TOURS

Sunday guided tour for individual visitors

During the summer, we run the general guided tour Discover “Germany’s Oxford” on the first Sunday of the month for individual visitors.

Date & time April to October, first Sunday of the month, 11.00 am
Meeting p. Harnack-Haus, Ihnestr 16-20, Berlin-Dahlem
Duration 90 minutes
Language German
Cost €5, €3 reduced price (schoolchildren, students, unemployed)

Themed tours for groups

In addition to the general guided tour Discover “Germany’s Oxford”, we also run tailored themed tours for groups. Advance reservation required!

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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GUIDED CITY TOURS
ON THE
BERLIN-DAHLEM CAMPUS

Discover 100 years of science at “Germany’s Oxford”
Nuclear fission, the first uranium reactor, the electron microscope – a surprising number of scientific discoveries and inventions have emerged from Dahlem. From 1912, the elegant residential district evolved into a mecca for creative brains from around the world. Unparalleled in Germany, the first modern research campus emerged here on the greenfield site. Albert Einstein, Otto Hahn and Lise Meitner were just some of the researchers who worked or lived in Dahlem. The stimulus was provided by the Kaiser Wilhelm Society, the predecessor of the Max Planck Society, which now continues the tradition together with the Freie Universität.

The tour starts in Harnack House, which was built in 1929 as an international guesthouse. It follows the footsteps of Nobel Prize winners, leads to milestones in the history of science and provides surprising insights into the architecture: most of the Wilhelminian-style buildings are in fact high-tech laboratories. They were the birthplace of modern molecular biology and nuclear physics.

In addition to the general tour, themed tours on the history of biology, chemistry and physics can also be individually arranged and booked. The historic reading room in the archive of the Max Planck Society can also be visited on request: It is located in the building of the former Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Cell Physiology of 1930.