



Deutscher Bundestag

Visiting the German Bundestag

Information on services for visiting groups and individuals

Besuch beim Deutschen Bundestag
Informationen in englischer Sprache

New
2023
edition

20th electoral term



Services for visiting groups and individuals

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

Up-to-date information on visiting the German Bundestag
www.bundestag.de/en/visittheBundestag



Link to the online registration form for your visit
<https://visite.bundestag.de/BAPWeb/pages/createBookingRequest/viewBasicInformation.jsf?lang=en>



**Website for downloading and ordering
the German Bundestag's information materials**
www.btg-bestellservice.de



Website of the German Bundestag
www.bundestag.de/en



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

The roof terrace and dome of the Reichstag Building are open from 8.00 hrs to midnight daily (last admission: 21.45 hrs). In order to visit the roof terrace and dome, you must *register in advance*.

The online registration form can be found at the following address: www.bundestag.de/en/visittheBundestag.

We regret that it is not possible to register by telephone.

Visitors who have not booked in advance can, if free places are still available, register to visit with just two hours' advance notice by going to the service centre on the south side of Scheidemannstraße, next to the Berlin Pavilion. The service centre is open from 8.00 to 18.00 hrs in the winter (1 November to 31 March), and from 8.00 to 20.00 hrs in the summer (1 April to 31 October).

The roof terrace and the dome are closed all day on 24 December and from 16.00 hrs on 31 December (last admission: 14.30 hrs). In addition, the dome cannot be visited while cleaning and maintenance work is being carried out. The roof terrace can still be visited at times when the dome is closed.

For more information about closures of the dome, please consult our website www.bundestag.de, or contact the Visitors' Service by telephone on

■ +49 30 227-32152 or +49 30 227-35908 during the following hours: Monday: 9.00 to 15.00 hrs, Tuesday to Thursday: 9.00 to 16.00 hrs, Friday: 9.00 to 13.30 hrs.

Please note:

Parliamentary business, weather conditions and the security situation all affect whether visits to the Reichstag Building roof terrace and dome can go ahead. We are therefore unable to guarantee that you will be able to visit the dome. It is sometimes necessary to cancel a visit to the dome at the last minute, even if the visit has been confirmed in advance. Unfortunately, it is impossible for us to notify you of potential last-minute cancellations by email, telephone or fax.

Audio guide to the dome of the Reichstag Building

In the course of 20 minutes, your personal guide to the dome will share with you all the most important facts about the Reichstag Building and its surroundings, the German Bundestag, the work of Parliament, and the sights you can see during your 230-metre-long ascent and descent. The easy-to-use audio guides, which you can obtain on the roof terrace, are available in eleven languages: Chinese, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Turkish. Versions of the audio guide designed for children and for blind people are available (in German), as well as an audio guide in simple German and a video guide for deaf visitors. The audio guide is not available when the dome is closed.

The rooftop restaurant

The rooftop restaurant is located east of the dome and open to the public. Up-to-date information on opening times, menus and reservation options can be found online at www.feinkostkaefer.de/berlin.



Lectures in the visitors' gallery of the plenary chamber

Lectures are available in the visitors' gallery overlooking the plenary chamber. In these 45-minute lectures you will learn important facts about the functions, working methods and composition of Parliament, as well as the history and architecture of the Reichstag Building. Lectures begin every hour on the hour. In principle (see note on p. 5), you will have an opportunity to visit the dome following the lecture.

As we can only offer a limited number of places, we request that you book in writing. Information on how to do this can be found from page 16 onwards.



Lectures in the visitors' gallery overlooking the plenary chamber are only available when Parliament is not sitting (see p. 21):

Monday to Friday

- from April to October: 9.00 to 18.00 hrs (until 22.00 hrs if required)
- from November to March: 9.00 to 17.00 hrs

Saturday, Sunday and public holidays

- from April to October: 9.00 to 18.00 hrs (until 22.00 hrs if required)
- from November to March: 10.00 to 16.00 hrs

Tuesdays: lectures in foreign languages

- English: 11.00 hrs
- French: 13.00 hrs

Wednesdays: lectures for school groups (German only)

- Lower-secondary school pupils (specifically for pupils in the 7th to 9th years of schooling): 11.00 hrs

Lectures are not available on the following days:

Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Day of National Mourning, 23 to 26 December (Christmas) and 31 December (New Year's Eve).



