

PRESS RELEASE

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Our gates are opening! The Humboldt Forum's Schlüter Courtyard and Passage are opening from 9 June

Following on from our digital-only opening last December due to coronavirus restrictions, the Humboldt Forum is now able to resume its year of openings with the next step: opening the outdoor areas. From Wednesday 9 June 2021, at 9am, a new urban space in the centre of Berlin will open for the first time, giving round-the-clock access to the Schlüter Courtyard, Passage and the Spree Terraces.

From 9 June, the Humboldt Forum is opening its outdoor areas, right next to Museum Island, the State Opera and the Cathedral. Visitors will be able to explore this new urban space, discovering the Schlüter Courtyard, the Passage and the Spree Terraces by the river. The central space is the Baroque-style Schlüter Courtyard. Like the Passage with its modern colonnaded design, the Schlüter Courtyard connects the southern Schlossplatz with the Lustgarten to the north, and is open around the clock. The [Shop](#) in the Passage is open daily from 10am to 8pm, while the adjacent [Lebenswelten](#) Bistro is open daily from 10am to 10pm.

On the north side, the Humboldt Terraces create a green urban public space with a grove of trees and tableaux of plants from a variety of vegetation zones. The west side opens out to the small Schleusengärtchen. The modern East Façade faces the Spree Balcony and the Spree Terraces by the river.

[Sound installations](#) in four of the portals give a flavour of different musical traditions reflecting the building's structure, and blending together in the Humboldt Forum. From balafon to cuatro and alphorn, 23 musicians from the Resident Music Collective play welcoming sounds on instruments from all corners of the earth. Playing daily between 10am and 10pm until the end of September, the sound installations will play on a five-minute loop in Portals 1 and 2 on the south side, and Portals 4 and 5 on the north side.

Provided the pandemic situation continues to stabilise, the exhibitions on the ground and first floors (*History of the Site, Impressions. The Humboldt Brothers, Terrible Beauty. Elephant – Human – Ivory, Have a Seat! An Exhibition for Children, After Nature* and *BERLIN*

GLOBAL) will open in mid-July. The second and third floors of the west wing will follow in late summer 2021, along with the Ethnologisches Museum, the Asiatisches Museum and the roof terrace. Finally, the entire building will be open to visitors in the first half of 2022. The opening date will be announced in the middle of the coming week, after the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

One building, four partners: The diverse range of voices is founded on the collaboration of our partner institutions. The Humboldt Forum is a collaboration between the Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss; the Stiftung Preussischer Kulturbesitz for collections from the Ethnologisches Museum and the Museum für Asiatische Kunst of the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin; the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin for the Humboldt Lab; and Kulturprojekte Berlin with the Stadtmuseum Berlin for the Berlin exhibition.

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