

Archive Tours

Archive tours offer insights into the inner workings of a secret police force that operated for forty years. The archive in Berlin houses some 43 kilometres of written documents and file cards, as well as a large collection of photo and audio materials, amassed at the headquarters of the Ministry of State Security.



Stasi officers marching on the present-day exhibition area before the Wall fell

Tours of the Complex

East Germany's Ministry of State Security was headquartered in Berlin-Lichtenberg from 1950 to 1990. The Stasi headquarters occupied a huge secured area. A tour of the complex provides more information on the history of the premises and the individual buildings, and the Stasi units that worked in them.



Open-air exhibition in the courtyard of the Stasi headquarters

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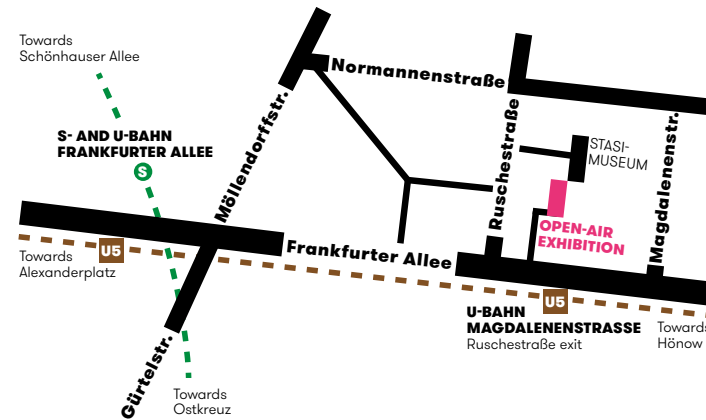
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U 5 Magdalenenstraße
(11 minutes from
Alexanderplatz)

REVOLUTION MAUERFALL OF THE WALL

Opening hours
Around the clock every day
Free of charge
Barrier-free access

Opening hours of Infopoint
10 am to 6 pm every day

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From 15 June
Around the clock
Every day
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REVOLUTION MAUERFALL OF THE WALL

Open Air
Exhibition
Stasi-Zentrale
in Berlin
Lichtenberg

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Opening Program

15 June 2016

11:30 am

Opening of the exhibition
»Revolution and
the Fall of the Wall«

1 | 2 | 3 pm

Tours of the exhibition
by the curators

17 June 2016

12 – 5 pm

Hourly tours of the new
exhibition by witnesses
to the revolution

4 pm

Combined tour of
the exhibition and the
Stasi archive

2 pm

Combined tour of
the exhibition and the
Stasi complex

7 pm

»Speiche and Friends«
Concert

Refreshments

Drinks and Thuringian
barbecued specialities
on sale

18 June 2016

10 am – 5 pm

Hourly tours of the new
exhibition by witnesses
to the revolution

10 am | 12 | 2 | 4 pm

Combined tours of the
exhibition and the Stasi
archive

19 June 2016

11 am – 5 pm

Hourly tours of the new
exhibition by witnesses
to the revolution

12 | 2 | 4 pm

Combined tours of the
exhibition and the Stasi
archive



Exhibition

The open-air exhibition in the courtyard of the Stasi headquarters documents the most important stages of the Peaceful Revolution in the GDR – from the earliest protests via the fall of the Berlin Wall to German unity. Across 1,300 square metres and in German and English, the permanent exhibition recalls the moving moments of the successful fight for freedom. The story is told from the perspective of those involved in the events.

The exhibition traces the complex process of self-liberation and shows the changing motives and aims behind it. The focus is on those East Germans who overcame their fear to criticize the SED regime more and more openly, and eventually toppled the communist dictatorship.

Over 650 fascinating photos and historical documents illustrate the dramatic events. Nine media stations show original footage, TV recordings and interviews with witnesses to the revolution. Feel the traces of history at an authentic site.

Tours by Witnesses to the Revolution

On the opening weekend, witnesses to the events will give guided tours of the exhibition, describing the revolution as they remember it.

Speiche and Friends

17. Juni 2016 | 19.00 Uhr

»Monokel« was one of East Germany's most successful blues bands. A whole generation of GDR dissidents and rebels identified with them. For many, the band's concerts felt like moments of liberation in difficult times over which they had no say, a guiding light for nonconformists, a primal scream. The band's bassist Jörg »Speiche« Schütze has been performing on stage for fifty years and is a stalwart of the GDR rock scene.

From 1976 to 1989, the band drew thousands of fans every weekend, playing remote village halls, concert venues and open-air stages that could not be kept under tight surveillance by the secret police. Their performances were a place to demonstrate resistance and lust for life.

On the opening weekend, »Speiche and Friends« will play a live concert with special guests at the Stasi headquarters. The band members are not only talented musicians but also have exciting tales to tell, as they will prove in conversation with Helmuth Frauendorfer.



Monokel playing at Alexanderplatz, 2010