

BERLIN

Destination guide



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An introduction to Berlin

The German capital is a wonderful city to visit with a school group. A truly cosmopolitan, modern and intellectual atmosphere pervades across the city, which can sometimes feel a little strange, particularly if your group are immersed in a World War History tour.

“Boundless landmarks, memorials and museums.”

The truly stupendous story of Berlin is commemorated in boundless landmarks, memorials and museums. The fantastic and reliable transport system of trains, trams and buses whisks you around in perfect efficiency, but in actual fact the majority of attractions are easily explored on foot.

Youth culture is ‘uber’ hip here, so groups wishing to focus on fashion, music or modern art for example can craft a really in-depth, bespoke tour, depending on interests.

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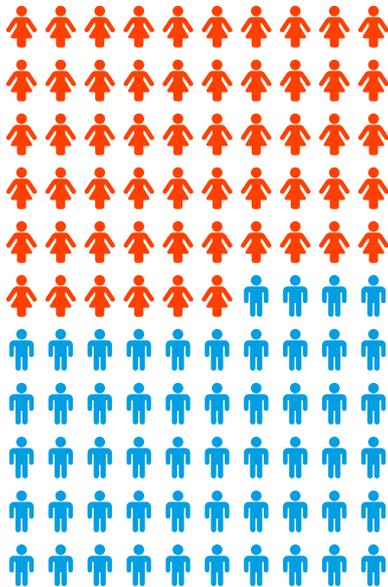


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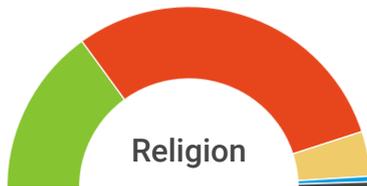
Only 1 in 4 Berliners were born and raised in the city!

Population

3,670,000



★ Capital city
Berlin



● Christian
 ● None
 ● Muslim
● Jewish
 ● Other



14 - 16 hours

Travel by coach



House of the Wannsee Conference

This is where the Nazis came up with the 'Final Solution to the Jewish Question' - the death sentence for the 6 million Jews that were exterminated in WWII. When the war ended in May 1945, the Allied Powers began the search for crucial documents that would be needed as evidence against the Nazis at the Nuremburg Trials. The most important document, which approved the genocide of the Jewish people signed by Adolf Hitler was not found. However, in 1947 the minutes of a conference held at Villa Wannsee during which the Jewish Question was discussed were found.

The Villa is now a Holocaust Museum in which visitors can stand and imagine the terrible scene that took place on the day that those minutes were taken.

ghwk.de/en

Price	Free
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 18:00

Jewish Museum

This museum is made up of two buildings, one of which is an old 18th century courthouse, the other a purpose-built structure designed by the world-famous architect Daniel Libeskind. The museum's very structure alone would be reason enough to visit such a historically important museum. You'll need the map to follow the route through the museum but it's well worth it. There is an extensive collection of artefacts, including an exhibition of personal belongings to Jews from WWII, interactive sites, videos and a learning centre.

jmbberlin.de

Price	Students £3pp Adults £8pp
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 20:00

Topography of Terror

Since 1987, a permanent exhibition featuring information on the brutal regime run by Nazi officials is held at the site where the Gestapo and SS were located from 1933 to 1945. Although the site has been a place of memorial for a long time, the final construction work was not completed until 2010, making this one of the most up-to-date museums of its kind. The exhibition is interesting and emotional, so allow plenty of time to absorb it all.

topographie.de/en

Price	Free
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 20:00

Sachsenhausen

An excursion to this former Nazi concentration camp is an emotional and moving experience for anyone. A visit during the winter months will give your students a glimpse of the stark conditions of this 'model', first of its kind, concentration camp. From 1936 to 1945 more than 200,000 people were imprisoned, most of whom were political opponents to the Nazis, but increasingly they were also people who were defined by the Nazis as biologically or racially inferior. Huge numbers of prisoners died from starvation, disease, forced labour, mistreatment and systemic executions, whilst many others died during the death marches that followed their evacuation from the camp in April 1945.

