

EASTERN EUROPE HISTORY TOUR

GERMANY, POLAND & RUSSIA

DAY 1 / Australia - Germany
Depart Australia on your flights to Germany.

DAY 2 / Berlin **D**
Upon arrival, transfer to your accommodation. After lunch, you might like to take part in a walking tour of Berlin's landmarks with your teachers leading the group.

First night's accommodation in Berlin

DAY 3 / Berlin **B D**
This morning, visit Checkpoint Charlie's fascinating Wall Museum. During a 1hr-guided tour, you will learn about the interesting history of the wall and exhibits. Continue to the East Side Gallery (1.3 kms of original Berlin Wall) and the Pariser Platz, being the area around the Brandenburg Gate, before climbing the famous Dome of the Reichstag in the evening.

Second night's accommodation in Berlin

DAY 4 / Potsdam & Berlin **B D**
Make your way to Potsdam and spend the morning exploring Sanssouci Palace and its gardens. Your visit includes a guided tour of the palace and free time in the gardens. Return to Berlin in the afternoon and visit the DDR Museum, the only museum which reflects the everyday life in the GDR.

Third night's accommodation in Berlin

DAY 5 / Leipzig **B D**
After breakfast, board your train to Leipzig. Upon arrival, visit the Museum "Runde Ecke", the former East German Secret Police ("Stasi") headquarter in Leipzig. During a guided tour, you learn how the Stasi spied on the citizens of Eastern Germany to prevent them from fleeing to the West and conspiring against the GDR government. We also recommend visiting the Nikolaikirche, which was one of the first places where the peaceful protest against the government of the GDR formed.

Overnight accommodation in Leipzig



DAY 6 / Former German Border **B D**
Board your coach and transfer to Weimar, where you stop for lunch. Take a stroll through the streets of one of Germany's most beautiful towns, visited by many famous artists and writers including Goethe, Schiller and Bach. Continue to the "Point Alpha Memorial", located on the former border dividing the two Germanys. The former US Army Observation Post, active during the Cold War, now houses a museum and permanent exhibition.

Overnight accommodation in Frankfurt

DAY 7 / Frankfurt - Krakow **BD**
This morning, make your way to Frankfurt Airport and board your direct flight to beautiful Krakow in Poland. Upon arrival, transfer to your accommodation and check in. This afternoon, explore the well-preserved city centre and Wawel Castle on foot, with your teachers leading the group.

First night's accommodation in Krakow

DAY 8 / Krakow **B D**
In the morning, see the Nazi death camps at Auschwitz and Birkenau. Visit the site museum and grounds with a guide. Return to Krakow in the afternoon and make your way to Nowa Huta, an industrial suburb planned and built as the "Model Communist City". During a guided tour, you will learn how Polish people lived and worked in post-war communist Poland.

Second night's accommodation in Krakow

DAY 9 / Krakow - St. Petersburg **B D**
Depart Krakow for St. Petersburg by plane (via Warsaw). Upon arrival, your English-speaking assistant will guide you through the airport to

your hotel. This afternoon, enjoy an introductory Russian lesson to help you communicate over the next 5 days!

First night's accommodation in St. Petersburg

DAY 10 / St. Petersburg **B PL D**
Meet your guide for a full-day tour of St Petersburg. This morning, visit the Museum of Political History and the former home of Matilda Kshesinskaya. The building was used by the Bolsheviks as their headquarters and Lenin gave regular speeches from the balcony. This afternoon, enjoy a packed lunch in the Botanical Gardens before visiting the Smolny Cathedral and Institute, where the October Revolution was planned.

Second night's accommodation in St. Petersburg

DAY 11 / St. Petersburg **B D**
This morning, enjoy a guided tour of the Hermitage, one of the world's most impressive museums. Travel by hydrofoil to Peterhof, one of the summer palaces of the Tsars. Visit the Grand Palace and parklands with your guide.

Third night's accommodation in St. Petersburg

DAY 12 / Kronshtadt, Moscow **B D**
Enjoy an excursion to Kronshtadt, site of a short-lived mutiny against the revolutionaries in 1921. Visit the Naval Cathedral and enjoy a walk through Petrovsky Park for views of the harbour. Return to St. Petersburg in the early afternoon and transfer to the station for your train trip to Moscow. Upon arrival, meet your coach and transfer to your accommodation.

First night's accommodation in Moscow

DAY 13 / Moscow **B PL D**
After breakfast, meet your guide and enjoy a full-day sightseeing tour. This morning, visit the Red Square and Lenin's Mausoleum. Continue on to the Kremlin and explore the grounds and cathedrals with your guide. Enjoy a packed lunch in the Alexandrovsky gardens and see the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Visit the Armoury before returning to your accommodation in the early evening.

Second night's accommodation in Moscow

DAY 14 / Russia - Australia **B**
After breakfast at your hotel, transfer to the airport for your return flights to Australia.

DAY 15 / Australia
Arrive home.