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DDR

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EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

A HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE OF HISTORY



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The exhibition invites visitors to learn about everyday and political life in the GDR and to expand their knowledge in an entertaining way. Prior knowledge of GDR history is not required. Authentic exhibits and numerous interactive and unique multimedia installations characterise the exhibition.

The museum's motto, »A Hands-On Experience of History«, is taken literally: visitors not only look at display cases, but also actively participate in the exhibition. Designed for interactive engagement, visitors are encouraged to touch objects, use items, open flaps, and access drawers. There is something to discover, touch and experience everywhere on this exciting journey through time into the socialist past.

ADMISSION PRICES

School groups per person (from 10 people)	5.00 €
One teacher free entry per 10 students	otherwise 5.00 €
Adult groups per person (from 10 people)	8.00 €

The museum's exhibition is interactive: modern technology such as multilingual multi-touch screen applications, motion sensors and a Trabant driving simulator convey history in a playful way. Many of the installations can only be seen at the DDR Museum.

A unique experience is offered by the true-to-the-original furnished prefabricated concrete apartment, which can be entered via a lift simulation. You can move freely in the children's room, the bedroom, the living room, the kitchen and the bathroom. You can open cupboards, sit on the living room sofa and watch the East or West German television programme from 1983.

FACTS & FIGURES


- › More than 100,000 impressed students annually.
- › Over 95 percent of all teachers say they plan to come again.
- › Over 85 percent of teachers found that their pupils concentrated better in our exhibition compared to other museums.

REVIEWS


»At first I had my doubts about going to an exhibition about the everyday life in the former GDR, but this museum was so interesting! The way all information is delivered makes the experience interactive, and not boring at all. You certainly understand how people lived at that time in history. Draw your own conclusions, however visit, it's a good story. All schools / young people should visit this museum.«

 Gillian, Manchester

»A colleague recommended me the DDR Museum when I visit Berlin with my students. So I decided to give it a try. All of my students really enjoyed it and the tour was very exciting!«

 Peter, Amsterdam

»The DDR Museum fit in perfectly with our project about German history in school. My students were able to experience the time of a bygone state in a way, that they were never able before in other museums. If you don't know much about this time period, you'll learn a lot in a fun way.«

 Robert, Tacom

»Our class was very fortunate to speak with one of the museum's contemporary witnesses. It was a great experience to hear about history from someone who really lived it! She answered all of our questions and my pupils learned more than any book could teach.«

 Maurice, Lyon



MUSEUM TOURS

INTRODUCTION

Here, experienced guides give visitors a brief insight into the most important topics related to everyday life in the GDR, from »work« to »economy«.

60 Min German	55.00 €
60 Min other languages	60.00 €

OVERVIEW TOUR

In addition to an overview, the tour offers the opportunity to deepen individual subjects such as »public life«, »party and state« or »life in a tower block building«.

90 Min German	80.00 €
90 Min other languages	85.00 €

IN-DEPTH TOUR

During this tour, numerous topics of the permanent exhibition are explained and illustrated in detail to the visitors. The group can set individual priorities.

120 Min German	100.00 €
120 Min other languages	105.00 €

All tour prices are valid for up to 15 people. Larger groups will be divided amongst multiple guides, who will conduct simultaneous tours.



MUSEUM AND SURROUNDINGS

PARTY AND STATE

The DDR Museum is located in the former centre of East German power. A one-hour museum tour is followed by a further hour visiting the site of the former Palace of the Republic, the State Council Building and the Headquarters of the Socialist Unity Party.

120 Min German	100.00 €
120 Min other languages	105.00 €

KARL-MARX-ALLEE

A one-hour tour of the DDR Museum is followed by a two-hour tour of East Germany's most prestigious boulevard. Designed to embody the victory of Socialism, the Stalin-era flats actually provided the starting point of the worker's uprising on June 17, 1953.

180 Min German	140.00 €
180 Min other languages	145.00 €

We offer tours and in the following languages: Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Swedish.

CITY TOURS

THE BERLIN WALL

During a two-hour tour the group will explore the former death strip between West and East Berlin between Eberswalder Straße and Bernauer Straße.

