



***Itinerary For a Four Day History Study Tour to Munich.
Prepared For The History Department, Floral
Way, Andover, Hants, SP10 3PB***

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 Group 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 tour guide is able to run the tour according to Group Leader wishes. In this way Group 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 Meininger Munich Central**

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A finalist of the Global Youth Travel Awards, our hotel lies within the heart of historic Munich. The hotel is located north of Tiergarten Park & is surrounded by parks & green spaces. There are several delightful restaurants & cafes in the surrounding area & travel connections allow for rapid transfers between visits.

There is a popular meeting area with café & bar at reception where students can meet & chat. There is also a games rooms with a pool table, table tennis etc. free Wifi operates throughout the hotel. The breakfasts are plentiful & will fill up young tummies for a day of sightseeing.

All bedrooms have flat-screen TV's, en-suite bathrooms with towels & toiletries provided. Some of the rooms are dormitory style with bunkbeds, each with their own nightlights & USB chargers.

The reception team are extremely helpful & friendly & we have found the Meininger Hotel to provide dynamic, exciting yet homely & comfortable accommodation for our groups visiting Berlin.

CATERING

The catering in Munich proves to be a highlight for many of the groups that have joined us.

En Route

We ask parents to supply a packed lunch for the outward journey. On the final day, lunch is the final meal provided by Varsity Travel so participants should keep £10 to purchase an evening meal at the airport.

Breakfast

An extensive continental breakfast of croissants, bread, butter, jam, coffee, tea or hot chocolate is served in a large open-space area next to reception.

Lunch

The basic tour cost does not include lunches but we can include these in your tour price should you wish to.

For lunch, the Tour Guide will distribute lunch money to students before taking the group to a particularly good area of the city for cafes, restaurants & pizzerias. Participants will have a wide choice of food & can either purchase a sandwich & a drink, enjoy a pizza on the terrace of a restaurant or try a bowl of pasta from one of the many good outlets. The use of lunch money has proved to be very popular with students as it provides an opportunity to explore, try the local food & converse with the locals who are always friendly & helpful.

Dinner

Evening meals are a time for participants to experience authentic German food in one of the city's historic beerhouses. Students will enjoy dining on traditional Bavarian dishes such as bratwurst sausage with potatoes, pork knuckle with sauerkraut or chicken schnitzel. Ice-cream desserts are always popular with our groups. There is often a live traditional German band serenading diners while they enjoy their dinners. Together with tuba, singing traditional songs & wearing leiderhosen, the lively beerhouse restaurants have proved to be immensely popular with our groups and are flexible enough to cope with all dietary requirements.

DAY ONE

05.00	Coach arrives at School.
05.15	Depart School. Coach transfer to Local Airport.
06.45	E.T.A. Local Airport. Commence check in.
09.50	Easyjet flight 8584 departs Local Airport.
12.55	E.T.A. Munich International Airport.
<small>(Please note: Continental time is 1 hour in advance of British time)</small>	
13.50	Coach transfer to Hotel Meininger Munich.
14.45	E.T.A. Hotel Meininger Munich. Check-in & allocate room keys.
Students will have some time to unpack, settle into rooms & relax after the transfer from the U.K.	
15.30	<u>Guided Walking Tour of central Munich.</u>
<p>We will have a local tour guide for the afternoon walking tour of central Munich to help show students around this fascinating city. Starting on the central square in front of the Marienplatz we will visit the Residenzstrasse, scene of the crushing of the 1923 Putsch, Hitler's apartment at Thierchstrasse, Burgersaalkirche, the parish church & grave of Rupert Mayer, one of the Catholic opponents of Nazism & the White Rose Memorial.</p> <p>After the walking tour, students will enjoy some free time to explore the central square in groups, perhaps visiting some of the shops or simply enjoying an ice-cream & a rest.</p>	
19.00	<u>Dinner at The HofBrau House, central Munich.</u>
<p>On our first evening students will enjoy their dinner in a 500 year old historical & cultural site in the heart of Munich. The Hofbrau House is the most famous brewery restaurant in the world & is enormous. Local groups sponsor their own tables & locals have personal beer mugs kept in the safe below ground. Waitresses carry huge steins of beer to jubilant tables while the band plays traditional Bavarian songs in their traditional deerskin lederhosen. Impromptu singing often happens from the surrounding tables. We will enjoy traditional Bavarian dishes followed by cherry pie & ice-cream. This is a sight to behold & will provide students with a glimpse into the culture & history of Bavaria.</p>	
21.45	Walk to The Hotel Meininger.
22.10	E.T.A. Hotel Meininger.

