

List of guided tours for the Open-Air Exhibition

“Peaceful Revolution 1989/90” - 7 May to 14 November 2009

Tours for school groups

Escape

Primary school children aged from 9 to 12 learn why people left their home country. What were they unhappy about? What did they protest against? What were the circumstances that brought about the fall of the Wall and the reunification of Germany?

Prior reservation necessary, 60 minutes, 9-12 years, € 30

The tour can be combined with a creative workshop.

Registration at Infoline: tel. +49 (0)30 247 49-888

Protest

What was life like for young people in the GDR? In 1989 they increasingly rejected the constraints put on them by the state. How did they do it? Secondary school children aged from 13 to 16 can examine and learn about the youth protest movements, their aims and achievements.

Prior reservation necessary, 60 minutes, 13-16 years, € 30

The tour can be combined with a creative workshop

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Freedom

How did demand relate to reality under real socialism in the GDR? Why did the citizens of the GDR overthrow the SED and force the disclosure of Stasi files? Why did they vote for the fastest route to unity? School pupils aged from 16 to 19 can learn from the people who initiated and took part in the Peaceful Revolution, and examine and learn about its causes, aims and achievements.

Prior reservation necessary, 60 minutes, 16-19 years, € 30

The tour can be combined with a creative or history workshop.

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Group tours for adults

We are the people

“The GDR was never so beautiful!” Transfigurations and clichés from the period when Germany was divided are revealed and analysed. In this tour the protagonists of the Peaceful Revolution, their aims and achievements are presented.

Theme tours for adults last 60 minutes, audio headsets are provided if necessary.

Cost: € 50 for 15 participants; € 60 for 30 participants

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Press information

Germany and Europe

The Peaceful Revolution in Germany would not have been possible without developments in Poland and in the other Eastern-Central European countries. Courageous people stood up to dictatorship and achieved something that no one would have thought possible 44 years after the end of the Second World War: the reunification of Germany and an end to the division of Europe.

Theme tours covering these historical events for foreign visitors are provided in the following languages: English, Italian, French, Spanish, Polish, Hungarian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Turkish and Russian.

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Public guided visits

Every Saturday at 1 p.m. protagonists and contemporary witnesses of the Peaceful Revolution guide through the exhibition and inform from their perspective of experienced history.

The public guided visits cost € 5 per person.

Tours take place every Saturday at 1 p.m. and require a minimum of 5 and consist of a maximum of 15 participants.

Prior reservation is not necessary.

Family offers

Discovery bag

Parents and children can find out about the topics and background of the exhibition on their own using a bag containing fun and educational materials and a guide book. The bag can be rented for a minimal fee at the shop.

“Museum School for Grandparents”

Senior citizens who want to refresh their memories and brush up on their knowledge of the period can attend the “Museum School for Grandparents”. They can then visit the exhibition with their grandchildren and recount an important chapter of their own lives in a fun and informative way, with the help of some inspiring perception games.

Prior reservation necessary, 90 minutes, max. 15 people, € 50

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Holiday Programme

During the school holidays and on bank holiday weekends (Whitsunday, Ascension Day and national holiday) we will provide holiday programmes lasting several days, which will include a visit to the exhibition, creative or historical workshops, excursions and films. Children who are interested in history and politics can learn more about the subject and will be encouraged to ask questions.

Press information

Holiday programmes will be available as follows:

22.5. – 23.5.2009, age group: 13-16 years, start 11 a.m.

30.5. – 31.5.2009, age group: 13-16 years, start 11 a.m.

20.7. – 22.7.2009, age group: 9-12 years, start 10.15 a.m.

27.7. – 29.7.2009, age group: 13-16 years, start 12.15 p.m.

17.8. – 19.8.2009, age group: 9-12 years, start 10.15 a.m.

24.8. – 26.8.2009, age group: 13-16 years, start 12.15 p.m.

Duration: 2 to 3 days (4 hours per day), Cost: 2 days (4 hours per day): € 30

3 days (4 hours per day): € 40

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Workshops for school groups

Subsequent to a tour, school groups can take part in either a creative workshop (recommended for age groups 9 to 19 years) or a historical workshop (recommended for age groups 16 to 19 years). The creative workshop deals with the design of giant dominos that will be set up in a row then knocked down at the Festival of Freedom (November 9th 2009) at the Brandenburg Gate. In the historical workshop, selected Stasi files, kept in the Archive Inventory Department of the Office of the Federal Commissioner will be examined, analysed and evaluated using historical source study methods.

Creative workshop: 60 minutes, 9-19 years, max. 30 participants, € 30

Historical workshop: 60 minutes, 16-19 years, max. 30 participants, € 30

Workshops can only be booked in combination with a school group tour!

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City tours

Urban redevelopment and changes after the Peaceful Revolution

How did life go on? These city walks concentrate primarily on the rapid development of urban architecture and changes to life after the fall of the Wall. The tours take you to places that reveal the architectural history of the GDR and the transformation of Berlin. These city tours can be combined with tours of the "Peaceful Revolution" exhibition and its associated workshops.

The Wall – A tour of the major construction projects carried out since the fall of the Wall.

With the fall of the Wall in 1989, Berlin, as the reunified capital of Germany, gained a vast piece of waste land right in the middle of the city, giving it a unique opportunity to redevelop a new centre of infrastructure, business and government. You'll see some of Berlin's most impressive contemporary architecture here and plenty of background information on the development of these buildings is provided. Sights visited include Potsdamer Platz, the Debis Areal and Sony Center, the Holocaust Memorial, Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag and the new government district. The tour finishes at either Lehrter Bahnhof, the main railway station completed in 2005 by GMP, or at the Hamburger Bahnhof Contemporary Art Museum.

Prior reservation necessary, 120 minutes: school groups € 100 / groups € 154,

180 minutes: school groups € 150 / groups € 231

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Berlin Mitte – A tour, rich in variety, through the newly-developed Mitte district of the reunified city

This tour starts at Checkpoint Charlie, crosses the Gendarmenmarkt passing the Temporäre Kunsthalle, and finishes at Alexanderplatz. We'll look at architecture from the time when Berlin was divided into East and West and at recent urban redevelopments in the context of the historic cityscape. Further stops include Friedrichstrasse and the Friedrichspassage, the Foreign Office and the townhouses at Friedrichswerder. The tour can be complemented with a short detour taking us into the Nikolaiviertel, an example of how historic architecture can be combined with prefabricated construction techniques.

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Guided tour: Modern Residential Architecture

A walk through hidden courtyards and narrow streets

Many new houses have been built in the so-called 'Scheunenviertel' (barn quarter) in Berlin's Spandauer Vorstadt district. Our walk starts in Auguststrasse and continues through hidden courtyards, such as the Sophie-Gips courtyards and Häckische Höfe, passing examples of innovative modern residential architecture on the way. We'll look at buildings designed by various architects, including Jörg Ebers, Hoyer and Schindele, Abaricus & Burns and Baumeister Dietzsch Architekten. The Museum Island, 'Temporäre Kunsthalle', new townhouses in Friedrichswerder and Schlossplatz are also en route. We conclude the tour with a brief talk on current developments in these areas.

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