



**DDR**

*museum*

## **THE GDR IN LESSONS**

**OFFERS FOR SCHOOL CLASSES**

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

### OFFERS TO USE IN CLASS

- 4 Educational game »Bürokratopoly«
- 5 Card game »Stasi—over and out!«
- 6 Ask Dr Wolle
- 7 Online offers
- 8 DDR Guide
- 9 Other educational games

### OFFERS AROUND THE MUSEUM

- 12 The permanent exhibition
- 14 Museum tours
- 15 Combined tours
- 16 City tours
- 18 Contemporary witnesses
- 19 Conference room
- 20 Additional offers free of charge
- 21 Combined offer
- 22 Social media
- 23 Contact
- 24 Reviews



## OFFERS TO USE IN CLASS

We have developed various educational offers that you can use for preparation and follow-up work in the classroom. You can download the pupils' quiz directly from the DDR Museum website and you can also use our educational game educational game »Bürokratopoly«, which has received an award from the Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, and the game »Stasi raus, es ist aus!« under the link provided. In addition, various digital content is available free of charge, such as short videos on everyday life in the GDR and access to our online database with a view of the collection.



**EDUCATIONAL BOARD GAME »BÜROKRATOPOLY«**

## AN EDUCATIONAL GAME FROM THE GDR

»Bürokratopoly«, awarded from the Federal Agency for Civic Education, is an educational game with a historical context: In 1983 Martin Böttger invented »a parlour game with a negative-hostile character that shows alleged ways to gain and lose power in the GDR«. This is how the »Staats-sicherheit« (former Service for State Security, short Stasi) described the game in their files. The aim of the players is to move up from a simple worker to general secretary. More than 30 years after its creation, we revised the game together with educators and game experts and created supplementary educational material for lessons. The educational game »Bürokratopoly« is only available in German.



**ALL INFORMATION AND FREE ORDER**

 [buerokratopoly.de](http://buerokratopoly.de)

**CARD GAME »STASI – OVER AND OUT!«**

## THE STASI'S FINAL DAYS

November 1989: Under the pressure of the citizens' movement, the GDR leadership has 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 to download free of charge.

 [Free Booklet Download \(German only\)](#)



**ALL INFORMATION**

 [DDR Museum Website: »Stasi–over and out!«](#)



## ASK DR WOLLE

## QUESTION TIME ON YOUTUBE

The 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 were released. Questions can be asked in the social media of the DDR Museum. English subtitles are available on all episodes.



## ALL EPISODES

[youtube.com/ddrmuseum](https://youtube.com/ddrmuseum)

## ONLINE OFFERS

## HISTORY TO DISCOVER



The museum's quizzes enable teachers to test what their students learnt in the DDR Museum. Available free of charge in two levels of difficulty, the sheets can be downloaded or are obtained at the visitor counter in the museum. The answer sheets are available from a member of the staff. Ask us directly or send an e-mail to: [groups@ddr-museum.de](mailto:groups@ddr-museum.de)

[www.ddr-museum.de/en/teachers](http://www.ddr-museum.de/en/teachers)

## INSIGHT INTO THE COLLECTION



The online database provides you with insights in our comprehensive collection of more than 300,000 objects. 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.

[ddr-museum.de/en/objects](http://ddr-museum.de/en/objects)





## A GUIDE TO THE EXHIBITION



To help you prepare for your visit, we also offer the DDR Guide as an eBook in our online shop. (Price 3.00 EUR)

### PRINT PUBLICATIONS

 [ddr-museum.shop](http://ddr-museum.shop)

### E-BOOKS

 [shop.ddr-museum.de](http://shop.ddr-museum.de)



### GDR-GAME

The GDR-Game has become a best-seller 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.

### 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.



### EDUCATIONAL GAMES

 [ddr-museum.shop](http://ddr-museum.shop)



## **OFFERS AROUND THE MUSEUM**

A visit to Berlin is the ideal addition to school lessons on the topics of the division of Germany and everyday life with the wall.

The interactive DDR Museum is one of the most popular places to learn about life in the GDR outside of school and a must for every visit to Berlin. In addition to the museum tours, we also offer city tours which take you to authentic places of division and everyday life in the capital of the GDR. We also provide you with valuable tips on the subject of German-German history to help you plan your Berlin programme.



## A HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE OF HISTORY

Our permanent exhibition, which is divided into three sections, sheds light on different aspects of life of GDR citizens—from public and private life, across ideology to the sphere of power. All of which were completely interwoven during the socialist dictatorship. Everyday life in a dictatorship as well as the sphere of governmental institutions, the Stasi, the planned economy or the Wall are discussed.

There is always something to discover inside the museum: take a seat in the Trabi car driving simulation or simply rummage through the recreated tower block apartment. There are countless doors, drawers and flaps to open which encourages the students to actively experience the museum and thus to discover its many objects, explanation texts and innovative digital installations. This interactive layout is considered to be unique in the world. The exhibition has therefore already been nominated twice for the European Museum of the Year Award.

