



# Berlin Mauerpark

## Data and facts

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**Company**

PORR GmbH & Co. KGaA

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**Type**

Residential construction, Commercial building

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**Runtime**

01.2016 - 12.2019

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**Principal**

Groth Gruppe

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# Transcending borders with contemporary urban planning

## More housing, more green urban spaces

The Mauerpark is located in the border strip that extended along the Berlin Wall, erected in 1961. This section of the Wall used to run between the Berlin districts of Prenzlauer Berg in the East and Wedding in the West. While carrying out earthworks on the construction site, PORR discovered the remains of an escape tunnel from before the fall of the Wall. They were recovered and are now a valuable addition to the escape tunnel museum of the Berlin Underworlds Association. The Mauerpark is not a planned green space, but evolved spontaneously to become a recreation area for local residents who, shortly after the border was opened in 1989, were still sunbathing on the grassy areas in the shadow of the watchtowers, having picnics and playing with their children. The rich cultural scene at the Mauerpark also makes it a special place.

The 2012 urban development agreement on the partial development of the brownfield site and the expansion of the park from 8ha to 15ha explicitly stipulated that park-friendly uses such as the children's farm, the flea market and the Mauerseglerkneipe bar should be preserved.

## Diversity in architecture

Berlin is a vibrant city that never stops changing. The neighbourhoods that border the Mauerpark are especially known for their cosmopolitanism and diversity. Small boutiques and bookshops, a variety of restaurants and cafés, and a thriving cultural scene make the neighbourhood not only one of Berlin's most fashionable hangouts, but also a sought-after residential area. This diversity is reflected in the architecture of the new housing quarter. Five different architectural firms were responsible for designing the individual blocks. Inner courtyards are laid out inside the blocks, and there are green front gardens in front of them. A public square with a single tall tree serves as a central meeting point for the neighbourhood.

The road infrastructure was a particular challenge for the PORR team at times during construction. Until access to the private roads was established, the construction sites could only be reached via the listed Gleimtunnel.

# Impressions



## Image notes

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At Mauerpark, Berlin

PORR built the colourful urban quarter "Wohnen am Mauerpark", consisting of 5 individual quarters.

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At Mauerpark, Berlin

The green recreational areas of Mauerpark can be found within the residential complex.

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At Mauerpark, Berlin

PORR building construction has realised the new residential quarter on the former border site.

Do you have questions about the project or would you like to learn more? Feel free to contact us for further information.

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