

## 2. General information

- The minimum age for groups taking advantage of all services, except visits to the roof terrace and dome, "Children's Days" and the talk given on Wednesdays at 11.00 hrs, is 15 years or the 9<sup>th</sup> year of schooling.
- Disabled visitors with disabled ID, elderly or frail persons, parents with prams or buggies and visitors who have reserved a table at the roof garden restaurant are allowed access via the entrance below the West portal to the right (West C).
- For security reasons large pieces of luggage may not be taken into the Reichstag Building. No storage facilities are available on site.
- Bags, coats, etc. are subject to an x-ray examination and visitors checked with metal detectors in the entrance area.
- The German Bundestag reserves the right to alter all arrangements at short notice. Any such alterations will be announced by means of posters, etc.



## 3. Information material

All visitors are free to take the information material on the German Bundestag provided in the entrance area at the west portal and in the cloakrooms on the visitors' gallery of the Reichstag Building. Alternatively, it can be obtained in writing from:

Deutscher Bundestag  
- Öffentlichkeitsarbeit -  
Platz der Republik 1  
11011 Berlin

or by fax: +49 (0) 30 - 227 36 508

Information material can also be ordered online at:  
[www.bundestag.de](http://www.bundestag.de)

## III. Timetable of plenary sittings of the German Bundestag 2005

January	17.01. - 21.01. 24.01. - 28.01.
February	14.02. - 18.02. 21.02. - 25.02.
March	07.03. - 11.03. 14.03. - 18.03.
April	11.04. - 15.04. 18.04. - 22.04.
May	09.05. - 13.05. 30.05. - 03.06.
June	13.06. - 17.06. 27.06. - 01.07.
September	05.09. - 09.09.
October	17.10. - 18.10.
November	21.11. - 25.11. 28.11. - 02.12.
December	12.12. - 16.12.

### Information for those who have not booked in advance

During the winter months in particular, you can ask at the West portal, left entrance (West A) – the entrance for pre-booked groups – whether any places are still available to watch a plenary sitting or attend a talk on the visitors' gallery of the plenary chamber, or take part in a tour of one of the buildings.

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## Visiting the German Bundestag



### We look forward to your visit!

Information on services for  
visiting groups and individuals  
for the year **2005**



## I. Services for visiting groups and individuals

### 1. Dome, roof terrace and roof garden restaurant

The **roof terrace and dome** of the Reichstag Building offer an incomparable view of Berlin's government and parliamentary quarter.

#### 1.1. Booking/Reservation

Booking/reservation not necessary

#### 1.2. Times/Access

- Daily from 08.00 to 24.00 hrs  
Last admission 22.00 hrs
- West portal, right entrance (West B)

#### 1.3. Closure of the dome and roof terrace

- The dome and roof terrace will be closed all day on 24 December 2005 and from 16.00 hrs on 31 December 2005
- For information about the closure of the dome at other times (4-10 April, 20-24 June, 11-17 July and 10-16 October 2005), please see our homepage, [www.bundestag.de](http://www.bundestag.de), the leaflets available at the entrances and the (Berlin) daily newspapers, or contact the Visitors' Service by telephone (cf. section II.1.2.); access will continue to be provided to the roof terrace



The **roof garden restaurant** next to the dome looks out over Pariser Platz, and is open daily from 09.00 hrs to 24.00 hrs. Visitors who have already reserved a table can enter the building via the entrance below the west portal to the right (West C).

Tables can be reserved by telephone on +49 (0) 30 - 22 62 99 33 or online at [kaeferreservierung.berlin@feinkost-kaefer.de](mailto:kaeferreservierung.berlin@feinkost-kaefer.de).

## 2. Talks on the visitors' gallery of the plenary chamber

Talks are held **on the visitors' gallery of the plenary chamber** of the German Bundestag during weeks when parliament is not sitting.

### 2.1. Programme

- 45-minute talk on the functions, working methods and composition of parliament, as well as the history and architecture of the Reichstag Building, followed by a discussion
- Opportunity for unaccompanied visit to the dome

### 2.2. Booking

Please **book in writing** as early as possible on account of restrictions on numbers (cf. section II.1.1.).

### 2.3. Times/Access

- Only during weeks when parliament is not sitting (cf. section III.)
- Mon - Fri from April to Oct 09.00 - 18.00 hrs (until 22.00 hrs if demand requires)  
from Nov to March 09.00 - 17.00 hrs
- Sat, Sun and public holidays from April to Oct 09.00 - 18.00 hrs (until 22.00 hrs if demand requires)  
from Nov to March 10.00 - 16.00 hrs
- Tuesdays in English 12.00 hrs  
in French 13.00 hrs
- Wednesdays for school groups (7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> years of schooling) 11.00 hrs
- Every hour on the hour
- West portal, left entrance (West A) for "pre-booked visitors"

### 2.4. Closure of the plenary chamber

25 March (Good Friday), 27 March (Easter Sunday), 13 November (Day of National Mourning), 23-26 December (Christmas), 31 December (New Year's Eve), 1 January 2006 (New Year's Day): **no talks available**



## 3. Visits to plenary sittings

Watch a **plenary sitting** of the German Bundestag "live" from the public gallery of the plenary chamber.

