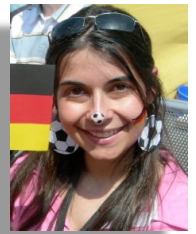




Itinerary For a Five Day Art Study Tour to Berlin By Air. Prepared For The Art & Design Department.

Dates: To Be Confirmed



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 tour itself as changes can be made at very short notice according to weather conditions etc. The tour will be guided throughout. All excursions are well-prepared and are backed by notes and a commentary. The tour guide is able to run the tour 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



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Our hotel is located in the central government district of Mitte in the heart of Berlin & offers convenient access to all of our excursions in the area. All of the 90 rooms have en-suite bathroom facilities, hairdryers, towel warmers, flat TVs with prime TV, a telephone, reading desks & lights. Free Wi-Fi and a safe are provided in every room.

The manager heads a particularly friendly team & we have found the Hotel Citylight in Berlin to offer a very comfortable base for our groups visiting the area.

DAY ONE

- 03.15 Coach arrives at School.
- 03.30 Depart School. Coach transfer to Local Airport.
- 04.15 E.T.A. Local Airport. Commence check in.
- 06.40 Depart Local Airport on Easyjet flight 8121.
- 09.40 E.T.A. Berlin Tegel Airport.
(Please note: Continental time is 1 hour in advance of British time)
- 10.30 Coach transfer to central Berlin.
- 11.30 **Visit to The Humboldt Box**

The Humboldt-Box shows visitors the new Berlin Palace Humboldt Forum from some surprising angles. It highlights various impressive aspects related to the palace's former and latest history and to the state-of-the-art construction technology used on the site. One exhibit which has proved particularly popular with the audience is the large-scale model of "Berlin around 1900". The Humboldt Box is currently one of the city's most visited attractions. It is the showcase for the Berlin Palace Humboldt Forum. On display are examples of innovative exhibition concepts. The Humboldt brothers would have approved of the "haven for arts and sciences" that is being created here. The tour around the interactively designed exhibition floors becomes a journey of discovery that engages all senses. The top floor offers views across the palace construction site and the museums on Museumsinsel.

- 12.45 Transfer to Checkpoint Charlie region.
- 13.00 Lunch in the region of Checkpoint Charlie.

(Please note that dinner is the first meal included in the tour cost so students & staff should budget to purchase lunch on the first day).

- 14.15 **Visit to The Checkpoint Charlie Museum.**

An essential visit for anybody interested in the Cold War & The Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie is the lookout point where American & Russian tanks faced each other across a narrow section of No Man's Land.

The physical checkpoint, a wooden pavilion was hoisted away after the wall crumbled, but the threatening grey watchtower has become part of the Haus am Checkpoint Charlie, a museum tracing the history of the wall and vividly describing the most ingenious and successful methods of escape such as a miniature submarine, a coffin-like assembly of two hollowed out surfboards & a car with improvised propellor. There are also photographs, films and models.

16.00 Transfer to The Brandenburg Gate.

16.30 **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.

17.30 Coach transfer to Sudstern Brewery.

18.00 **Dinner at Sudstern Brewery.**

With seating for 180 guests, a lively beer garden & its own fresh beers brewed on-site, the Sudstern Brewery is the last remaining brewery in the Kreuzberg district of Berlin & is a local favourite. We will enjoy typical Berliner dishes at this atmospheric restaurant which is always a hit with the students.

19.30 Coach transfer to Hotel Citylight.

20.00 E.T.A. Hotel Citylight. Check in & allocate room keys.

DAY TWO

08.00 Breakfast.

09.30 **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 guard 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.

12.00 Lunch.

13.30 **Visit to The Gemalde Gallery.**

The Gemäldegalerie possesses one of the world's finest collections of European art from the 13th to 18th century. After the collection was founded in 1830, it was systematically built up and perfected. The exhibition includes masterpieces by artists from every age of art history such as van Eyck, Bruegel, Dürer, Raphael, Tizian, Caravaggio, Rubens, Vermeer and Rembrandt.

This newly built museum is situated at the Kulturforum Potsdamer Platz. It has about 7,000 square metres of exhibition space. A complete tour of the 72 rooms covers almost two kilometres. Two of the major sections are formed by Italian painting from the 13th to 16th century and Netherlandish painting of the 15th and 16th century.

Old German painting of the Late Gothic and Renaissance eras is represented by such great masters as Konrad Witz, Albrecht Dürer, Baldung Grien, Cranach and Holbein.

The octagonal Rembrandt room enjoys a key position at the heart of the museum. The sixteen works by this artist form one of the largest and highest quality collections of Rembrandt paintings. They are flanked by additional gems of Dutch and Flemish painting of the 17th century. Portraits, genre paintings, interiors, landscapes and still-lives illustrate certain artists' preferences for particular types of themes.

Italian, French, German and English painting of the 18th century is presented in six rooms. This splendid collection of paintings includes works by Canaletto, Watteau, Pesne and Gainsborough.

The main gallery contains one thousand masterpieces. These paintings are complemented by four hundred works in a study gallery on the lower floor.

Visitors also have access to a digital gallery with computerized information in German, English and French. Audio-tours are also available in German and English.

15.00 Coach transfer to The Jewish Museum.

15.30 **Visit to The Berlin Jewish Museum.**

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.

