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ESPRESSO WITH A WORLD CHAMPION

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Nowadays there's a championship for almost anything. One can become a World Champion in disciplines that no one would have even thought of 20 years ago. In Sudoku, for instance, in bungee jumping, or hot dog barbequeing. To each their own, I suppose... Apparently there's also a world championship in espresso-making. Otherwise, how could Arno Schmeil, the owner of Double Eye, have become World Champion twice in this discipline? Be that as it may, even without a certified competence pass, his café in Schöneberg delivers.

The coffee beans are roasted by the chef himself. You can also buy them packaged and try to make a similarly good espresso at home. Personally, I'd skip that. For me, part of enjoying a coffee is always also the café. And in this case, that's a proper little place with attention to detail. Inside, there are a dozen standing places, which makes me think immediately of Italy, where it's the custom to take a quick espresso break standing at the bar. The interior is kept simple; any baroque décor is avoided. On the sidewalk outside, curved benches can seat another dozen customers.

You can choose between a mild and a strong espresso (the strong one is not recommended if you have a weak heart), and sinful little treats like croissants or Pastéis de Nata go nicely with it. The espresso costs one Euro (which also makes one think of Italy), the croissant as well. The customers are a mixed crowd, as is generally the case in Schöneberg.

The adjacent streets are equally inviting. The triangle between Grunewaldstraße, Hauptstraße and Eisenacher Straße is great for a stroll, and then it's nice to walk up Goltzstraße all the way to Winterfeldplatz.

☞ Not far from here, on Langenscheidtstraße, there's a bridge across the S-train tracks. In the evening, I recommend sitting there with your legs dangling, drinking beer and soaking up the urban romantic flair.



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