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The Circus celebrates 20 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The fall of the Berlin Wall on the 9th November 1989 was one of the most symbolic events in the period that resulted in the collapse of communist rule in Germany and elsewhere in eastern Europe. To mark the twenty year anniversary, the Circus is offering a series of different events for the many international guests who will be in the Hostel and the Hotel over the period, designed to both inform and entertain.

Three different free English-language tours are being offered, giving guests the chance to look back at some of the darker elements of life in the GDR, as well as the incredible events of November 1989 when the both iconic symbol of the Cold War was finally breached. On the 6th of November there will be a visit to the former headquarters of the Ministry for State Security in the GDR – better known as the Stasi. On the 9th a special Berlin Wall walking tour will take guests to some of the focal points of in the history of the Wall, such as the Berlin Wall Documentation Centre on Bernauer Strasse, the Palace of Tears at Friedrichstrasse station, and the point at Potsdamer Platz where the first “hole in the wall” appeared. On the 10th November guests will be taken to visit the former Stasi Prison in Hohenschönhausen, where political prisoners and others who fell foul of the East German state and security services were taken.

On Monday the 9th November, alongside the free tour, there will be a whole day of activities in both the Circus Hostel and Hotel. At Restaurant Fabisch, a special DDR-Dinner will be offered, featuring East German specialties, such as “Jaeger Schnitzel” (Hunter’s Sausage) and Mustard Eggs with capers. Across the street at Goldman’s Bar there will be documentary screenings, discussions, and a “Mauerfall Party” featuring the sounds of the late eighties – from “Ostrock” to the best of the west. There will be drinks offers on beer and schnapps, as well as the giveaway of iconic East German brands.

Owner and Managing Partner Andreas Becker explains the motivation behind the event:

“Berlin is recognised by our guests as a unique city, with a distinctive identity. The history of the 20th Century is an important part of this, and at The Circus our international guests often arrive with interest in this history and many questions. We have always tried to provide some answers, whether through our reception, our tours or over a cup of coffee or a beer. With the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, we want to take this further through our series of special events.”

The Circus is looking forward to welcoming guests from around the world, and celebrating one of the most momentous events in modern European history. For more information about the events, please visit the website at: www.circus-berlin.de/mauerfall09

About the Circus

The Circus GbR owns and runs The Circus Hostel and The Circus Hotel in Berlin-Mitte. Between the two houses The Circus has beds for over 360 guests, from dorm-rooms via en-suite doubles and Junior Suites to penthouse apartments complete with kitchen and bathroom. Goldman’s Bar is a meeting point for international guests and Berliners and can be found in the basement of The Circus Hostel. Restaurant Fabisch is on the ground floor of The Circus Hotel and offers a menu of modern German cuisine with classic and contemporary cocktails developed by an international team of bartenders.

The Circus Hostel/Cafe/Goldman’s Bar – Weinbergsweg 1a, 10119 Berlin – U-Bhf. Rosenthaler Platz
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