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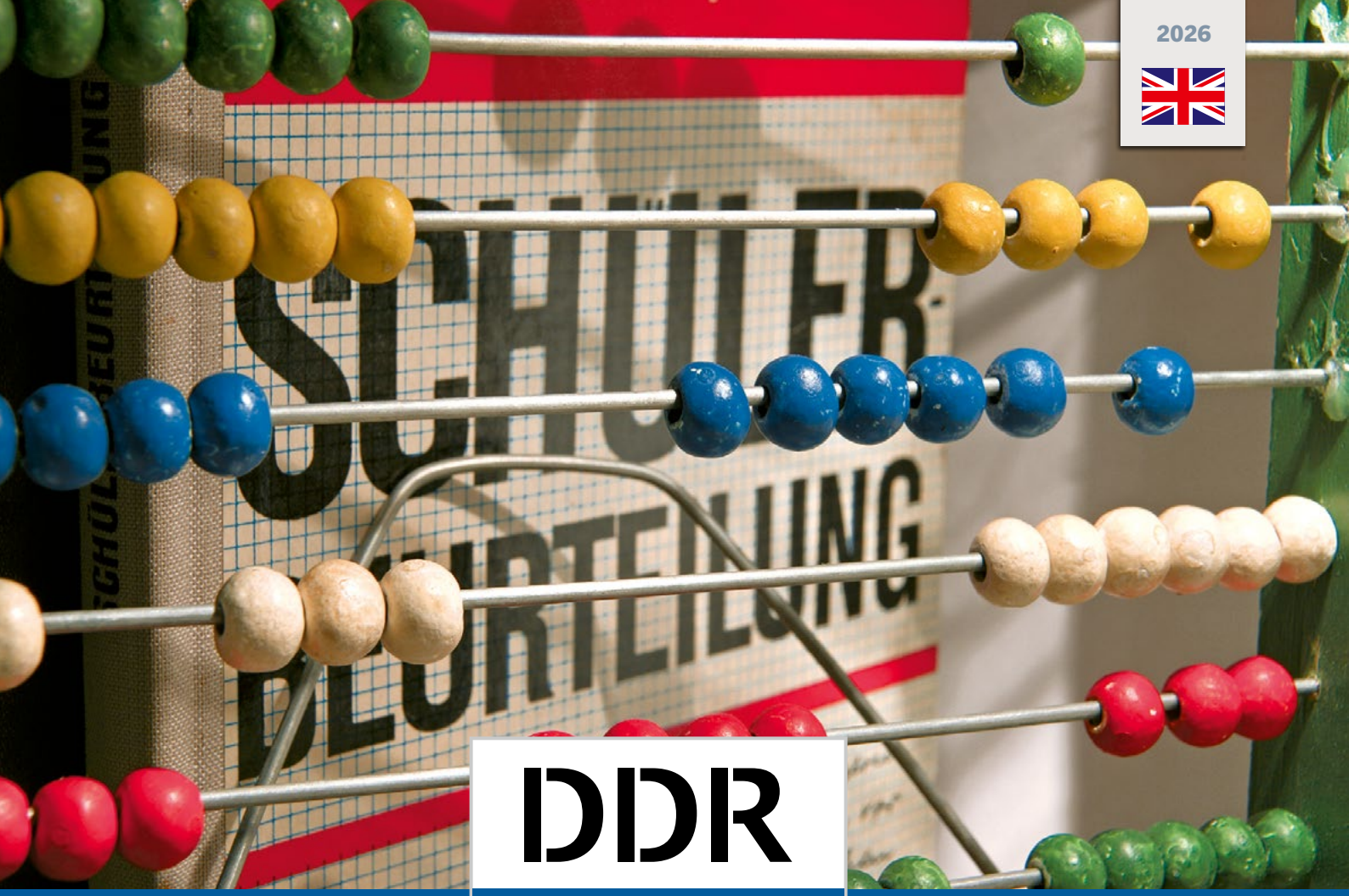

DDR museum

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

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 histroy 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.

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.

ADMISSION PRICES

School groups per person (from 10 people)	5.50 €
One teacher free entry per 10 students	
Adult groups per person (from 10 people)	9.00 €

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

»Incredibly well-designed museum! Very interactive. You can sit in a Trabi, walk through an East German apartment (and experience the bugging), and much, much more. You could spend the whole day there seeing and reading everything. A huge compliment to the museum's creators—I've never experienced so much hands-on experience and interaction.«

Nicole B. auf Google, October 2025

»The DDR Museum in Berlin is an absolute highlight for anyone who wants to experience history up close, not just from the outside. Instead of dry text panels, you'll find an interactive journey into everyday life in the GDR that's both exciting and educational.«

