

FOUR DAYS - BERLIN UNDER THE NAZIS AND THE COLD WAR

Day 1 Outbound Travel, Orientation

Arrive Berlin and transfer to Hotel by coach to check in.

Short orientation walk of the area around the hotel

1930 Dinner in your hotel – included – 3 courses and drinks

Day 2 Scene Setting and Walking Tour

Depart hotel on foot for a walking tour. This may include the following:

Siegessäule – outside view – optional starting point

The Victory Column: commemorates the Prussian victories of the 1860s and 1870s over Denmark, Austria and France; the path to Unification; the statue of Victoria 'Goldelse'; 17 Juni Strasse – main east-west axis of the city, formerly Charlottenburger Chausee; sites of Königs Platz and Sieges Allee.

Brandenburg Gate

The symbol of Berlin; The backdrop to political changes in Germany; from Spartacist revolt, to Nazi Parades and the building of the Berlin Wall.

Reichstag

From the Unification of Germany to the end of the Great War; Democracy to dictatorship; Freikorps, Spartacists & the rise of National Socialism; Who votes for Hitler? The Reichstag Fire 1933; The Battle for Berlin; from Cold War division to Reunification.

1200 for 1230 -1400 Lunch stop – Reichstag Rooftop Restaurant

Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

What is the purpose of the Eisenman's memorial? How does modern Germany remember the Holocaust?

Fuhrer Bunker

Description of the former buildings which were on this site; What was the Fuhrer Bunker? 'Der Untergang' – the end of the Thousand Year Reich.

Bebelplatz

Art and Literature in Weimar Germany; The book burning May 1933; Censorship and repression in Nazi Germany.

Neue Wache

Berlin's War memorial since the 1931; How the changing regimes of Germany remember the fallen; Käthe Kollwitz's sculpture.

Return to hotel by coach

Dinner

Day 3 Resistance and Terror in Nazi Germany

Depart hotel on coach

Olympic Stadium

The role of sport in Nazi Germany: exclusion and Aryanisation: the 1936 Berlin Olympics; Nazi propaganda; The Olympic Bell; flame and the cauldron; The Langemarkhalle, Maifeld, Lists of Winners. 'Jesse' Owens and other competitors' stories as time permits.

Gleis 17 Grunewald Bahnhof

Memorial to the deportation of Berlin's Jewish Community; Who lived in Konigsallee / Grunewald in the 1920s? How did the Nazi manage the transportation of 50,000 Berliners? Did the local population know what was happening?

Wannsee Conference House - Unguided visit of the permanent exhibition – TBC

The final solution to the Jewish Question; Why was the meeting called in January 1942? Who attended and what was agreed? The Wannsee Protocol and development of the Final Solution.

Lunch break in the Café at the new Museum

Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp

An introduction to the Nazi camp system; to include visits to:

- Tower 'A' and camp gate
- *Appellplatz*; The roll call square; punishments and the use of slave labour
- Jewish barracks
- Zellenbau; the Prison within a prison. Its purpose, conditions, individual stories
- Kitchen block; now site of an excellent museum with prisoners' artwork on display
- Station Z; the execution site with remains of the shooting facilities, gas chambers and crematoria
- Pathology lab; a discussion on medical ethics.

1700 Return to hotel arriving at 1800

1930 Dinner in a restaurant – within walking distance of the hotel

Day 4 The Cold War and Return Travel

Depart hotel on a coach with packed lunches having checked out.

Cecilienhof – guided tour

Site of the Potsdam Conference 1945.

Glienicke Bridge

'The Bridge of Spies'; Espionage in the Cold War; The story of Gary Powers; Individual stories.

Transfer to Berlin Airport.

Return Flight to the UK