### 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.

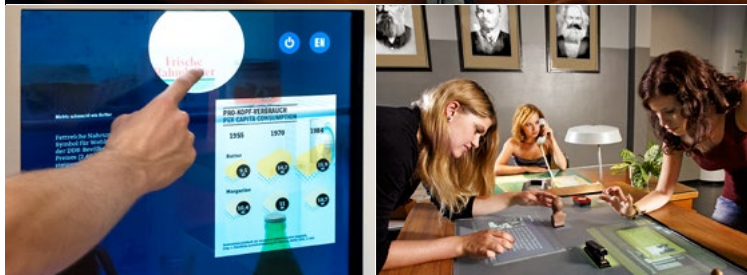
### ENTRY PRICES

GROUP PRICES WILL  
ONLY BE GRANTED BY  
BOOKING IN ADVANCE

School groups per person (from 10 people)	5.00 €
---	--------

One teacher gets free entry per 10 students	otherwise 5.00 €
---	------------------

Adult groups per person (from 10 people)	8.00 €
--	--------



## MUSEUM TOURS

# LISTENING TO HISTORY

## 1 INTRODUCTION TOUR

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 €
------------------------	---------

## 2 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 €
------------------------	---------

## 3 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.

## COMBINED TOURS

# MUSEUM AND SURROUNDINGS

## 1 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 €
-------------------------	----------

## 2 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, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Russian, Spanish and Swedish.



DISCOVER HISTORIC LOCATIONS

1 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 €

2 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 €

3 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 €

4 BERLIN-MITTE

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 €

5 BERLIN-MITTE [SHORT VERSION]

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
--------------------------------	--------------



All tour prices are valid for up to 15 people.

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



## CONTEMPORARY WITNESSES

### 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	60.00 €
60 min other languages	80.00 €
90 min German	85.00 €
90 min other languages	105.00 €

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

## CONFERENCE ROOM

### CONFERENCE ROOM FOR CLASS WORK

Our conference room enables groups to prepare for a visit to the museum or to focus on details of what they just have learnt. 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

- › 1 conference room
- › capacity for up to 100 people seated in rows
- › capacity for up to 40 people seated in a semi-circle
- › presentation and PA equipment
- › lectern and flipchart
- › library and media centre

## 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 INTO OUR COLLECTION

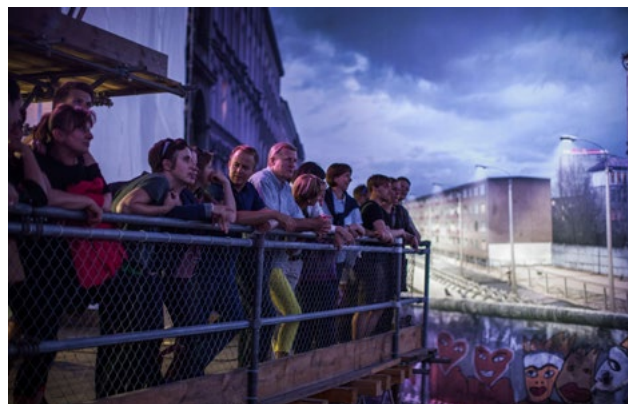


The collection of the DDR Museum is not open to the public and contains over 300,000 objects, one of the largest museum collections on the history of the GDR in the world. With our small exhibition showcase »Blick in unsere Sammlung« [A look into our collection], which is located directly in the entrance 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.

## 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.



### DDR MUSEUM + THE WALL — ASISI'S PANORAMA

Entrance DDR Museum (90 minutes)  
and The Wall — asisi's Panorama (30 minutes)

School groups per person (from 10 people)	8.50 €
One Teacher gets free entry per 10 students	otherwise 8.50 €

THE WALL — ASISI'S PANORAMA

 [www.asisi.de/en/panorama/the-wall](http://www.asisi.de/en/panorama/the-wall)



## THE DDR MUSEUM ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The DDR Museum regularly publishes articles on its blog page. There you will find book reviews, information on the museum's educational offers, GDR recipes and much more. Furthermore, we offer an insight into the museum's work, its collections and research on GDR history on social media. We also look forward to your feedback.

 [www.ddr-museum.de/en/blog](http://www.ddr-museum.de/en/blog)



[tiktok.com/@ddrmuseum](https://tiktok.com/@ddrmuseum)



[instagram.com/ddrmuseum](https://instagram.com/ddrmuseum)



[facebook.com/ddrmuseum](https://facebook.com/ddrmuseum)



[twitter.com/ddrmuseum](https://twitter.com/ddrmuseum)



[youtube.com/ddrmuseum](https://youtube.com/ddrmuseum)



[pinterest.com/ddrmuseum](https://pinterest.com/ddrmuseum)



[linkedin.com/company/ddr-museum](https://linkedin.com/company/ddr-museum)

### CONTACT

### VISITOR RELATIONS

DDR Museum  
Karl-Liebknecht-Straße 1  
10178 Berlin-Mitte



**TELEPHONE**

+49 30 847 123 7-32



**E-MAIL**

[groups@ddr-museum.de](mailto:groups@ddr-museum.de)



**ONLINE**

[www.ddr-museum.de/en/teachers](http://www.ddr-museum.de/en/teachers)



**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday: 9 am – 5 pm



**OPENING HOURS**

Monday – Sunday: 9 am – 9 pm



## 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!«

»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.«



Peter, Amsterdam

---



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

---