



GDR History

Panel Apartment Museum

Location

Here is the last “Panel”
apartment!



Address

STADT UND LAND Wohnbauten-Gesellschaft mbH
Geschäftsbesorgerin der WoGeHe
Wohnungsbaugesellschaft Hellersdorf mbH
Museumswohnung WBS 70
Hellersdorfer Straße 179 · 12627 Berlin

Directions

Underground U5 towards Hönow to
Cottbusser Platz station

Hours

Sundays 2 pm to 4 pm (except holidays, Christmas Eve
and New Year’s Eve)

By appointment, telephone 0151 16114447

Admission is free!

The Exhibit

A special way to live



How would you like experience a wholly different way to live? Then travel through time to visit the last so-called “Platte” (concrete slab apartment) in Hellersdorf!

Walls and ceiling are decorated with flowered wallpaper on an ivory background. The doors are made of cardboard in wooden frames, the rug comes from the Mongolian People’s Republic.

Back in those days, such apartments (made of pre-cast concrete slabs) took only 18 hours to assemble with the Housing Construction System (Wohnbauservice, WBS) 70. The Museum Apartment you see today, once provided living space for a family with one or two children – for 109 marks a month.

Where once 42,000 of these apartments were inhabited, you may now view the last of its kind. The original GDR 61-square-meter WBS 70 in Hellersdorf! See the legacy of an era.

Experience an Era



The comfortable furnishings you see in our Museum Apartment – the FORON electric range, the wall cabinets made by the VEB (Nationally owned enterprise) Furniture Factory Schleiz and a color TV from RFT Staßfurt – were GDR luxuries that cost citizens many hours of hard work. Contemporary price examples:

- 1 Color television: 4,200 marks
- 2 Wall cabinets: 4,000 marks
- 3 Kitchen table: 73 marks
- 4 Sofa: 920 marks
- 5 Easy chair: 380 marks
- 6 Couch table “Zweizughubtisch”: 219 marks

Together that comes to 9,792 marks, yet the average monthly net income of a GDR worker totaled a mere 969 marks.