Niklas Q. auf Google, September 2025

»This form of presentation makes history tangible and particularly exciting—not only for adults, but also for children and young people. Authentic and Balanced The exhibition was conceived by historians and contemporary witnesses who themselves lived in the GDR. This creates a realistic and balanced picture of the reality of life at that time [...].«

Martin H., September 2025

»The museum highlights how deeply the division of Germany affected people's lives. It shows that it wasn't just about two systems, but about two realities with different values, dreams, and constraints. And it does so without a wagging finger, [...]«

U.B., October 2025

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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	60.00 €
60 Min other languages	65.00 €

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	90.00 €
90 Min other languages	95.00 €

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	110.00 €
120 Min other languages	115.00 €

GUIDED TOURS REQUIRE BOOKING IN ADVANCE

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	110.00 €
120 Min other languages	115.00 €

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	155.00 €
180 Min other languages	160.00 €

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

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	115.00 €
120 Min other languages	120.00 €

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	115.00 €
120 Min other languages	120.00 €

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 former Centrum Warenhaus on Alexanderplatz, the Red Town Hall, the Nikolaiviertel district and the former Palace of the Republic.

120 Min German	115.00 €
120 Min other languages	120.00 €

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	220.00 €
240 Min other languages	230.00 €

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

GUIDED TOURS REQUIRE BOOKING IN ADVANCE

QUESTION TIME

DDR MUSEUM QUIZ

The museum's quizzes enable teachers to test what their students learned in the DDR Museum. Available in German and English (in two levels of difficulty), as well as French and Italian (in one difficulty-level). All Quizzes are free of charge and 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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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

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	65,– €
60 Min other languages	90,– €
90 Min German	95,– €
90 Min other languages	120,– €

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

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
non-fiction,
Paperback, gatefold, 12.50 Euro

DDR Führer (German)
ISBN 978-3-939801-56-6
GDR Guide (English)
ISBN 978-3-939801-57-3
Guide de RDA (French)
ISBN 978-3-939801-58-0

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.

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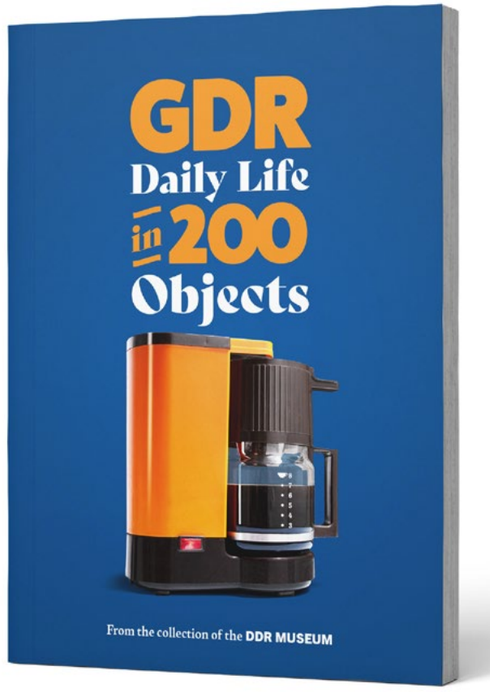
GDR DAILY LIFE IN 200 OBJECTS



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 mantlepiece 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
non-fiction

Paperback, gatefold, 20,00 Euro
ISBN 978-3-93-980153-5

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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.

youtube.com/ddrmuseum

COLLECTION

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

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.