17.00 Coach transfer to The Europa Centre.

17.30 **Exploration of The Europa Centre.**

More than just a shopping centre, this is a listed building & a landmark of the city. With over 70 shops & restaurants, students will enjoy exploring the area, perhaps visiting the World Fountain or watching some of the street entertainers in the Breitscheidplatz outside.

18.30 **Dinner at The Kartoffelkiste Restaurant.**

Located within the Europa Center for over 20 years, Kartoffelkiste (translated as 'Potato Box') offers traditional German dishes with the motto 'Granny's Sunday feast – every day!'

20.00 Coach transfer to Hotel Citylight.

20.30 E.T.A. Hotel Citylight.

DAY THREE

08.00 Breakfast.

09.15 Coach transfer to Oranienburg.

10.30 **Visit to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp.**

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 *Schutzshaftlager* ('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 Transfer to Berlin.

13.30 Lunch.

14.45 Coach transfer to Wannsee.

15.45

Visit to The Wannsee Villa.

We will drive along the wooded shore of the Havel River to the small suburban resort of Wannsee, which has the largest inland beach in Europe. On January 20th 1942 Reinhard Heydrich introduced 'the Final Solution'. Present was his assistant Adolf Eichmann, seven ministerial bureaucrats and a female secretary who sipped brandy & joked while they drew up plans for mass genocide. Today the villa has been converted into the Wannsee Conference Memorial House, a place of remembrance with a photograph exhibition outlining the consequences of the meeting that took place in this idyllic location.

17.15

Return transfer to central Berlin.

18.15

Dinner at Sudstern Brewery.

19.45

Coach transfer to Hotel Citylight.

20.15

E.T.A. Hotel Citylight.

DAY FOUR

08.45 Breakfast.

10.00 Coach transfer to The Television Tower.

11.00 **Ascent of 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.

12.30 Lunch in the Nicolai Quarter (the birthplace of Berlin).

13.45 Walk to Museum Island.

15.00 **Guided Tour of The New Museum ('Neues Museum')**

Museum Island was founded in 1830 with The Old Museum ('Altes Museum') & was joined by a further four museums over the years (The Old National Gallery, Bode Museum, Pergamon Museum & finally the New Museum). World War II left the Museum Island badly damaged & the New Museum completely destroyed. Post-1945 the island was in the Eastern German sector & reconstruction began under the GDR government, although the New Museum was left as a ruin.

In 1999, ten years after the fall of the Wall, ambitious plans were laid to comprehensively refurbish all of the museums & commence a ten year rebuild of the New Museum. Finally re-opened in 2009, the New Museum's highlights include outstanding pieces from Egypt including the highlight of the bust of the Ancient Egyptian Queen Nefertiti.

We will have an hour long guided tour of the New Museum, taking in the highlights of the collection

16.30 Transfer to The Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church.

17.00

Visit to The Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church.

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.

17.15

Walk to The Europa Center.

17.30

Exploration of The Europa Center.

Students will have independent time to explore this commercial centre before dinner.

18.30

Dinner at The Kartoffelkiste Restaurant.

20.00

Coach transfer to Hotel Citylight.

20.30

E.T.A. Hotel Citylight.

DAY FIVE

08.00 Breakfast, hotel check-out & loading of suitcases into coach.

09.30 **Sightseeing Coach Tour of Berlin (Part Two)**

The second part of our driving sightseeing tour will include some important sights concerning the Cold War & the events between 1945 & the present day. Our tour will include The Berlin Wall Documentation Centre.

11.00 **Visit to The Berlin Wall Documentation Centre.**

The Documentation Center at Bernauer Strasse 111 is part of the Berlin Wall Memorial ensemble. It offers detailed historical and background information on the history and politics behind the building of the Berlin Wall. It has a permanent exhibition in German and English, an observation tower overlooking a section of the original border, a digital archive with original documents, audio stations with historical radio broadcasts from East and West, and regular events.

12.00 Lunch.

13.15 **Visit to The Allied Museum**

In the years from 1945 to 1990, the city of Berlin was divided into four zones of occupation, administered by the USA, Soviet Union, Great Britain, and France: the victorious powers of World War II. The Allied Museum is located in the centre of the former U.S. sector. Both the U.S. military government and the Supreme Command of the Berlin Brigade were headquartered on the opposite side of the road. The museum buildings bear witness to the U.S. & Allied presence in Berlin. The Outpost Theatre was built by the U.S. army in 1952/53 and is now protected as a historic monument. The Major Arthur D. Nicholson Memorial Library was built in 1979. Neither building was officially accessible to the population of Berlin.

The Allied presence in Berlin began in 1945 and lasted until 1994. It left behind a wealth of material relics from the past that the museum is committed to preserving and researching. The collection has been organised into the categories of: Large Objects, Military Memorabilia, Weapons, Technical Appliances, Signs/Models, Everyday Items, Maps/Posters, Documents, Photos, Cassette Recordings & Video Recordings. The military memorabilia collection and the document collection are especially extensive, and are mainly compiled of items of American origin.

14.30 Coach transfer to Berlin Schonefeld Airport.

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

18.15 Depart Berlin Schonefeld Airport on Easyjet Flight 8214.

19.15

E.T.A. London Local Airport Airport (North Terminal).

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

20.15

Coach transfer to School.

21.00

E.T.A. School.

Please note: This is a Suggested Itinerary only. We make hotel, flight & itinerary bookings upon receipt of the initial deposit payments. The timings, airports, flight times & visits contained within this itinerary serve as a guide only & may change. The choice of hotel, visits & timings are confirmed upon receipt of initial deposits.