It is an important historical site for anyone studying 20th century European history and the atrocities perpetrated by the Nazis and the Soviet Union.

stiftung-bg.de/gums/en

Price	£14pp
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 18:00

The Story of Berlin

A multi-media time tunnel presenting 800 years of Berlin's history in an interactive and fun environment. Explore a real nuclear bomb shelter from the 1970s that can still be used by up to 3,600 people in the case of an emergency.

story-of-berlin.de

Price	£5pp
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 20:00

Berlin Wall Memorial

This is the longest remaining section of the Berlin Wall, built in 1961 by the Soviet Government to prevent residents of East Berlin migrating to the more prosperous West Berlin. Today you can still see the remnants of the wall, which was finally torn down in 1989, a watchtower and "Death strip", where many attempted escapes ended fatally.

berliner-mauer-gedenkstaette.de/en

Price	Students free Adults £3.50
Opening times	Gallery Every day: 08:00 - 22:00 Visitor centre Tues - Sun: 10:00 - 18:00

Berlin Hohenschönhausen Memorial

The former STASI prison will give you a real insight into life in the former East Germany so it is highly recommended. Much of the building is just as it was when it functioned as a prison with gun towers and barbed wire around the perimeter. Inside there are interrogation rooms, some of which have the same wallpaper and furniture, and cells. Many of the guides are former inmates so there is a real feeling of history coming alive. All in all, a grim but essential experience for students of the Cold War.

stiftung-hsh.de/en

Price	£25 group rate
Opening times	Every day: 09:00 - 16:00

Stasi Museum

Students of the Cold War will get a real insight into life in the former East Berlin at the Stasi Museum. This is the centre of the archives from the former East German Security Services. The centrepiece of the exhibition is the office and working quarters of the former Minister of State Security, the head of Stasi, Erich Mielke. The corridors and rooms are as they were in the 1970s and offer an atmospheric backdrop for anyone learning more about the activities of the Stasi.

stasimuseum.de/en/enindex.htm

Price	Group rate £2.50pp + £35 guided tour
Opening times	Mon - Fri: 10:00 - 18:00 Weekends/Holidays: 11:00 - 18:00

Mauermuseum - Checkpoint Charlie

The Museum Haus at Checkpoint Charlie is dedicated to the history of the Berlin Wall. The museum has artefacts, storyboards, film clips, documents and even a car used to smuggle people across the border. It also has information about when the wall came down. Other permanent exhibitions focus on the challenges facing us today as we struggle for worldwide recognition of human rights and freedom.

mauermuseum.de

Price	Students £8pp Adults £15pp
Opening times	Every day: 09:00 - 22:00

Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church

The ruin of this church and its modern additions are probably one of the most important symbols of World War II and peacetime recovery. The original church on the site was built in the 1890s. It was badly damaged in a bombing raid in 1943. The damaged spire of the old church has been retained and its ground floor has been made into a memorial hall.

gedaechtniskirche-berlin.de

Price	£5pp
Opening times	Every day: 0900 - 20:00

Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe



Also known as the Holocaust Memorial, it is

located between the Brandenburg Gate and Potsdamer Platz. The memorial consists of 2,711 concrete blocks, arranged to appear like graves, commemorating the genocide of 6 million Jewish people. There is an underground information centre with an exhibition about the Holocaust. In one dimly lit room visitors can listen to a continuous tape that gives the names and short biography of every known victim – it would take 7 years to listen to the tape from start to finish. For many visitors this is an emotional and heartbreaking experience!

stiftung-denkmal.de/startseite.html

Price	Free
Opening times	Open all hours Information centre Apr - Sept Tues - Sun: 10:00 - 20:00 Oct - Mar Tues - Sun: 10:00 - 19:00

German Resistance Memorial Centre

The memorial centre is a site of remembrance, political studies, active learning, documentation and research. In July 2014 the centre opened its new permanent exhibition called 'Resistance against National Socialism' which shows how people from all social groups and ideological background resisted the Nazi dictatorship between 1933 and 1945. Students can discover more about resistance from groups such as the workers, artists and intellectuals, Jews, Sinti and Roma. There is also a section on the failed plot to assassinate Hitler in 1944. Much of the information is in German but there are English translations and English tours are available.

gdw-berlin.de/en/home

Price	£5pp
Opening times	Mon - Weds / Fri: 09:00 - 18:00 Thurs: 09:00 - 20:00 Weekends/Holidays: 10:00 - 18:00

Brandenburg Gate

The Brandenburg Gate is probably one of the most famous monuments in Berlin and although it was built in 1791 to testify to the might of the Prussian Empire and as a gateway to the city, it is now widely thought of as a symbol of the division and then reunification of the two sides of Berlin in 1989. Built in the classic Greek style, the gate consists of 12 Doric columns and a chariot drawn by four horses driven by Victoria, the Roman Goddess of Victory (known as the Quadriga).

