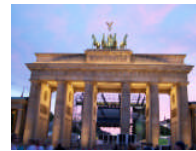




Itinerary for a Five Day Languages Study Tour to Berlin By Air.

Dates: To Be Decided.



The itinerary is designed to balance visits of the greatest interest with recreative activities. It aims to make the maximum use of time without exhausting participants. The itinerary we have proposed is flexible and is only finalised after discussion with the Party Leader(s). Flexibility is also built into the holiday itself as changes can be made at very short notice according to weather conditions etc. The visit will be guided throughout. All excursions are well-prepared and are backed by notes and a commentary. The director is able to run the holiday according to Party Leader wishes. In this way Party Leaders will be free to concentrate on the care of their pupils rather than the organisation of the tour. The whole stay is underpinned by excellent accommodation, catering, transport and security.

ACCOMMODATION



The Hotel IbisBerlin Ostbahnhof**

An der Schillingbrücke 2, D-10243 Berlin, Germany.
Tel: +49 30257600. Fax: +49 3025760333.

Our hotel is located in central Berlin & offers convenient access to all of our excursions in the area. All of the 100 rooms have en-suite bathroom facilities, telephones, colour TV's, radio alarm clocks & modem ports. There is a conference room, fully-licensed restaurant & meeting/bar area. The manager heads a particularly friendly team & we have found the Hotel Ibis in Berlin to offer a very comfortable base for our groups visiting the area.



DAY ONE

- 08.45 Coach arrives at School.
- 09.00 Depart School. Coach transfer to Local Airport.
- 10.15 E.T.A. Local Airport. Commence check in.
- 13.05 Depart Local Airport on Easyjet flight 2105.
- 15.55 E.T.A. Berlin Schonefeld Airport.
(Please note: Continental time is 1 hour in advance of British time)
- 16.45 Coach transfer to Hotel Ibis & guided coach commentary on Berlin.
- 17.30 **Visit to The Brandenburg Gate.**
- During our transfer to The Hotel Ibis we will get off the coach to visit the Brandenburg Gate, symbol of Berlin & focus of the celebrations during the tearing-down of the infamous Berlin Wall.
- 18.00 E.T.A. Hotel Ibis. Check in & allocate room keys.
- 19.00 U-Bahn transfer to Brauerei-Lemke Restaurant.
- 19.30 **Dinner at Brauerei-Lemke Restaurant.**
www.brauerei-lemke.de
- We will have dinner at the traditional German Brauerei-Lemke Beerhouse, where there will be a two course dinner with several options.
- 21.00 Return U-bahn transfer to Hotel Ibis.
- 21.30 E.T.A. Hotel Ibis.

DAY TWO

08.30 Breakfast.

10.00 **Sightseeing Tour of Berlin By Coach (Part One)**

The first stage of our sightseeing tour of Berlin by coach will start with a visit to the glass dome of The Reichstag Building, designed by Sir Norman Foster.

Our coach tour will then pass through the city centre to pass the Soviet War Memorial, a former gaurd tower, a remaining section of the Berlin Wall, the site of the former entrance to Hitler's underground bunker & a visit to the former Gestapo headquarters & a display 'The Topography of Terror'. The tour will end at the sharp lines & angles of The Berlin Jewish Museum, where participants will be able to purchase lunches.

14.00 **Visit to The Berlin Jewish Museum.**
www.jmberlin.de

The Berlin Jewish Museum was designed by Daniel Libeskind & is housed within a remarkable, zinc-covered building which displays parallels, diagonals & large negative internal spaces which represent the emptiness left by the destruction of the German Jewish culture.

The Museum concentrates on the ancient Jewish population within Berlin - centuries of oppression & pogroms before improvements were made under the Weimar Republic. The museum culminates in the Holocaust Tower, where the visitor is met with the emotional impact of countless stories, photographs & films which show the terrible fate that the families met under the Third Reich.

15.30 Coach transfer to The Memorial Church.

16.00

Visit to The Church Kaiser Wilhelm-Gedachniskirche.

www.aviewoncities.com/berlin/gedachniskirche.htm

This has been kept in its scarred state as a memorial. A permanent exhibition inside the base of the tower uncludes a cross made out of medieval nails recovered from Coventry Cathedral. The imperial character of the church is underscored by a peal of bells from the tower on the hour, playing a tune composed by Kaiser Wilhelm's Grandson. A new church was built in 1961, next to the ruins. Inside there is a moving depiction of the Madonna and Child drawn by a German doctor shortly before Christmas 1942 at the seige of Stalingrad. There is also a memorial to the men and women who lost their lives in the July 1944 plot to overthrow Hitler.

16.30

Free Shopping Time in the Kurfurstendamm Shopping Area.

Participants will be able to enjoy some free shopping time in this city centre west location - the main shopping area in Berlin.

19.00

Dinner at Joes-Berlin Restaurant.

www.joes-berlin.de

This popular restaurant has the motto 'Eat Well & Plenty!' We will be able to choose from a set menu & will be able to eat either inside or, for the brave, outside in the 600 seater beer garden.

21.00

Coach transfer to Hotel Ibis.

21.30

E.T.A. Hotel Ibis.

DAY THREE

08.30 Breakfast.

09.30 Coach transfer to Oranienburg.

10.30 **E.T.A. Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp.**

www.jewishgen.org/ForgottenCamps/Camps/Sachsenhausen

Located outside Berlin is the town of Oranienburg, made famous for many years by its refreshing apple wine. The name of the town has now become linked with the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. Many concentration camps have been preserved & opened to the public as memorials & museums. Sachsenhausen is the camp located closest to the country's capital.