Visits to plenary sittings

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

You will spend around an hour watching a Bundestag debate. In principle (see note on p. 5), you will then have an opportunity to visit the dome.

As places are limited, we request that you book in writing well in advance. Information on how to do this can be found from page 16 onwards.

Visits to plenary sittings are only possible in weeks when Parliament is sitting (see p. 21), at the following times:

- Wednesdays from 13.00 hrs
- Thursdays from 9.00 hrs (On occasions when a Bundestag debate lasts until after 23 hrs, it is possible to enquire about visiting times after 23 hrs by calling +49 30 227-38783 after 9 hrs on the Thursday of the sitting week in question.)
- Fridays from 9.00 hrs



Visits at the invitation of a Member of Parliament

Members of the German Bundestag can invite visiting groups of a limited number (with a minimum of 10 participants) for a *visit to a plenary sitting or a study visit*. Please note that the demand for these specially funded offers usually greatly exceeds the number of places available.

A *visit to a plenary sitting* lasts approximately an hour. It is followed by a discussion with the Member of Parliament who invited the group, a meal and a group photo. In principle (see note on p. 5), you will then have an opportunity to visit the dome.

A *study visit* includes a 45-minute talk on the functions, working methods and composition of Parliament, as well as the history and architecture of the Reichstag Building; a discussion with the Member of Parliament who invited the group; a meal and a group photo. In principle (see note on p. 5), you will then have an opportunity to visit the dome.

Please contact your Member of the Bundestag or their constituency office directly. The Member for your constituency can be found at www.bundestag.de.

Left: Constituent sitting of the 19th Bundestag on 24 October 2017: You can watch a plenary sitting live from the visitors' galleries.



Guided tours

Various 90-minute tours are available when Parliament is not sitting (see p. 21). Participant numbers are limited to a maximum of 25 people. As places are limited, we request that you book in writing well in advance. Information on how to do this can be found on p. 16.

Guided tour of the Reichstag Building

We offer guided tours explaining the functions, working methods and composition of Parliament, as well as the history and architecture of the Reichstag Building. In principle (see note on p. 5), you will then have an opportunity to visit the dome.

■ Daily at 10.30 hrs, 13.30 hrs, 15.30 hrs and 18.30 hrs (in German)

Guided tour focusing on parliamentary history

At locations with special historical significance in the Reichstag Building, you will learn interesting details about the history of the building and the development of parliamentarianism in Germany from its beginnings to the present day. (Recommended for visitors aged 15 and over.) In principle (see note on p. 5), you will then have an opportunity to visit the dome.

■ Daily at 9.00 hrs, 10.30 hrs, 12.00 hrs, 13.30 hrs and 15.00 hrs (in German)



Tour of the Reichstag Building for families

For families with children aged five to 14, we offer tours designed for children about Parliament's tasks, working methods and composition, as well as on the history and architecture of the Reichstag Building. In principle (see note on p. 5), you will then have an opportunity to visit the dome.

■ Saturdays, Sundays and on certain public holidays at 10.00 hrs, 12.30 hrs and 14.30 hrs (in German)

Art and architecture tours of the Reichstag Building

■ Saturdays, Sundays and certain public holidays at 11.30 hrs (in German)

In principle (see note on p. 5), you will have an opportunity to visit the dome following the tour.

Art and architecture tours of the Paul Löbe Building or the Jakob Kaiser Building

■ Saturdays, Sundays and certain public holidays at 14.00 hrs for the Paul Löbe Building and 16.00 hrs for the Jakob Kaiser Building (in German). In principle (see note on p. 5), you will have an opportunity to visit the dome following the tour.

