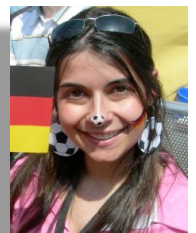




***Suggested Itinerary For a Five Day Languages Study
Tour to Berlin. Prepared For The Modern Foreign
Languages Department.***

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 intinerary 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 can be guided throughout. All excursions are well prepared and are backed by notes and a commentary. The expert tour guide is able to help 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 on the organisation of the tour. The whole stay is underpinned by excellent accommodation, catering, transport and security.

ACCOMMODATION



The Hotel Ibis**

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

- 07.30 Coach arrives at School.
- 08.00 Depart School. Coach transfer to Local Airport.
- 10.00 E.T.A. Local Airport. Commence check in.
- 12.55 Depart Local Airport on Easyjet flight 2103.
- 16.00 E.T.A. Berlin Schonefeld Airport.
(Please note: Continental time is 1 hour in advance of British time)
- 16.30 Coach transfer to Hotel Ibis & guided coach commentary on Berlin.
- 17.15 **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.

- 18.30 **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.

- 20.00 Coach transfer to Hotel Ibis.
- 20.30 E.T.A. Hotel Ibis. Check in & allocate room keys.

DAY TWO

08.00 Breakfast.

09.15 **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 by Potsdamer Platz.

13.30 **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.

15.45 Coach transfer to The Kurfurstendamm.

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.

17.30 **Dinner at Restaurant Kartoffelkiste im Europa Center.**

This popular restaurant has the motto 'Eat Well & Plenty!' & is located within the popular Europa shopping centre.

19.30

Visit to The IMAX Cinema, Potsdamerplatz.

Students will enjoy watching a 3D movie at the enormous IMAX cinema with it's world-famous soundsystem & layered seating.

Please note: this optional visit incurs a supplement of £10 per paying participant.

22.00

Return transfer to Hotel Ibis.

22.30

E.T.A. Hotel Ibis.

DAY THREE

08.30 Breakfast.

09.30 Coach transfer to Oranienburg.

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

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 Berlin Olympic Stadium.

16.00

Visit to The Berlin Olympic Stadium.

The Olympiastadion was one of the few buildings that survived not just in a recognizable form, but almost untouched after the Second World War. It only suffered the impact of machine gun shots.

The most significant battle around the Olympiastadion was in April 1945 when the Soviet army fought to capture it. This was during the great final battle of the Second World War in Europe, with the total invasion of Berlin as the Allies' target.

After the war, the former Reichssportfeld was used as headquarters of the British military occupation forces. The British forces settled in the northern buildings designed by the March brothers in the 1920s, which the Third Reich had used for official sport organisations such as the Reich Academy of Physical Training and the House of German Sports. Soon, the Occupation started a careful reconstruction of the general facilities. From then until 1994, British forces held an annual celebration of The Queen's Official Birthday in the Maifeld with thousands of spectators from Berlin present. During the 1960s, American military and high school football teams introduced hundreds of thousands of Berliners to American football at the stadium in exhibition games.

17.30

Transfer to Sudstern Brewery Restaurant.

18.30

Dinner at Sudstern Restaurant & Brewery.

www.brauhaus-suedstern.de

20.00

Coach transfer to Hotel Ibis.

20.30

E.T.A. Hotel Ibis.

DAY FOUR

08.00 Breakfast.

09.15 Coach transfer to Checkpoint Charlie Museum.

10.00 **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.

12.30 Lunch.

14.00 **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.

17.15 Coach transfer to Sudstern Brewery.

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

19.30 Coach transfer to Hotel Ibis.

20.00 E.T.A. Hotel Ibis.

DAY FIVE

08.00 Breakfast.

09.30 **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.

12.00 Lunch

12.15 Transfer to the Schloss Cecilienhof.

13.15 **Visit to Schloss Cecilienhof**

Located in Potsdam, this UNESCO World Heritage Site castle was built between 1914 and 1917 & resembles an English Tudor house.

Cecilienhof was the location of the Potsdam Conference between 17 July and 2 August 1945. Winston Churchill, Clement Attlee, Joseph Stalin and Harry S. Truman met at the round table in the great hall. On 26 July 1945 Churchill and Truman issued the Potsdam Declaration defining the terms for Japanese surrender, while Truman had already given order to prepare the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Today Cecilienhof is a museum as well as a hotel. Queen Elizabeth II visited Cecilienhof on 3 November 2004. On 30 May 2007, the palace was used for the G8 foreign ministers' summit.

15.00 Coach transfer to Berlin Schonefeld Airport.

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

19.10 Depart Berlin Schonefeld Airport on Easyjet Flight 2104.

20.10 E.T.A. Local Airport.

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

21.00 Coach transfer to School.

23.00 E.T.A. School.

Please note that we make hotel & airline bookings upon receipt of the initial deposit payments. The airline timings and airports contained within this itinerary serve as a guide only & may change. The choice of hotel, airports and flight timings are confirmed upon receipt of initial deposits.