Sachsenhausen received its first prisoners in July 1936, when it was designated as a *Schutzhaftlager* ('Protective Custody Camp'). The camp housed anybody guilty of 'antisocial behaviour' as well as many thousands of Jews, 6,000 of which arrived during Kristallnacht alone.

Participants will be able to visit parade-ground, where roll-call & summary executions took place on the gallows, the barrack blocks, the extermination block, the gas chambers & the ovens.

The camp has been left largely untouched since it was liberated on 22 April 1945. Most of the prisoners had already been evacuated by the SS, who marched 33,000 inmates on a 'March of Death' to the Baltic Sea, where they were to be loaded onto boats & sunk out at sea. The Allies discovered 3,000 prisoners in the camp's hospital, most of whom were too emaciated to be saved.

This is a disturbing & emotional visit which students & staff alike often find difficult to comprehend. Before watching a film in one of the barrack blocks, the Tour Director will give an explanation of the camp as well as providing maps & instructions to get the most out of the visit.

12.30 Lunch Break at Potsdamer Platz.

13.30

Visit to The Television Tower - *The 'Telespargel'*

After lunch we will visit the tallest structure in Berlin at 365 metres. Built in 1969 with the help of Swedish experts, this is the second tallest structure in Europe & is visible from almost everywhere in the city. We will ascend the tower by lift to reach the Viewing Platform, situated inside a steel-clad giant sphere 203 metres above the ground. On a clear day a full view of Berlin is possible with visibility reaching up to 25 miles.

Please note: There is a supplement of £7 per paying participant for this optional visit.

15.30

Coach transfer to The Nikolaiviertel.

16.00

Visit to The Nikolaiviertel - *'St. Nicholas Quarter'*

This small area on the bank of the River Spree is a favourite place for strolling for both Berliners & tourists. Some of the city's oldest houses stood on this spot until they were destroyed in World War II. The whole area was redeveloped by the GDR - the East German Government - between 1979 & 1987 in a controversial attempt to recreate a medieval village. The whole area consists of replicas of historic buildings with narrow streets, small shops, cafes & bars lining the roadways. Pupils will enjoy visiting the area with its historic feel & local shops.

17.30

Transfer to Berlin Restaurant.

18.30

Dinner at Suedstern Restaurant & Brewery.

www.brauhaus-suedstern.de

20.30

U-Bahn transfer to Hotel Ibis.

21.00

E.T.A. Hotel Ibis.

DAY FOUR

08.30 Breakfast.

09.30 Coach transfer to Filmpark Themepark, Babelsberg.

10.30 **Full Day's Visit to The Filmpark Themepark, Babelsberg.**
www.filmpark-babelsberg.de

Located 60km from Berlin, the Filmpark Themepark is located at the Babelsberg Studios, where top German movies have been filmed for the past 90 years. During our day's visit, pupils will enjoy viewing spectacular stunts, special effects tricks & animal training. With more than 20 attractions & 3 live shows, there is plenty to amaze the visitor. Very popular is the 4D cinema, with moving seats, realistic movies & special effects that will make you feel part of the movie experience! We will spend the whole day at this popular themepark, returning to central Berlin for dinner during the evening.

Please note: There is a supplement for this optional visit.

15.30 **Visit to The Potsdam Region of Berlin.**

The capital city of the federal state of Brandenburg, Potsdam is a particularly fascinating & historic region of Berlin situated on the River Havel 25km southwest of central Berlin. Located close to the Filmpark Themepark, Potsdam was the residence of the Prussian kings until 1918. Potsdam became isolated from West Berlin after the construction of the Berlin Wall & Potsdam Bridge became famous for exchanges of spies during the Cold War. We will spend time visiting this historic area before transferring to central Berlin for dinner.

18.00 Coach transfer to central Berlin.

19.00 **Dinner at Suedstern Restaurant & Brewery.**
www.brauhaus-suedstern.de

20.45 Coach transfer to Hotel Ibis.

21.15 E.T.A. Hotel Ibis.

DAY FIVE

08.00 Breakfast.

09.00 **Berlin Sightseeing Tour Part Two.**

The second part of our Berlin Sightseeing Tour will include a visit to the Berlin Wall Documentation Centre, & The Allied Museum.

10.30 **Morning Cruise on The River Spree.**

During the afternoon of the final day we will enjoy a boat cruise to view some of Berlin's sites such as the historic buildings of Mitte, The Berliner Dom, Museum Island, the new government district & The Reichstag. The cruise passes alongside the Zoological Garden to arrive at the new city buildings & remaining part of The Berlin Wall at Potsdamer Platz where we will alight.

Please note: There is a supplement for this optional visit.

13.00 **Lunch & Visit to The Hackescher Markt Region of Berlin.**

The Hackescher Markt region is famous for its art galleries & shops. We will have free shopping time in this area before transferring to the Hotel Ibis & on to Berlin Schonefeld Airport.

15.00 Coach transfer to Berlin Schonefeld Airport.

16.00 E.T.A. Berlin Schonefeld Airport. Commence check in.

18.55 Depart Berlin Schonefeld Airport on Easyjet Flight 2108.

19.45 E.T.A. Local Airport.

(Please note: Continental time is 1 hour in advance of British time)

20.45 Coach transfer to School.

22.00 E.T.A. School.