Old and New Reichstag



The Old Reichstag building opened in 1894 and was the political seat until 1933, when it suffered under the flames of a destructive fire. After WWII, the building fell into disuse. The now partially restored structure contrasts beautifully with the new Reichstag, designed by the world-famous Sir Norman Foster (known for other remarkable structures such as London's Gherkin); its striking glass dome symbolises the transparency of the democratic process in Germany and how far it has come since its darker days throughout much of the 20th Century.

bundestag.de/besuche/architektur/reichstag

Price	Free
Opening times	Every day: 08:00 - 00:00

Charlottenburg Castle

Berlin's answer to Louis XIV's Palace of Versailles was Charlottenburg Castle. Complete with orangery, theatre, mausoleum, Belvedere and pavilion, you will not be short of things to see. During WWII, much of Charlottenburg was badly damaged, but since then major reconstruction works have taken place. One of its most impressive features is the Amber Room, which, after it was created was dubbed the 'eighth wonder of the world' and was given as a present to Peter the Great in 1716. Look out for works by Picasso and the Egyptian museum.

spsg.de/schloesser-gaerten/objekt/schloss-charlottenburg-altes-schloss

Price	Guided tour / audio guide £17pp
Opening times	Apr - Oct Tues - Sun: 10:00 - 17:30 Nov - Mar Tues - Sun: 10:00 - 16:30 Closed Mondays

Berlin Cathedral Church

A neo-baroque cathedral built in 1905 for Kaiser Wilhelm II to rival St Peter's Basilica in Roma. The cathedral served as the family's church and



mausoleum and the bright interior today serves as the venue for theatre performances, as well as concerts and church services.

berlinerdom.de

Price	£7pp Small groups £30 Large groups £50
Opening times	Apr - Sept Mon - Sat: 09:00 - 20:00 Sun/Holidays: 12:00 - 20:00 Oct - Mar Mon - Sat: 09:00 - 19:00 Sun/Holidays: 12:00 - 19:00

Bauhaus Archive Museum of Design

For anyone with an interest in architecture, design or art, the Bauhaus archive will tell you a story that will fascinate and inspire. The Bauhaus movement was possibly the most important in the school of architecture over the whole of the 20th Century. From furniture and ceramics to photography, stage pieces and everything in between, you'll be given an insight into the origins of the movement and its ongoing legacy.

bauhaus.de/en/

Price	Tickets on door
Opening times	Weds - Mon: 10:00 - 17:00 Closed Tuesdays

Berlinische Galerie

With over 4,600 metres of exhibition space, the Berlinsche Galerie is one of the newest museums in Germany. It exhibits work from the 1870s to the present day of both a national and international character, with an inter-disciplinary array of work including, fine art, painting, graphic work, and photography among many other art forms.

berlinischegalerie.de/en

Price	Under 18s free Adults £8pp
Opening times	Weds - Mon: 10:00 - 17:00 Closed Tuesdays

Bröhan-Museum

The Bröhan-Museum is one of the most prominent museums specialised in Art Nouveau, Art Deco and the Berlin Secession. There are extensive permanent collections and special exhibitions.

broehan-museum.de/en

Price	Under 18s free Adults £8pp
Opening times	Weds - Mon: 10:00 - 17:00 Closed Tuesdays

East Side Gallery

The Berlin Wall East Side Gallery is a 1.3km-long section of the wall near the centre of Berlin. Approximately 106 paintings by artists from all over the world cover this memorial for freedom and make it the largest open air gallery in the world.

eastsidegallery-berlin.com

Hackesche Höfe

The Hackesche Höfe is a notable courtyard complex situated adjacent to the Hackescher Markt in the centre of Berlin. The complex consists of eight interconnected courtyards, accessed through a main arched entrance.

The complex was designed in the Jugendstil (or Art Nouveau) style by August Endel, and the first courtyard is adorned with a magnificent facade of polychrome glazed brick. The construction of this project, launched in 1906, follows a pattern of clear separation between residential areas, crafts, trade and culture, which distinguishes it from the backyards of the 19th century.

hackesche-hoefe.com

Pergamon Museum

The Pergamon Museum is a three-winged structure that accommodates three separate museums including the Collection of Classical Antiquities, the Museum of the Ancient Near East and the Museum of Islamic Art. There are some truly monumental reconstructions of architectural building ensembles, which made the museums world famous, such as the Pergamon Altar, the Market Gate of Miletus and the Ishtar Gate with the Processional Way of Babylon and the Mshatta Facade.

Be aware that ongoing renovations mean that different areas will be closed off to visitors throughout the year.

Price	Free
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 18:00 Thurs: 10:00 - 20:00

Bode Museum

Old Masters, sculpture and Byzantine art. Includes children's gallery with workshops on mosaic.

musee-orsay.fr

Price	Free
Opening times	Tues - Sun: 10:00 - 18:00 Thurs: 10:00 - 20:00 Closed Mondays

Altes Museum

Originally built to house all of Berlin's art collections,





the Altes Museum has been home to the Collection of Classical Antiquities since 1904. Egyptian, Roman, Etruscan and Greek civilisations are all featured amongst the exhibitions.

