

Free Visit to the Museum of Islamic Art - Pergamon Museum Saturday, 8 October

Participants of the DAVO congress are invited for a free visit of the Berlin Museum of Islamic Art in the Pergamon Museum. The director of the museum, Dr. Stefan Weber will give a special introduction for us.

The Museum of Islamic Art at the Pergamon Museum Berlin is the only institution of its kind in Germany and oldest one in the Western Hemisphere. With tens of thousands of items, it has one of the biggest collections of Islamic art, culture and craftsmanship. The museum will be moving within the Pergamon Museum and will reopen with an exhibition space of more than 3,000 sqm. The almost 600.000 visitors to the Museum of Islamic Art in 2010 make our institution the most visited collection of Islamic Art worldwide. With its yearly Ramadan Festival, it invites Muslims and non-Muslims alike to explore the rich cultural legacy of Middle Eastern societies in the centre of Berlin. The Pergamon Museum on the Museum Island is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The location of the museum, the "Museum Island", is in the centre of Berlin, close to the station Friedrichstraße. Those who wish may join a group with a guide at the entrance of the Henry-Ford-Building (main conference venue) to go the museum together.

Program of the visit:

3 pm: entrance

(Please show your DAVO Congress name badge at the entrance)

4 pm:

Introduction by Dr. Stefan Weber - Director

"Collective memory and cultural archive - Roles of the Museum of Islamic Art in the contemporary Islamic discourse"

The talk will introduce visitors to key objects and will reflect on the museum's role in cultural education, shaping of collective identities and intercultural communication.

4:45 pm to 6 pm: free time in the museum

Registration for the visit

The museum requests a list of the participants. If you want to take part, please send a notification to Amke Dietert, amke.dietert@googlemail.com until 25th September at latest.