120 Min German	105.00 €
120 Min other languages	110.00 €

OPPOSITION IN THE GDR

This tour leads through Prenzlauer Berg and shows what kinds of oppositions existed, for example those of artists, intellectuals, punks and members of the church. This resistance eventually led to the Peaceful Revolution in the 1980s.

120 Min German	105.00 €
120 Min other languages	110.00 €

EVERYDAY LIFE IN THE CAPITAL

This tour shows everyday life in the GDR capital and takes the group to authentic places such as the Marienkirche, the TV Tower, the Centrum Warenhaus on Alexanderplatz, the Red Town Hall, the Nikolaiviertel district and the former Palace of the Republic.

120 Min German	105.00 €
120 Min other languages	110.00 €

BERLIN-MITTE [LONG TOUR]

This four-hour tour through the centre of Berlin takes visitors to Unter den Linden boulevard, the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe and other locations significant to the history of Berlin in the twentieth century.

240 Min German	200.00 €
240 Min other languages	210.00 €

BERLIN-MITTE [SHORT TOUR]

A two-hour tour guides you through central Berlin. An individual focus chosen by the group is possible.

120 Min German/other languages	upon request
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DDR MUSEUM QUIZ

The museum's quizzes enable teachers to test what their students learned in the DDR Museum. Available free of charge in two levels of difficulty, the sheets can be downloaded or obtained at the visitor counter in the museum. The answer sheets can be obtained directly from the ticket office or by email at: groups@ddr-museum.de



www.ddr-museum.de/en/teachers

GDR-GAME



The GDR-Game has become a bestseller over the past years. Posing 162 questions (answers included) about life in the former German Democratic Republic, this game reveals some of the more unfamiliar aspects of life in a bygone state.

Suitable for beginners and experts alike, the game can be played alone or in a group. Do you know what a »Broiler« is or whether drivers were allowed to overtake on East German motorways? This game is a fun approach to many interesting subjects.

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WALL-QUIZ



From today's perspective, an impassable border dividing Berlin is barely conceivable. Separating families and friends and holding Berliners prisoner for over 28 years, at least 140 people died at the Berlin Wall. A whole nation celebrated its fall on November 9, 1989.

With the Wall itself slowly fading into history after more than 30 years, this game seeks to teach interesting and important historical facts in a playful, yet educative way.

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TALKS WITH CONTEMPORARY WITNESSES

Talks with contemporary witnesses of the GDR offer a first-hand account of everyday life in East Germany. Audiences can ask questions and gain a vivid appreciation of the special quality of life in East Germany. We provide witnesses to speak on almost any aspect of life in the GDR including everyday life, school life, work, oppositional activities and imprisonment by the Stasi.

60 Min German	60,- €
60 Min other languages	80,- €
90 Min German	85,- €
90 Min other languages	105,- €

The languages in which we offer our eyewitness talks are German, English and French. Other languages on request.



CONFERENCE ROOM FOR CLASS WORK

Our conference room in immediate proximity to the DDR Museum enables groups to prepare for a visit to the museum or to focus on details of what they just have learned. With up-to-date facilities, teachers can organise lessons, discussions, workshops, seminars and film screenings. We also provide academic speakers and talks with contemporary witnesses, who experienced the GDR at first hand. Our library is well-stocked with a wide range of films and books focusing on different aspects of the GDR and the division of Germany.

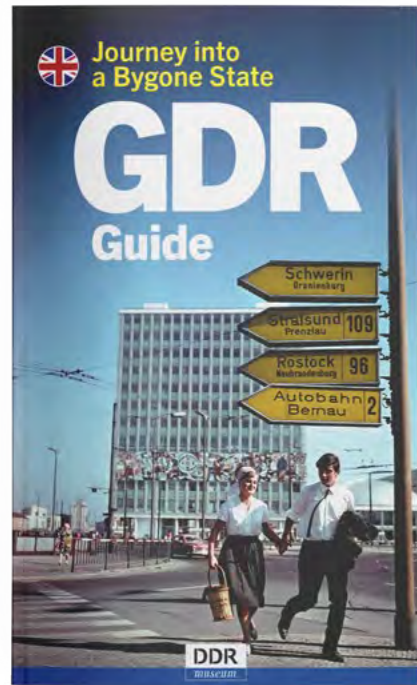
FACTS & FIGURES

- › capacity for up to 100 people seated in rows
- › capacity for up to 38 people seated in a semi-circle
- › presentation and PA equipment
- › lectern and flipchart
- › library and media centre



