



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Visit to Germany for Years 9 & 10

- **Discover The Rhineland: Wednesday 6th May – Saturday 9th May 2020**

22nd August 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

As part of the range of extracurricular programmes offered during the 2019-20 school year, the Modern Foreign Languages Faculty has decided to organise a visit to the Rhineland in North-West Germany. The tour is open to all Year 10 pupils studying German and Year 9 pupils who have an interest in continuing to study German in Key Stage 4. The programme is set out below and is designed to give the pupils a broad experience of the culture of the Rhineland both historical and modern including opportunities to practise the language and enjoy the local leisure facilities.

The programme includes

- Exploring historical Cologne (Köln) – Cathedral, market and shops (<https://www.cologne-tourism.com/>)
- Marksburg Castle (<https://www.marksburg.de/en/visitor-information/>)
- Rhine River Cruise
- Visit to Koblenz Fortress via cable car (<https://www.seilbahn-koblenz.de/homepage.html>)
- The Phantasialand theme park (<https://www.phantasialand.de/en/>)
- Evening activities offered include bowling and karaoke*
 - *Subject to availability on the day.

The itinerary and accommodation are provided by a reputable schools travel company (**Rayburn Tours** - www.rayburntours.com/educational-trips/trips/school-language-trips-to-the-rhineland). The very modern Youth Hostel "Deutz" in Cologne (<https://www.jugendherberge.de/jugendherbergen/koeln-deutz-450/verpflegung>) is situated near the east bank of the Rhine with the city centre and tourist attractions just across the bridge. The shared rooms are modern and attractive with ensuite facilities; the dining room offers a range of good quality meals. Breakfast and evening meals are provided, and a packed lunch supplied for outings.

The cost of the four-day / three-night visit accompanied by three members of BHGS staff will not exceed £500. Travel will be by coach and Channel Tunnel. The price includes insurance, meals, accommodation, excursions and essential admission fees. Pupils will have to provide their own pocket money in Euros and some UK currency for food during the outward and return journeys.

Information provided by Rayburn Tours can be found via this BHGS link. Your daughter will need to login to access it. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/18Gfrs0cNvaGBYQYA2TF6rFO8MG06isSE/view?usp=sharing>

All pupils must have their own valid British passport/ other passport with visas and a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). NB The passport must be valid for 6 months beyond the return date (November 2020). There will be a full evening **Information and Safety** briefing for parents and pupils prior to departure.

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The cost of the visit can be paid in instalments or as the total amount. Payments should be made directly to the Finance Office. **There are 25 places available for this trip.**

- £200 non-refundable deposit by **23rd September 2019**
- The remaining balance (£300*) to be paid by **29th November 2019**
 - * see below

If you would like your daughter to take part, pay the deposit via *Wisepay* **by Monday 23rd September**. The cost has been calculated on the minimum viable number of participants.

As the intention is to keep the final cost as low as possible, this will be adjusted accordingly in the final payment if more than the minimum number participate and may be less than £300. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

RJ Taylor

Head of MFL Faculty