

YOUR VISIT TO THE HESSIAN STATE PARLIAMENT



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DEAR VISITORS,

Thank you for your interest in the Hessian State Parliament. I warmly invite you to take a look behind the scenes of politics in our federal state.

Watch the plenary debate from the visitors' gallery, engage with Members of Parliament and take a tour of the State Parliament building. We also offer special formats for children and young people, such as simulations and seminars.

This brochure provides an overview of the services offered by the Visitors' Service and all the information you need to plan your visit to the State Parliament.

Yours,

Astrid Wallmann

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President of the Hessian State Parliament

INFORMATION ON THE STATE PARLIAMENT BUILDING

The Hessian State Parliament forms part of the “Historical Pentagon” in the heart of Wiesbaden’s old town. The multifaceted collection of buildings extends across an entire block of houses, bordered by Marktstrasse, Grabenstrasse, Mühlgasse and Schlossplatz.

CITY PALACE

The classical City Palace was built between 1837 and 1842 as the residence of the Dukes of Nassau. When Hesse’s new democracy was born after the Second World War, the City Palace became the seat of the freely elected State Parliament in 1946. Since then, it has been a place for meetings, political dialogue and civic education.

THE PLENARY BUILDING

The Palace’s Music Room was initially used as the Plenary Chamber, but soon proved to be too small, leading to a new plenary building being erected in the early 1960s in Grabenstrasse. Members of Parliament used the windowless building for more than four decades before it was demolished in late 2004 as it no longer met the technical standards and requirements of the time.

True to the idea “democracy requires transparency”, the current plenary building was built on the same site between 2005 and 2008. The architecture is characterised by its special openness: Large window areas allow an unobstructed view from Grabenstrasse across the inner courtyards of the State Parliament all the way to Schlossplatz, deliberately giving citizens the chance to see the Parliament at work. The circular arrangement of the seats in the Plenary Chamber is in keeping with the democratic culture of debate and is based on the idea of the Round Table.



The visitors' programme of the Hessian State Parliament gives citizens the opportunity to experience the Parliament from the inside. All services and programmes offered by the Hessian State Parliament are free of charge. Participation is subject to prior registration.

VISITING WHEN PARLIAMENT IS IN SESSION

STATE PARLIAMENT LIVE!

When Parliament is in session, you have the opportunity to experience a plenary session live. Session dates are listed on

> www.hessischer-landtag.de

Following an introduction to the Parliament's tasks and how it organises its work, you will watch the plenary session from the visitors' gallery. Afterwards you can talk to members of the parliamentary groups.

- Duration: approx. 3 hours
- Group size: minimum of 10 people
- Age: Recommended from the age of 14 or from school year 8.

Note: Depending on how the plenary session unfolds, there may be changes to the programme schedule.

INDIVIDUALS

You can also attend a plenary session as an individual visitor. Please register using the contact form.





VISITS AT THE INVITATION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

You can also inform Members of Parliament from your constituency that you would like to visit. When Parliament is not in session, this format gives you an insight into the political workings of the Parliament, allows you to take a tour of the Parliament building and to talk directly to the Member of Parliament from your constituency.

When Parliament is in session, the tour is replaced by attending a plenary session from the visitors' gallery.

- Duration: 2.5 or 3 hours on plenary session dates
- Group size: minimum of 10, maximum of 60 people



VISITING WHEN PARLIAMENT IS NOT IN SESSION

“INSIDE THE STATE PARLIAMENT” TOUR

You can also experience the State Parliament when Parliament is not sitting. The new plenary building, the lobby and the Plenary Chamber can be visited from the visitors' gallery.

- Duration: approx. 1 hour, 2 hours including introduction
- Group size: minimum of 15, maximum of 60 people
- Meeting point: Grabenstrasse entrance
- Monday to Saturday 9 am to 5 pm

Tours are also available in English, French, Italian, Ukrainian, Russian and Arabic.



As the historical rooms of the City Palace are undergoing renovation, only the Music Room, the Cupola Hall, the Cabinet Room and the Presidential Chamber are currently available for viewing.

