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## **The Circus Hostel Berlin – Back for Easter**

**In January 2010 The Circus Hostel at Weinbergsweg closed its doors for a three month renovation period. On the 30<sup>th</sup> March the doors will be re-opened once again, to a new-look hostel that combines The Circus traditions of service and quality with new infrastructure and features that reflect the highest standards of hostel design for the new decade.**

Since The Circus Hostel at Weinbergsweg opened in 2001, it has been consistently rated by guests as one of the top hostels in Europe in terms of facilities, cleanliness and service. However, it is always possible to improve, and at the end of last year the decision was taken to close the hostel for three months in order to complete a total renovation of the building, both inside and out.

Structurally, the hostel will have a new facade, improved insulation and ventilation, and a combined heating and power unit, a reflection of the Circus commitment to sustainability. The reception area has been completely re-designed, with more social space for the guests, whilst the cafe, bar and rooms have all been renovated, with new furniture, showers, and security features.

Owner and Managing Partner Andreas Becker explains the thought behind the renovations:

“It was a different time for the hostel business in 2001 when we opened at Weinbergsweg; we had less resources, less knowledge, less time, and it was not quite sure how sustainable the whole market would be. Now, nearly 10 years later, it got clear that we were here to stay and so it was time to prepare the building for the future and to add one more mosaic stone to the reawakening of the Rosenthaler Platz, which is our home, especially after opening of the Circus Hotel in late 2008 at the same location. We believe we have now a “weatherproof” structure, and we are very much looking forward to the next 15 years of an entertaining story, hopefully pleasant for our guests, our neighbours and for us.”

Also being launched on the 30<sup>th</sup> March is a new, interactive city guide that is the brainchild of Konstantin Weixelbaum and Mathew McCown – two of the members of the Circus Team. Written by the owners and crew of The Circus, the guide will be presented on a touchscreen in the hostel reception, as well as on the website. Developed to be interactive, the guide is linked through social media sites to allow travellers to comment on, and add their own, recommendations for things to see and do in the city.

The Circus Hostel will be celebrating the re-opening on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March with an “Open House” between 4pm and 8pm, with drinks, nibbles and tours of the building. The first guests arrive on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. You can find more information about the hostel, the renovations, and the first pictures of the new-look Circus on the website: [www.circus-berlin.de](http://www.circus-berlin.de)

## **About the Circus Hostel**

The Circus Hostel at Weinbergsweg opened in Berlin-Mitte in 2001. It has beds for 230 guests, from multi-bedded dorms to penthouse apartments. Breakfast, drinks and light meals are served throughout the day at the street-level Circus Cafe, whilst the meeting point for travellers and local Berliners who love the international atmosphere is the basement Goldman’s Bar, home to live music, sporting events on the big screen, and the infamous Karaoke Klub.

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

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