DAY TWO

08.00 Breakfast.

09.00 Meet coach outside hotel. Transfer to Dachau.

10.00 **Visit to The Concentration Camp of Dachau.**

Dachau was the Nazi's first concentration camp and was the only concentration camp to have existed throughout the entire twelve years of Nazi rule. In the early years it was the largest and most well-known concentration camp. Initially, it was used as a place to imprison political prisoners, but later Dachau became a transfer station to other concentration camps such as Auschwitz in Poland.

Dachau was planned and constructed to hold 6,000 prisoners, but by the end of WWII in 1945, Dachau was home to 32,000 prisoners. The conditions were terrible with overcrowding, torture, and lack of food. Thousands of people died here, either from disease, torture, lack of food, medical experimentation or murder. There was a gas chamber here but it was never used. Unfortunately, what got a lot of use was the crematorium, of which there were several.

Our visit will commence with a viewing of the film about the history of the camp followed by a viewing of the exhibition area. Afterwards we will cross the Appelplatz where prisoners endured roll calls for hours in freezing conditions. We will then visit some of the few surviving accommodation huts before viewing the gas chamber & crematoria.

12.45 Coach transfer to central Munich.

13.00 **Lunch in central Munich.**

We will break for lunch in front of the town hall in Munich, from where there are many cafes, restaurants, sandwich shops & bratwurst grills to be found.

14.30 **Visit to The Residenz Museum.**

The Munich Residence has been open to the public as a museum since 1920 and is today one of the most important palace museums in Europe. The extensive building is a monument in stone to the self-image of its patrons, the rulers from the House of Wittelsbach, who governed Bavaria first as dukes, from the 17th century onwards as electors and from 1806 to 1918 as kings.

The function of the Residence as the main residence and seat of government of the rulers, which it retained for centuries, is still reflected in its architecture and furnishings: from the 16th to the 19th century interiors of high artistic and material quality were created in Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo, Neoclassicist and Historicist styles. Here visitors can still see the changing forms of princely self-representation in the ages of humanism, Counter-Reformation, the Enlightenment, the divine right of kings and constitutional monarchy.

16.30

Exploration of Central Munich.

Students will enjoy some free time to explore the central shopping area of the city before dinner.

18.00

Dinner at a central Munich Brewery Restaurant.

20.00

Bowling at Bavaria Bowling Alley.

We always combine visits of the greatest interest with recreational activities & pupils will enjoy an hour of bowling with prizes provided for the highest scorers.

21.30

Transfer to Hotel Meininger.

22.00

E.T.A. Hotel Meininger.

DAY THREE

08.00 Breakfast.

09.00 Meet coach for transfer to Nuremburg.

11.00 **Visit to The Museum of Fascination & Terror, Nuremburg.**

Nuremburg was the site of the Nazi rallies & where the Nazi architect Albert Speer directed a masterplan for this site including a Zeppelin Field, a stadium to hold 400,000, a March Field for military exercises, a Congress Hall for 50,000, and a 55-metre wide Great Road. The Nazis drew crowds of up to a million people for the Nazi rallies between 1933 & 1938.

The permanent exhibition "Fascination and Terror" studies the causes, coherence, and consequences of National Socialism. It describes the Nazi Party Rallies and explains the fascination they exercised upon participants and visitors. At the same time, the exhibition endeavors to explain what led to the National Socialists' criminal exercise of power and to reveal how the various causal factors were interrelated. A further goal is a frank presentation of the violent consequences that ensued for the population.

The exhibition concludes with an examination of the problem that has been with Germany since 1945: how Germans should deal with the legacy in stone left at the Party Rally Grounds by the National Socialists.

