

DahlemTour Berlin

City tours

General guided tour

100 Years of Science at "Germany's Oxford"

The classic introductory tour explores the various facets of the history of Dahlem campus from 1911 up to the 1960s.

Themed tours

Don't Be Led up the Garden Path!

Fiction and Facts of the Dahlem Campus

Female Pioneers of Science

Women of the Dahlem Campus

Albert Einstein in Dahlem

Following in the Tracks of a Genius

"Science Heaven"

Dahlem's Nobel Laureates

It began with nothing but courage

A stroll through the history of the Freie Universität

Duration 90 minutes

Languages German, English, Italian

Cost 120 € (German)
140 € (other languages)
20 % discount for cooperating institutions

Group size Maximum of 25 people per tour

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DahlemTour Berlin Audio Guide

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The greenhouses of the KWI for Biology



A pioneer in nuclear physics: Lise Meitner



The swimming pool in Garystraße



Campus life in the 1930s



The biochemist and cancer researcher Otto Warburg



The plant geneticist Elisabeth Schiemann

20th century laboratory

Splitting the atom, the first atomic reactor, the electron microscope - many inventions and findings which have shaped history originated in Dahlem. The first modern research campus was created here, outside the city gates on a greenfield site, in 1912 with the Institutes of the Kaiser Wilhelm Society, predecessor of the Max Planck Society. Today, these representative buildings are still used by scientists of the Max Planck Society and the Freie Universität Berlin.

The Dahlem tours invite you to discover exciting stories about the campus, its architecture and its researchers: either as part of guided tours of the city or on your own using the app.

At Dahlem's laboratories, scientists developed the entirely new research fields of Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, and Atomic and Particle Physics. Some of their findings were to change the world dramatically. This was the workplace and residence of the likes of Otto Hahn, Lise Meitner, Werner Heisenberg and, briefly, Albert Einstein. Their work is affecting us to the present day.

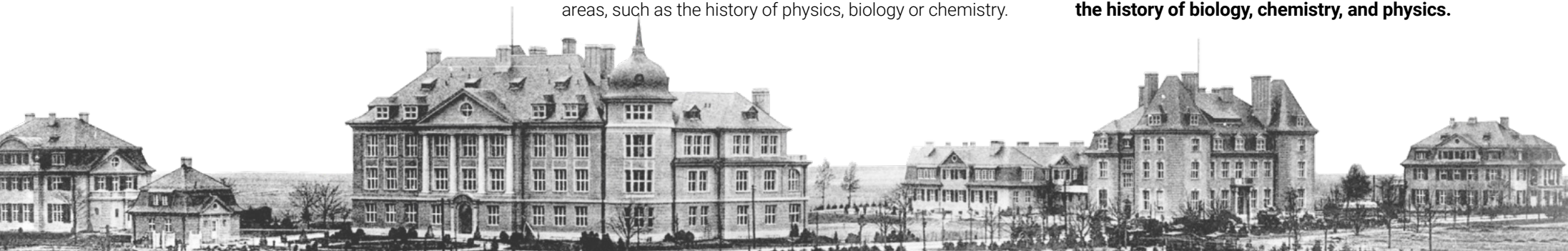
Nobel Prize winners surrounded by green fields

The introduction to the tour takes place at Harnack House, which was built in 1929 as an international clubhouse and guesthouse for academics. The tour will follow in the tracks of 14 Nobel Prize winners, lead you to milestones in the history of science, and tell you about the fate of those scientists who were banished during the era of National Socialism. On agreement, the tours can focus on specific areas, such as the history of physics, biology or chemistry.