DR. STEFAN WOLLE

born in Halle/Saale in 1950, studied history at the Humboldt University in Berlin. Scientific director of the DDR Museum, from 2006 to 2024. His numerous specialist books are among the most widely read on the subject.



GDR GUIDE

Revised edition to mark the 35th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Peaceful Revolution

Dr. Stefan Wolle, Sören Marotz

DDR Museum Verlag
Illustrated/non-fiction
12.5 x 21 cm | 244 Pages
Softcover with flaps
full colour
12.50 Euro
ISBN 978-3-939801-57-3

Since its opening in 2006, the DDR Museum in the heart of Berlin has taken a special path. The exhibition tells of the realities of the lives of the people who lived in this country. It does so without glorifying or demonising. This book also attempts to do the same. It strives to be more than a museum catalogue, a kind of guide through the labyrinth of conflicting memories. It presents the current state of research and public debate on the GDR in an accessible form and offers food for thought for further examination of the past and the future of our society. Divided into ten thematic areas, the book describes the various aspects of life in the GDR in short, concise and richly illustrated articles. 21 »special objects« from the permanent exhibition are presented and form a red thread through the exhibition of the DDR Museum.

The publication is ideal for those preparing to visit Berlin, as well as for visitors wishing to deepen their knowledge after a tour of the exhibition.

GDR DAILY LIFE IN 200 OBJECTS



Objects of everyday life and consumption had a higher value in GDR society than today. They were used for a long time and repaired more often—the GDR was a kind of »hoarding society«. In part, the material heritage of the SED state enjoys an almost cult-like veneration today. The objects presented here reveal a cross-section of 40 years of everyday life in the GDR. There is a story behind each of these everyday objects.

The sometimes-inconspicuous exhibits—from the K109 coffee machine to the refrigerator to the mantelpiece clock—provide an insight into the everyday life of the people of the vanished state. In this book, we bring the past into the present. Detailed photographs by Thorsten Heideck and Adrian Serini and texts written by historian and GDR expert Dr Stefan Wolle offer a broad spectrum of life in the GDR.

Dr. Stefan Wolle 17.5 x 24 cm | 256 Seiten
DDR Museum Verlag Paperback, gatefold, 20,00 Euro
Illustrated/non-fiction ISBN 978-3-939801-51-1

ASK DR. WOLLE

Former scientific director of the DDR Museum, the historian Dr. Stefan Wolle, who also lived in the GDR, answers questions about everyday life in the GDR in short videos on YouTube. So far, for example, episodes on the topics of doping, education, the Stasi and the role of women have been released. Questions can be asked in the social media of the DDR Museum. English subtitles are available on all episodes.



TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS

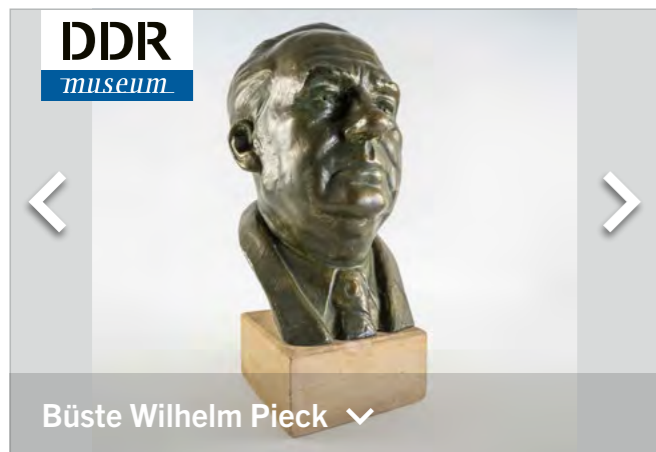


The DDR Museum offers changing special exhibitions that deal with different topics of GDR history and expand the content of the permanent exhibition. The respective theme is illustrated in a large glass display in the exhibition area with various objects from the museum's own collection or borrowed for this purpose. The themes of the last special exhibitions included »GDR Daily Life in 200 Objects« and »Little brother, big brother—the GDR and the Soviet Union«.



