

# GERMAN

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# HISTORY



DEUTSCHES  
HISTORISCHES  
MUSEUM

FROM THE MIDDLE AGES  
TO THE FALL OF  
THE BERLIN WALL



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## from the Middle Ages to the Fall of the Berlin Wall

The Permanent Exhibition in the Zeughaus provides key insights into 1500 years of Germany's past. A tour covering the two floors of the exhibition chronologically presents German history in its European context: the introductory section on the first floor revolves around changes in the borders of Germany and Europe, and the history of the German language. The tour then covers the Middle Ages, the Reformation, the Thirty Year's War, on to the German Empire and end of the First World War in 1918. The ground floor explores the Weimar Republic, the National Socialist regime, and the post-war period. The exhibition also covers the history of the two German states from 1949, the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, and German reunification in 1990.

7000 historical exhibits show us how people lived and thought, as well as the events and historical developments they were part of. The exhibition focusses on political history shaped by rulers, politicians and communities. Furthermore, each epoch in the exhibition also contains a variety of rooms in which everyday life is explored.



Queen Louise of Prussia, 1799  
Louise of Mecklenburg-Strelitz (1776–1810) was married to King Frederick Wilhelm III. of Prussia. They had nine children. Her personal resistance to the strict conditions of peace dictated against Prussia by France in 1807 and her early death in 1810 made Queen Louise a popular symbolic figure.

## TOURS

### PUBLIC TOURS

**Tours in German**  
SAT + SUN 1pm

**Tours in English**  
MON 12 pm  
SAT 11 am

**Multaka: Museum as Meeting Point**  
Tours in Arabic  
WED + SAT 3 pm

### AUDIO TOURS

Available in German, English, French, Italian, Polish, Spanish, Russian, Turkish and Chinese

### BOOKABLE TOURS

Highlight tours and epoch tours can be booked in German, English, French and other languages. The Deutsches Historisches Museum offers a wide range of tours, as well as history and film workshops, for school groups of all levels.

### Information and tour booking

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Closed helmet for King Francis I of France, 1539/1540  
The helmet belongs to a set of armour that included jousting armour and "modest fluted armour for the field". The set was ordered by Archduke Ferdinand I in 1539 as a gift for the French king.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### GUIDED TOURS

SUN 2 pm and during school holidays in Berlin  
Only in German

### AUDIO TOURS

**I. From the Middle Ages to the First World War**  
Ages 8+, 60 minutes

**II. German history in the 20th century**  
Ages 10+, 90 minutes

### EXPLORER BAG

Kids go on a journey of discovery through the 17th and 18th centuries by themselves and learn playfully about different kinds of objects.  
Ages 8+, 90–120 minutes

**Public tours**  
Children 2 €, adults 4 €  
Family ticket 18 € (max. 3 children and 2 adults entrance fee included)

**Audio tours**  
3 €, Family ticket 6 € (max. 4 audio devices: two adults, two children)

**Tours for groups**  
75 € (max. 25 persons plus admission)

**School classes 1–5 € (depending on the format which is booked)**

**Explorer Bag 1 € + 20 € deposit**



Soldiers plundering a farm, ca. 1620  
Plundering was an everyday occurrence in war. The soldier was seen as the mortal enemy of the peasant. The high level of detail evident in this painting makes it an unsettling, oppressive document on how war affected the local population.





Friedrich von Schiller, Origin 1809/1810, Reshape 1994

As a poet, historian and critic, Schiller (1759–1805) was active in Stuttgart, Dresden and Jena before going to Weimar in 1799. Together with Goethe he created the "German classic". In 1802 he was ennobled.



