

Berlin's new airport finally opens

Despite nine years' delay, budget overruns and a global pandemic, it is hoped Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER) – conceived to celebrate reunified Germany's capital – will become an international hub

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AIRPORT

■ Also known as **Willy Brandt** airport after former West German chancellor

■ Began construction in 2006, but missed six opening dates due to design fiascos and scandals

■ **Cost:** Shot up from original budget of €2.7b to almost €6bn

■ **BER** will replace Berlin's two Cold War-era airports – **Tegel (TXL)**, due to close on Nov 8, and **Schoenefeld (SFX)**, which has been integrated into the new build

■ **BER** aims to welcome 36m passengers – Tegel and Schoenefeld's combined traffic in 2019 – but not until 2024, due to ongoing pandemic

■ Airport to open two terminals – **T1**, and SFX's old facilities, **T5**. **T2** will not open until 2021



Tegel (TXL)

5km
3 miles

B E R L I N

Former
Berlin Wall

BER is adjacent to Schoenefeld (SXF)

B96a

North runway: 3,600m

Tower

T5

T2

T1

South runway: 4,000m

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