



# POLITICAL WEIMAR

**A**n exciting chapter of German history was written almost 100 years ago in Weimar: With the ratification of the constitution at the German National Theatre the first democratic republic was born within German borders and was named after Weimar. Far away from the German capital city, which was plagued by political crises, the national assembly met in the small town and attracted unusual attention. For Germany, the Weimar Republic was revolutionary in that it was the first parliamentary government and followed on the heels of an authoritarian monarchy and the loss of WWI.

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# IN 2019 WEIMAR WILL CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF THE 1ST DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

## WEIMAR REPUBLIC

It was a milestone that the first German democratic constitution was ratified, building the cornerstone for the post WWII democratic German national government in 1949. From February 6 to August 21, 1919, the National Assembly convened in Weimar. Weimar had been chosen because it was far away from the politically instable city of Berlin. Germany's first President, Friedrich Ebert, named yet another important reason: »The whole world will find it pleasant to have the spirit of Weimar be connected to the making of a new German Empire.« Weimar itself was confronted with exceptional circumstances: Not only was the first German flight route instituted between Weimar and Berlin spectacular. Other novelties also changed Weimar into a temporary political center.

**»Democracy of Weimar«**  
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**Duration:** 2 hours

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**Price:** € 105 per group up to 25 people (admissions not included)

## » VISITS

### THE STADTMUSEUM

The Stadtmuseum (City Museum) of Weimar is representing one of the most important events of German history: The founding of the Weimar Republic that was sealed by the ratification of the constitution by the National Assembly in 1919 at the Deutsches Nationaltheater in Weimar. A new and comprehensive exhibition portrays this chapter of history more elaborately and within the context of World War I.



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### THE HOUSE OF THE WEIMAR REPUBLIC

A National Memorial Site will be created as a space for commemorating and grappling with the highs and lows, with the rise and fall of the Weimar Republic, on the occasion of the centenary of its founding.

Further details:

➔ [www.weimar-republic.com](http://www.weimar-republic.com)



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### DEUTSCHES NATIONALTHEATER WEIMAR

A plaque designed by the Bauhaus founder Walter Gropius was mounted on the theatre facade in memory of these months during the year of 1919.

Participate: February 2019  
 Democracy Week at the DNT  
 Further details:

➔ [www.nationaltheater-weimar.de/en](http://www.nationaltheater-weimar.de/en)



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