Price	Free
Opening times	Tues - Sun: 10:00 - 18:00 Thurs: 10:00 - 20:00 Closed Mondays

Old National Gallery



The Old National Gallery is regarded as a comprehensive collection of art of the era between the French Revolution and the First World War and includes works by Edouard Manet, Claude Monet, Auguste Renoir, Edgar Degas, Paul Cézanne and sculptures by Auguste Rodin.

Price	Free
Opening times	Tues - Sun: 10:00 - 18:00 Thurs: 10:00 - 20:00 Closed Mondays

Kulturforum Potsdamer Platz

The Berlin Kulturforum, with its museums, concert halls, libraries and institutes, is one of the most important cultural sites of Germany. Many well-known and unique institutions are located here, including the New National Gallery, designed by architect Mies van der Rohe, and the Philharmonie and Chamber Music Hall - home of the famous Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as the Neue Staatsbibliothek (Berlin State Library) with its sensational reading room and, last but not least, the Gemäldegalerie, which has one of the most important collections of old masters worldwide.

Museum of Photography

The Museum of Photography has been a magnet for photography enthusiasts from all over the world since its opening in 2004. In the last few years alone, over 700,000 visitors have flocked to see exhibitions organised by the Helmut Newton

Foundation, ranging from 'Sex and Landscapes' to 'Newton, Nachtwey, Lachapelle: Men, War & Peace' and 'Pigozzi and the Papparazzi'.

smb.museum/en/museums-institutions/museum-fuer-fotografie/home.html

Price	Free
Opening times	Tues - Sun: 11:00 - 19:00 Thurs: 11:00 - 20:00 Closed Mondays

Olympic Stadium

The Olympic Stadium was originally built by Hitler in 1936 for the Berlin Olympics and 100,000 spectators. The stadium became British Army post-war headquarters and until 1990 was home to Queen Elizabeth birthday parades. Now home of the Hertha Berlin football club, the oval stadium was handsomely renovated to host the 2006 World Cup. olympiastadion.berlin/en/home

Price	£150 - £230 group rates
Opening times	Every day Nov - Mar: 10:00 - 16:00 Apr - Oct: 09:00 - 19:00 Aug: 09:00 - 20:00

The Fernsehturm



Ascend this 365 metre tall television tower positioned in the centre of Berlin for fantastic views of the city. And why not take a moment out in the revolving café at the top?

tv-turm.de/en/homepage

Price	Students £12.50 Adults £15.50
Opening times	Every day Mar - Oct: 09:00 - 00:00 Nov - Feb: 10:00 - 00:00

Panorama Point

Panorama Point at the Kallhoff building provides the best views of Berlin, Europe's fastest elevator, a



multimedia outdoor exhibition, a café and a fantastic panoramic terrace.

panoramapunkt.de/en

Price	Students £6 Adults £7.50
Opening times	Every day Summer: 10:00 - 20:00 Winter: 10:00 - 18:00

LEGOLAND® Discovery Centre

With 2 million LEGO® bricks under one roof, the sky's the limit at LEGOLAND® Discovery Centre Berlin. It's the ideal place to let your class experience a world of fun, creativity and imagination.

Every child knows about LEGO®, so they'll immediately be familiar with the idea behind the LEGOLAND® Discovery Centre: building incredible things and creating a story around them.

legolanddiscoverycentre.de/berlin-en

Price	£10.50pp
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 19:00

Berlin Story Bunker

Occupying a WWII air raid shelter, this chamber of horrors is a strange museum containing 2 floors of wax effigies and horror effects with a collection of memorabilia from the air raid shelter itself in the basement.

atlasobscura.com/places/gruselkabinett

Price	£6pp
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 19:00

CinemaxX Potsdamer Platz

Enjoy a movie at the biggest multi-screen cinema in Berlin, located in the Potsdamer Platz public square.

cinemaxx.de/berlin

CineStar CUBIX

A cinema within the Alexanderplatz square, showing English films as well as German dialect with English subtitles.

visitberlin.de/en/cinemaxx-potsdamer-platz

Berlin City Boat Trips

Believe it or not, Berlin has more bridges than the city most famous for its canals: Venice! Have a closer look at Berlin seen from the Spree river, the Havel lakes or the channels, it's worth it. Discovering Berlin and Potsdam doesn't get more relaxing than

this.

Berlin City Walking Tours

There are a number of guided city tours available on the ground throughout the city, each with different themes and sights to see relating to subjects such as music and architecture.

Hop-On Hop-Off Bus Tour

The yellow route lets you discover Berlin's most famous sights. You can join or leave the tour at 18 stops along the way, or stay on for the duration of the 2 hour non-stop tour!

The purple route takes you into Berlin's trendy, historic and lively districts beyond the city centre. Explore exciting places and trace the course of the former Berlin Wall along 12 stops.

city-circle.de

Price	Purple route £10pp Yellow route £13.50pp
Opening times	Every 10-15 minutes