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Art, technology and cultural history during the hours of night. 75 Berlin museums will be open on 31 August for the 2019 Long Night of Museums.

Berlin, 9 July 2019. It is the finest invitation of the summer. **On 31 August, 75 museums will be opening their doors from 6 pm to 2 am** and offering their visitors a special programme. Entertaining short tours, interviews with contemporary eye-witnesses, readings by actors, shows, workshops and music from Tango to Techno will make this evening museum visit into an unforgettable experience.

In this year's Long Night of Museums, many places can be completely rediscovered. The Palais Populaire is taking part for the very first time and celebrating the 1967 Summer of Love with opulent images and street music. The New Synagogue Berlin – Centrum Judaicum is inviting celebrity guests for its new permanent exhibition, including Andrej Hermlin and the rapper Ben Salomo. Another new feature this time is the 30-metre-high Panorama by Yadegar Asisi on the Museum Island, which shows in fascinating detail a day in the life of the city of Pergamon in the year 129 C.E. The James Simon Gallery, the new central entrance building for the Museum Island, is showing its first special exhibition, on the history of plaster casts from Classical Antiquity to the art of the present day. The State Youth Ballet will be dancing on its imposing stairway to open the Long Night of Museums.

This year, the Long Night of Museums also marks the start of the city-wide festival **bauhauswoche berlin**, which celebrates the ideas and impact of the famous school of art and design with, among other things, a shop window exhibition on the history of the Bauhaus, yoga on roof terraces and an open-air film series. In the Long Night, visitors will, for example, be able to see famous designs by Bauhaus members in the **Royal Porcelain Factory Berlin**, dispute the authenticity of Bauhaus lamps in the **Werkbundarchiv – Museum of Things** or go to the **Kulturforum** to test whether the design classics such as those of Marcel Breuer are actually comfortable.

All participating museums can be visited with just one ticket. Tickets are available **from 5 August**. **From 1 August 2019** the full programme is available for download at <u>www.lange-nacht-der-</u><u>museen.de/en/</u>.

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