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Berlin

Location Guide - History

EXCEPTIONAL TOURS EXPERTLY DELIVERED



Our location guide offers you information on the range of visits available in Berlin. All visits are selected with your subject and the curriculum in mind, along with the most popular choices for sightseeing, culture and leisure in the area.

The information in your location guide has been provided by our partners in Berlin who have expert ground knowledge of the area, combined with advice from education professionals so that the visits and information recommended are the most relevant to meet your learning objectives

Making Life Easier for You

This location guide is not a catalogue of opening times. Our Tour Experts will design your itinerary with opening times and location in mind so that you can really maximise your time on tour.

Our location guides are designed to give you the extra information that you need, including the highlights of each visit, suitability and educational resources available to you. We will give you top tips like timings to avoid, great accompaniments and local knowledge; so you can truly get the most out of your visit.

Peace of Mind

We will state in your initial quote letter which visits are included within your tour price. If there is anything that cannot be pre-paid, we will advise you of the entrance fees so that you know how much money to take along.

You have the added reassurance of knowing that NGT is a member of the School Travel Forum. This means that all the visits we offer comply with the requirements of our externally verified Safety Management System.

A NGT History tour to Berlin will support the study of elements of the following exam board specifications:

EDEXCEL

GCSE History

- Superpowers and the Cold War, 1941-1991
- Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-1939

A Level

- 2E.2 – The German Democratic Republic, 1949-1990
- 1G - Germany and West Germany, 1918-1989
- 37.2 - Germany, 1871-1990: united, divided and reunited

AQA

GCSE History

- Germany: 1890-1945
- Conflict and tension between East and West, 1945-1972

A Level

- 1L - The quest for political stability, 1871-1991
- 2O - Democracy and Nazism, 1918-1945
- 2R – The Cold War, c1945-1991

OCR

GCSE History

- Germany: 1925-1955
- Living under Nazi Rule, 1933-1945

WJEC

GCSE History

- Germany in Transition, 1919-1939
- The Development of Germany, 1919-1991

Top tip: More precise specification links are provided throughout this location guide, specific to each visit. Keep a look out for these tags!



TOPOGRAPHY OF TERROR

This excellent documentation center is one of the most frequently visited places of remembrance in Berlin. It is located on ground that, between 1933 and 1945 was home to the central institutions of Nazi persecution and terror: the Gestapo with its own house prison, the leadership of the SS and, during the Second World War, the Reich Security Main Office.



OLYMPIC STADIUM

This stadium was purpose built for the 1936 Olympics and is a great opportunity to view Nazi architecture, surviving virtually untouched in the battle to capture Berlin. The stadium will not be open to visitors on event days so please be ready to be flexible on which day you visit. Groups can take a self-guided visit with an audio guide or an English speaking guided tour. From March to October, for an additional charge, you can also go up the bell tower, which will give you an excellent view of the interior of the stadium.

Curriculum links:

GCSE History: Superpowers and the Cold War, 1941-1991 and Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-1939

A Level 2E.2 – The German Democratic Republic, 1949-1990 1G - Germany and West Germany, 1918-1989 37.2 - Germany, 1871-1990: united, divided and reunited



BERLIN UNTERWELTEN

Berlin Underworlds Association, commonly known as Berlin Unterwelten, is an organization dedicated to exploring and preserving the hidden underground structures beneath Berlin. Founded in 1997, it offers guided tours through bunkers, tunnels, air-raid shelters, and abandoned subway systems, revealing the city's complex history during World War II and the Cold War. Through exhibitions and research, Berlin Unterwelten provides visitors with a unique insight into the hidden layers of Berlin's past and the impact of war and division on the city.

Curriculum links:

GCSE History Germany: 1890-1945 Conflict and tension between East and West, 1945-1972



REICHSTAG

The Reichstag is the most famous landmark in Berlin and seat of the German Parliament. Between 1994 and 1999 it was redesigned and expanded by the British architect Sir Norman Foster as a modern Parliament building while retaining its historical dimensions. Guided tours suitable for children are available on request. The glass dome has spectacular views of the parliamentary district and Berlin's sights.



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

The Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, often referred to as the Holocaust Memorial, is a significant monument in Berlin dedicated to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Opened in 2005, the memorial consists of 2,711 concrete slabs of varying heights arranged in a grid-like pattern, creating a powerful atmosphere of reflection and remembrance. Designed by architect Peter Eisenman, the site also includes an underground information center that provides historical context and personal stories of Holocaust victims.



