

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
IN THE GERMAN SPY MUSEUM

Mission: school trip

effective from **2025**



Dear teachers,

Espionage has long been a part of human history: many even take it to be the second oldest profession in history. Napoleon is said to have believed that a single spy was worth 20,000 soldiers. Indeed, knowledge about the plans of the enemy could even have prevented a nuclear war at several points during the Cold War.

Edward Snowden revealed the methods which our intelligence agencies use to combat terrorism. Although the world was outraged at his revelations, many are not aware of the extent to which we reveal our data through the use of health insurance cards, networked cars, smartphones, credit cards, Facebook, X and Snapchat. Advertisers and electoral strategists profit from what they learn about our lives.

Berlin was and indeed continues to be the Capital of Spies. Use your school trip or project day to teach your class about the history, present and future of spies and data protection. Not just of academic interest, this involves important life lessons.

We look forward to your visit.

Robert Rückel
Robert Rückel, Director



The exhibition was nominated for the EUROPEAN MUSEUM OF THE YEAR AWARD 2020



Welcoming over 400,000 visitors every year, the DSM numbers amongst the top 10 of Berlin's most-visited museums



Section »The birth of espionage«



Diorama »The bridge of spies«



Turn history lessons into an adventure



Laser maze



Countless interactive adventures



The »Cold War« and »Double agents«



Section »The present«

The world of spies

The German Spy Museum provides school groups with the ideal blend of expertise and hands-on experience to ensure an interactive and multimedia-led learning experience. Set over 3000 m², our permanent exhibition takes your school class on a journey through the history of espionage.

Beginning with the first ciphers in the ancient world, the exhibition moves on to introduce its visitors to military intelligence in the two world wars including the story of Enigma, a central episode in the Second World War.

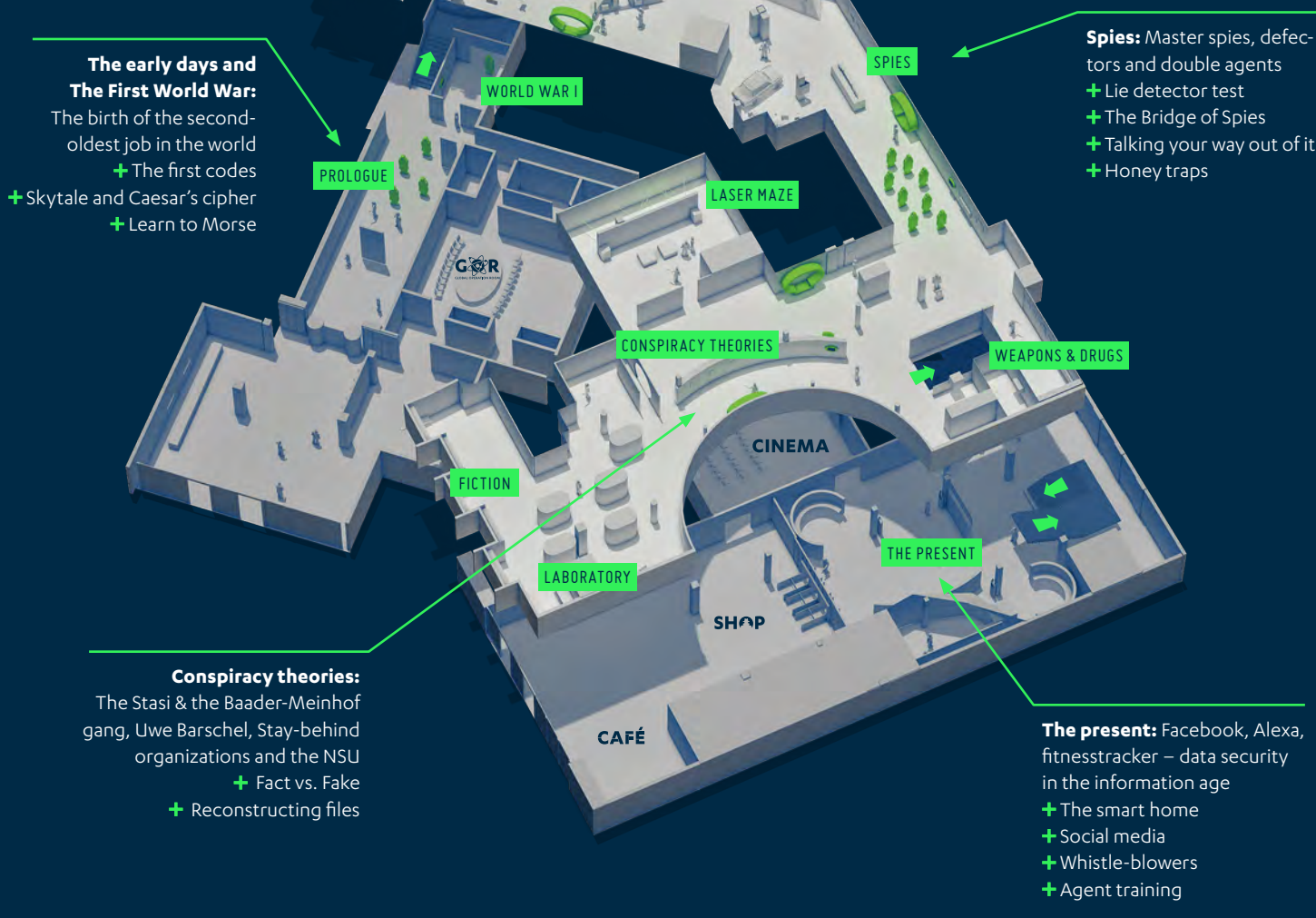
1945 saw the divided Berlin advance to the epicentre of the Cold War. Known as the »Capital of Spies«, Berlin provided the backdrop for the clash of ideologies – US Capitalism and Soviet Communism. This golden period of espionage saw tense spy trades on the Glienicke bridge and the invention of ingenious new

