

## Guided walking tour Prenzlauer Berg

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### From Schönhauser Allee to Stasi

With Cliewe through his home district around Helmholtz square

#### Route:

We start at Schönhauser Allee and walk through the Helmholtz quarter. As we walk through my home district, this is my most personal guided tour. I lived here from 1966 till 1984 and again from 1991 near the Helmholtz square in all three streets of the so called LSD quarter, which has nothing to do with drugs, but with the name of the streets: Lychener-, Schliemann- and Duncker street. My old school is in Greifenhagener street. Till the day of today you can see the bullet holes of WW II in the wall of the school building. When I went to school, we painted them over in arts class with flowers. You will not only hear my personal story, but also how this area evolved from the drawing board in 1850 to one of the centers of GDR opposition and secret observation to the vivid living quarter of today. 1991 the police classified the Helmholtz square as one of Berlins „dangerous places“ - today it is an urban retreat for families.



Statue of Christ in front of Gethsemane church

#### Points of interest:

- Gethsemane church
- Helmholtz square
- Park cemenry Pappelallee
- living quarter „Bremer Höhe“
- former Stasi prison Prenzlauer Allee/Fröbelstraße

#### Meeting point:

At the main gate of the shopping center „Schönhauser Allee Arkaden“, in front of the Lotto shop, Schönhauser Allee 79, S-/U-/Tram station Schönhauser Allee

#### Duration:

1½ - 2 hours

#### Your guide: Cliewe Juritza

I was born in 1966 in East-Berlin and grew up and went to school in Prenzlauer Berg (Helmholtzkiez). After some fruitless attempts to escape from the GDR, I was arrested in 1984 and sentenced to twelf month in prison. Ten month later I was bought to freedom from the Federal Republic of Germany and released from the GDR. During my study political sciences in West-Berlin, the Berlin Wall came down in november 1989. Untill the mid 1990ies I worked for the Berlin Senate of Urban Developement and organised architectural invitations to tender, e.g. the competition of the chancellery and the federal presidents' office. I worked as a free lance journalist and in the press department of McDonald's Germany. Since January 2007 I am a tour guide in Berlin.

