



## *Itinerary for a Five Day Study Tour of Cologne By Coach.*

*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 help 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 on the organisation of the tour. The whole stay is underpinned by excellent accommodation, catering, transport and security.*

## ACCOMMODATION



### **The Hotel Ibis\*\***

**Vorgebirgstrasse 33, 53119 Bonn, Germany.**

**Tel. 0049 22872660. Fax. 0049 2287266405.**

The modern Hotel Ibis is located in central Bonn, once the capitol of Germany. The centre of Bonn is within a short drive or tram ride & the location is ideal for our excursions of the Bonn & Cologne area. All of the twin rooms have en-suite bathroom facilities, televisions, telephones, desks & reading lamps. There is a pleasant bar & meeting area downstairs & the staff are particularly friendly & helpful. We have found the Hotel Ibis to be a comfortable & popular base for our groups visiting the Bonn & Cologne region.

## CATERING

The catering in Cologne is very popular, with large continental breakfasts with hams & meats, substantial picnic lunches & dinners on the Cologne Sports University Campus where the manager delights in presenting English groups with some of the typical foods of the region. Typical dinners include a large salad starter followed by German sausage with vegetables, rice or chips & ice-cream or a cooked dessert. By having our dinner at the excellent Sports University Campus, we are able to use some of the campus sports facilities such as the indoor sports hall for games of football.

# DAY ONE

06.00	Arrival of coach at School.
06.30	Depart School. Onward transfer to Port of Dover.
10.00	E.T.A. Port of Dover. Check in for next crossing.
11.00	Depart Dover.
13.30 <small>(Continental time is 1 hour in advance of U.K. time).</small>	E.T.A. Port of Calais. Onward transfer to Cologne.
19.00	E.T.A. Cologne. Dinner at the Cologne University Restaurant.
20.45	Transfer to Hotel Ibis.
21.00	E.T.A. Hotel Ibis. Allocate room keys & settle in.

## DAY TWO

08.30 Breakfast.

09.30 Walk to Cologne centre.

10.15 **E.T.A. Cologne Cathedral.**

Pupils will enjoy a guided tour of the cathedral by one of the Tourist Office's official guides. The cathedral is the best example of Gothic architecture in Northern Europe. The group will ascend the south belltower to see the Kaiserglocke bell, cast in 1874 from a French cannon captured in the Franco-Prussian War. The cathedral contains the reputed bones of the Three Wise Men of the East and has become the object of many pilgrimages. Pupils will climb the steep winding staircase to the very top of the cathedral spire, from where panoramic views over the city can be enjoyed.

12.00 Lunch.

13.00 **Shopping Time on the Hohestrasse**

During the early afternoon we will visit the Hohestrasse - the city's lively traffic-free shopping area, before walking on to the Altstadt with its network of narrow streets and the Alter Market.

14.00 **Onward transfer to The Cologne Chocolate Factory.**

A famous industry of the Rhine region is the manufacture of fine chocolates and we will be visiting The Cologne Chocolate Factory. Here the pupils will see a video film and tour the factory to see how chocolate is made. At the end of the tour they can enjoy free samples and visit the factory shop.

15.45 Transfer to Cologne Bowling Centre.

16.30 **E.T.A. The Cologne Bowling Centre**

We always combine visits of the greatest interest with recreational activities & pupils will enjoy bowling at the modern 'Anchor Bowling Alley' in Albert. Teams will be six per lane & prizes will be provided for the highest scorer on each lane.

18.30 Coach transfer to the Cologne Sports University.

19.30 Dinner at the Cologne Sports University.

21.00 Transfer to Hotel Ibis.

21.15 E.T.A. Hotel Ibis.

## DAY THREE

08.30 Breakfast.

09.30 Walk to centre of Cologne.

10.30 **Guided Cruise on the Rhine.**

We will meet our boat near the Chocolate Factory and will enjoy a cruise on the wide River Rhine that will last for an hour and a half.

12.00 **Visit to The Cologne Zoo.**

During the morning of the final day, we will have an opportunity to visit the excellent Cologne Zoo, where the collection of animals are well presented & well looked after. After our visit to the zoo, we will enjoy a cable-car ride across the Rhine transferring to our hotel by local tram.

15.30 **Shopping Time in central Cologne.**

Pupils will enjoy some shopping time on the way back from the zoo.

17.00 Tram ride to Hotel Ibis.

17.30 E.T.A. Hotel Ibis. Rest & relaxation time in hotel before dinner.

19.00 Dinner at the Cologne Sports University.

20.15 **Evening Activities at the Cologne Sports University.**

The Tour Director will organise activities after dinner such as a game of football on a full-size pitch or a game of rounders.

21.15 Transfer to Hotel Ibis.

21.30 E.T.A. Hotel Ibis.

## DAY FOUR

08.30 Breakfast.

09.30 Transfer to Phantasialand Themepark, Bonn.

10.00 **Day's Visit to Phantasialand Themepark, Bonn.**

Phantasialand is Germany's largest & most popular themepark, with some of Europe's fastest & highest rollercoasters. The themepark is divided into 5 kingdoms, each with its own themed attractions. The 'Dragon Khan' rollercoaster has the highest number of loops on any rollercoaster in Europe. The 'Grand Splash' rides leave participants soaked to the skin & the vertical drop rides are the highest in Europe.

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

18.00 Transfer to The Sports College, Cologne.

18.30 **Recreational Activities at The Cologne Sports University.**

19.30 Dinner at the Cologne University Restaurant.

21.15 Transfer to Hotel Ibis Bonn.

21.30 E.T.A. Hotel Ibis Bonn.

## DAY FIVE

- 08.30 Breakfast.
- 09.30 Coach transfer to Cologne Cablecars.
- 10.30 **Cablecar transfer across River Rhine.**

Pupils will enjoy a cablecar transfer directly over the River Rhine which affords panoramic views over the Dom Cathedral. Upon arrival on the opposite side of the river we will enjoy some recreational time prior to the transfer to Calais.

- 12.30 Onward transfer to Calais. (Lunch en-route)
- 18.00 E.T.A. Port of Calais. Check in for next crossing.
- 19.00 Depart Port of Calais.
- 19.30 E.T.A. Port of Dover. Onward transfer to School.  
(Note: Continental time is one hour in advance of British time)
- 21.45 E.T.A. School.**