Guided tours for groups of foreign visitors

On request, tours can be held for groups with a minimum of 6 participants in Danish, English, French, Italian, Norwegian, Russian and Spanish – and, of course, in German.

No tours are held on the following days:

Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Day of National Mourning, 23 to 26 December (Christmas) and 31 December (New Year's Eve).

NOTE: The following services are available in German language only

Childrens' Days

On five children's days each year, we offer child-friendly tours of the Reichstag Building for school classes or groups of children aged five to 14 accompanied by at least one adult from 9.00 – 14.00 hrs (last admission: 13.00 hrs). On request, children's tours can also be organised on alternative dates for school classes or groups of children, up to a maximum of 25 children. Enquiries or bookings can be sent to: kindertag@bundestag.de.

School seminars for pupils in the 7th to 10th years of schooling

Following a tour with a visit to the dome of the Reichstag Building and a short stop past a Member's office, secondary-school pupils in the 7th and 8th years of schooling can put their newfound knowledge to the test in a quiz on Mondays from 8.15 hrs to 10.15/10.45 hrs. Pupils in the 9th and 10th years of schooling can prove their knowledge in a quiz held right at the start of seminars which take place on Mondays from 11.30 hrs to 14.30 hrs.

Afterwards, they too will have the opportunity to see the original sights of the Reichstag Building, before going on to discuss a topic of their choosing with a Member of the Bundestag. The visit ends with lunch and a stop at the dome of the Reichstag Building from 14.30 hrs to approx. 16.00 hrs.

Dates and further details can be found (in German) at: www.bundestag.de/schuelerseminare.

Role-playing game for young people

Students and secondary-school pupils from the 10th year of schooling upwards can learn how the German Bundestag works by playing the part of a Member of Parliament in a role-playing game entitled "Experiencing Parliamentary Democracy", in which they deliberate fictitious bills in parliamentary group and committee

meetings and vote on these in the plenary. The programme also includes a tour of the Reichstag Building, lunch and, in principle (see note on p. 5), an opportunity to visit the dome. The role-playing game takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays (except the days on which school seminars are held, see above), from 8.00 hrs to approx. 14.30 hrs. On Tuesdays in sitting weeks the role-playing game takes place from 11.15 hrs to 17.45 hrs.

The minimum group size is 25 and the maximum is 45. Details are available via +49 30 227-32013/-32910 or at www.bundestag.de/planspiel.

Parliamentary seminars

Parliamentary seminars are aimed at multipliers in the area of political education. They take place during sitting weeks on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. At the centre of this half-day information event are discussions with a representative from each of the parliamentary groups represented in the Bundestag on a topic selected by the group. The seminars also feature an introduction to the Bundestag's working methods, a tour of the buildings or a visit to a plenary sitting and lunch at the invitation of the German Bundestag. The minimum group size is 10 and the maximum is 35.

Further details are available via:

■ +49 30 227-32606 or-

www.bundestag.de/besuche/parlamentsseminar.

The German Bundestag's exhibition on parliamentary history

In the Deutscher Dom on Gendarmenmarkt, you can visit the German Bundestag's exhibition on parliamentary history. On a total of five floor levels, the exhibition traces the historical development of the parliamentary system in Germany.

We offer:

- Tours (90 minutes) for pre-booked groups of between 10 and 50 participants
- Tours (30 minutes) for individuals and groups of up to ten on a selection of topics covered in the exhibition beginning every 30 minutes between 11.00 and 17.00 hrs every day
- Tours in English, French or Italian on request.
- Educational projects (3-3.5 hours) for school pupils in the lower and upper years of secondary school, in groups of between 10 and 30.

