Visitors can book time slots for overnight stays or just a few hours online. The venue offers 23 lifelike sex dolls made from TPE, a soft, rubber-like material, each with a unique backstory. Guests can add customised outfits or extras, like VR headsets and sex toys. Entry is entirely contactless and anonymity is guaranteed throughout the visit, but guests can personalise their visits by selecting outfits or adding extras. There's also the option to book a 'voice queen': a person in a neighbouring room who audibly interacts with the guest live. Cybrothel is designed for anyone curious to explore a futuristic fusion of human and machine.

Husemannstraße 21, Pankow