

# Free Trip to the Former Stasi Prison



**Meeting Point: Reception**

**Tuesday 09.15 am 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Tour Ends 11.30**

**Public transport Ticket is necessary**

The Stasi prison started life under the Soviet as “Special Camp No. 3” (Special generally meant something very bad in them days) and was taken over by the East German State Security Apparatus in 1951, the STASI. Thousands of prominent political prisoners passed through the prison until it was finally closed in 1989. Over the years, physical violence, commonly used in the 1950s to wear down prisoners' resistance, gradually gave way to sophisticated psychological interrogation methods. Prisoners were never told where they were being held, and were systematically given the feeling of being totally at the mercy of an almighty state authority. The prisoners, hermetically sealed off from the outside world and usually kept in strict isolation from their fellow prisoners. Places are limited so let the reception know if you are interested.

**Your intrepid Circus receptionist “Jimbo” will come and help you to negotiate the Berlin public transport system in to deepest darkest East Berlin\* and back again.**

\*It was ages ago since your “intrepid receptionist” went there which may mean we walk the wrong way a little bit and have to turn back.