

**CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL AT HOTEL DE ROME**



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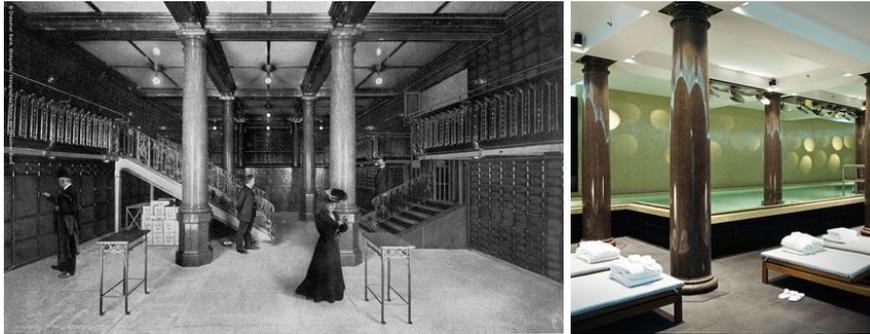
*Rocco Forte's Hotel de Rome honors the monumental occasion
with a photo exhibition and historical city recommendations*

This November marks the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall and [Hotel de Rome](#), a Rocco Forte hotel is commemorating this extraordinary historical event by offering guests a range of experiences inside the hotel and around the city to understand how Germany forever changed.

Located on the Bebelplatz in what was once referred to as "East Berlin", the soviet sector established in 1945, the 130-year-old building that is now Hotel de Rome, is very much part of Berlin's turbulent history. Built in 1889 as the Dresdner Bank headquarters, it became the state bank of the German Democratic Republic (GDR) after 1945. After the border was opened in 1990, the bank eventually dissolved. In 2003, the former bank building was renovated and converted into a hotel with immense care to preserve traces of its past as authentically as possible. Great examples of this are shown throughout the building, such as the spa that is located in the former jewellery vault, the historic suites that were once the bank directors' offices, and the bank's main hall that is now a spectacular ballroom.



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The Hotel de Rome's spa is located in the Dresdner Bank's former jewellery vault.

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Hotel de Rome is honoring the anniversary with an exclusive photo exhibition called "Berlin 89/90" in collaboration with the Berlin photographer Christian Schulz. Christian Schulz has lived in Berlin since 1981 and has recorded not only the great political moments but also the small and varied moments of insecurity, happiness and anger around the fall of the wall. His impressive photographs will be shown in the hotel lobby from October 2 until November 28, 2019.

Outside the hotel, numerous events in original locations of the Peaceful Revolution will commemorate the former division of the city. Hotel de Rome's concierge can provide a tailor-made itinerary or guests can take their own route with their top seven recommendations:

1. Biking the Death Strip

One of Berlin's most thought-provoking routes encompasses 160km which formed the former Berlin Wall Death Strip, named so because guards positioned on the walls had the strict orders to shoot anyone attempting to escape. This tour is a striking mix of scenery and Berlin's complex history. 15km of this route run straight through the city and include sites such as Mauerpark and the Memorial of the Berlin Wall.

2. Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer (Bernauer Strasse)

The official memorial site to the remains of the Berlin Wall where guests may catch a glimpse at the harrowing fortifications erected by the German Democratic Republic that for 28 years divided the city.

3. **Asisi Panorama**

Few exhibitions in Berlin depict the bleakness of life during the Occupation as accurately as Yadegar Asisi's 360-degree Panorama located at Checkpoint Charlie.

4. **Access to Secrecy**

Exhibition about the Stasi Records Archive (Stasi Museum) - After the fall of the Third Reich the terror of the Gestapo transcended into the all-consuming paranoia that was the StaSi (short for Staatssicherheit or State Security). It was estimated that roughly 2.5% of the population consisted of informants' intent on gathering as much information on each other as possible.

5. **East Berlin, Half a Capital Ephraimpalais**

A detailed exhibit sans Western perspective that takes a look at the contradictions and ironies of the *de facto* German Democratic capital.

6. **Curry Wurst**

The iconic street food that unites both East and West, where each Berliner has their own eccentric preference – the traditional Berlin sausage served with curry sauce

7. **Hotel de Rome, State Bank of the GDR**

Take a tour of the Hotel de Rome, not only once the former location of the Dresdner Bank but ultimately the seat of the State Bank of the GDR

To see the sights and mark the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, Hotel de Rome is offering an exclusive [Fall of the Berlin Wall Package](#) for guests to experience the festivities up close in the German capital.

The Fall of the Berlin Wall Package is valid from 4 to 11 November 2019 and includes:

- 10% off all rooms and suites including breakfast
- Use of De Rome Spa
- In-room VIP treatment: 30th Anniversary – Fall of the Wall
- Welcome drink at La Banca Bar
- 10% off all spa treatments
- Price for two person: FROM €318
- To book visit: [Fall of the Berlin Wall package](#)



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