



Visiting the German Bundestag

Information on services
for visiting groups and
individuals for the year 2009



I. Services for visiting groups and individuals

1. A visit to the roof terrace and dome of the Reichstag Building with a view of the parliamentary and government quarter

1.1. Times/Access

- Daily from 8.00 to 24.00 hrs
Last admission 22.00 hrs
- West portal, right entrance (West B)

1.2. No advance bookings taken

1.3. Closure of the dome and roof terrace

The dome and roof terrace will be closed all day on 24 December and from 16.00 hrs on 31 December. For information about the closure of the dome at other times (30 March–3 April, 13–17 July, 27–31 July, and provisionally 12–16 or 19–24 October), please consult our website www.bundestag.de, the leaflets available at the entrances, or contact the Visitors' Service by telephone (+49 (0)30-227 32152 or +49 (0)30-227 35908). The roof terrace can still be visited at times when the dome is closed.

The [rooftop restaurant](#) east of the dome with a view across historic Berlin is open daily from 09.00 to 16.30 hrs and from 18.30 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 calling +49 (0)30-226 29933 or sending an email to: 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](#) during periods when Parliament is not sitting (see section III.).

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
- Opportunity for an unaccompanied visit to the dome following the talk

2.2. Booking

Please [book in writing](#) as early as possible due to limited availability (see section II.1.1.).

2.3. Times/Access

- Only applies to periods when Parliament is not sitting (see section III.)
- Mon – Fri from April to Oct 9.00–18.00 hrs
(until 22.00 hrs if demand requires)
from Nov to March 9.00–17.00 hrs
- Sat, Sun and public holidays (except Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Day of National Mourning, Christmas and New Year's Eve)
from April to Oct 9.00–18.00 hrs
(until 22.00 hrs if demand requires)
from Nov to March 10.00–16.00 hrs
- Tuesdays Talk in English 12.00 hrs
Talk in French 13.00 hrs
- Wednesdays Talk for school groups 11.00 hrs
- Every hour on the hour
- West portal, left entrance (West A), labelled "angemeldete Besucher" (registered visitors)

2.4. Tours unavailable

No tours are held on 10 April (Good Friday), 12 April (Easter Sunday), 15 November (Day of National Mourning), 24–26 December (Christmas) and 31 December (New Year's Eve).



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 to a Bundestag debate
- Opportunity for an unaccompanied visit to the dome afterwards

3.2. Booking

Please [book in writing](#) as early as possible due to limited availability (see section II.1.1.).

3.3. Times/Access

- Only in weeks when Parliament is sitting (see section III.)
 - Wed 13.00 – approx. 16.00 hrs
 - Thu 9.00 – approx. 22.00 hrs
 - Fri 9.00 – approx. 14.00 hrs
- West portal, left entrance (West A), labelled “angemeldete Besucher” (registered visitors)

4. Visits at the invitation of a Member of Parliament

Members of the German Bundestag can invite [visiting groups](#) (at least 10 participants) to make a [study visit](#) or [visit to a plenary sitting](#). Please note that the demand for these specially funded offers usually greatly exceeds the available capacity.

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 of Parliament who issued the invitation; snack; group photo. Opportunity for an unaccompanied visit to the dome.
- [Visit to a plenary sitting](#): Approx. 1-hour visit to a plenary sitting; discussion with the Member of Parliament who invited the group; snack; group photo. Opportunity for an unaccompanied visit to the dome.

5. Guided tours

The following 90-minute tours are available during periods when Parliament is not sitting (see section III.); maximum number of participants: 25 persons.

5.1. Tour of the Reichstag Building

We offer tours focusing on the functions, working methods and composition of Parliament, as well as the history and architecture of the Reichstag Building. Participants have the opportunity to visit the dome unaccompanied following the tour.

5.1.1. Times/Access

- Daily, with the exception of times when Parliament is sitting and the public holidays listed in section 5.6.:
 - 10.30 hrs, 13.30 hrs, 15.30 hrs, 18.30 hrs
- West portal, left entrance (West A)

5.2. Tour of the Reichstag Building for families

For families with children aged 6 to 14, we offer talks designed for children on Parliament’s tasks, way of working and composition, as well as on the history and architecture of the Reichstag Building. Participants have the opportunity to visit the dome unaccompanied following the tour.

5.2.1. Times/Access

- Saturdays, Sundays and certain public holidays at 10.00 hrs
- North Entrance (Reichstag Building), with disabled access



5.3. Art and architecture tours

In the Reichstag Building

- Sat, Sun and certain public holidays 11.30 hrs
- West portal, left entrance (West A)
- Opportunity for unaccompanied visit to the dome following tour

In the Paul Löbe Building or Jakob Kaiser Building

- Sat, Sun and certain public holidays 14.00 hrs, 16.00 hrs
- North Entrance (Reichstag Building), with disabled access
- Opportunity for unaccompanied visit to the dome following tour

In the Marie-Elisabeth Lüders Building

- Sat, Sun and certain public holidays 12.00 hrs, 14.00 hrs
- North Entrance (Marie-Elisabeth Lüders Building), with disabled access
(Please note that while an unaccompanied visit to the dome following the tour is possible, visitors will have to queue.)