SACHSENHAUSEN MEMORIAL

Set up in 1936 the Sachsenhausen became the blueprint for concentration camps across Germany and Occupied Europe. A visit to the memorial and the series of exhibitions spread across the site will cover themes such as: the origins of the camp; the system of control; the life of camp inmates; the use of violence and terror; mass murder; liberation. We strongly recommend booking a guide from the camp to help you get the most out of your visit

Curriculum links:

A Level: 1L - The quest for political stability, 1871-1991 2O - Democracy and Nazism, 1918-1945 2R - The Cold War, c1945-1991

GERMAN RESISTANCE MEMORIAL CENTRE

Located in the former headquarters of the Army High Command where Claus Schenk Graf von Stauffenberg, the man behind the plot to kill Hitler on 20 July 1944, has an office. The permanent exhibition Resistance to National Socialism documents the motives, methods, and goals of the struggle against the National Socialist state. The nearby commemorative courtyard is dedicated to the memory of the officers executed here on the night of July 20, 1944.





ALLIED MUSEUM

This museum, based in the former American quarter of Berlin, documents the political history and the military commitments and roles of the Western Allies (US, France and Britain in Germany between 1945 and 1994 and their contribution to liberty in Berlin during the Cold War era. In particular there is a strong focus on the Berlin Blockade of 1948-49 and the Allied Airlift



EAST SIDE GALLERY

The East Side Gallery is the longest surviving stretch of the Berlin Wall, a 1.3-kilometre (0.8-mile) permanent open-air gallery in the Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg district. Immediately after the Wall fell in 1989, 118 artists from 21 countries transformed this formerly sterile "death strip" into an international memorial for freedom.

Curriculum links:

GCSE History Germany: 1925-1955 Living under Nazi Rule, 1933-1945

GCSE History - Germany in Transition, 1919-1939 -The Development of Germany, 1919-1991



GERMAN SPY MUSEUM

The German Spy Museum Berlin gives a unique insight into the gloom of espionage right where the Wall once divided the city. Visitors are welcome to use the most recent multimedia-based technology to detect all the bizarre and sneaky methods of agents and secret services. An exciting time travel from spying in ancient Bible history to the present and future right in the middle of the capital of spies. Decipher a range of secret codes, negotiate the laser maze, see how secure your favourite password is and hack in to your favourite websites



DOCUMENTATION CENTRE FOR DISPLACEMENT, EXPULSION, RECONCILIATION

The Documentation Centre Flight, Expulsion, Reconciliation is dedicated to the history of forced migrations from the 20th century to the present day and is an important place of remembrance and reminder that is well worth a visit. The permanent exhibition aims to explore the reasons for forced migrations in the twentieth century and whether these were political, ethnic or religious or, indeed, a combination of all three.

MUSEUM IN DER KULTURBRAUEREI

The Museum in Berlin hosts a permanent exhibition on "Everyday Life in the GDR," offering free, daily insight into East German life in the 1970s and 80s. Located in a former brewery, it features over 800 original items, films, and reconstructed scenes (apartments, shops, workplaces) illustrating the contrast between socialist ideals and reality

HOHENSCHÖNHAUSEN MEMORIAL - STASI PRISION

This fully guided tour, which may be led by a contemporary witness, focusses on the role of The Ministry for State Security, better known as the Stasi. It will look at the reasons why people were taken to Hohenschönhausen, their treatment by the Stasi as well as interrogation methods employed to gather confessions. It is a truly fascinating visit





STASI MUSEUM

The series of exhibits and preserved offices gives an insight into the Stasi organisation and the power it had over life in the East. Highlights of the exhibition include Erick Mielke's office, surveillance and observation technology and political – ideological education. Key themes: Control and Repression in East Germany



DDR MUSEUM

The DDR Museum is an interactive museum in Berlin that explores everyday life in former East Germany (the German Democratic Republic). Through hands-on exhibits, original artefacts, and reconstructed living spaces, visitors can learn about the culture, politics, education, and daily experiences of people living under communist rule before German reunification. The museum provides an engaging and educational insight into an important period of German history.



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PALACE OF TEARS

The Palace of Tears is a historical museum and memorial located at the former Friedrichstraße border crossing in Berlin. During the Cold War, it served as a departure hall where people from East and West Germany were separated, often in emotional farewells that gave the building its nickname. Today, the museum features exhibitions about life during the division of Germany, border controls, and the personal stories of those affected by the Berlin Wall and the separation of families and friends.