Book burning in Hamburg, 15 May 1933  
The German Student Union and the National Socialist German Students' League organised public book burnings in Hamburg on 15 and 30 May 1933. The books targeted for burning were those viewed as being subversive or as representing ideologies opposed to Nazism.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Deutsche Geschichte in Bildern und Zeugnissen

In German  
384 pages, 24,95 €  
ISBN 9783806233025

### Prestel Museum Guide

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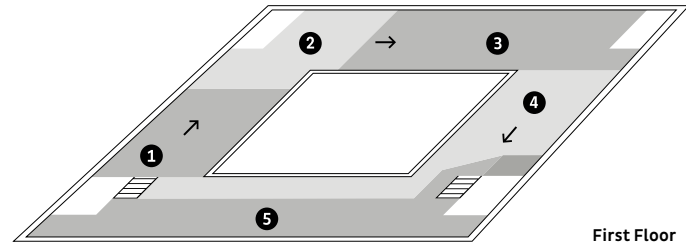
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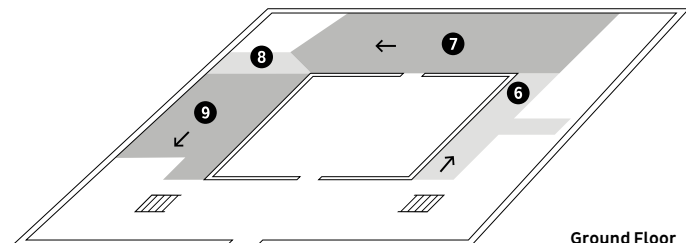


"Youth serves the Führer: every 10 year-old into the Hitler Youth", ca. 1939  
Years of training in the Hitler Youth were to transform its members into fervent admirers of Hitler and staunch National Socialists.

## FLOOR PLAN



First Floor



Ground Floor

### First Floor

- ➊ 500–1500 Middle Ages
- ➋ 1500–1650 Reformation and Thirty Year's War
- ➌ 1650–1789 Dynastic Powers and Alliances in Europe
- ➍ 1789–1871 French Revolution and German Empire
- ➎ 1871–1918 German Empire and First World War

### Ground Floor

- ➏ 1918–1933 Weimar Republic
- ➐ 1933–1945 Nazi Regime and Second World War
- ➑ 1945–1949 Germany under Allied Occupation
- ➒ 1949–1994 Divided Germany and Unification

## Dringend gesuchte Terroristen 800 000 DM Belohnung

Im Zusammenhang mit dem  
● dreifachen Mord an Generalbundesanwalt Buback und zwei seiner Begleiter am 7. 4. 1977  
in Karlsruhe  
● Mord an Jürgen Ponto am 30. 7. 1977 in Oberursel  
● vierfachen Mord und der Entführung von Hanns-Martin Schleyer am 5. 9. 1977 in Köln  
● Mord an Hanns-Martin Schleyer  
werden gesucht:



Für Hinweise, die zur Ergreifung einer dieser Personen führen, sind 50000 DM Belohnung ausgesetzt.

Wer kann Angaben über Aufenthaltsorte dieser Personen machen?  
Bei uns haben die beschriebenen Personen großenteils keinen Kontakt mehr zu Verwandten oder Bekannten...  
Wer kann Angaben über Aussehen, Kleidung und sonstige Merkmale dieser Personen machen, die für den Verstand oder die Herleitung eines Verdachts für diese Ermittlungen hilfreich sind?  
- Körpergröße, Haar  
- Augen, Nase, Mund, Ohren  
- Kleidung, Schuhe, Accessoires  
- sonstige Merkmale

Hinweise, die auf Wunsch vertraulich behandelt werden, nehmen das Bundeskriminalamt in Bonn-Bad Godesberg, Tel. 02221/352041, und jede andere Polizeidienststelle entgegen.

Wanted Poster of the Federal Criminal Police Office, 1977  
After the kidnapping of Hanns Martin Schleyer, a leading manager in the German industry, the wave of terrorism of the "Red Army Faction" (RAF) reached its peak in the "German Autumn" of 1977.

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Permanent Exhibition, Zeughaus

## Opening Hours

daily 10 am to 6 pm  
closed 24th December

## Barrier-free

## Admission

free up to 18 years  
8 €, reduced 4 €  
Discount for groups 7 € per person  
(min 15 persons, by prior appointment)

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