

Chronology of the Berlin Wall Foundation

- 1990 Establishment of a work group to preserve a section of the Wall at Bernauer Strasse

- Declaration for the preservation of the "border section between Acker- and Bergstrasse" (October)

- 1991 Berlin Senate resolution to establish a memorial dedicated to the former Berlin Wall and its victims on Bernauer Strasse (August)

- 1992 Work group to prepare a competition for the Berlin Wall Memorial (June)

- 1994 Competition for the design of the Berlin Wall Memorial monument

- 1997 Berlin Senate resolution on the Berlin Wall Memorial ensemble with monument, documentation center and Chapel of Reconciliation

- 1998 Founding the "Berlin Wall Association" as responsible body for the establishment of a documentation center

- 1998 **Dedication of the monument** with the inscription: *"In memory of the division of the city from August 13, 1961 to November 9, 1989 and in commemoration of the victims of Communist tyranny."*

- 1999 **Opening of the Berlin Wall Documentation Center** at Bernauer Str. 111

- 2000 **Dedication of the Chapel of Reconciliation**

- 2003 Opening of the Viewing Platform and completion of the remodeling of the Documentation Center (June)

- 2006 The Berlin Senate's approval of the "General Concept to Commemorate the Berlin Wall: Documentation and Information and Commemoration" with the decision to expand the memorial on Bernauer Strasse

- 2007 International competition for the design of the memorial expansion

- 2008 **Founding of the Berlin Wall Foundation** as responsible body for the Berlin Wall Memorial and Marienfelde Refugee Center Museum (17 Sept.)

- 2009** **The Berlin Wall Foundation commences its work** (January)
Opening of the exhibition "Border Stations and Ghost Stations in Divided Berlin" in the Nordbahnhof station (October)
- Opening of the Visitor Center** (Bernauer Str. 119)
Reconstructed watchtower is mounted in the monument (November)
- 2010** **Opening of the exhibition area "The Wall and the Death Strip" (Section A) with the "Window of Remembrance" for the Wall victims** (May)
- 2011** Opening of the second building module of the memorial expansion: the border house and exhibition area "The Destruction of the City and Human Suffering" (Area B) and "Building the Wall" (Area C) as part of the official commemorations by the Federal Republic and State of Berlin on August 13, the 50th anniversary of the Berlin Wall
- 2012** Opening of the 1st section of the exhibition area "Everyday Life at the Wall" (Area D) with the exhibit stations "The Wall in Politics" and "The Cold War and the Media" between Ruppiner and Wolliner Strasse (June)
- 2013** Start of remodeling the Documentation Center (October)
- 2014** Welcoming the fifth million visitor at the Berlin Wall Memorial (October)
- The new permanent exhibition "1961 | 1989. The Berlin Wall"** in the Documentation Center is officially opened as part of the central commemoration ceremony by the Federal Republic of Germany and Berlin for the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Wall with the presence of Chancellor Angela Merkel. The last part (Area D) of the open-air-exhibition of the former border strip along the Bernauer Strasse is also completed. The openings mark the conclusion of a six-year-long expansion project. (November 9)
- 2017** **Günter Litfin Memorial** is entrusted to the Berlin Wall Foundation
- 2018** In November 2018 the Berlin parliament handed over responsibility for the **East Side Gallery**, the longest preserved piece of the Berlin Wall, to the Berlin Wall Foundation
- 2021** In June, the **Parliament of Trees against War and Violence** was given into the administration of the Berlin Wall Foundation.

Numbers of visitors per year since 2005 - 2018

