

Message

from the Governing Mayor of Berlin, Kai Wegner,
for festival media for the 21st Festival of Lights (2025) with the motto “Let’s shine together!”
from 8 to 15 October 2025

The Festival of Lights is both an art experience and a feast for the eyes. At the same time, each event carries a wider message, which is encapsulated in the motto for the year. This year, the motto is “Let’s shine together!” It represents a call for solidarity, togetherness, and community.

During the Festival of Lights, our city and its landmarks truly shine in a new light. Our familiar surroundings appear transformed and we see them from an unusual perspective. As a result, we rediscover Berlin and experience it in a new way.

Berlin is a diverse city. In fact, diversity is the hallmark of Berlin today – something that is evident in our architecture as well. Buildings from different eras and in different styles make up our city’s fabric: historic and modern buildings, secular and sacred structures. With their lights, their radiance, and their sparkle, the festival illuminations highlight this architectonic diversity even more.

The illuminations turn the city itself into a work of art. Through their creativity, the artists combine reality with space for imagination. The Festival of Lights invites our city’s residents and visitors alike to get inspired by the spectacular, colorful visions it offers!



Kai Wegner
Governing Mayor of Berlin