GUIDED WALKING TOURS OF BERLIN

We can arrange a half day guided walking tour to be tailored visits to suit your preferred study theme

Introductory tour: Hidden Berlin & All the Main Sites included are:

- Alexander Platz
- Museum Island
- Berliner Dom
- Site of Palast der Republic
- Bebel Platz, Berlin Wall
- The Reichstag
- Topography of Terror
- Wilhelm Strasse
- Checkpoint Charlie
- Site of Hitler's bunker
- Holocaust Memorial
- Brandenburg Gate

Third Reich Berlin: Hitler, WWII & the final days. Sites included are:

- Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial
- German Resistance Museum
- Berlin Mitte
- T4 Euthanasia Memorial
- Soviet War Memorial
- Reichstag
- Holocaust Memorial
- Potsdamer Platz

Jewish Life: Destruction & Rebirth. Sites included are:

- The Jewish Quarter
- The Otto Weidt Museum for the Blind
- Jewish Cemetery
- Große Hamburger Str
- Gestapo District HQ
- Neue Synagogue
- Grunewald train station
- Jewish Community/Memorial

Top Tip: These tours are examples of what you could do, We can tailor make a tour to match your needs

Cold War Berlin: Geopolitics and Life Behind the Wall. Sites included are:

- Friedrich Strasse border crossing
- Palace of Tears
- Admiral's Palast
- Russian & American East German Embassies
- Ghost Stations
- Potsdamer Platz
- Bornholmer bridge crossing point
- Checkpoint Charlie
- Stalin Allee
- East Side Gallery
- Alexander Platz

Berlin offers a great choice of museums and attractions, many of which are an ideal accompaniment to learning and can be free for students.



GUIDED TOUR

Many of Berlin's major sites can be covered on foot, so a walking tour is an ideal way to get to know the city, especially for students seeing it for the first time. Tours can be adjusted to include any particular sights you wish to include.



THE TV TOWER

The city's most iconic landmarks, offering breathtaking panoramic views from its impressive observation deck. Standing high above the skyline, the tower combines modern architecture with a fascinating history, making it a must-visit attraction for both tourists and locals alike. Visitors can enjoy spectacular daytime scenery or experience the city illuminated at night, while learning about the tower's significance and engineering achievements.



BERLIN DUNGEON

You will take a journey through 700 years of Berlin's murky history, as a full cast of theatrical actors bring to life gripping stories of the city's most infamous characters and events from medieval times to the 1900's. You will see stunning special effects, authentic sets and a host of scary surprises lurking in the Dungeon.

BERLIN VR EXPERIENCE

Berlin's Odyssey" is an unforgettable journey through time. 15 breathtaking minutes through 9 centuries of Berlin's city history. Experience how the city develops from the Middle Ages through the Empire and the divided Berlin to the present.



MUSEUM-HAUS AM CHECKPOINT CHARLIE

The museum tells the stories of daring escape attempts from East Berlin to the West through original artefacts, photographs, and interactive exhibits. Visitors can explore personal accounts of courage and resilience while learning about the impact of the Berlin Wall on everyday life. Rich in history and emotion, the museum provides a memorable and thought-provoking experience for anyone interested in Berlin's past.

RESTAURANTS

Make your evening meal a night out with a restaurant visit. We can book tables at an exciting range of restaurants offering dinner packages to suit all budgets.

Choose from:

- Al Dente Ristorante
- Der Alte Fritz
- Hard Rock Cafe
- Vapiano
- Pirates Berlin
- Amrit
- Brauhaus-Mitte
- Hofbräu Wirtshaus
- Bbq Kitchen

Top tip: These restaurants usually offer a 2 or 3 course menu based on a set meal, please let us know of any dietary requirements in advance.

We can also arrange packed lunches with your chosen accommodation.





IKONO

This immersive space in the heart of Alexanderplatz provides 14 rooms of creativity, blending art and play to allow for an unforgettable experience. You will dive into eclectic, unseen worlds where art comes alive, technology merges with your creativity, and each step reveals a new surprise.

GAMESTATE

Indoor entertainment arcade located at Potsdamer Platz. It features over 70-100+ stations, including retro arcade games, Mario Kart, air hockey, virtual reality, and basketball, designed for all ages, with prizes awarded based on game performance.



THE UPSIDE DOWN

Social media museum near Potsdamer Platz featuring 40+ themed rooms, optical illusions, and upside-down sets designed for photo opportunities. It combines entertainment with Berlin themed colourful art.



BOWLING CENTRE

A popular centrally located bowling alley in Berlin, Germany, situated at Rathausstraße 5, 10178. It features multiple lanes, including options with bumpers.

3D SCHWARZLICHT MINIGOLF + LAZER TAG

Students navigate minigolf courses painted with neon, UV-active graffiti that glows under black light. Players wear 3D glasses to make the 2D wall art appear as vivid, spatial 3D images.



Lazer tag fast-paced team game involving vests and lasers in a specialized arena.