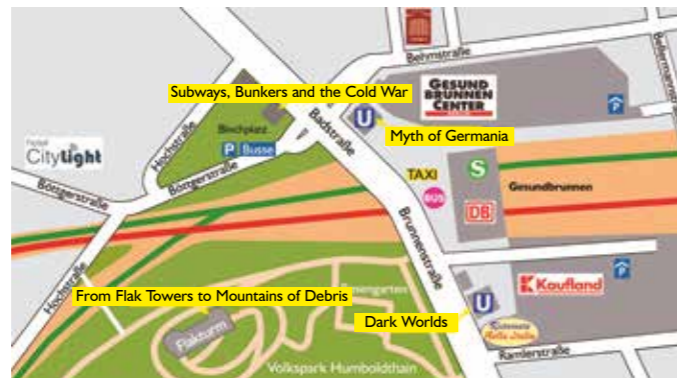




## Maps and meeting points of the tours

Dark Worlds  
From Flak Towers to Mountains of Debris  
Subways, Bunkers and the Cold War  
Exhibition: »Hitler's Plans for Berlin: Myth of Germania«  
S+U-Station Gesundbrunnen, 13355 Berlin-Mitte



Nuclear Bunker Pankstrasse  
Badstrasse 51, 13357 Berlin-Mitte



Tunnel and Bunker Dresdener Strasse  
Dresdener Strasse, 10179 Berlin-Kreuzberg



## General information

- The number of participants on the tours is limited.
- Our tours are not appropriate for children under 7 years old. Please note that some tours have a minimum age of 18 years.
- Sturdy footwear is obligatory (no sandals or flip flops!). Special requirements regarding footwear apply on Tour "From Flak Towers to Mountains of Debris": Sturdy, closed footwear is required in order to participate.
- The buildings are not suitable for disabled visitors.
- Photography and filming is forbidden.
- Animals are not permitted.
- Large pieces of luggage or prams are not allowed. There is no storage.
- There are no sanitary facilities in the majority of the structures.
- Tours are also offered as bookable group tours. Requests can be made via the contact form on our homepage.
- No tours: Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026; Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027

Under the Berlin Wall  
Brunnenstrasse 141, 10115 Berlin-Mitte



The Fichtebunker Kreuzberg  
Fichtestrasse 6, 10967 Berlin-Kreuzberg



## Overview

- Tickets for all tours and exhibitions are available via our Online-Shop [tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de](https://tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de)
- Admission\*  
All tours: € 17 each (€ 13 reduced rate if applicable)  
Duration: 90 min.  
Exhibition: € 6 (reduced € 5), Combi-ticket € 3 in combination with a Berliner Unterwelten tour
- Reduced price: With proof of status for pupils, trainees and students, unemployed, members of the Federal Voluntary Service or severely disabled people.
- \*Prices subject to change

The tour programme is subject to change due to the current situation.  
Our General Terms and Conditions are applicable.

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Guided tours 2026

*Hitler's plans for Berlin:*

# MYTH OF GERMANIA

VISIONS AND CRIME

Hitler's plan to make Berlin the "World Capital" presented by *Berliner Unterwelten e.V.*  
Historical exhibition in the underground at subway station Gesundbrunnen (U8)  
Badstrasse/Corner Behmstrasse, 13357 Berlin  
Open Saturdays 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.



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## Nuclear Bunker Pankstraße

### Civil protection and disaster control yesterday and today

Inside a Cold War-era "nuclear bunker," we trace the evolution of civil defense from the past to the present. After the global arms race ended in the 1990s, public interest faded until Russia's attack on Ukraine brought civil defense back into focus. Today we address urgent questions: Are the Pankstraße shelter and similar facilities still functional? Are the existing shelters sufficient? And what is the current state of civil protection? Our tour leads through Berlin's fully equipped, fourth-largest civil defense facility, built in 1977 as a multi-purpose bunker and listed as a historic monument in 2010. Designed to shelter 3,339 people for two weeks, it could be sealed by massive concrete gates, powered by a 465-horsepower diesel generator, and supplied with drinking water from its own underground waterworks. Dormitories with tightly packed four-tier bunks offer a stark sense of the conditions survivors would have faced after a nuclear attack. Civil defense has changed dramatically: once centered on preparing for nuclear war, it is now part of broader disaster management focused on climate threats, pandemics, terrorism, cyberattacks, and prolonged power outages.

Duration 90 min  
Admission € 17 (reduced € 13)  
Tickets via Online-Shop [tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de](https://tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de)  
Meeting point Badstrasse 51, 13357 Berlin (see map)  
Public transport U Pankstraße (U8, BUS M27)

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## Dark Worlds

Experience WW2 bombing raids through the eyes of civilians

The nerve centre of the Third Reich, Berlin was a key target for allied bombing raids. By the time the war was over, up to 80% of the city centre had been destroyed, and those who survived did so by hiding in overcrowded public bunkers or improvised basement shelters. Our expert guides will take you through a museum exhibition behind an inconspicuous green door to explore one of the last remaining civilian air raid shelters left in Berlin. In the dark passages and confined rooms of the shelter you will learn about the experiences of the average Berliner before, during and after the war. Countless wartime artefacts, buried for decades, will help us bring the subject to life.

Duration 90 min  
Admission € 17 (reduced € 13)  
Tickets via Online-Shop [tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de](https://tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de)  
Meeting point Brunnenstrasse 105, 13355 Berlin (see map)  
Public transport S+U / DB Gesundbrunnen, Bus 247

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## From Flak Towers to Mountains of Debris

Explore the devastated ruins of a WW2 fortress

Hitler's plans to defend Berlin included three pairs of enormous fortresses intended to protect the city from Allied bombers. After the war it was decided that these giants should be destroyed, the ruins covered with debris and their very existence ignored. We will take you in to the very heart of this WW2 ruin and show you the remains of three of the original seven floors. Ruined towers, collapsed ceilings and cavernous interiors are all part of the landscape that we use to tell you the history of this amazing structure.