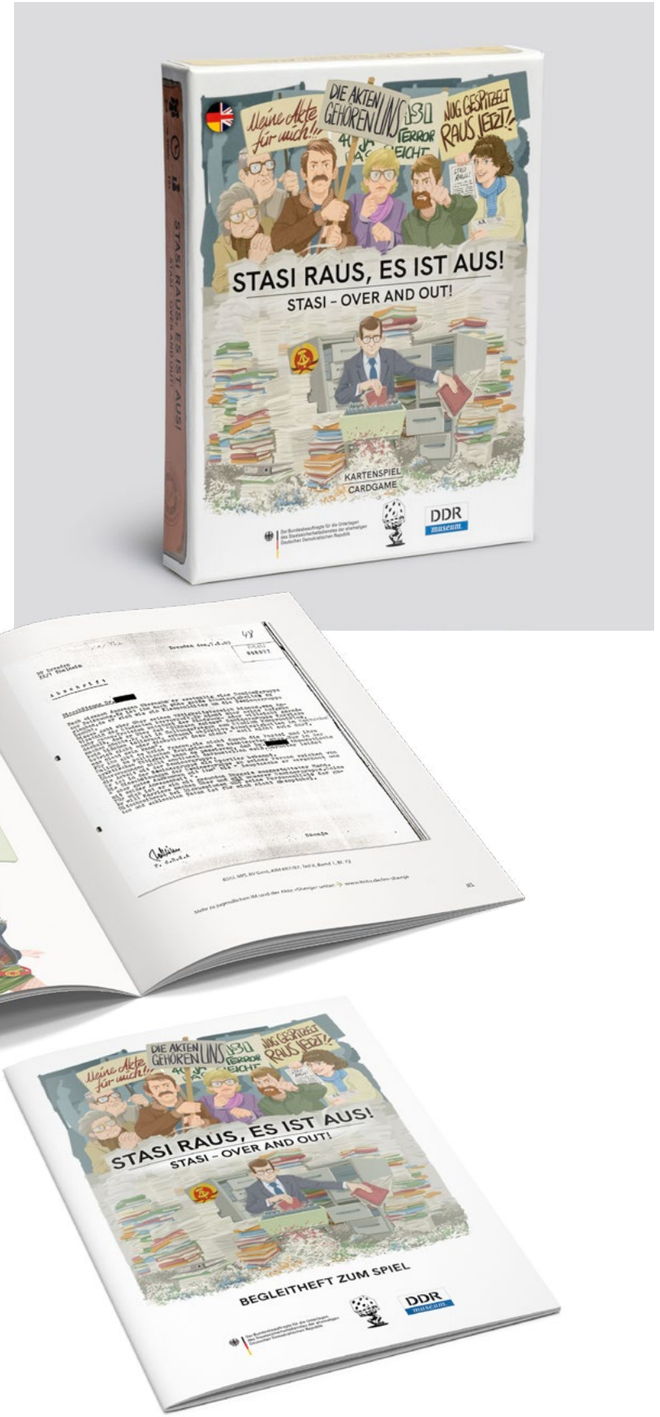
www.ddr-museum.de/en/objects

EDUCATIONAL GAME

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 €
One teacher free entry per 10 students	

www.die-mauer.de

DDR MUSEUM + BIKE TOUR: »HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS«

This guided cycle tour links Berlin's main sights with the key locations that have shaped German history. Together, the pupils will discover well-known places such as the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag and Museum Island, as well as key memorial sites relating to the Berlin Wall and the Nazi era.

At the actual sites, participants learn how Berlin was shaped by dictatorship, war, division and reunification. Stops such as Bernauer Strasse, former border fortifications or the site of the Führer's bunker bring history to life and provide a direct link to the classroom.

Using the bicycle as a means of transport allows the historical context to be experienced in a particularly vivid way. The short cycling distances between the individual stops enable a lively shift in perspective and demonstrate how closely the various eras of Berlin's history are intertwined.

Our tour, designed specifically for school groups, is led by experienced guides who present the content in an age-appropriate and interactive way. Naturally, safety and a pleasant group experience are our top priorities. The route runs mainly along cycle paths and roads with little traffic. Before the tour begins, all participants receive a detailed safety briefing. Bicycles and helmets are included in the price.

DDR MUSEUM + BIKE TOUR

Admission DDR Museum (length of stay ca. 90 minutes) and guided bike tour (ca. 2.5 hours)

School groups per person (from 10 people)	24.50 €
Teachers: free entry	

www.fahrradtouren-berlin.com

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	

panoramapunkt.de

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.

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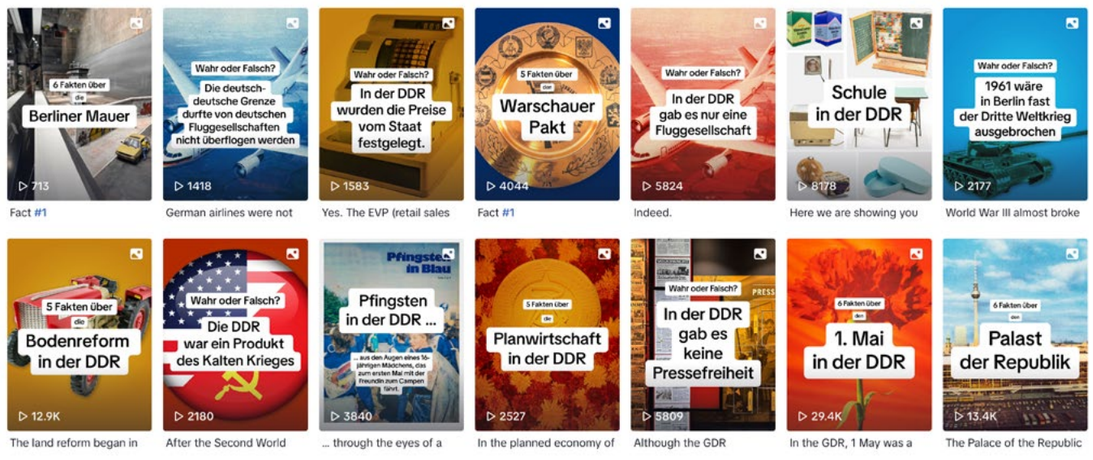

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