

# My Berlin

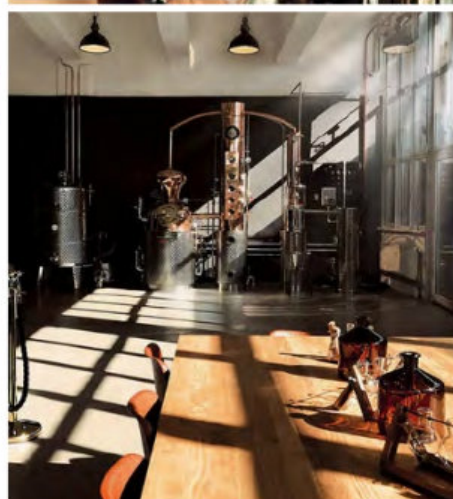


**TIM MÜLLER**

[FOUNDER, DSM]

A true connoisseur of all things boozy, Tim opened the doors of his new distillery, Deutsche Spirituosen Manufaktur, just last year in Berlin's eastern Marzahn district. Crafted there in small batches are potent and aromatic spirits for sipping neat or to add flavor notes to cocktails, including an array of citrus varieties from Sicily and Mallorca, Bavarian spruce buds, or Ethiopian coffee bean. Cheers!

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## How did you get the idea to found your own distillery?

A few years ago, my interest in wine led me to take a number of courses at the South African Wine Academy. I learned, for example, how the local brandy is produced, and became aware of the great diversity of our own culture of liquors and spirits.

## What made you choose Berlin as your location?

I love Berlin. It has an incredible magnetic pull on me. And it has a rich history in the production of spirits that is ripe for revival. The cherry on the cake is the city's totally fantastic bar scene.

## Where do you get the inspiration for the many flavor varieties of your schnapps and liquors?

It often comes totally spontaneously, for example while taking in the amazing smells on a hike in the mountains of the South African Cape, at a Berlin market stand, or simply from memories of a flavor experience from childhood. Another driving force is our aim to do away with the fusty image that schnapps and spirits have acquired.

## What flavor varieties would you recommend for someone new to your

## liquors? And which is your personal favorite?

Tastes can go in all sorts of directions and with more than 70 different varieties, we surely have something for everyone. Blood orange, red beet, coffee, ginger, chocolate mint, and lavender blossom are just a few examples of what beginners should try, depending on their preferences. My personal favorites are hazelnut, coriander, cardamom, sage, porcini mushroom, and the Apotheker's Weihnachtsgestirb blend.

## What are some favorite local bars for a good drink?

There are far too many to count, for I'm very open with my predilection for bars. A night out can begin in Mitte at a very elegant and exclusive hotel bar and end at a small, hidden spot in Kreuzberg or Neukölln.

## When you have friends or family come to visit, where do you go to show them "your" Berlin?

Early in the morning, when the rest of Berlin is

still asleep, we'd start with a stroll along Mauerpark. Then coffee and a visit to the boutiques along Kastanienallee, towards Torstraße, then on rental bikes to the Brandenburg Gate and Siegessäule. To replenish, a stop at Dolores for burritos.

## Imagine it's a beautiful day out and you have the whole day free. What would your perfect Berlin day look like?

After a workout and sauna in the early morning hours, I would enjoy the sunshine with a delicious breakfast on the rooftop terrace at Soho House.

Then I would get my bike and discover new corners of this endless city. Take a break beside one of the city's lakes with a book, or hop in for a quick dip. On the way home I'd pick up some things for a great dinner, which I'd prepare at home together with my friends. **W**



**Clockwise from top left:** Some of the distillery's creations; Tim Müller; the distillery's interior; bike riding; burritos.