Only open from April to November.

Duration 90 min  
Admission € 17 (reduced € 13)  
Tickets via Online-Shop [tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de](https://tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de)  
Meeting point Lower platform of the flak tower ruins in Volkspark Humboldthain (see map)  
Public transport S+U / DB Gesundbrunnen, Bus 247

- Only for people aged 18 and over.
- Warm clothes are recommended. The temperature is 10°C/50°F, even in the summer.
- Sturdy, closed shoes are a necessity. (Closed toes and heels, a stable sole, no high heels, sandals, flip flops etc.)

Also in the languages:



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## Subways, Bunkers, Cold War

The East-West conflict in the underground

During the Cold War, Berlin's underground became a volatile front-line where East and West confronted each other directly. In the underground structure at Blochplatz – originally built during subway construction, later used as a World War II shelter, and provisionally repaired for civil defense between 1981 and 1983 – we revisit key moments of this tense era. Using the building's history as a guide, we explore major stages of Cold War escalation: nuclear fear at a time when the world neared destruction, the division of Germany and Berlin, the Berlin Airlift, the Rudow spy tunnel, the Berlin Wall, underground sewer escapes, and guarded ghost stations. The facility's unique atmosphere, combined with film, exhibits and models – such as a full-scale replica of a nuclear bomb and a walk-in sewer pipe – brings the Cold War underground vividly to life. As an ideological East-West struggle, the Cold War shaped the second half of the 20th century. This tour shows how its legacy still affects us today and asks: What have we learned?

Duration 90 min  
Admission € 17 (reduced € 13)  
Tickets via Online-Shop [tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de](https://tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de)  
Meeting point Badstrasse/Böttgerstrasse, 13357 Berlin (see map)  
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## Tunnel and Bunker Dresdener Straße

Underground experiences at the border

The former underground line D (now U8) takes you on an exciting journey through time. Under Dresdener Strasse, there is a partially completed construction, an approximately 450-metre-long tunnel with station shell from the imperial era and the 1920s. During the National Socialist era, a bunker was built into the structure, other parts of the tunnel were converted into an air-raid shelter. On Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1945, when the city was attacked by around 950 bombers almost the entire "Luisenstadt" was destroyed by the subsequent firestorm. While there were thousands of casualties, all those seeking shelter in the bunker itself survived. In 1961, the Berlin Wall was built into the bunker, as part of the facility was located under Kreuzberg in West Berlin and the other part under East Berlin. This underground section of the Berlin Wall has been preserved, as have the remains of the border security installations. There were several successful and failed escape attempts, which are also discussed on the tour.

Duration 90 min  
Admission € 17  
Tickets via Online-Shop [tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de](https://tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de)  
Meeting point Dresdener Straße, 10179 Berlin, access building is opposite of house number 44 (see map)  
Public transport U Heinrich-Heine-Straße or U Moritzplatz (U8)

- Only for people aged 18 and over.
- Torches are provided because parts of the structure are not illuminated.
- Sturdy, closed shoes are a necessity.

## The Fichtebunker Kreuzberg

Sirens and sardine tins

Built in 1883/1884 as one of the gas storage facilities that helped power Berlin, this enormous circular building found new life when the Nazis commissioned Siemens to convert it into one of the most modern of Hitler's air raid shelters. After the war, the building continued to be used, first as a prison, then as a shelter, and even as a storeroom for the "Senatsreserve", the food store that would keep West Berliners alive should the communists blockade the city a second time. On the tour, you will not only hear about the building's role during key episodes in Berlin's eventful history but you will also see original bunker technology, including the still operational ventilation system and a rare diesel engine.

Duration 90 min  
Admission € 17 (reduced € 13)  
Tickets via Online-Shop [tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de](https://tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de)  
Meeting point Fichtestraße 6, 10967 Berlin-Kreuzberg (see map)  
Public transport U Südsterne (U7) or BUS M41 Körtestrasse

- Warm clothes are recommended. The temperature is 10°C/ 50°F all year. Please dress appropriately.
- Sturdy footwear is recommended.

## Under the Berlin Wall

Hear the stories of the people who tunnelled to freedom

When the Berlin Wall went up in August 1961, East Berliners were abruptly cut off from family, friends, work and study in the West. Many tried to escape by digging tunnels beneath the deadly border. The first escape tunnel was dug in October 1961, and the last attempt failed in 1982. More than 75 tunnels are known, but only 19 succeeded. On our tour, you'll hear of daring breakthroughs, betrayal, and bitter failures, as a tense "cat-and-mouse" struggle unfolded between tunnel builders and GDR authorities. Bernauer Straße became a prime tunneling location: the street lay entirely in West Berlin, while the houses to the south belonged to East Berlin. At its intersection with Brunnenstraße, we follow the tunnel builders' footsteps through the historic vaults of the former Oswald Berliner Brewery, using full-scale replica tunnels to revisit two of the most successful projects – Tunnel 29 and Tunnel 57. At Bernauer Straße, we tell the dramatic story of Berlin's escape tunnels and present the only surviving original escape tunnel from 1970/71, which Berliner Unterwelten e.V. has made accessible to the public.

Duration 90 min  
Admission € 17 (reduced € 13)  
Tickets via Online-Shop [tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de](https://tickets.berliner-unterwelten.de)  
Meeting point Brunnenstraße 141, 10115 Berlin (see map)  
Public transport U Bernauer Straße (U8, M10, BUS 247)

- Warm clothes are recommended for the second part.

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