A LOOK AT OUR COLLECTION

The collection of the DDR Museum is not open to the public. With our small exhibition showcase »Blick in unsere Sammlung« [A look at our collection], which is located directly in the entrance area, we present highlights from the collection and tell the story behind them. In this way, we pick up on new, changing themes and expand the permanent exhibition.



ONLINE DATABASE

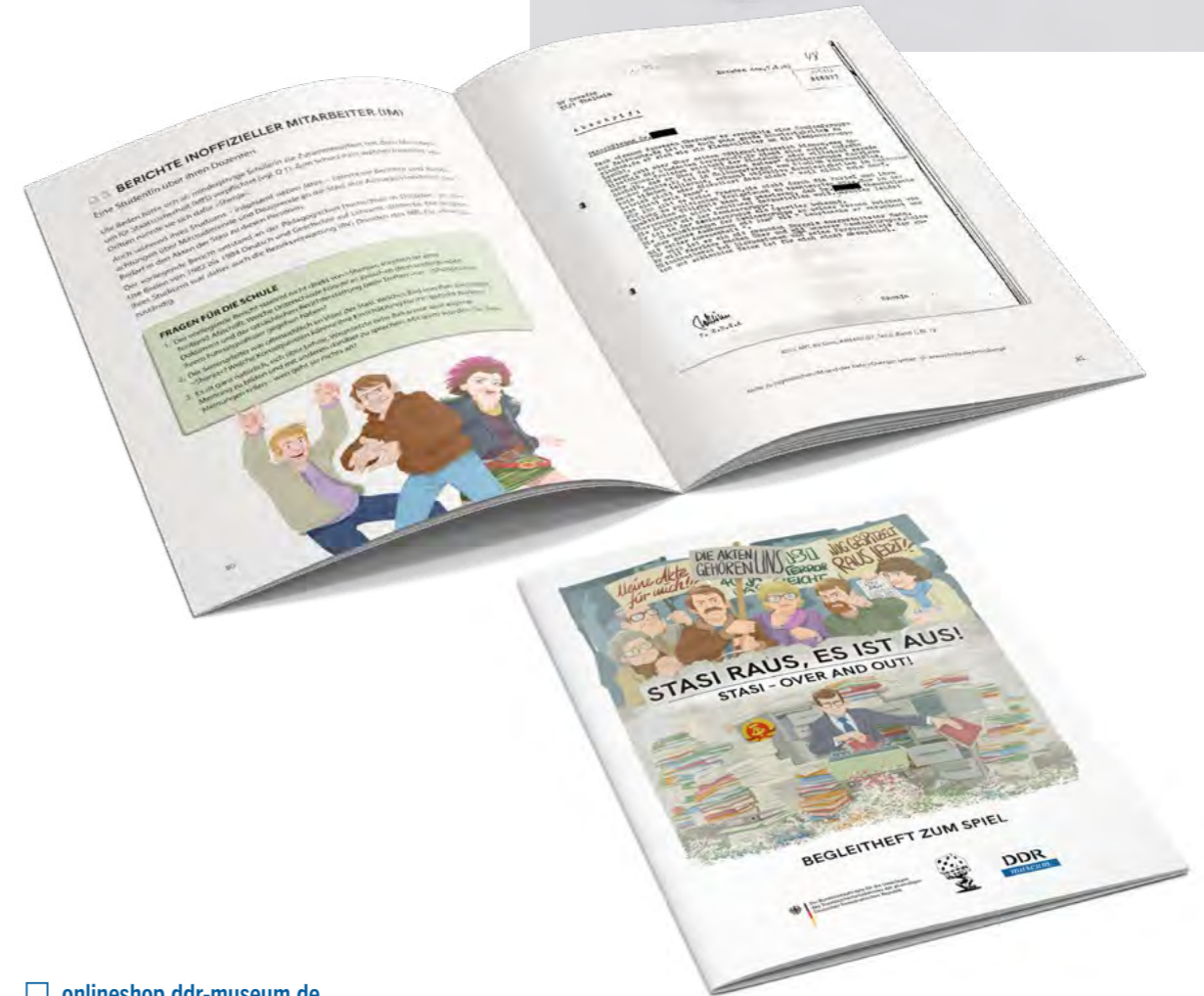
The online database provides you with insights into our comprehensive collection of more than 360,000 objects—one of the largest museum collections on the history of the GDR in the world. The historians and museologists of the DDR Museum are constantly working on the digitisation and scientific description of original objects from the GDR, so that the database becomes more extensive every day.

