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Social Story


Opening Ceremony at the
Olympic Stadium in Berlin

Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony is held at a venue called 'Olympia Stadion'.

It looks like this:





01

Arrival by Public Transport

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If I arrive with a wheelchair, I can follow the icon on the signs.
This sign will guide me to the closest entrance to the stadium.
I can also ask the helpers at the station to show me.



I can arrive by public transport

The closest S-Bahn station is called Olympiastadion.

I have to follow the Exit towards Osttor and Olympischer Platz.



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Arrival by public transport

If I arrive by foot, I go up the stairs. And follow the path to the left.
There might be a lot of people at the station.
But I can walk slowly.



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Storage

If I have big items I can store them at the storage.

For example a big bag or a water bottle.

The storage is a container located between the east and south entrances.

It looks like this:



Storing an item costs 2€. I can pay in cash or by card.

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02

Entrance to the Stadium

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I can use the East Entrance (in German: Osttor).
At the East Entrance I can see the Olympic Rings.



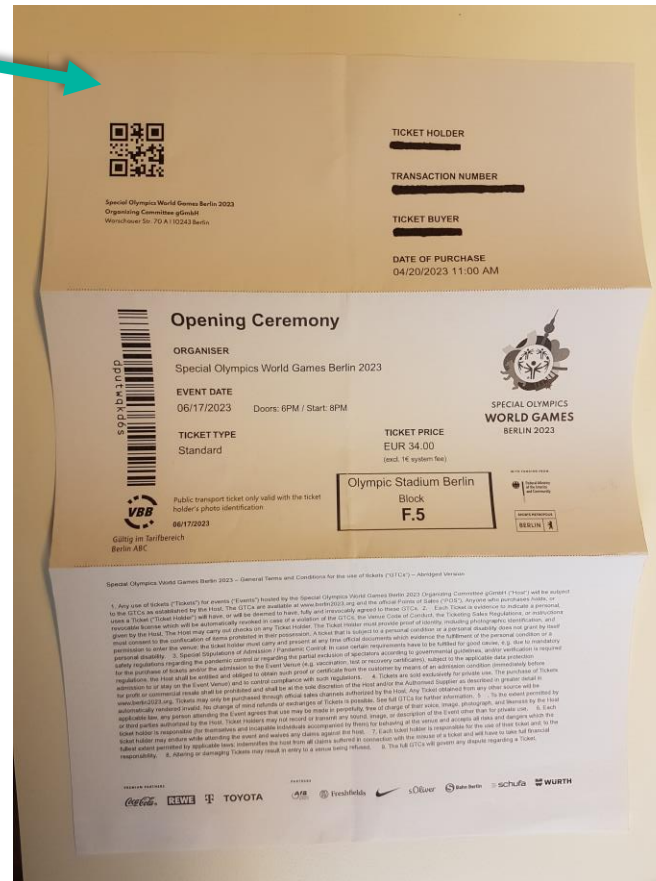
Entrance to the Stadium

I get my ticket ready.

I can have a physical ticket.

Or a printed ticket.

Or a ticket on my phone.



Entrance to the Stadium



I will enter through a gate like this.
There will be a queue of people waiting.
I will wait my turn in the queue.

A volunteer stands at the gate.
They are wearing purple T-shirts.

The volunteer scans my tickets with a mobile phone.

Then the security checks that I do **not** have items that
are **not** allowed with me. Like a big bag.
I can find the list of those items [here](#).



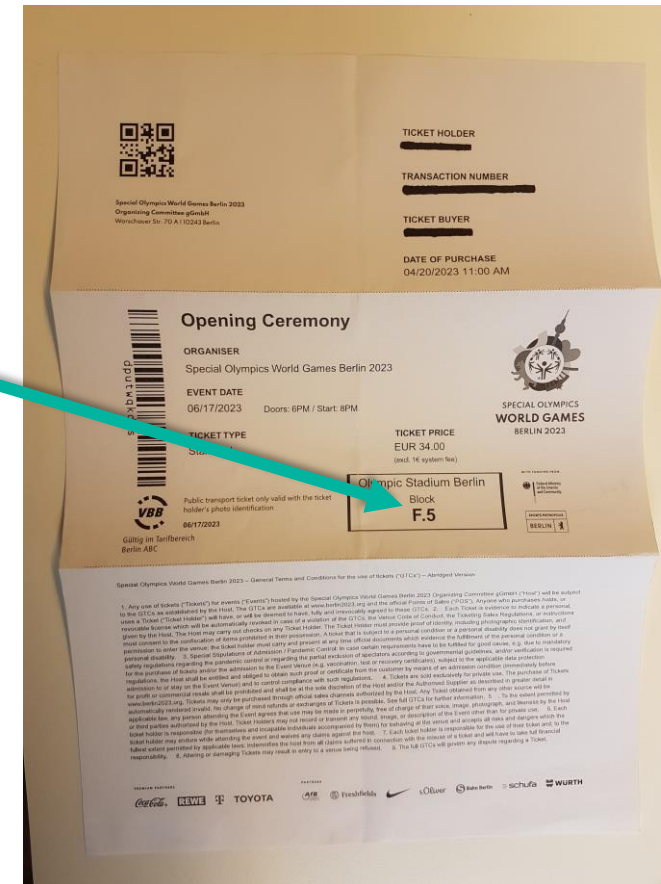
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Find the seat / block.

