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The International Military Tribunal - the "Nuremberg Trials"

Guided Tours to Courtroom 600

In May 2000, over 50 years after the end of World War II, Nuremberg's Municipal Museums and the Bavarian Judicial Authorities started guided tours to the historic premises of the internationally known famous "Nuremberg Trials". Specially rebuilt for the War Crime Trials, Courtroom 600 provided the setting for the International Military Tribunal from 20 November, 1945 to 1 October, 1946. Twelve subsequent trials were also conducted in Nuremberg between 1946 and 1949.

Courtroom 600 became the trials' central venue. To prepare for the trial, numerous refurbishments and conversions of the court building were necessary. Due to the extensive security measurese, the Palace of Justice resembled a fortress. After the closing of the trials, Courtroom 600 regained its former state. Since it is still in use as an appellate courtroom today, visits to the premises were previously only possible with official permission. The guided tours introduced in May 2000 offer insight into the historic location and the trials. How did the courtroom appear to the defendants in 1945, why was the rebuilding of the premises necessary? All these questions will be answered by our staff, a short introductory film with archival footage from the period complements the tours. The walks can be undertaken at the weekend and are part of additional information offers of the Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds.

The importance of courtroom 600 as place of world history has for long been underestimated. Since 2005, the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the trials, the City of Nuremberg is working out plans – together with the Ministry of Justice, the Federal government and the Free State of Bavaria – for a „Memorium Nuremberg Trials“ which is scheduled to open in 2010. It shall enable access to comprehensive informationand to courtroom 600 for groups and visitors.

For further information on the “Memorial Nuremberg Trials” please check the website of the museums of Nuremberg “Memorium Nuremberg Trials” or ask for further press releases at the Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds.

Schwurgerichtssaal 600
Landgericht Nürnberg-Fürth
Fürther Straße 110,
Entrance: Bärenschanzstraße 72, Nürnberg

Guided Tours (in German, English information available):
Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. on the hour.

Please Note: **Due to building works for the Memorial Nuremberg Trials, there will unfortunately be no opportunity to visit Court Room 600 between end of 2008 and beginning of 2010. We apologise for the inconvenience.**

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds, Tel: +49 911 231-5666.

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