www.ddd-museum.de/en/objects

STASI—OVER AND OUT!

November 1989: Under the pressure of the citizens' movement, the GDR leadership had to withdraw ever further. On November 6, before the fall of the Berlin Wall, the destruction of documents was ordered by the Minister for State Security, Erich Mielke.

In this bilingual (German/English) card game, players change perspectives and work for the Stasi. The aim is to destroy as many documents as possible before the citizens bring about the inevitable end. The rules explain themselves, which makes the game particularly attractive for inexperienced groups. The booklet accompanying the game is available (in German language) for download free of charge.



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OFFERS EXCLUSIVELY FOR STUDENT GROUPS

In order to make life with and at the wall impressively tangible, we offer the visit of two special attractions in Berlin at an affordable combined price exclusively for school classes.

ASISI PANORAMA — THE WALL



The panorama THE WALL shows an impressive representation of the Berlin Wall and its surroundings. It offers students a 360-degree experience of the historical situation and enables them to be transported back to the time of the divided city of Berlin.

The panorama shows various aspects of everyday life at the Wall, such as the watchtowers, the border installations, children playing or tourists visiting the Wall. It conveys an impression of the size and significance of the Wall, as well as the impact it had on people's lives. Through its detailed and realistic depiction, the panorama creates an immersive experience that allows students to experience history up close.

In his most personal panorama work to date, Yadegar Asisi draws on his experiences as a contemporary witness in the Kreuzberg district of West Berlin in the 1980s. Private photographs of the construction of the Wall, everyday life in divided Berlin and the fall of the Wall in 1989, which are being exhibited for the first time, introduce visitors to the panorama experience.

DDR MUSEUM + ASISI PANORAMA — THE WALL

Admission DDR Museum (length of stay ca. 90 minutes)
and THE WALL – asisi Panorama (ca. 30 minutes)

School groups per person (from 10 people)	9.00 €
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One teacher free entry per 10 students	otherwise 9.00 €
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SCHOOLRALLYE — SPY & ESCAPE AT THE BERLIN WALL

A spectacular treasure hunt awaits the students: the Stasi is on their trail and wants to prevent a friend from escaping at all costs. Will the young people be able to find and solve the encrypted clues to the escape tunnel before them? Whether the planned escape remains undetected depends on the skill of the team!

The story of the mission is based on real events and shows students in a playful way what life was like in the socialist GDR. Is your neighbour a spy or can you trust him? How did differences in currencies or waiting times for goods come about?

With the help of instructions sent via smartphone, the students navigate their way through the political conflicts of the GDR regime. They use encryption techniques like the Stasi. The decision is up to the students: is escaping through a tunnel or with a hot air balloon more promising?

The route takes the young people along the most exciting corners of Berlin's Wall strip. As they follow the clues, they learn about real experiences and the history of the GDR.

