



The Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, May 1945

The End of World War Two – 80 Years On

8 May 2025 is the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two in Europe. DW is dedicating a series of special programs to the subject, including:

ARTS UNVEILED

8 May 1945 – Liberation Day

Ruined cities, perpetrators, victims, refugees, displaced persons from the East. For decades, the day of the German surrender on 8 May 1945 was regarded as “zero hour.” Many saw it as a day of defeat and hopelessness – less so as a day of liberation and a new beginning. “Germany, Year Zero” is the title of Roberto Rossellini’s 1948 film that also fostered this notion. But former German Federal President Richard von Weizsäcker saw things differently. In his famous speech, he said that 8 May 1945 was a day of liberation from National Socialism – a new beginning, not a day of defeat. It was the end of the Second World War in Europe and the end of the Nazi dictatorship after 12 years of terror.

Arts Unveiled explains exactly what happened 80 years ago. And which groups have since tried to present what they see as the correct view of 8 May 1945, and with what intentions.

Starting Sun 13 April on [YouTube DW History and Culture](#)

Starting Sat 3 May | 05:00 on TV

DOCFILM

1945 – The Year That Changed History

1945 left its mark on the 20th century like no other year. The liberation of the Nazi concentration camps, the Pacific War, the atomic bombs dropped on Japan: 12 months that changed the world forever.

With the capitulation of Japan on 2 September 1945, World War Two came to an end after six years and million upon millions of deaths. There were scenes of jubilation all over the world. The Nuremberg Trials were initiated to process Nazi atrocities, and the founding of the United Nations was supposed to bring a glimmer of hope back to humanity. But behind the scenes, the shadows of the Cold War and the challenges of decolonization were already lurking.

Thanks to extraordinary archive material and the analysis of international experts, the film brings the year 1945 back to life. It creates an understanding of how these 12 months laid the foundations for the modern world.

Starting Thu 8 May | 01:15 on TV



DW News is also reporting on the 80th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe - including livestreams from memorial services.

Starting Thu 8 May on TV



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Viennese coffee house

EUROMAXX

Get Together: Where People in Europe Meet

What do Viennese coffee houses, British pubs and German beer gardens have in common? For many, they're popular places to meet and gather – what's known as the third place. This term was first used by the US sociologist Ray Oldenburg in 1989. According to his definition, after your own home and workplace, these are places that are easily accessible and offer space for encounters and conversation. In a new series, **Euromaxx** presents such places of community. What characterizes them? What "rules of the game" apply there? And how do they survive in the digital age, where many encounters take place online? Episode one focuses on Viennese coffee house culture.

Now on [YouTube DW Food](#)
Starting Sat 10 May | 04:30 on TV

GLOBAL US

Malaysia: The Ghost Town That Cost Billions

Chinese investors aimed to lure 700,000 wealthy people here. So far, they've only managed to attract around 10,000. "Forest City" is a planned city in Malaysia, just a few kilometers from Singapore. It cost many billions of Euros to build. Today, the place is a gigantic ruin that lacks inhabitants and urban life. The project is also threatening the region's environment. Artificial islands were created to build the city, destroying the habitats of many marine creatures in the process. Find out more in **Global Us**.

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BUSINESS BEYOND

A United African Economy: The Impossible Dream?

Despite having almost 20 percent of the global population, Africa's 54 countries collectively account for less than 3 percent of global GDP. Africa, however, has an extremely young population and by 2075, one out of every three people on the planet will be African. The continent has vast economic potential but it must face down several challenges. It needs to end extreme poverty, strengthen its collective economy, keep the value of its resources at home and create meaningful jobs for its people. Can Africa do it? **Business Beyond** considers its chance.

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THE 77 PERCENT

Science Unlocked – The Science Behind Clean Water

The 77 Percent dives into the science of clean water. The magazine's new format, "Science Unlocked," features Edith Kimani as she experiments with DIY water filters – can they pass the lab test? The 77 Percent also explores where tap water actually comes from, why many countries still struggle to keep it clean, and whether simple solutions can make a difference. Stay tuned for eye-opening insights and hands-on science!

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