



# From the iron curtain to the new parliament

## How the Spreebogen in Berlin was revitalised

This excursion introduces the historic development of the terrain in the center of Berlin formerly separated by the Wall. Sites and buildings are visited to discuss major historic events, the degradation of the terrain and its revival after the fall of the Wall.

The investigation measures taken to analyse the complicated ground conditions are explained as well as the reconstruction work leading to exciting challenges for architects, engineers and artists.



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### Programme



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### Visiting steps

- How was the Spreebogen formed? (Geology, geomorphology, ice age).
- Which historic events took place on the Spreebogen? - From the balloon flight of Jean Pierre Blanchard in 1788 to the sudden construction of the Wall as German-German border in 1961.
- How was the Spreebogen developed as part of urban Berlin? - From the exercise fields of Frederic the Great to Albert Speer's „Hall of the People“.

- What happened to the Spreebogen after the Wall was built? - The Spreebogen as fallow land and border terrain.
- What happened after the Wall came down? - The German reunification and the decision to make Berlin the seat of the government.
- How was the redevelopment planned and what types of problems had to be faced? - The planning of underground structures and new parliament buildings leading to avantgarde architecture reflecting profound history.

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The excursion fees include:

- Excursion guidance by scientists of the Swiss *egs-net*
- Documentation

### Participants

8 to 10 persons and upon arrangement

### Dates 2009

**upon arrangement**

Excursion fees per person:

**15 Euro**

### The Story behind

Dieter D. Genske und Ernest Hess-Lüttich (2004) *Wo steht das Kanzleramt? Der Spreebogen - Eine raumzeitliche Spurensuche.* Mit einem Vorwort von Klaus Wowereit. be.bra Verlag Berlin, 128 S., 24,80 €

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