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3 DAY TOUR

Life in Nazi Germany and Origins of the Cold War: Berlin

Day 1 – Travel by air

The Reichstag

From the Unification of Germany to the end of the Great War; Democracy to dictatorship; Freikorps, Spartacists and the rise of National Socialism; Who votes for Hitler? The Reichstag Fire 1933. Who started it and what were the consequences.

Memorial to the Murdered Members of the Reichstag

A memorial honouring the 96 members of parliament who fell victim to National Socialist persecution. An opportunity to explore how the NSDAP dealt with political opposition when in power?

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.

Georg Elser Memorial

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

Air Ministry Building

Nazi Germany: The establishment of the Luftwaffe; Breaking the Treaty of Versailles; 'National Socialist Monumentalism'. Cold War DDR Socialist murals and 17th June memorial. Workers' uprising 1953 – how did the authorities and Soviets respond? Why did this end differently to the Hungarian Uprising three years later?

Subject to availability and the focus of the group option of either:

Olympic Stadium

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.

OR

German Historical Museum

Guided tour focusing on the theme 'From the Weimar Republic to the Nazi Regime (1918-1945)' followed by a Q&A with your Anglia guide.

Themes covered will include:

- The Treaty of Versailles
- Berlin as a political battlefield
- Life in Berlin in The Golden Twenties
- Who votes for Hitler?

A self-guided option is available.

Bebelplatz & Neue Wache

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

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Day 2

Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp

Tour of the former Concentration Camp with your Anglia guide. 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
- 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:

- Outcomes of the Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam Conferences
- Ideological differences between the Superpowers
- Attitudes of Stalin, Truman and Churchill
- Impact on US-Soviet relations of the development of the atomic bomb
- The end of the anti-Hitler coalition and the start of the Cold War.

Glienicke Bridge

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

Allied Museum

Guided tour of the site of an early concentration.

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:

- Divided Germany: The Marshall Plan and Comecon.
- What led to the Soviet blockade in 1948 and what was the NATO response?
- The Berlin Airlift.

Evening option: Reichstag visit – subject to availability.

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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; 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.

Treptow Park Soviet Memorial

The Great Patriotic War and the Battle for Berlin. Using Treptow Park as a source: What is the purpose of the Memorial? What does its design, layout, the tableaux and sculptures tell us about the Soviet perspective?

The Stasi Prison – Hohenschoenhausen

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

- 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.

East Side Gallery

A chance to view the longest remaining section of the Berlin Wall and consider the meaning of selected murals. An excellent photo opportunity.

Checkpoint Charlie

What was Checkpoint Charlie? Was movement possible between East and West during the Cold War. Cold War flashpoints: the tank standoff October 1961; Impact of the building of the Berlin Wall on US-Soviet relations. The role of Espionage in the Cold War; The Fall of the Berlin Wall stories. An excellent opportunity to buy souvenirs.

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