The exhibition is structured in chronological order. The individual exhibition rooms vary in size and structure. They range from corridors of just a few square meters in size to large halls. The exhibition area offers a total of 1,300 square meters of floor space.

12.00 **Visit to The Nuremburg Rally Grounds.**

Students will take some time to take in the enormity of the 'Zeppelin Field' arena where huge Nazi rallies were held to the delight of some 200,000 faithful onlookers. Huge swastika flags fluttered from the surrounding towers as all eyes focused on the 'Fuhrer's Rostrum' where Hitler delivered anti-Semitic sermons to vast crowds of hypnotised Germans.

The rally site included a parade ground the size of 12 football pitches, a two-mile-long 'Great Way' paved with 6,000 granite blocks for mass stormtrooper marches, a congress hall the size of London's Royal Albert Hall, and the remains of a gigantic tribune with ceilings decorated with golden stars and Nazi swastikas.

Today the giant rally ground is crumbling & the city of Nuremburg have to decide whether to spend funds on maintaining a former Nazi glory or leave it for nature to overrun.

12.30 Lunch.

We will break for lunch outside the Nuremburg Rally Grounds where there are several cafes, restaurants & fast food outlets.

13.30 **Visit to The Memorium Nuremburg Trials (The Palace of Justice).**

World history was written in the courtroom of the Nuremberg Palace of Justice. This is where leaders of the Nazi regime had to answer for their crimes before an International Military Tribunal between November 20, 1945 and October 1, 1946. The trials had an enormous influence on the development of international criminal law right up to the present. Courtroom 600 remains a working courtroom to this day. An information and documentation centre, the Nuremberg Trials Memorial is located on the top floor of the Courthouse. It provides insights about the defendants and their crimes, the Subsequent Nuremberg Trials of 1946-49, and the impact of the Nuremberg Trials up to the present.

14.45 Return coach transfer to Hotel Meininger, Munich.

16.45 Rest & relaxation time in hotel.

After the day's sightseeing, students will enjoy some time to rest in their rooms, have a drink at the hotel's café or perhaps play table football or snooker in reception.

18.45 Walk to local restaurant.

19.15 **Dinner at local Beerhouse Restaurant.**

20.45 Return walk to Hotel Meininger.

21.15 E.T.A. Hotel Meininger.

DAY FOUR

08.00 Breakfast & hotel check-out.

09.30 Walk to The Munich Documentation Centre.

10.15 **Visit to The Munich Documentation Centre.**

As the place where the National Socialist German Workers' Party was founded, Munich is associated more than any other German city with the rise of National Socialism. The former 'Capital of the Movement' played a pioneering role in the establishment of the Nazi regime of terror and was home to the Nazi party apparatus.

The Documentation Centre has been built on the site of the former 'Brown House', once the headquarters of the National Socialist German Workers' Party (NSDAP). The new construction is designed to be an open and lively forum of information and discussion.

The permanent exhibition documents the history of National Socialism in Munich, the city's special role in the Nazi system of terror and Munich's difficulties in confronting its past after 1945. As well as the permanent exhibition, there are also a series of special exhibitions, a learning centre, a varied programme of events and various educational resources.

11.15 Walk to The Olympic Tower.

11.45 **Ascent of The Olympic Tower.**

Built in 1968, the Olympic Tower is visible throughout Munich & weighs around 52,000 tonnes. We will take a high-speed lift to the viewing platform at the summit of the tower to enjoy panoramic views as far as the Northern Alps on a clear day.

13.00 **Exploration of The Olympic Park.**

After descending from the top of the tower we will have some recreational time in the popular Olympic Park.

13.45 **Lunch & Final Exploration of Central Munich.**

Students will enjoy some final time in the popular shopping streets of central Munich before transferring to the hotel, airport & back to the U.K.

15.45 Walk to Hotel Meininger.

16.15 Collect suitcases from Hotel Meininger & meet coach.

16.45 Coach transfer to Munich International Airport.

17.30	E.T.A. Munich International Airport. Commence check-in.
19.55	Depart Munich on Easyjet flight 5634.
21.00	E.T.A. Gatwick Airport (North Terminal).
22.00	Meet coach outside Local Airport. Transfer to School.
23.15	E.T.A. School.

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