5.4. Tours of buildings for foreign visitors

On request, tours for 6 to 25 participants can be held at various times in the following languages: Danish, English, French, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

5.5. Booking

Please [book in writing](#) as early as possible due to limited availability (see section II.1.1.).

5.6. Tours unavailable

No tours are held on 10 April (Good Friday), 12 April (Easter Sunday), 15 November (Day of National Mourning), 23–26 December (Christmas), 31 December (New Year's Eve)

6. The German Bundestag's Historical Exhibition

- Title: "Milestones – Setbacks – Sidetracks: The Path to Parliamentary Democracy in Germany"
- Tours possible by prior arrangement: Tel.: +49(0)30-227 30431, Fax: +49(0)30-227 30438
- On request in the following languages: English, French, Italian
- Opening hours: Tuesdays to Sundays from 10.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs (19.00 hrs from May to September)
- Venue: Deutscher Dom, Gendarmenmarkt 1, 10117 Berlin-Mitte

7. Slide show

- Topic: "Technology, energy and the story of the construction of the Reichstag Building"
- In weeks when Parliament is sitting (see section III.) Wednesdays at 14.00 hrs, Thursdays at 9.00 hrs, 12.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs, Fridays at 9.00 hrs and 11.00 hrs
- No guided tour of the building; opportunity for an unaccompanied visit to the dome if desired
- For 10 to 30 participants; duration: approx. 90 minutes
- Bookings must be made [in writing](#) (see section II.1.1.).

8. Children's Days

On Children's Days (2 March, 8 June, 14 September and 30 November), school classes or groups of 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. We recommend booking as early as possible.

Role-playing game for young people

Secondary-school students from the 10th year of schooling upwards can learn how the German Bundestag works by taking part in a role-playing game entitled "[Experiencing Parliamentary Democracy](#)". The programme includes a tour of the Reichstag Building and a snack. Following the programme, an unaccompanied visit to the dome is possible.

The role-playing game takes place Mondays and Tuesdays, from 08.00 hrs to 14.30 hrs. The minimum group size is 20, the maximum 35.

- Enquiries and questions about availability can be made by telephone: +49(0)30-227 32013.
- Bookings must be by email (planspiel@bundestag.de), by fax (+49(0)30-227 36101) or by post (see section II.1.), and should be labelled with the word "Planspiel".





II. We're glad to be of assistance!

1. Booking/Information

The services provided by the Visitors' Service of the German Bundestag are **free of charge**.

1.1. Booking

If you are interested in any of the services for visitors offered by the German Bundestag, please send a letter to the following address:

Deutscher Bundestag
 – Besucherdienst –
 Platz der Republik 1
 11011 Berlin

or send a fax: +49(0)30-227 30027

or send an e-mail to: besucherdienst@bundestag.de

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 1 to 3 alternative dates, in case it is not possible for your visit to take place on your preferred date
- Your postal address and telephone number

Please note

On account of high levels of demand and limited capacity, we are unable to meet all requests. Bookings at short notice for talks at weekends can only be processed if they are received at the latest on the Thursday before the proposed date.

1.2. Queries

If you have any questions regarding the services we offer, please contact us on the following telephone numbers:

+49(0)30-227 32152

+49(0)30-227 35908

2. General information

- The minimum age for groups for all the tours and talks is 15 years – except for visits to the roof terrace and dome, talks for school groups, tours for families and children's days.
- Disabled visitors, elderly or frail persons, parents with prams or buggies and visitors who have reserved a table in the rooftop 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. Signs will be posted to announce any alterations made.

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 36200

Further information is also available online at: www.bundestag.de



III. Timetable of plenary sittings of the German Bundestag in 2009

January	19/1–23/1, 26/1–29/1
February	19/2–13/2
March	2/3–6/3, 16/3–20/3, 23/3–27/3
April	20/4–24/4
May	4/5–7/5, 11/5–14/5, 25/5–29/5
June/July	15/6–19/6, 29/6–3/7

Elections to the German Bundestag are due to be held on 27 September 2009. The new Parliament will then determine the timetable for plenary sittings for the rest of 2009.

In weeks when the Bundestag is sitting, plenary sittings take place Wednesday 13.00 to approx. 16.00 hrs, Thursday 09.00 to approx. 22.00 hrs, Friday 09.00 to approx. 14.00 hrs.

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) – labelled “angemeldete Besucher” (registered visitors) – 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.



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