

# Dokumentation Obersalzberg



A permanent exhibition on the history of Obersalzberg and the Nazi dictatorship by the Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History



## Opening times:

April to October  
Monday to Sunday 9 am – 5 pm (last admission 4 pm)

November to March  
Tuesday to Sunday 10 am – 3 pm (last admission 2 pm)  
Closed on Mondays  
Closed on January 1, November 1 as well as December 24, 25 and 31.

## Note for people with disabilities:

The exhibition is barrier-free. Disabled parking, lift and toilets are available.

## Admission prices:

Adults: € 3.00  
Adults with tourist pass: € 2.50  
Disabled adults (with ID): € 2.00  
Disabled adults with tourist pass (with ID): € 1.50  
School pupils, students, teachers, soldiers and voluntary service personnel (with ID), and children: free

For organisational reasons, larger groups (over 40 persons), e.g. school classes, coach parties etc., are requested to prebook.

## Note on Language:

For each exhibition section, the Obersalzberg Documentation offers leaflets in English for free.

## Audio-Guide

A German or English audio-guide is available for individuals visiting the exhibition. Hire: € 2,00/set  
A version of our Audioguide can be downloaded for use with your own mobile phone at:

-> <https://www.obersalzberg.de/en/besuchertinfos/audioguide/>

Please make sure to download prior to your visit, since regrettably WIFI availability cannot be guaranteed at the Obersalzberg Documentation.

## Guided tours:

The Obersalzberg Documentation offers prebooked guided tours in English by tour-guides trained and certified by the Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History Munich – Berlin.

Standard tour, 90 minutes  
Overview tour, 60 minutes  
Cost per tour: € 60.00, plus standard entrance fee  
Tours for youth groups and school classes are free.

Tour and facility bookings, at least 14 days in advance please:

Please book through our Homepage  
»[www.obersalzberg.de](http://www.obersalzberg.de)« or contact:

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... by car or motorcycle:

From Munich and/or Innsbruck, leave the motorway at either the Bad Reichenhall or Salzburg-Süd/Berchtesgaden exit (obligatory motorway toll sticker necessary, but usually quickest route). From Salzburg, Vienna and Klagenfurt take the exit Salzburg-Süd/Berchtesgaden (obligatory motorway sticker necessary). It is also possible to reach us via the German Alpine Route (B 305).

... by train:

From Munich, Innsbruck, Vienna and Salzburg use German and Austrian Rail services to Berchtesgaden. From Berchtesgaden railway station, take the RVO-bus number 838 »Berchtesgaden – Obersalzberg – Hinterbrand« to bus stop »Dokumentation«. Taxies are also available from the railway station in Berchtesgaden.

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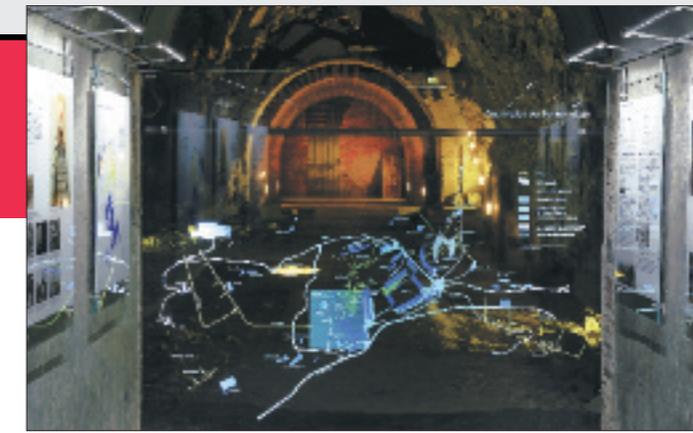


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Booking confirmation from the Obersalzberg Documentation is required for both tours and use of conference facilities.  
Cancellations at the latest three days in advance.



The Dokumentation Obersalzberg is a place of guided learning and remembrance designed by the Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History Munich – Berlin. It offers the visitor to this historic site the opportunity to study and reflect on the history of Obersalzberg and the history of National Socialism.

For Obersalzberg near Berchtesgaden, a mountain village characterised by tourism since the second half of the 19th century and Hitler's holiday resort since 1923, the year 1933 represented a serious turning point. Appointed Reich Chancellor on January 30th, Adolf Hitler purchased Wachenfeld House in the summer of 1933, a property he had been renting since 1928. In two construction phases between 1933 and 1936, he had it rebuilt into an impressive residence, the Berghof.



After the previous inhabitants had been driven out, the former health resort was converted into the »Führersperrgebiet« (the Fuehrer's off-limits area), a second seat of power alongside Berlin, where important political decisions, also about peace and war and the Holocaust, were proposed and made. Propaganda utilised the grandiose mountain panorama effectively in the media to portray Hitler as a politician close to the people, a friend of children and nature, a good neighbour, a great statesman and a solitary visionary. On 25th April 1945, British and American longrange bombers bombed the site and destroyed most of the buildings. The ruins of the Berghof, the houses of Goering and Bormann and the SS barracks were blown up in 1952. Only a few buildings remained, including the Eagle's Nest and the bunker complex built between 1943 and 1945.

Occupied by American forces since May 4th, 1945, parts of the Obersalzberg were used as a recreation area for the US Army already since 1947 and were only accessible to members of the American military. Only a small section was open for tourism since 1952.

Even though the Free State of Bavaria was already the owner of the Obersalzberg area according to Allied legal pronouncement, it was only returned to Bavarian domain in 1996 after the withdrawal of the Americans.

Commissioned by the Free State of Bavaria, the Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History Munich – Berlin then developed the plan for a permanent exhibition at the historical site. Due to its importance as the second seat of power during the Third Reich, the permanent exhibition does not limit itself to the history of the immediate area but links the history of Obersalzberg to the central manifestations of the National Socialist regime.

The following themes are dealt with:

- Obersalzberg
- Mystification and Cult of the Fuehrer
- The Protagonists of the Regime
- The German »Volksgemeinschaft« (National Community)
- The Machinery of Terror
- »Racial Policy«, Persecution of the Jews, Genocide
- The Bunker Complex

The exhibition displays photos, documents, posters, film and sound recordings, some of which are being made available to the public for the first time.

It aims to satisfy the highest academic standards but primarily addresses the layperson interested in history. Its goal is to inform the visitor in an academically sound but generally understandable way about the historic and historical events that happened here in order to offer help in processing this history analytically.



Due to construction work, temporary closures of the Bunker Complex or the exhibition may occur.

At present, the »Publications of the Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History for the Obersalzberg Documentation« are only available in German.

The documentary film about the expulsion of the indigenous population and the transformation of the old alpine village of Obersalzberg into the Fuehrer's off-limits area is available with English subtitles:



**Obersalzberg**  
From an Alpine Village to the Fuehrer's Off-limits Area  
Eyewitness reports  
Author: Ulrich Chaussy  
Research: Volker Dahm, Albert A. Feiber  
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