### 3.1. Programme

- Approx. 1-hour visit for visiting groups and individual visitors
- Opportunity for unaccompanied visit to the dome

### 3.2. Booking

**Please book in writing** as soon as possible before your planned visit (cf. section II.1.1.).

### 3.3. Times/Access

- Only in weeks when parliament is sitting (cf. section III.)
- Wed 13.00 – approx. 15.45 hrs  
Thu 09.00 – approx. 22.00 hrs  
Fri 09.00 – approx. 14.00 hrs
- West portal, left entrance (West A) for "pre-booked visitors"

## 4. Visits at the invitation of a Member

Subject to certain restrictions, Members of the German Bundestag can invite **visiting groups** (at least 10 participants) to make a **study visit** or **visit to a plenary sitting**.

### 4.1. Programme

- **Study visit**  
45-minute talk on the functions, working methods and composition of parliament, as well as the history and architecture of the Reichstag Building; discussion with the Member who issued the invitation; snack; opportunity for unaccompanied visit to the dome
- **Visit to a plenary sitting**  
Approx. 1-hour visit to a plenary sitting; discussion with the Member who invited the group; snack; opportunity for unaccompanied visit to the dome

### 4.2. Times/Access

Study visits: cf. section I.2.3.  
Visits to plenary sittings: cf. section I.3.3.

### 4.3. Further information

Please address inquiries directly to the Member who issued the invitation or his/her constituency office

## 5. Guided tours

The following 90-minute tours are available during weeks when parliament is not sitting (cf. section III.); max. number of participants: 25.

### 5.1. Tour of the Reichstag Building

- Topics: the functions, working methods and composition of parliament, as well as the history and architecture of the Reichstag Building
- Unaccompanied visit to the dome if wished
- Mon - Sun and public holidays 10.30 hrs, 13.30 hrs  
15.30 hrs, 18.30 hrs
- West portal, left entrance (West A)

### 5.2. Art and architecture tours

- Talks on art and architecture

#### In the Reichstag Building

- Sat, Sun and public holidays 11.30 hrs
- West portal, left entrance (West A)
- Unaccompanied visit to the dome if wished

#### In the Paul Löbe Building and Jakob Kaiser Building

- Sat, Sun and public holidays 14.00 hrs, 16.00 hrs
- North entrance (Reichstag Building), with disabled access
- Unaccompanied visit to the dome if wished

#### In the Marie Elisabeth Lüders Building

- Sat, Sun and public holidays 12.00 hrs, 14.00 hrs
- North Entrance (ME Lüders Building), with disabled access

### 5.3. Tours of buildings for foreign visitors

On request, tours can be provided in the following languages: Danish, English, French, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish

### 5.4. Booking

Please **book in writing** as early as possible due to restrictions on numbers (cf. section II.1.1.).

### 5.5. Tours unavailable

25 March (Good Friday), 27 March (Easter Sunday), 13 November (Day of National Mourning), 23-26 December (Christmas), 31 December (New Year's Eve) and 1 January 2006 (New Year's Day): **tours unavailable**

## 6. Children's Days

On Children's Days (21 March, 7 June, 14 September and 8 December 2005), children aged from 6 to 14 and accompanied by at least one adult can take part from 08.00 hrs to 14.00 hrs (last entrance: 13.00 hrs) in a special children's tour of the Reichstag Building (for booking details, see section II.1.1.). We recommend that youth groups and school classes book as early as possible.

## 7. Role play for young people

School children from the 10<sup>th</sup> year of schooling (16 years onwards) can get to know how the German Bundestag works by taking part in a role play entitled "**Experiencing Parliamentary Democracy**". The programme includes a tour of the Reichstag Building and a snack; unaccompanied visit to the dome is possible if wished. The role play takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 08.00 to 14.00 hrs. The minimum group size is 20, maximum group size 35. Enquiries and bookings by mail: [tanja.salz@bundestag.de](mailto:tanja.salz@bundestag.de).

## II. We're glad to be of assistance!

### 1. Booking/Information

**No charge is made** for the services provided by the Visitors' Service of the German Bundestag.

#### 1.1. Booking

If you have decided to visit the Bundestag or join a tour, write to us at:

Deutscher Bundestag
- Besucherdienst -
Platz der Republik 1
11011 Berlin

or fax: +49 (0) 30 - 227 30 027

#### Information required

- The date and time when you wish to visit the Bundestag, the number of visitors and the service you are interested in
- Please give max. 2 alternative dates, in case it is not possible for your visit to take place on your preferred date
- Postal address, telephone number and/or e-mail address

#### Please note

On account of very high levels of demand and limited capacity, we are unable to meet all requests.

#### 1.2. Information

For further information look [www.bundestag.de](http://www.bundestag.de) (English version)