Topics: "Freedom and basic rights in German parliamentary history" and "Parliamentary democracy in Germany – tasks and functions of the German Bundestag" (German only)

- "Plenary sitting" role-playing game (45 minutes) for registered groups of visitors up to a maximum of 50 participants in a reconstruction of the plenary chamber on Tuesdays in sitting weeks at 14.00 hrs, 15.00 hrs and 16.00 hrs and Thursdays in sitting weeks at 9.00 hrs, 10.00 hrs, 11.00 hrs, 12.00 hrs, 14.00 hrs, 15.00 hrs, 16.00 hrs and 17.00 hrs (German only)
- Film screenings (90 minutes) in our 54-seat cinema, each day at 14.00 hrs (German only)

The exhibition is open Tuesday to Sunday from 10.00 to 18.00 hrs (19.00 hrs from May to September).

Information about the exhibition and other services can be found online at:

- www.bundestag.de/deutscherdom

Address:

- Deutscher Dom, Gendarmenmarkt 1, 10117 Berlin
- historischeausstellung@bundestag.de
- +49 30 227-30431 oder +49 30 227-30432

How to get there:

U-Bahn (underground): U2, U6 Stadtmitte

Bus: 265 Stadtmitte/Krausenstraße



DEM DEUTSCHEN VOLKE

Registration

If you are interested in one or more of our services for visitors, please contact us at:

■ Deutscher Bundestag

Besucherdienst

Platz der Republik 1

11011 Berlin

■ Fax: +49 30 227-30027

■ www.bundestag.de/en/visittheBundestag

How to book one of our services: Please let us know the date and time when you would like to visit the Bundestag, as well as the number of visitors and the service you are interested in. Please also list one to three alternative dates/times, as we cannot always fulfil every request. Don't forget to include your address and your telephone number.

Please note: Given the high level of demand and limited capacity, we are unable to meet all requests. Bookings at short notice for lectures at weekends can only be processed if they are received at the latest on the Wednesday before the requested date.

Enquiries

If you have any questions regarding the services we offer, please contact us during our office hours (Monday 9.00 – 15.00 hrs, Tuesday – Thursday 9.00 – 16.00 hrs and Friday 9.00 – 13.30 hrs):

■ +49 (30) 227-32152 or +49 30 227-35908

■ besucherdienst@bundestag.de



General information

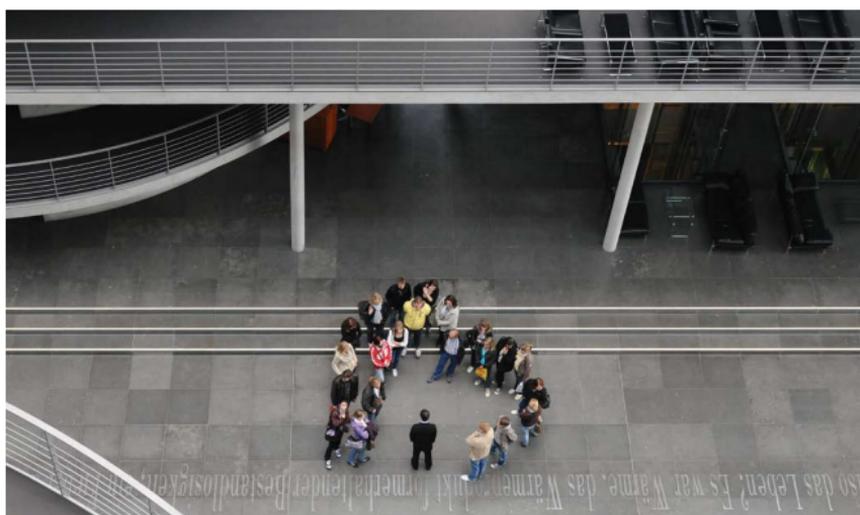
The recommended minimum age for participants in any of the services for groups is 15 years. This does not apply to visits to the roof terrace and dome, lectures for school groups, tours for families or children's days.

For security reasons, large pieces of luggage may not be taken into the Reichstag Building. No storage facilities are available on site.

At the central entrance for visitors on Scheidemannstraße (near the West Portal of the Reichstag Building), visitors will be asked to provide proof of identity and will be checked with metal detectors, while bags, coats and other items will be subject to an X-ray examination.