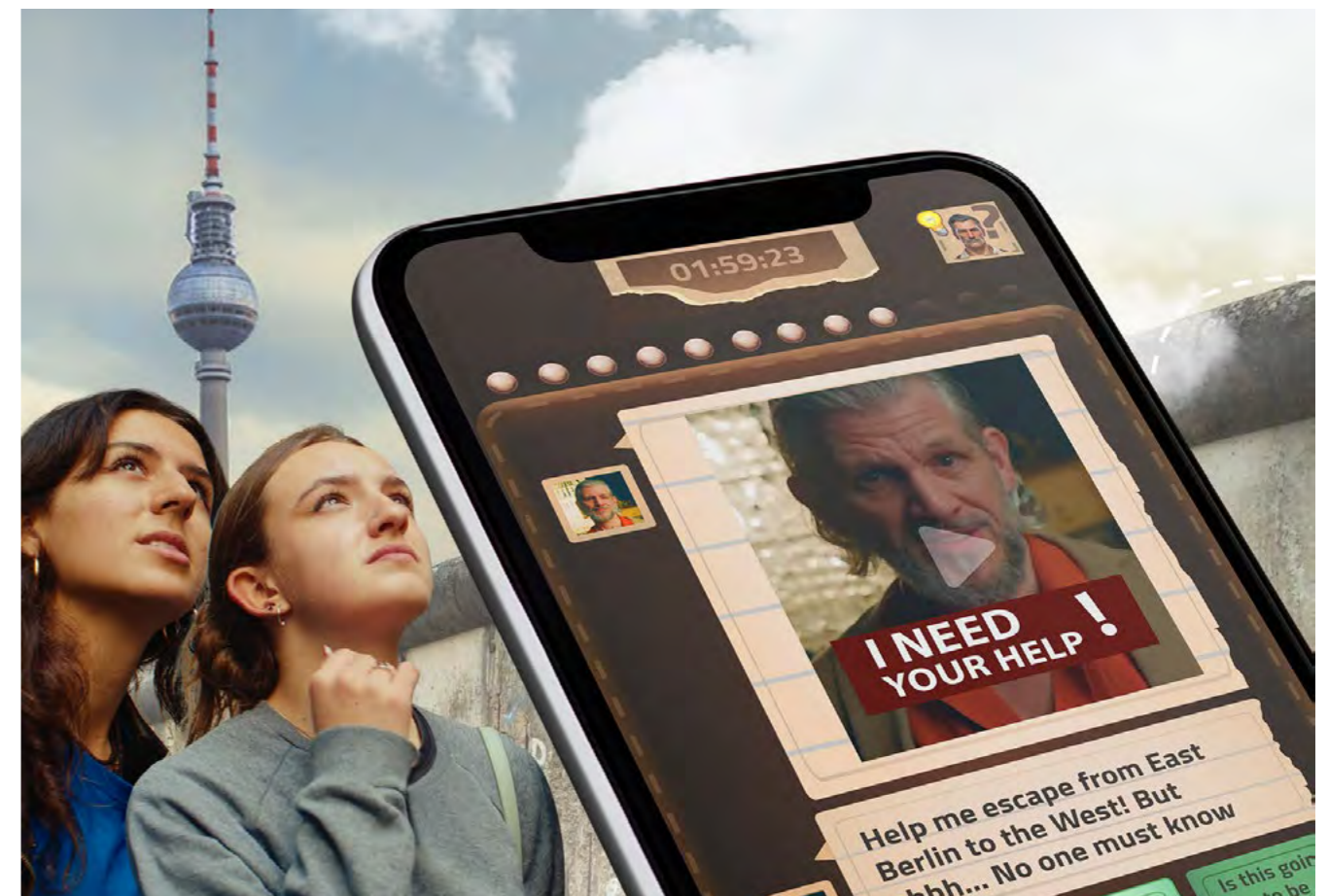
This adventure is suitable for grades 8 to 13.

DDR MUSEUM + SCHOOLRALLYE SPY & ESCAPE

Admission DDR Museum (length of stay ca. 90 minutes)
and SchoolRallye (90 – 120 minutes)

School groups per person (from 10 people)	13.50 €
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Teachers: free entry



PANORAMA POINT



PANORAMA POINT is located 100 metres above the ground on the Kollhoff Tower at the legendary address Potsdamer Platz 1.

The fastest lift in Europe takes you up to one of the city's highest open-air viewing terraces in just 20 seconds.

