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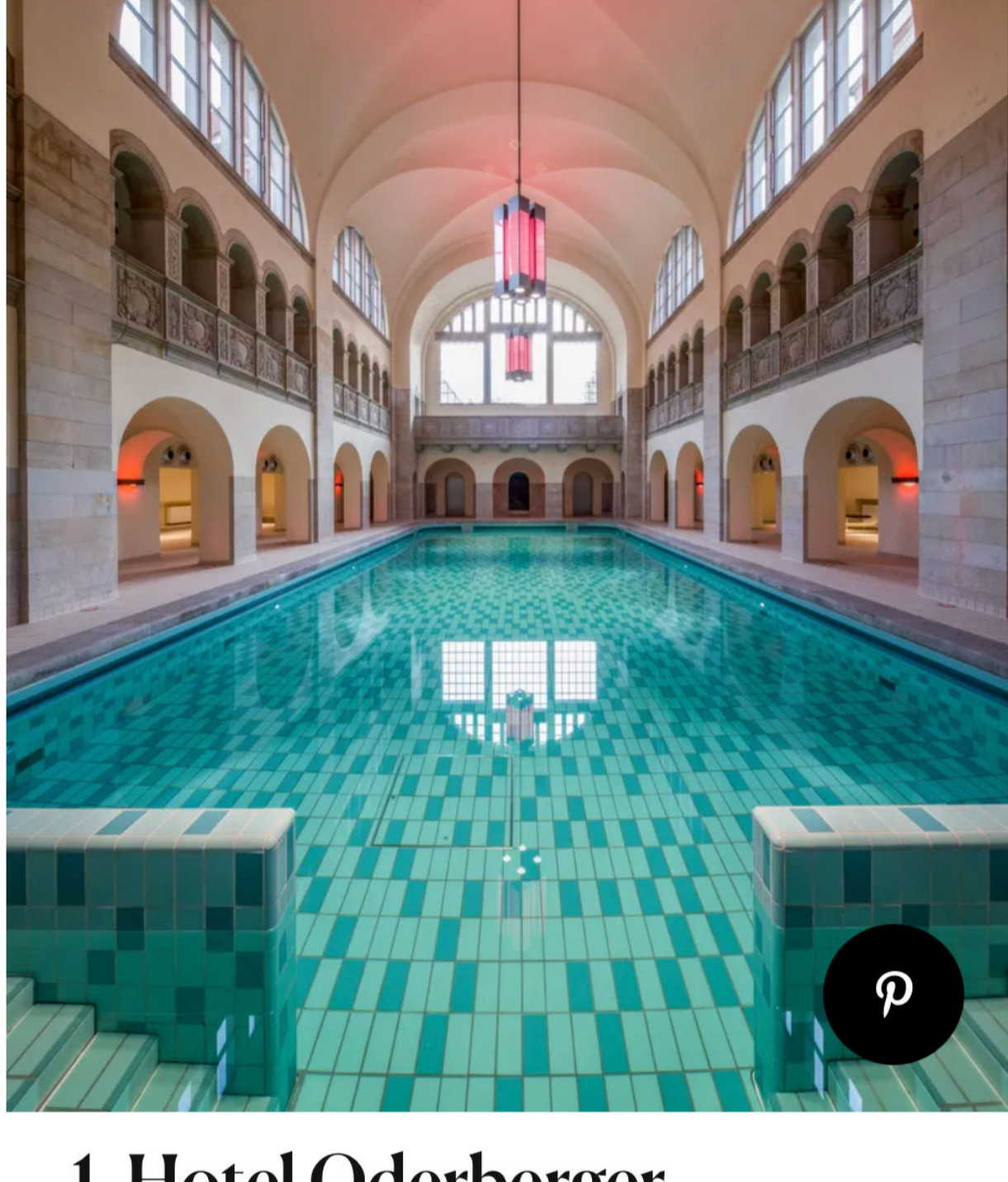
The best hotels in Berlin

The smartest places to stay in Germany's capital city

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Three decades after the wall came down, **Berlin** remains a city in constant flux, where the past and present intertwine in wildly innovative ways. A booming capital brimming with youthful energy and creative ideas, it is reinventing itself brick by brick – and nowhere is this more evident than its dynamic **hotel** scene. New life has been breathed into landmark properties and dilapidated buildings have been rescued and refashioned into chic boutique stays. Luxe global brands such as Rocco Forte and trendy independent chains such as Sir Hotels arrived on the scene, joining timeless classics that have stood for the past century. From the splashy west to the grittier east, choices in every style and at every price point span the **city**. Here are the 10 best hotels in Berlin that are open for check in now.



1. Hotel Oderberger

Best Berlin hotel for: architecture buffs

Pergamon Museum architect Ludwig Hoffmann designed this palatial public bathhouse in 1898, and the building's grand spaces and marvellous historical elements were preserved in its conversion to a boutique hotel. The centrepiece is the original 65ft-long heated indoor **pool**, set beneath a towering vaulted ceiling and framed by enormous windows and dramatic stone arches. Equally striking, the tri-level restaurant, housed in the former boiler room, retains its 50ft ceilings, brick walls, steel girders and old pressure valves. Chic, neutral rooms come in a variety of layouts, with the most impressive being the top-floor apartments with floor-to-ceiling windows, kitchens and balconies overlooking the charming Prenzlauer Berg district.

Address: Hotel Oderberger, Oderberger Str. 57, Berlin 10435, Germany

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Price: Doubles from about £107