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Best of Berlin this month

Strip in style

Shed those inhibitions - along with everything else: burlesque is back in town. Just pull out that sexy lingerie, slip on those dainty high heels and head down to the Schönheitstanz Berlin Studio of erotic dance. Here, the fabulous and fabulously sexy Lady Lou will help you channel your inner Gypsy Rose Lee. Trained in classic burlesque dancing, the New Zealander has been performing for over seven years. Now she shares her knowledge and passion with punters here in Berlin - a casual crowd that mainly consists of 30 and 40-something German professionals. Schönheitstanz Berlin is the only studio in the country that specializes in all forms of exotic dancing including pole, lap and strip tease. Its girly pink interior provides a safe and comforting environment in which to release any remaining prudishness. No matter what the incentive - trying something new, getting fit, feeling sexy or sprucing up your love life - one thing is for sure: you'll leave the class seductive as never before. /MCK

Schönheitstanz Berlin Studio, Charitéstr. 4, Mitte, S-Bhf Friedrichstr., Tel 889 44 835, Mon 16:30-18:30 and Wed 4:30-16:30, courses are held only once a month, twice for two hours on Sat and Sun, www.schoenheitstanz.de



Deluxe fashion tour

If you don't have a stylish, cultured friend to take you shopping in Berlin's most avant-garde designer boutiques and you are too lazy, inexperienced or new in town to know where to start, then your worries are over. GoArt!, a local agency founded by the art critics and curators Miriam Bers and Stefano Gualdi, offers just the expert advice you're looking for. Their diverse services include customized guided fashion tours (you can choose the language, the number of hours etc) through the fascinating world of Berlin designers. A young specialist (often a fashion student) will lead you through Mitte's trendiest streets, mostly around Weinmeisterstr. underground station, to those up-and-coming Berlin labels everyone talks about - from Starstyling and Bo Van Melskens, to Bless, Van Reimersdahl and many more. In the course of your travels, you will get to hear some pretty interesting stories about their previous lives and present achievements. You can either choose to have your own private tour, specially tailored to your taste (from €79 an hour), or share the experience with a couple strangers in the public tour on Saturday afternoons for a more affordable €15 an hour. /VC

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