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## The aliens are back! Landing on the Teufelsberg (ex-NSA listening station) and then by U-Bahn to Friedrichstadt-Palast Berlin

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Unearthly beauty out of this world: aliens from hit production THE WYLD land at the former NSA listening station on Berlin's Teufelsberg. Photo: Hannibal Hanschke

**Friedrichstadt-Palast Berlin is back from the summer break with THE WYLD. Aliens from the Grand Show have returned to Earth too. After landing on the Teufelsberg, they jumped on the U-Bahn to arrive at the Palast stage ready for the first performance on 6 August.**

Freshly rested and full of energy, the Friedrichstadt-Palast ensemble is currently making its way back to the German capital from all corners of the globe. Of course, the show's very own aliens had a bit further to travel: their spaceship landed at the former U.S. military and NSA listening station on the Teufelsberg.

General manager Shalmon Abraham was clearly impressed by the extraterrestrial visit: 'This historic location has seen a lot over the years. It was home to a military school, became a rubble mountain, and during the Cold War it was an American listening station. No wonder these glamorous aliens chose this exciting landing site.'

As they made their 12-kilometre journey to work by bus and U-Bahn from the Teufelsberg in the Grunewald forest to the East End Theatre District in Berlin-Mitte, the galactic beings were a spectacular sight even for hard-nosed Berliners and well-travelled tourists.

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From outer space to underground: 'We come in peace,' said the aliens, as they swooped into the driver's cab to conduct some interstellar industrial espionage.



Even below ground, their beauty is out of this world – aliens from Grand Show THE WYLD take the Berlin U-Bahn on their way to work at the Palast. Photo: Hannibal Hanschke

Dr. Sigrid Nikutta, CEO of Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG): '978 million passengers from all over the world relied on BVG services in 2014. We are pleased to attract new target groups to local public transport, and aliens are definitely included. They save fuel, protect the environment, and will receive a warm welcome in Berlin. Because we love them.'

Hit production 'THE WYLD – Out of this world' has been wowing audiences since October 2014 with aliens, drag queens, the beautiful Nefertiti and other inhabitants of Berlin's wild cosmos. Theatre director Dr. Berndt Schmidt: 'We're expecting the 2015/16 season to really take off, and we look forward to pass the mark of half a million visitors in the near future.' The wild universe of THE WYLD appears on the largest theatre stage in the world until July 2016.

Image material (photographer: Hannibal Hanschke) is available for download here: [www.palast.berlin/de/service/presse/bildmaterial-logos/#aktuelles](http://www.palast.berlin/de/service/presse/bildmaterial-logos/#aktuelles)

Video trailer of the Teufelsberg landing and aliens on the U-Bahn: <https://vimeo.com/134401943>

Websites:

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