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The KJOSK project is our little special candy within our roster.

In summer 2011 Rosmarie Koeckenberger bought an old roadworthy double-decker bus which used to be a public bus in Berlin around 1960. After some years of absence from Berlin the bus was brought back to a fallow land in the centre of Berlin Kreuzberg. Re-furnished with an affectionate interior design the former public transport vehicle was turned into a corner shop with a cosy coffee shop on the first floor. Already shortly after its opening the KJOSK became a vivid and highly admitted place in Berlin.

Besides the regular daily business of a corner shop Rosmarie established a wide cultural programme hosted in her beautiful garden surrounding the bus. Concerts, flea markets, food events and cinema nights attracted the crowd and the press. Blogs, newspapers and TV interviews helped to spread the word about this new venue which has an outstanding character since then.

After her first summer the project began to travel through Berlin and was also invited to some temporary events like the Bread & Butter Tradeshow Berlin or the Fusion Festival in Laerz. Nowadays the bus opens its doors right next to the river Spree within a beautiful backyard and is ready to conquer new destinations.

As the bus is fully equipped with the infrastructure of a coffee shop, being able to serve drinks and food and to host its guests in a relaxed atmosphere on the first floor. The option of temporary rentals is attracting many event makers, festivals and brands. The bus can be booked with its colourful inventory pending on your desires or as an empty space to be filled with your ideas.

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Facts and implementation

The KJOSK bus can be booked with its full and colourful inventory. The 'standard' goods are carefully selected products including gourmets brands for beverages and food, alongside with candies, fresh pastry and things for the everyday use.

Pending on the event and target group the assortment can be adjusted or also completely individualized. If desired, the bus can also be rented as an empty space and modified into an unique microcosms reflecting your events character or fulfilling practical other things than being a shop unit. Wherever and however you place the bus, it will create a relaxed atmosphere attracting your audience to step into a world of cosiness.

The white bus was build in 1965 and is fully operational.

The dimensions are 11m x 2,50m x 4m (LxWxH).

Its allowable total weight is 12 tons (empty weight 9t).

The first floor offers 30 seats and tables.

The bus is equipped with a professional coffee machine, a dishwasher, several freezers, a deep freezer and a full inventory of kitchenware.

A qualified service team can also be booked, if desired.

The event venue should supply water and electricity (32 A).

Sanitary facilities are not integrated within the bus.

The translocation of the bus can be done within approx. one day (depending on the driving distance).

Rosmarie Koeckenberger

Rosmarie's background reflects the colourful und vivid character of her KJOSK bus.

Back in 2004 she initiated the L32 association. Located in an old warehouse in Berlin Neukoelln the association connected creative living with cultural activities and events. The institution became famous within Berlin's underground art scene. This expertise initiated several projects for alternative living concepts commissioned through real estate companies.

Simultaneously she finished her education as childcare worker, which characterizes many of her projects in which she combines cultural initiatives with childcare concepts.

From 2005 to 2008 she owned and managed the 'Flamingo Beach Lotel'. Also located within an empty house in Berlin Neukoelln she commissioned several international artist to design individual rooms for this unique hotel. The Lotel gained international reputation and success.

Rosmarie herself is an institution within Berlin's scene. She is a multi-tasked powerful player always working on several ideas at the same time. Her projects are ranging from marketing concepts to project management for small events and major trade fairs. No matter what she is working on, you will always find her little special twist within it.

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