PANORAMA POINT offers more than just a magnificent 360° view: the open-air exhibition »BERLIN VIEWS of Potsdamer Platz« combines the eventful and multifaceted history of Potsdamer Platz with views of today's Berlin. The tour begins with an introduction to the history of Berlin from its beginnings to the present day. Here, students are confronted with historical events, architectural changes and social upheavals that have shaped the city. Photographs and reports create a lively atmosphere that allows young people to immerse themselves in the different eras.

The glass-fronted PANORAMACAFE is the perfect place for school classes to take a break and enjoy the spectacular view over Berlin. While the students are relaxing, they can use the impressive view of the city to review what they have learned from the open-air exhibition at PANORAMA POINT and discuss it with each other.

DDR MUSEUM + PANORAMA POINT

Admission DDR Museum (length of stay ca. 90 minutes) and Panorama Point (ca. 60 minutes)

School groups per person (from 10 people)	10.00 €
One teacher free entry per 10 students	otherwise 10.00 €



THE DDR MUSEUM ON SOCIAL MEDIA

On social media, we give you insights into our museum and our extensive collection, commemorate historical events related to the GDR, and inform you about current offers. On TikTok, we regularly publish short historical snippets with many exciting facts about life in the GDR. On Instagram, we repost user-generated content from visitors to the exhibition and show objects from our collection. On LinkedIn, we provide behind-the-scenes insights into the museum and our team.

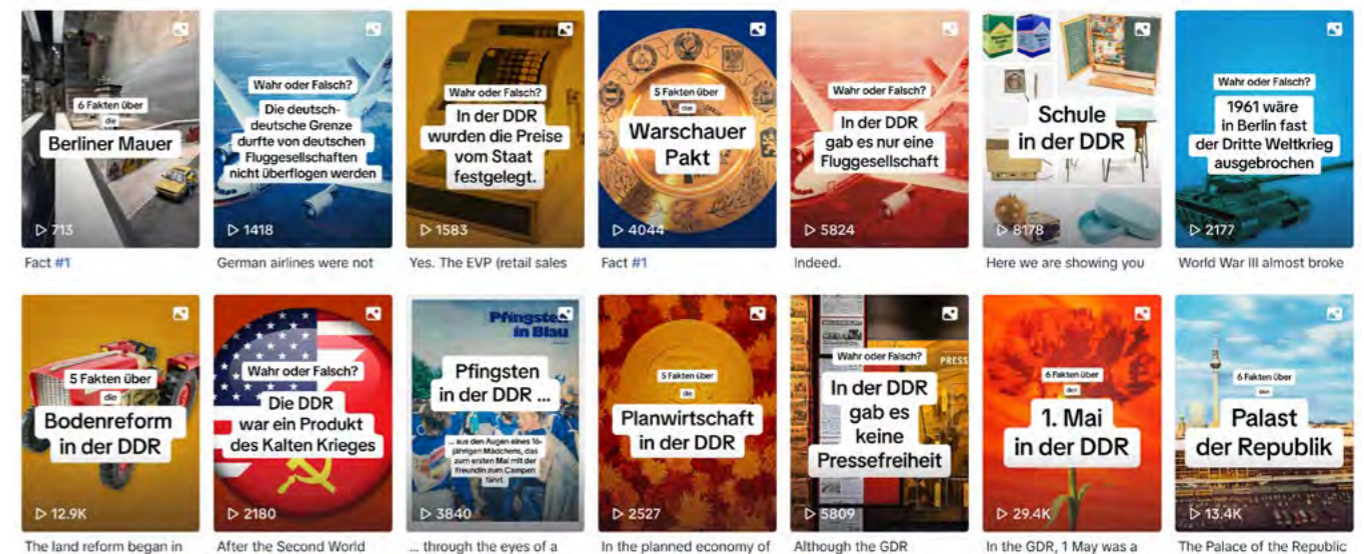
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DDR MUSEUM BLOG

The blog of the DDR Museum contains numerous detailed articles on various historical topics related to the GDR and presents selected objects from the collection.

 www.ddr-museum.de/en/blog





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