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## 5 Day Berlin Tour

# Life in Nazi Germany and Cold War

### Day 1

#### Travel

### Day 2

#### The Rise of the Nazi Party

Walking tour may include:

#### Reichstag

The Unification of Germany; The path from democracy to dictatorship; Who votes for Hitler? The Reichstag Fire 1933; The Battle for Berlin; From Cold War division to reunification.

#### 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 the 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.

#### Topography of Terror

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

#### German Historical Museum

Excellent museum charting German history right through to reunification with a range of eye catching exhibits.

Guided tour options:

- Foundation of Weimar Republic to the erection of the Nazi regime (1918-1934)
- From Hitler's Assumption of Power to the Nazi Genocide (1933-1945)

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

#### Evening options to include:

Free time for shopping and food if wished

- Reichstag
- TV tower
- Cabaret
- Bowling
- River cruise (subject to availability)
- Checkpoint Charlie museum



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## Day 3

### Resistance and Terror in Nazi Germany

#### Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp

An introduction to the Nazi camp system which includes 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 the 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

The 1936 Berlin Olympics; Nazi propaganda; The Olympic Bell, Flame and Cauldron; The Langemarkhalle; Maifeld; Lists of Winners; 'Jesse' Owens and other competitors' stories as time permits.

#### Wannsee Conference House

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.

#### 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?

## Day 4

### The Cold War

#### The Berlin Wall Documentation Centre, Bernauer Strasse

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 – Hohenschönhausen

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

#### DDR Museum

Excellent interactive museum which focusses on everyday life in East Germany and offers a chance to sit in a Trabbie, try on the 'latest fashions' and see how East German's spent their holidays.

#### Treptow Park Soviet Memorial

The significance of Berlin to the Soviets and the scale of losses; Mother Russia and the Soviet Liberator; Relief carvings showing the events of Great Patriotic War; Purpose of the park; Soviet propaganda and its place today.

#### East Side Gallery

Longest remaining section of the Berlin Wall; Murals; An excellent photo opportunity and chance to buy souvenirs.

## Day 5

### Travel