tools of the spy trade. Through unique artefacts from this secret world, your pupils will be introduced to the methods of the East German Stasi and their competitors.

A new century has brought new enemies; modern-day intelligence services do not just fight foreign powers, but deploy trojan viruses to wrestle with cyber terrorists and fake news. Leaks from whistle-blowers such as Edward Snowden also play their part in uncovering illegal or immoral practices throughout the world.

Intelligence services are not the only gatherers of private data. In the information age, data has become the new currency. Our telephones, social media and even household appliances often know more about us than the intelligence services. School groups learn how to develop safe passwords, recognize fake news and how companies can find out about them from Big Data.

Highlights



Services for schools

GUIDED TOURS

Our historians and teaching staff have developed a range of guided tours for school groups.

Overview tours: The world of spies

The majority of school groups book a 60 or 90-minute tour giving an overview of all aspects of the exhibition.

60 MIN AGES 12+ 90 MIN AGES 14+

Specialist focus: The high-point of espionage during the Cold War

The Stasi, Field station Berlin and master spies – the Cold War was a war of spies. Did they serve to prevent the Cold War turning hot or simply to extend it? The tour focuses on the impact of the division of the world and German disunity on international espionage.

60 MIN AGES 14+

Specialist focus: Data protection, Big Data and Social Media

Thousands of bytes of data are collected about all of us every day. In addition to examining the scandals that rocked the world, the tour traces the historical development of data protection as a political issue, asks who collects data about us and how free with data we are in social media.

60 MIN AGES 14+

Specialist focus: Berlin as the Capital of Spies

As the intersection of East and West, Berlin was the Capital of Spies. The tour focuses on safe houses, agent exchanges and surveillance units both then and now.

60 MIN AGES 14+

Specialist focus: Cryptography

From the first hand-made ciphers to the mechanization of cryptography with the ground-breaking Enigma machine, the tour includes a focus on passwords widely thought to be safe from hackers.

60 MIN AGES 16+

Specialist focus: Espionage in the 21st century

Espionage is rarely out of the media; the tour focuses on the development of intelligence services after 1990, the role and impact of whistle-blowers and the power of information. It also encourages participants to reconsider their behaviour on social media and in the smart home.

60 MIN AGES 16+

Prices & Booking

School children	per person	7,00 €
One teacher per 10 school children		free
Overview tour	60 min	70,00 €
Overview tour	90 min	95,00 €
Tours with a specialist focus	60 min	80,00 €
Group room	per person per hour	1,00 €

- + Group prices from 10 schoolchildren
- + All tour prices apply for max. 25 persons, larger groups may need to book multiple tours.
- + Cash on arrival, with EC card or credit card
- + Located in the center of Berlin

Visit & approach

Open daily
10 am – 8 pm
The museum opens early for school classes.
Secure a private visit at 9.30 a.m.



Leipziger Platz 9
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Potsdamer Platz, Exit: Leipziger Platz
Right next to the Deutschlandmuseum
Combo tickets available

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Advice & booking

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