Gold prospectors, organic farmers, and forgotten heroes

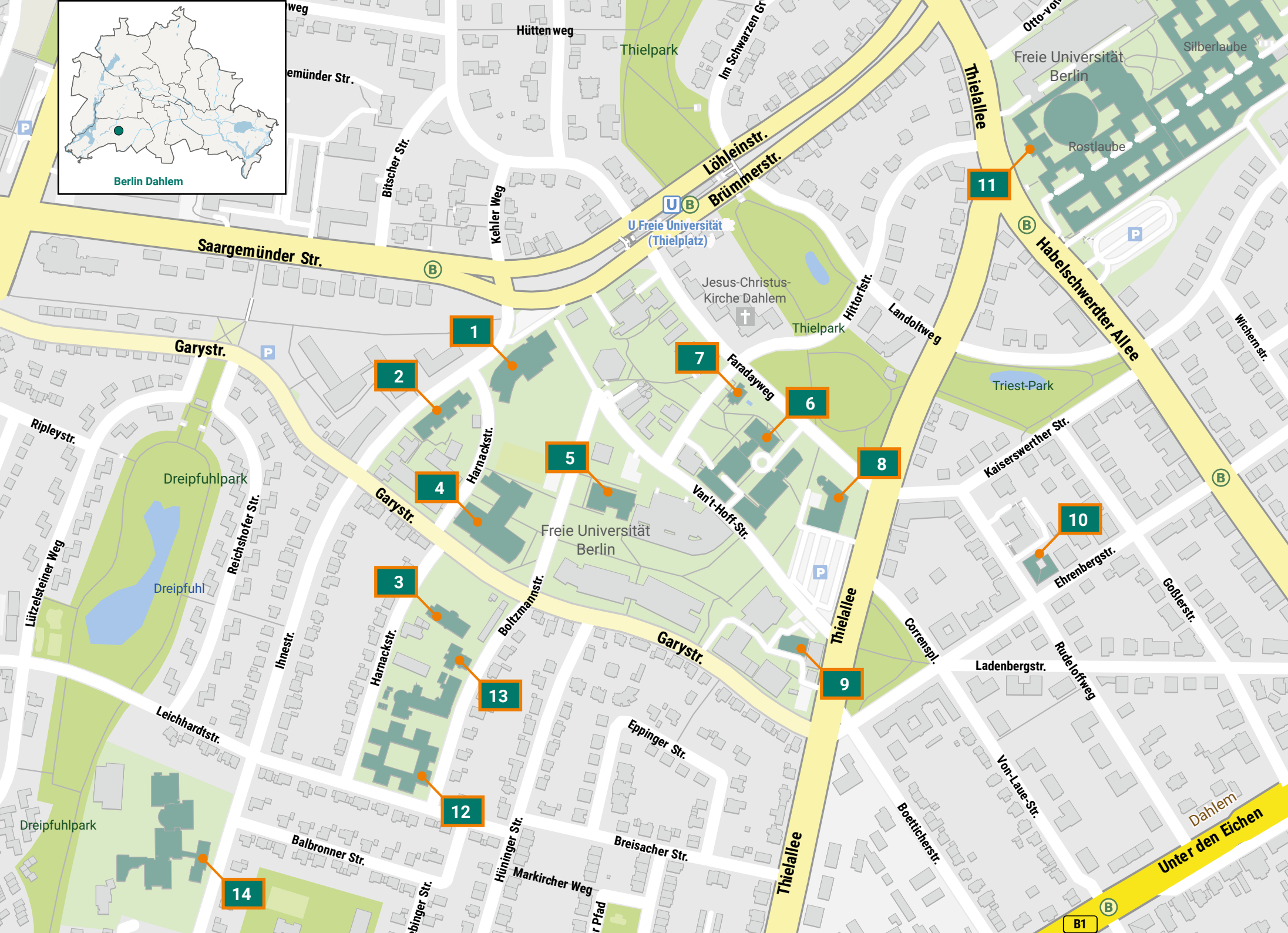
The themed tours open up surprising perspectives of the campus. It's often forgotten that women had a key influence on research in Dahlem from the beginning. From 1900, especially in Dahlem, well-known and less well-known researchers fought for their place in science, which had been male-dominated for centuries. On the interactive tour 'Don't let anyone lead you up the garden path!', the audience must decide whether some incredible anecdotes from science are fact or fake news. Get to know a completely different side of Dahlem's researchers as treasure hunters or organic farmers!

General tours can be individually adapted to focus on the history of biology, chemistry, and physics.





Berlin Dahlem



weg

emünder Str.

Hüttenweg

Thielpark

Im Schwarzen Gr

Freie Universität
Berlin

Silberlaube

Rostlaube

U Freie Universität
(Thielplatz)

Löhleinstr.
Brümmerstr.

Thielallee

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Habelschwerdter Allee

Saargemünder Str.

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Jesus-Christus-
Kirche Dahlem

Thielpark

Landoltweg

Garystr.

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Faradayweg

6

Triest-Park

Ripleystr.

Dreipfuhlpark

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Kaiserswerther Str.

10

Litzelsteiner Weg

Dreipfuhl

Reichshofer Str.

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Freie Universität
Berlin

Van't-Hoff-Str.

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Ehrenbergstr.

Litzelsteiner Weg

Leichhardtstr.

Innestr.

Harnackstr.

13

Boltzmannstr.

Garystr.

Garystr.

Thielallee

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Correnspl.

Ladenbergstr.

Rudeloffweg

Dreipfuhlpark

Balbronner Str.

12

Hüniger Str.

Eppinger Str.

Breisacher Str.

Thielallee

Von-Laue-Str.

Unter den Eichen

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Hüniger Str.

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Boetticherstr.

Von-Laue-Str.

Göblerstr.

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Dahlem



- 1 Harnack House**
the Max Planck Society's guesthouse and conference venue since 2000, exhibition of the history of the conference venue *
1929-1945 Club house of the Kaiser Wilhelm Society



- 2 Otto Suhr Institute for Political Science at the Freie Universität**
1927-1945 Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Anthropology, Human Heredity and Eugenics



- 3 Max Planck Society Archive**
1930-1972 Kaiser Wilhelm Institute (from 1953 Max Planck Institute) for Cell Physiology



- 4 Henry Ford Building**
lecture theatre and library building at the Freie Universität (1954), exhibition of the history of the Freie Universität *



- 5 Subsection of the Legal department in the Freie Universität**
1915-1948 Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Biology

- 6 Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society**
old buildings 1912-1953
Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Physical Chemistry and Electrochemistry



- 7 Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society**
Fritz Haber Villa



- 8 Hahn Meitner Building at the Freie Universität**
(Biochemistry department)
1912-1944 Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Chemistry

- 9 Freie Universität, School of Business and Economics**
1913-1945 Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Experimental Therapy and (from 1922) Biochemistry



- 10 Albert Einstein's home from April to November 1914**
(Ehrenbergstraße 33)

- 11 "Rost- und Silberlaube" ("Rust and Silver Lodges")**
Humanities departments at the Freie Universität (1973/1978)

- 12 Max Planck Institute for the History of Science**
(2006)

- 13 Max Planck Institute for the History of Science**
old building, 1938-1945 lab of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Physics

- 14 Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics**
(1970)

* The exhibitions are open to the public during the buildings' opening hours:

Mon – Fri 7.30 am to 8.00 pm (admission is free)