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Temporary Exhibitions ●●●

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All entrances of the Memorial are wheelchair accessible. There is no wheelchair access to the Underground prison and 1st and 2nd floor in the main building.



The Bautzner Straße Memorial in Dresden

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Opening Hours

Daily 10am – 6pm
 Closed Easter Sunday / 24-26 December / 31 December and 1 January

Admission

Adults €4 / reduced €2
 Free up to 18 years
 Free on last Sunday of the month

Guided Tours

Tours for groups after registration (min. 10 people, €4 each)
 Student groups after registration (€40)
 Free guided tour every 1st Sunday of the month (11am)
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Getting here

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 By bus: Number 74 and 261, nearest station is Angelikastraße or Number 64 to Waldschlösschen station and 5 minute walk

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English version

THE BAUTZNER STRASSE MEMORIAL IN DRESDEN

Former remand prison and regional office of the East German Ministry of State Security (Stasi) in Dresden



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Permanent Exhibitions

- Types of Violence. Imprisonment, Interrogation and Conviction of Government Critics in Dresden 1953 – 1989.
- The Stasi in Dresden – Biographies, Methods and Audio Recordings. Exhibited in the ceremonial hall and in the rooms of the last Chief of State Security in Dresden.
- From the Underground Prison into the Detention Camp – Fates of Political Prisoners in Saxony. 1945-1955.



Soviet Underground Prison 1945 – 1953

In 1932, the former 19th century papermill on Bautzner Straße was reconstructed into the mansion block "Heidehof". After World War II, it was used by the Soviet occupation force. In both the cellars of the mainbuilding, as well as in the cellars of nearby buildings, the Soviet Secret Service built prison cells. Prisoners of those cells were often taken to the Soviet forced labour camps.

In the Soviet Remand Prison the people arrested were not only Nazi criminals, but also innocents, or people who were critical of the Socialist regime and the Soviet occupation force. Today visitors can see the authentic place. The cellar aisle leads to the bare cells as well as to the patio. The permanent exhibition outlines the evidence based on individual cases of political resistance. The "Room of Silence" reminds us of the people who were sentenced to death by the Soviet Military Tribunal (SMT) and who were then executed in the Soviet Union. The second part of the exhibition focuses on the perspectives of the families of the prisoners and it shows the consequences of the arrests. The exhibition is complemented by artwork.



1945 – 1953

Remand Prison 1953 – 1989

In autumn 1953, the Soviets consigned the building in Bautzner Straße to the Ministry of State Security of the GDR (MfS/Stasi). The terrain was converted to the Stasi district administration with its own remand prison. Until 1989, people were arrested for political reasons and they were interrogated by the Stasi using unrelenting investigation procedures.



Foto: Tichy Dresden

The site which is the only one in Saxony still is in its original condition. Apart from the main building consisting of 44 cells, visitors can also see the interrogation room, a vehicle sluice, the patio and arrest cells, as well as cells with many different functions. Information about the historical place is provided in the permanent exhibition. It also includes multimedia applications and texts about the fates of the victims. Moreover, there is an exhibition about children who were born in the prison of Hoheneck and another one focusing on the occupation of the Stasi office in Dresden in 1989.

1953 – 1989



Regional Stasi Office Dresden 1953 – 1989

A regional office of the Ministry of State Security was located in Dresden as well as in all other 14 districts of the GDR and East-Berlin. 14 district offices were assigned to the regional office in Dresden. In 1989 the regional office had more than 30 work units consisting of 3,500 employees who were entrusted with tasks that gave the Stasi the character of a secret and oppressive police.

In May 2014 the memorial was extended with a further administration building of the former Ministry of State Security. Visitors may now also see the impressive Stasi ceremonial hall. Furthermore, one can visit the consultation room and the office of major general Horst Böhm, who was the last chief of Dresden's regional office. Authentic rooms as well as original audio recordings and files allow to gain an insight into the State Security's work in Dresden. A modern, new exhibition, titled "STASI. The Exhibition about State Security in the GDR", will be shown permanently from 2016 onwards.

1953 – 1989

History of the Memorial 1989 – Today

In the course of the Peaceful Revolution in December 1989, demonstrators occupied the regional office in Dresden in order to protest peacefully against the Socialist party. They also wanted to stop the destruction of documents. During that time a committee of citizens controlled the area of today's memorial. All records of the regional office and the district offices were taken to the cells in order to secure them against further destruction and unauthorized access.



Foto: Marian Günther

In 1990 all records were given to the respective authority which was partly based on the site until 1993. A preservation order was put on the former remand prison in 1994. It was opened to the public in the same year. Three years later, the association "Erkenntnis durch Erinnerung e.V." (Knowledge through Remembrance) was founded. The association ensured the preservation of the main building and developed the Memorial. Nowadays, the association organises guided tours, exhibitions, various events and school projects. Additionally, there is an information centre where former citizens of the GDR may find advice concerning their private Stasi records.

1989 – Today