You can still visit all the rooms of the City Palace on a virtual tour on the website of the State Parliament or by scanning the QR Code.



ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Before a technical committee submits a recommendation for a decision on a draft bill to the plenary, the Hessian State Parliament usually conducts a public hearing. You can attend the session by registering in advance with the committee secretariat.

An overview of the dates of public hearings and contact persons is available on

> www.hessischer-landtag.de

(Aktuelles > Landtag aktuell > Anhörungen) *in German*



UNDERSTANDING POLITICS AND SHAPING DEMOCRACY

The Hessian State Parliament is an interesting and popular place for extracurricular education. There are different formats on offer catering to different ages and target groups. For further information visit www.junger-hessischer-landtag.de



GENERAL INFORMATION

DIRECTIONS

By foot: From the central railway station the State Parliament is a 20-minute walk away via Bahnhofstrasse, Marktstrasse and Grabenstrasse.

By city bus: Take lines 4 or 14 to Dern'sches Gelände and from there walk four minutes along Marktstrasse to the entrance of the plenary building on Grabenstrasse.

By car: Please follow the signs of the dynamic parking system (Parkleitsystem) and use the multi-storey car parks in the city centre (e.g. Parkhaus am Markt), as parking is limited in the immediate vicinity of the State Parliament.

By coach: The State Parliament is not accessible to coaches. It is located at the end of a cul-de-sac with nowhere for coaches to turn. There is a stopping bay at the Staatstheater in Christian-Zais-Strasse which can be used for drop-off and pick-up. Coach parking spaces are available nearby (e.g. at the RheinMain CongressCenter).





Meeting point

Visitors' entrance to the plenary building is on Grabenstrasse (see picture above).

Registration

For each visit prior registration is necessary. The relevant information is provided on the back of this brochure.

Accessibility

The State Parliament is barrier-free. Please let us know before your visit what further assistance you need.

Catering

When Parliament is in session, it is not possible to eat at the Parliament restaurant. There are numerous catering options available outside the Parliament. When Parliament is not in session, the Parliament restaurant takes advance bookings if you wish to eat there. Catering is provided for educational events and discussions with Members of Parliament. Water dispensers are available in the building.

Cloakroom

We are not liable for the cloakroom and any items left there. Valuables can be stored in lockers.

Travel costs

Visitors residing in Hesse can apply for reimbursement of travel costs. Further details are available on the State Parliament website (Service > Für Besucherinnen und Besucher > Formulare Fahrtkostenzuschuss) *in German.*

Photography

The Hessian State Parliament takes photographs and video recordings for public relations purposes which are archived in accordance with the Hessian State Parliament's archive regulations. When you visit the

Parliament, it is possible that you may also be filmed or photographed. You can object to the publication of the photographs. Minors have to submit a written objection from their parents in advance in this case.

Security checks when Parliament is in session

On days when Parliament is in session in particular, we kindly ask you to arrive at the Grabenstrasse entrance 30 minutes before your slot for the necessary security check, so that there are no delays to your visit schedule. Please note:

- Dangerous objects (e.g. knives, scissors and compasses) must be deposited at the entrance.
- Coats, bags and bulky objects (e.g. umbrellas) as well as cameras and video cameras must be deposited at the cloakroom.
- Demonstration material (signs, leaflets) must be left at the cloakroom.
- People with pacemakers are not allowed to pass through the security gate and are requested to make themselves known to the security personnel in advance.

Code of Conduct

We expect our visitors to respect the order and dignity of the State Parliament and the instructions of the State Parliament staff.

In the visitors' gallery in the Plenary Chamber it is prohibited to

- phone,
- photograph, film or record speeches,
- eat and drink.
- visitors must comply with the house rules, which are published on the website of the State Parliament (Parlament > Allgemein > Rechtsgrundlagen) in German.

WIFI

The "Telekom" network is available to you free of charge and without time restrictions at the Hessian State Parliament.

Access

Visitors may only enter the rooms of the State Parliament if accompanied by a Member of Parliament or a person authorised by the State Parliament.

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REGISTRATION

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