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### 3 DAY TOUR

## Life in Nazi Germany: Berlin

### Day 1

#### Life in Nazi Germany

##### 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; the Battle for Berlin; from Cold War division to Reunification.

##### Memorial to the Murdered Members of the Reichstag

A 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

Dedicated to the memory of those murdered in the Porajmos- the Nazi genocide of the European Sinti and Roma peoples.

##### 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.

##### Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

What is the purpose of 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.

##### Georg Elser Memorial

Memorial to the man who, in November 1939, sought to kill Hitler by placing explosives in hollowed out a pillar in the Burgerbraukeller in Munich.

##### Topography of Terror

###### *Subject to availability*

Prinz Albrecht Strasse, headquarters of the NSDAP regime of terror; the Gestapo and SS.

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## Day 2

### Resistance and Terror in Nazi Germany

#### 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.

#### Olympic Stadium

**Restrictions may apply - Subject to availability**

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 Königsallee / Grunewald in the 1920s? How did the Nazis manage the transportation of 50,000 Berliners? Did the local population know what was happening?

#### Wannsee Conference House

**Subject to availability**

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; unguided visit of the permanent exhibition.

#### Evening options include:

- Free time for shopping and food if wished in centre
- Dinner either under own arrangements or group booking could be made (supplements may apply)
- Reichstag Dome visit
- TV tower at additional cost
- Cabaret at additional cost
- Bowling at additional cost

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## Day 3

### **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 1931; how the changing regimes of Germany remember the fallen; Käthe Kollwitz's sculpture.

### **The German Resistance Memorial Centre**

#### *Subject to availability*

A site of remembrance, political studies, active learning, documentation, and research relating to resistance to National Socialism. The new permanent exhibition "Resistance against National Socialism" is located in the historical rooms where the attempted coup of July 20, 1944, took place.

### **Depending on time of return flight further stands could include:**

#### **Berlin Wall and Documentation Centre**

Preserved section of the Berlin wall with aerial view of the whole area; the division of Germany; the Airlift; establishment of GDR and FRG; the exodus of East Germans to the West; origins, purpose and nature of the Wall; individual stories.

#### **The Stasi Prison – Hohenschoenhausen**

##### *Subject to availability*

**Guided tour:** The role of the Ministry for State Security (Stasi) in East Germany; their methods and purpose of interrogation.

#### **East Side Gallery**

Longest remaining section of the Berlin Wall; murals; an excellent photo opportunity and a chance to buy souvenirs.

#### **Checkpoint Charlie - site only**

The building of the Berlin Wall; Cold War flashpoints and the tank standoff October 1961; what was Checkpoint Charlie? Wall stories; an excellent photo opportunity and a chance to buy souvenirs.

- Free time for shopping and a chance to purchase food under own arrangements.