

The Berlin Trip 2017

Our Berlin adventure began very early on Friday 27th October. After reaching Berlin Tegel airport it was off for a quick bag drop at our hotel and a short lunch nearby before taking in a fascinating three hour walking tour of the famous sights in Berlin. We heard the history of such places as The Museum Island, The Bebelplatz, Checkpoint Charlie, The Ministry of Ministries and The Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe among others. The tour concluded at the beautiful Unter den Linden where we took photos of ourselves in front of the Brandenburg Gate.

After dinner in our hotel we finished our evening with a trip to the modern, glass Reichstag dome. Students could see right down into the parliamentary chamber from the top of the dome as well as spectacular views spanning across Berlin. After a long day it was back to the hotel for a welcome rest.

The second day of our trip was action packed. We began at Checkpoint Charlie – the legendary border crossing between East and West Berlin. We then visited The Topography of Terror Museum. Our guides gave us a chilling account of the impact of the Nazi Regime on Germany. Afterwards we took the U-Bahn to Alexanderplatz for some great shopping and lunch.

Our next stop was the opulent Friedrichspalast Theatre to see the spectacular “The One Show”. It was a great way to finish off day 2.

The third day of our Berlin trip was unfortunately a stormy one, but we never let it dampen our spirits! After an opportunity to stroll around the picturesque Potsdam village we hopped on our bus again to visit the house of the Wannsee Conference, the location where the leading members of the Nazi Party discussed the “Final Solution of the Jewish Question”. Our tour guide gave us a riveting and harrowing insight into the lives of the Jewish people in Nazi Germany and the horrors they faced. We left feeling both sad and fascinated at the same time.

After dinner in Andy’s Diner in Berlin, our last evening was spent visiting the top of the 368m high TV tower. The much-anticipated visit didn’t disappoint, we were all awed by the magnificent views from the top of the tower. It was a perfect end to an amazing trip.

The students enjoyed every minute and once again represented Loreto Balbriggan in a well-behaved, polite manner.