Visitor Regulations

Welcome to the Sachsenhausen Memorial!

These visitor regulations serve to familiarize our visitors with the distinct character of the Memorial and the requirements regarding appropriate conduct when visiting.

The Memorial serves to commemorate the victims of mass crimes under National Socialism as well as those persecuted under the Stalinist repressive apparatus and especially those people who suffered and died here. Please keep in mind that these grounds are also a cemetery and that the peace of the dead must be honoured. Facing the responsibility that arises from the history of the place is part of the national and international culture of remembrance. This also means that we expect our visitors to behave in a way that is worthy of the character of this Memorial site. This includes, especially, treating all people who visit and work at the Memorial with consideration and respect. In particular, people are asked to refrain from any appearance or conduct that
could hinder or disturb commemoration, mourning or thought or where visitors feel provoked or restricted.

Please support us by observing some rules of conduct:

- Wear appropriate attire that reflects the dignity of the site.
- Avoid group interactions that are not in keeping with a commemorative site.
- Do not smoke.
- Do not use flash photography or any other light source.
- Do not touch any relics or objects. They are of irreplaceable value. Visitors are liable for any damage that they cause.
- It is not advisable for children under the age of 12 to visit the Memorial site, the museums and the former crematoriums.

Groups visiting the Memorial

- Group tours are under fixed time slots. Tours will be cut short if there is continual interruption and provocation and if, despite requests, this conduct cannot be prevented. Calling into doubt NS crimes or their context cannot be tolerated.
- Teachers and group leaders are requested to ensure that group participants behave in accordance with these visitor regulations.
- Educational services can only be carried out by those individuals who have received a license from the Memorial’s education department. Licensed guides are required to wear their proper ID badges in a visible place at all times.
- The Memorial site management may restrict groups or individuals from accessing the grounds and exhibitions at any time.

The following conduct is absolutely not permitted:

- Any inhuman, violence-glorifying, discriminatory, racist or national socialist expressions or behaviour.
• Wearing / displaying clothing, tattoos, objects and symbols that are generally considered to express a politically extremist message or to be potentially discriminatory. In this respect, it is forbidden, in particular, to wear / display symbols of one of the parties or associations referred to in § 86 Paragraph 1 Nos. 1, 2 and 4 of the Criminal Code.
• The use of loud speakers.
• The operation of flying drones.
• The operation of vehicles of any kind. Wheelchairs and walking aids are excluded.
• Bringing animals. Excluded are assistance dogs which have the appropriate identification.

The following actions require the prior consent of the Memorial management and are otherwise not permitted:

• Photos, filming and sound recordings of guided tours.
• The publication and distribution of photos, film and sound recordings particularly, for journalistic or commercial purposes.
• The distribution of printed materials of all kinds on the Memorial grounds and in the Memorial rooms.
• Carrying and putting up posters or banners.
• The organization of commemorative or other public events as well as artistic performances on the grounds and in the rooms of the Memorial.
• Commercial activities.

The Memorial reserves the right to make special arrangements for special commemorative events.

Our employees are required to secure the operation of the Memorial site and to enforce the aforementioned rules when visiting the Memorial. They are authorized to ensure that the appropriate codes of conduct are carried out. Anyone who does not comply with these can be expelled from the site. In particularly justified cases, a ban may also be considered. This is to be carried
out in a qualified way regarding behaviour that is not permitted. Failure to comply with a removal order from the site will result in police assistance. Cancelled educational programmes or audio guides will not be reimbursed.

Note:
For security reasons, parts of the Memorial are under permanent video surveillance. These areas are clearly marked for you. Your personal data is processed according to our privacy policy. You can find this under www.stiftung-bg.de or displayed in the registration area. In order to protect the Memorial, not all paths have been completely finished. There is only partial clearance of roads in winter. Please be careful. The Brandenburg Memorials Foundation and its cooperation partners are not liable for damages caused by slight negligence. Otherwise, liability is limited to the extent of damage, which can typically be expected. Liability for force majeure and unforeseen events is excluded. No liability limitation is applicable for damages arising from loss of life, injury to body or health or for damages caused intentionally or by gross negligence.