

WALKING TOUR of COLD WAR KGB LOCATIONS IN KARLSHORST

Sigmund Clementz, who spoke to us last year about “Secret locations for intelligence operations in Berlin during the Cold War”, has very kindly offered to lead a walking tour of Cold War KGB locations in Karlshorst. The KGB Rezidentura and facilities in the Karlshorst district of Berlin were, during the Cold War, the largest KGB representation outside the First Main Directorate's Centre in Lubyanka, later Yasenevo, in Moscow. In Karlshorst 800-900 officers and operatives worked behind a perimeter fence, guarded by men with machine guns and watch dogs. Many of the KGB personnel also lived inside the compound. Some of the facilities we will experience on the two-hour tour include:

- NKVD/NKGB/MGB/KGB Rezidentura I (St. Antonius) and KGB Rezidentura II (Festungsspionierschule)
- The spy hotels Lux and Volga
- The military intelligence service GRU's local office in Berlin
- The kindergarten for children of KGB and Soviet diplomatic employees
- The KGB living facilities – the so called KGB Hotel – for intelligence officers and operators
- The public library and pool room
- The KGB car repair shop and car pool
- The main facilities for the Ministerium für Staatssicherheit Hauptabteilung VIII (Observation and surveillance)

There will also be a demonstration of KGB tradecraft for dead drops / dead letterboxes, including full signalling between source or agent and KGB handler.

- DATE:** Saturday, 22 August 2026 at 1100 hrs (and at 1400 hrs if this tour is oversubscribed).
When registering, please specify if you are available for one or both tours.
- VENUE:** Karlshorst, Berlin
- MEETING POINT:** Odesaplatz, at the junction of Rheinsteinstraße and Treskowallee.
- MEETING TIME:** 1040 hrs (or 1340 hrs)
Please check in with the on-duty *BHA* Board member
- REGISTRATION:** Please reserve places by 18.00 on Wednesday, 19 August, preferably by e-mail to this address: EventsRegistration@bha-ev.org or call 030 8431 6659 (Answerphone).
 - Cost: Members no charge. Members' guests €5. Non-members €10.
 - Priority will be given to *BHA* Members.
- GETTING THERE:**
 - S3 from Warschauer Str. to Karlshorst, and then a 3 minute walk to Odesaplatz.
- NOTES:**
 - The tour will last about two hours. Please join us afterwards for refreshments in a nearby café.

Forthcoming *BHA* dates:

- 29 Aug 26 - Visit to Blücher Kaserne.
- 19 Sep 26 - Guided tour of Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp.

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