A visit to the German Bundestag is only possible if the following information is provided for all visitors: last name, first name and date of birth. The Visitors' Service provides a List of Visitors form for this purpose. When registering online at www.bundestag.de/en/visittheBundestag, you will need to provide this information for each visitor when you submit your request to allow it to be processed.

We reserve the right to alter all arrangements at short notice. Signs will be posted to announce any changes made.



Information for people with disabilities

The German Bundestag is accessible for people with disabilities. The Reichstag Building can be accessed by wheelchair users via the central visitors' entrance. The exhibition on parliamentary history in the Deutscher Dom is also accessible. A limited number of wheelchairs are available on loan if required. Induction loops assist visitors with a hearing impairment in hearing plenary debates and lectures in the visitors' galleries. For deaf visitors in groups of at least ten people, sign language interpreters can be provided – provided this is requested in writing well in advance.

Assistance for people with a visual impairment and blind people is provided in the form of Braille labels and audio floor notifications in the lifts. A tactile model of the Reichstag building, a tactile diagram of the plenary chamber and the dome, as well as a tactile model of the parliamentary and government district, enable blind and visually impaired visitors to explore the forums of German democracy. On request, and depending on tour capacity, tours can be held for blind and visually impaired people in groups with a minimum of ten guests.

There is a version of the audio guide for the blind (featuring an audio description and portable tactile guide), as well as a video guide for deaf visitors. There is also an audio guide in simple German.



Accessibility services offered by the German Bundestag
www.bundestag.de/en/visittheBundestag/hinweis



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 at the cloakrooms on the visitors' level of the Reichstag Building. Alternatively, it can be ordered in writing from:

■ Deutscher Bundestag
Öffentlichkeitsarbeit
Platz der Republik 1
11011 Berlin

or by fax:

■ +49 30 227-36200.

For more information on our range of publications – printed and digital – visit our service website:
www.btg-bestellservice.de



Sitting weeks of
the German Bundestag

Information on the sitting weeks of the German Bundestag can be found at:
www.bundestag.de/en/parliament/plenary/calendar

In weeks when Parliament is sitting, plenary sittings take place:

- Wednesdays from 13.00 hrs
- Thursdays from 9.00 hrs
- Fridays from 9.00 hrs

No tours or lectures are offered during plenary sittings.

Download this publication as an accessible PDF

www.btg-bestellservice.de/pdf/20083601.pdf



Flyer “The Bundestag at a click” presenting the online information services

www.btg-bestellservice.de/pdf/80141010.pdf



Herausgeber: Deutscher Bundestag, Referat Öffentlichkeitsarbeit
Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin

Koordination: Dr. Elisabeth Heegewaldt, Elmar Ostermann

Published by: German Bundestag, Public Relations Division

Editors: Dr Elisabeth Heegewaldt, Elmar Ostermann

Text: Visitors' Service, Heiko Eberle

Translated by: Language Service of the German Bundestag

Design: Regelindis Westphal Grafik-Design, Berlin,

edited by wbv Media, Bielefeld

Bundestag eagle: Created by Professor Ludwig Gies, revised in 2008

by büro uebele

Photos: Public Relations Division picture desk: Sylvia Bohn, Julia Jesse

Photo credits: Deutscher Bundestag (DBT)/Marcus Zumbansen (cover);

p. 2, p. 23 berno buff > fotografie; p. 5 DBT/Junophoto/Julia Nowak-Katz;

p. 6 DBT/Jörg F. Müller; p. 7, p. 9, p. 10, p. 15, p. 18 DBT/Hermann J. Müller;

p. 8 DBT/Achim Melde; p. 16 DBT/Stefan Klonk; p. 17, p. 19 DBT/

Julia Kummerow

Printed by: Druckhaus Waiblingen, Remstal-Bote GmbH

As at: March 2023

© Deutscher Bundestag, Berlin

All rights reserved.

This publication has been produced as part of the German Bundestag's public relations activities. It is provided free of charge and is not intended for sale. It may not be used for election campaign purposes or utilised by parties or parliamentary groups in their own public relations activities.



