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3 DAY TOUR

Germany in Transition 1919-1939: Berlin

Day 1 - *Travel by air*

Lustgarten

Germany at the end of the Great War.
The end of Empire and creation of the Weimar Republic.
Challenges to democracy: the Freikorps, Liebknecht, Luxemburg and the Spartakus League.

German Historical Museum

Guided tour: '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
- Life in Berlin in The Golden Twenties
- Hyperinflation and economic collapse
- Who votes for Hitler?

Bebelplatz and Neue Wache

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

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

The rise of National Socialism. 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?

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Day 2

Sachsenhausen Memorial

Guided tour of the former Concentration Camp.

Themes covered to include:

- The use of terror by the Nazi regime
- 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.

Subject to availability option of either...

Plotzensee Prison and Memorial

Resistance in Nazi Germany. How were those who resisted dealt with? Roland Freisler and the People's Court.

Bendlerblock

German National Resistance Memorial Centre which documents the fight against the National Socialist dictatorship. Operation Valkyrie- the General's Plot.

Olympic Stadium

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

Evening option...

Reichstag Dome

Visit subject to availability.

Day 3

Kindertransport Memorial Trains to Life – Trains to Death

The development of anti-Semitic policies in Nazi Germany. How did Germany's Jewish Community respond to the Rise of National Socialism? How did the rest of the world respond? The Kindertransport programme.

Air Ministry Building

Hitler's Foreign Policy. The establishment of the Luftwaffe; Rearmament and the Breaking the Treaty of Versailles.

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?

Topography of Terror

Self-guided tour of the former headquarters of the NSDAP regime of terror, followed by Q&A session with your Anglia guide. 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.