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Now I have to find my block.

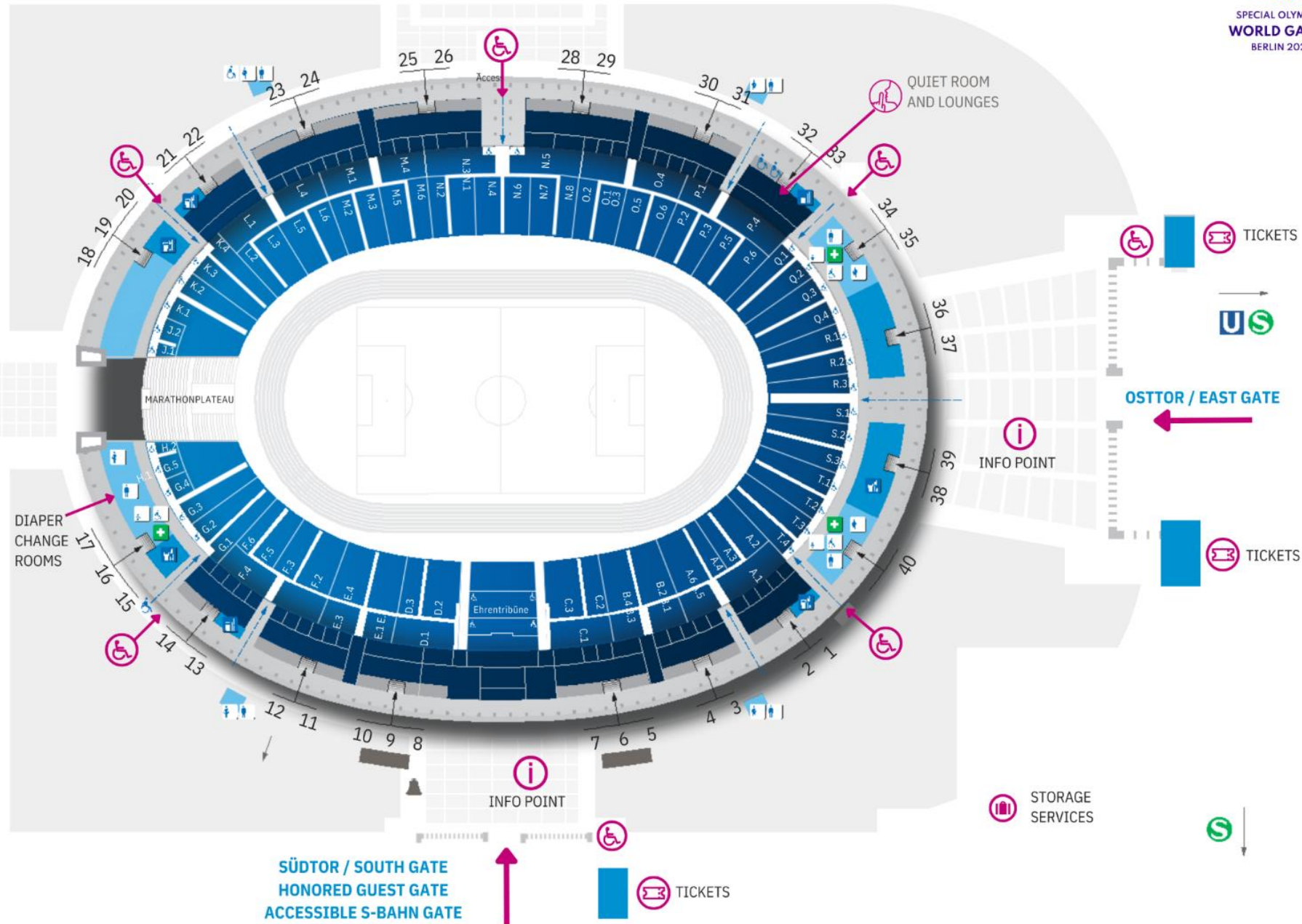
I find the block number on my ticket.



I follow this signage to find my block.



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I can use the maps that are at the venue.

Or ask a volunteer wearing a purple shirt for help.

Find the seat / block

If my block is a number I have to go up the stairs.

For example Block 12.

The stairs look like this:



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Find the seat / block

I follow my block number or letter until I see the entrance.

Here is the example for block 12.



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Find the seat / block

The seats look like this.

I can sit in any chair.

I do not have to look for a number.



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During the Opening Ceremony

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During the event, there is loud music and a lot of lights.

There are also fireworks.

If I am sensitive to any of it, I can get a **sensory backpack** for loan.

The sensory backpack contains ear defenders and sensory toys.

I get that at the Info Points.

The Info Points are near the gates.

I can also use the **Quiet Room**.

That room is a place to rest if I feel sensory overload.

I ask a volunteer in a purple shirt if I want to use the Quiet Room.

They support me.

After the Opening Ceremony



When the show is over, there are a lot of people leaving at once.

I can take my time.

I do **not** have to leave straight away.

Then I can walk back the same way that I came through.

There are a lot of volunteers who show me where I need to go.

Tips

I can visit the website of the Olympic Stadium.
There I can have a 360° view of the Stadium.

I can find it here:

<https://olympiastadion.berlin/en/sightseeing/360-tour/>

I can see all the information about the event in Easy English [here](#).

Enjoy the show!

If I have questions,
I write an e-mail to
visit@berlin2023.org.

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