



# Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parent/Carer(s),

## A Level History students studying Germany - Berlin Consolidation of Learning Trip

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

We are pleased that your daughter/son is studying History A Level. To consolidate their learning of the subject matter, I have organised a 3 days/2 nights trip to Berlin, Germany for both Year 12 and 13 students. I have reserved this trip with NST, the educational tour operator, for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Germany is one of our examined units based on the history of Germany from 1918-45 and as you can imagine, there is a huge amount of information that has to be covered during a relatively short period of time. The ideal way to enforce the subject content is to offer an extended learning opportunity to provide your daughter/son with a first-hand learning experience.

I have summarised below a brief initial itinerary to give you some idea of our agenda for the 3 days. I am sure you will agree, that this is a fantastic opportunity for your daughter/son to gain a unique insight into the experiences and history of Germany over the last one hundred years. It will present historical, cultural, social and linguistic opportunities for the students and will be tailored specifically to their A Level studies. This trip will allow students to revise in a more active way and understand where key events they have studied took place and furthermore to appreciate the impact of this period of time on Germany today.

### **Brief Itinerary:**

(Please note that our tour operators, NST, have worked hard to secure the best price possible and maximum time in Berlin, therefore we will be flying from Stansted, subject to cost and availability at the time of confirming booking - flight times are currently approximate until secured).

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020: 5:00am drop off at Stansted Airport** ready to depart for Berlin Schoenfeld Airport at 7:50am to arrive mid-morning for coach transfer to Berlin.

**Places we will visit over the 3 days:** The Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate, Unter den Linden, Babel Platz, Neue Wache, Gerndarmenmarkt, Siegessaeule, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Sachsenhausen concentration camp, Olympic Stadium (1936 Olympics), Holocaust Memorial and the Fuhrer Bunker, Treptow Park, Alexanderplatz, The German Resistance Memorial Museum, The Topography of Terror and The Berlin Wall. We also plan to incorporate an evening activity such as going bowling subject to cost.

**Hotel:** Aletto Hotel Kudamm - half-board.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020:** Depart Berlin by coach and arrive at Berlin Schoenfeld Airport for return flight to Stansted Airport at 9:25pm and **collection from Stansted airport at 10:25pm.**

We will be accompanied by an experienced NST tour guide throughout our visit. They will meet us at the airport and we have 11 hours of coach hire included for use throughout the 3 days.

As I'm sure you can imagine, airline seats cannot be held or price guaranteed until the tour operator receives our deposit. As prices fluctuate daily, to secure flights at the lowest price, we need to return deposits as soon as possible. The price that I have quoted below is based on an estimation of the current price quoted by the tour operator. Obviously if the cost of the flights is more or less, I will need to adjust the cost of the trip accordingly, but I will communicate with you further on this once we have them secured.

The estimated total cost of the trip is between **£405 and £415** dependent on flight prices; this includes flights, airport transfers in Berlin, accommodation, all activities, coach travel, breakfast and evening meals, lunch on one day at Remus Restaurant (students will need to bring euros to purchase lunch on two of the days, approx. 10 euros for metro travel and spending money for souvenirs).

*This amount is requested as a voluntary payment. Unfortunately though, the reality is that unless sufficient voluntary contributions are made the trip will not be able to take place.* 25% of the cost of the trip will be met for BHGS students in receipt of 16-19 Bursary. Guest students should liaise with their own school regarding any financial support that may be available.

In order to secure the booking, accommodation and the flights, the tour company requires a deposit from each individual participating in the trip. Please pay a non-refundable deposit of **£150**, by **Friday 18th October 2019**. BHGS pupils should pay via WisePay. Guest students should pay by cheque payable to 'Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School' or present cash in person to the Finance Department and ask for a receipt. We cannot be held responsible for loss of cash for which no receipt has been given.

As soon as all of the deposits are received, we can book the flights and secure the accommodation to ensure that the costs do not change. Once I have secured the flights I will send a detailed and final itinerary. If the school is required to cancel the whole trip due to there being insufficient numbers for it to proceed, all deposits will be refunded. The payment schedule for the balance of the trip cost is:

- i) A further £125 by Friday 8th November 2019
- ii) The remaining £130 by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

Thank you in advance for your continued support for these external learning opportunities that we are lucky enough to offer to our students. More information will follow shortly. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I very much hope your daughter/son will find the visit rewarding.

Kind regards,

Miss S. Maisey  
**Subject Leader for History**

**Please return the reply slip overleaf following payment of £150 to secure the booking and flights for your daughter/son to Miss Maisey by Friday 18th October 2019.**

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I would like my daughter/son ..... of..... School, to attend the residential trip to Berlin, Germany on 13th–15th February 2020.

I appreciate that certain details may be subject to change until final numbers are confirmed and the flights are booked.

I have paid £150 via Wisepay / I enclose a payment of £150. I understand that this money is non-refundable in the event of my daughter/son being unable to attend.

Signed Parent/Carer..... Date.....

**Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School Terms and Conditions for Residential Trips**

Participation in residential trips is dependent on:

- The school's criterion of attendance of above 95% unless the absence is authorised by the school
- An outstanding level of behaviour

Cancellation charges are as follows:

- More than 12 weeks before departure – loss of all deposits paid
- Between 12 and 6 weeks before departure – 60% of the total cost
- Between 6 and 4 weeks before departure – 80% of the total cost
- Within 4 weeks of departure – 100% of the total cost

Please note that once flights are booked, the tour operator will charge an additional charge of £125 for seat cancellations.

Payment schedules are issued for each trip; payment at more frequent intervals and smaller amounts is acceptable provided that sufficient payment has been made to meet each deadline outlined in the schedule as it occurs.

Failure to adhere to the payment schedule **may** jeopardise your daughter's place on the trip.

In the instance where a trip with limited spaces is oversubscribed a ballot for places will take place and be supervised by a member of the senior leadership team.

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