

Berlin's Markets

When the sun's out, Berlin's markets beckon. In Prenzlauer Berg, **Ökomarkt Kollwitzplatz** (Thurs 12pm–7pm, Sat 9am–4pm) has stalls piled high with locally sourced, organic produce from wholemeal breads to cheese and flowers. True bargains are as rare as the yeti, but it's still fun to potter around the **flea market** along Strasse des 17 Juni (Sat and Sun 11am–5pm) for collectables and crafts from fancy hats to gramophones. Kreuzberg's canalside **Turkish Market** along Maybachufer (Tues and Fri 12pm–6:30pm) always tempts me with its garlicky olives, spices, and glossy eggplants. Pause to munch on a kebab between purchases.

coffees are roasted from Arabica beans to achieve an irresistible aroma. **Lotte-Lenya-Bogen 555**. ☎ 0172-625-61-59. No credit cards. S-Bahn: Zoologischer Garten. Map p 85.

★★ **Spazio Feinkost** KREUZBERG Planning a picnic in Viktoriapark? Fill your basket with Italian hams, cheeses, crostini, salami, olives, and a bottle of sparkling Prosecco wine at this cheery deli. **Kreuzbergstrasse 15**. ☎ 030-81-82-87-50. No credit cards. U-Bahn: Mehringdamm. Map p 86.

★ **Teeladen** MITTE Sniff out the herbal infusions at this hole-in-the-wall tea shop in the Nikolaiviertel. Fine brews sold by the gram range from elderflower to lychee, caramel, and pink grapefruit. **Propststrasse 3**. ☎ 030-242-32-55. AE, DC, MC, V. U-Bahn: Klosterstrasse. Map p 86.

Gifts

★ **Erzgebirgshaus** MITTE It's forever Christmas at this traditional store selling hand-carved

wooden decorations from the Erzgebirge, in Saxony. Pick up nutcrackers, incense-smoking carved figures, and candelabras. **Friedrichstrasse 194-199**. ☎ 030-20-45-09-77. AE, MC, V. U-Bahn: Stadtmitte. Map p 86.

★★★ **Koko von Knebel** CHARLOTTENBURG An eccentric doggy world for pampered pooches.

Designer Udo Waltz has created a line of canine clothing including gem-encrusted collars (from punk to Playboy bunny), combat outfits, raincoats, and even lingerie. It's barking mad.

Uhlandstrasse 181. ☎ 0431-99-70-868. AE, MC, V. U-Bahn: Uhlandstrasse. Map p 85.

★★ **Kwik Shop** PRENZLAUER BERG Ring the bicycle bell at this quirky kiosk, where the enterprising owners have

trawled the world for must-have



Antiques and bric-a-brac at the weekend flea market on Strasse des 17 Juni.

oddities such as Breton mussel baskets, glam Wellington boots, and sausage-dog doorstops. **Kastanienallee 44**. ☎ 030-41-99-71-50. MC, V. U-Bahn: Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz. Map p 86.

★ **Kids Serendipity** MITTE This frilly, powder-pink boutique is like a girl's bedroom. The shelves are lined with cherubs and heart-shaped cushions, flowery fragrances, and silver-plated photo frames for sweethearts. **Hackesche Höfe**. ☎ 030-24-34-24-14. AE, MC, V. S-Bahn: Hackescher Markt. Map p 86.

Jewelry & Accessories

Bijou CHARLOTTENBURG Bijou's unique and affordable jewelry includes pearl, coral, lava, and Venetian Murano glass creations. **Giesebrechtstrasse 18**. ☎ 030-31-01-49-08. No credit cards. U-Bahn: Adenauer Platz. Map p 85.

Buckles & Belts MITTE This glam store turns buckles and leather belts into an art form. The mind-boggling style range stretches from classic to cow-print. **Alte Schopenhauerstrasse 14**. ☎ 030-28-09-30-70. AE, DC, MC, V. U-Bahn: Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz. Map p 86.

★★★ **Gallery Schroll** CHARLOTTENBURG Twinkle, twinkle... this girly boudoir is marvelously over-the-top. Bling includes tiaras, vintage beads, spangly brooches, and pearls the size of plums. Out back are original works by German artist Elvira Bach. **Bleibtreustrasse 48**. ☎ 030-882-40-48. AE, MC, V. S-Bahn: Savignyplatz. Map p 85.

★ **Glanzstücke** MITTE Bejeweled evening bags, feather boas, and Art Deco dragonfly brooches—this Hackesche Höfe boutique glitters with 20th-century costume jewelry for well-dressed divas. **Hackesche Höfe**. ☎ 030-208-26-76. AE,



Vintage costume jewelry sparkles at Gallery Schroll.

MC, V. S-Bahn: Hackescher Markt. Map p 86.

Perlin MITTE Beady-eyed shoppers come here for strings of pearls and beads in kaleidoscope shades. Feeling creative? Pick and mix your own. **Rosenthaler Strasse 40-41**. ☎ 0170-489-33-33. MC, V. S-Bahn: Hackescher Markt. Map p 86.

Music & Gadgets

★ **Apple Center M&M: Trading!** CHARLOTTENBURG Check out this spacey store for the latest Apple gadgets including iPods and MacBooks. **Bismarckstrasse 5**. ☎ 030-31-59-13-20. MC, V. U-Bahn: Ernst-Reuter-Platz. Map p 85.

Da Capo PRENZLAUER BERG This musty record store has an eclectic mix of vinyl. Flick through rock, reggae grooves, jazz, classical, and GDR labels. The interior is a flashback to the swinging sixties. **Kastanienallee 96**. ☎ 030-448-17-71. No credit cards. U-Bahn: Eberswalder Strasse. Map p 86.

Dussmann MITTE Open till midnight, this megastore is packed with CDs and books covering the entire musical spectrum; from jazz to classical, hip-hop, and *schlager* (German