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3 DAY TOUR

The Development of Germany 1919-1991: Berlin

Day 1 - *Travel by air*

Reichstag

Germany at the end of the Great War: The transition from Democracy to dictatorship. Freikorps, Spartacists and the creation of the Weimar Republic. Who votes for Hitler? The Reichstag Fire 1933. Who started it and what were the consequences?

Memorial to the Murdered Members of the Reichstag

Political opposition to the Nazi regime. Memorial honouring the 96 members of parliament who fell victim to National Socialist persecution.

Memorial to the Sinti and Roma of Europe Murdered under the NS Regime

The development of Nazi racial policy. Why were the Sinti and Roma persecuted?

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.

Fuhrer Bunker

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

Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

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

Georg Elser Memorial

Resistance to the Nazi state. Elser's assassination attempt November 1939; Operation Valkyrie July 1944.

Subject to availability, option of either...

Olympic Stadium

The role of sport in Nazi Germany: exclusion and Aryanisation. The 1936 Berlin Olympics: propaganda and projection of power.

Topography of Terror

Creation of the police state: Self-guided tour of the former headquarters of the Gestapo, Reich Leadership of the SS, the Security Police (SD) and, during the war, the Reich Main Security Office (RHSA). Themes covered to include:

- How was terror used by the Third Reich up to 1939?
- Which groups were targeted?
- Who were the perpetrators?
- The role of the SS and the Gestapo- the Night of the Long Knives.

Bebelplatz and Neue Wache

The book burning May 1933. Censorship and repression in Nazi Germany. How the changing regimes of Germany remember the fallen?

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Reichstag Dome

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Day 2

Reichstag Sachsenhausen Memorial

Guided tour of the former Concentration Camp. Themes covered to include:

- Establishment of the camp system
- Who was imprisoned here?
- Roll call, punishments and the use of slave labour
- Maintaining control- development of the Kapo system
- Conditions in the camp
- Interrogation, torture and experimentation
- The treatment of Jewish prisoners
- How does the Concentration Camp system change over time?
- Station Z: site of mass murder.
- Pathology Lab: a discussion on medical ethics.

Cecilienhof Palace

Site of the Potsdam Conference Guided tour with local guide followed by Q&A session with your Anglia guide.

Themes covered to include:

- Unconditional surrender and the division of Germany
- The end of the anti-Hitler coalition and the start of the Cold War
- Ideological differences between the Superpowers
- Attitudes of Stalin, Truman and Churchill Impact on US-Soviet relations of the development of the atomic bomb.

Glienicke Bridge

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

Allied Museum

A self-guided tour of two exhibitions located in the heart of the former American sector of Berlin, followed by Q&A session with your Anglia guide.

Themes covered will include:

- The emergence of two Germanies
- Economic recovery- The Marshall Plan and Comecon
- What led to the Soviet blockade in 1948 and what was the NATO response?
- The Berlin Airlift.

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Day 3

Berlin Wall and Documentation Centre

Preserved section of the Berlin Wall with aerial view of the whole area. Establishment of GDR and FRG and the exodus of East Germans to the West. The Berlin Crisis: from Ultimatum to the Berlin Wall. The purpose and nature of the Wall. Individual stories.

The Stasi Prison – Hohenschönhausen

Guided tour with local guide followed by Q&A session with your Anglia guide. Themes covered to include:

- Control and Repression of the DDR
- The role of the Ministry for State Security (Stasi)
- The nature and history of the site
- Who was imprisoned here by the Stasi and why?
- Stasi methods of interrogation.

Willy Brandt Forum

Willy Brandt Forum Self-guided tour of the permanent exhibition, which delves into the political history of West Germany with documents, photos, films and original recordings, followed by Q&A session with your Anglia guide. Themes covered to include:

- Who was Willy Brandt?
- His role as Mayor of Berlin- Kennedy's visit in 1963
- Détente in the 1970s- the development of Ostpolitik
- What led to Brandt's fall from power?

Checkpoint Charlie

What was Checkpoint Charlie? Cold War flashpoints: the tank standoff October 1961 and the impact of the building of the Berlin Wall on US-Soviet relations.

East Side Gallery

The end of the Cold War and the fall of the Berlin Wall stories. A chance to view the longest remaining section of the Berlin Wall and consider the meaning of selected murals. An excellent photo opportunity and a chance to buy souvenirs.