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Whether it's a person, an event or an era, there's something within history that takes a hold of each and every one of us. Something that fascinates us, inspires us, horrifies us. So when a student makes an emotional connection with a part of history, it's one of the most powerful things to see.

We know it's those real life experiences that really stay with you. That's why we want to help your students understand what they're looking at and put themselves in the picture. To step into the story and feel like a part of history.

We'll take the core objectives of your trip and build from the ground up, hand-crafting every element and wrapping it all up in one neat, Rayburn-stamped package. So whether you've already got a destination in mind or you're looking for inspiration, see what catches your eye.

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Lucy Simson, Educational Tours Sales Manager On behalf of the Education Team

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Difference

We are an independent, family-run company and we have been creating unforgettable international experiences for groups since 1965.

TEAM OF OVER 100 TRAVEL EXPERTS





Completely tailor-made experience



Sending over **30,000** passengers around the world each year



Customer tour experience rating **4.8/5**

Travel in safe hands



While our family continues to grow, our mission statement remains the same

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Working together to provide quality tours and memorable experiences. Delivering our promises time and time again.











TRANSPORT

ACCOMMODATION

EXCURSIONS

INSURANCE

all combined by your **dedicated Tour Co-ordinator** to create your tailor-made itinerary

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO ENHANCE YOUR TRIP

History Tour Guides

Our History Tour Guides go above and beyond what you'd expect. They bring a level of passion and knowledge that makes it more than just imparting information, but about passing on real life experiences that really stay with you. Striving to make it a hands-on affair, they'll tailor their teaching to your group, ensuring your students get the most out of the experience.

- A background in history teaching and touring
- \checkmark In-depth knowledge of your destination and visits
- \checkmark $\,$ Providing strong support and assisting with logistics

Find out more on page 6!

Got the teaching covered but want a little help with the logistics? Opt for a Tour Manager instead!

Accommodation

We have a range of accommodation options to suit groups of any size and budget. From hostels and hotels to lodges and guesthouses, we've carefully selected each one to ensure they're right for school groups. The hotel was outstanding in every way. Staff were extremely helpful, rooms were very well kept and breakfast was filling. The location couldn't have been better.

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Tom Hutchinson, The City of Liverpool College, Astoria Hotel, Krakow

"We might be able to talk about the Battle of the Somme, but there's no way we'd be able to point out the tree line where the tanks came over, or exactly where the gas attack took place."

Ms Humphreys, Brighton Hill Community School, Ypres

History Tour Guides

Our History Tour Guides are so much more than just guides. They're an extension of your teaching team, your historical go-to, your navigational compass.

Our guides bring a level of passion and knowledge that makes it more than just imparting information, but about passing on real life experiences that stay with you even after the trip. They'll tailor the tour to your group's specific requirements, making it a more personal, hands-on experience.



But with us, you'll get so much more than just a tour guide:

- They will tailor their teaching to your students' educational needs
- They'll endeavour to make it personal to your group, such as finding the resting place of a student's family member and arranging a wreath laying ceremony
- They know the areas like the backs of their hands, meaning they can be flexible with your itinerary and make impromptu stops to elaborate on something in particular
- They'll call on their contacts to make sure you get the most out of every site

What you should expect from a History Tour Guide:

- Extensive knowledge of your destination, sites and period of history
- Logistical assistance to ensure the smooth running of your trip
- Lots of real-life accounts, anecdotes, poems, facts and figures to keep your students gripped



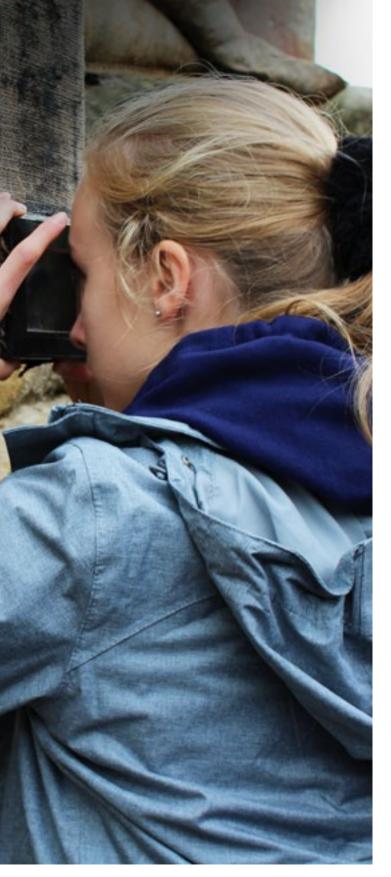
Visit **rayburntours.com** or call us on **01332 985 387** to find out more about how a guide can enhance your tour

Ypres & The Western Front

For four years, the Western Front was the site of mud, blood and fighting. Now, for the last 100 years it has been the site of learning, understanding and remembrance. A journey into the area brings home the reality of the conflict, taking you through a landscape dotted with cemeteries and memorials. Walk through reconstructed trenches, stand on the very ground that men fought and died for and understand the accounts of those who lived through the conflict.



Based on 3 day, 2 night tour for 44 passengers (+4 free places) travelling October 2020. Subject to availability.



- Life on the frontline
- ✓ Trenches and trench life
- Command and leadership
- War and technology
- Women their role and the impact of war on their lives
- Medicine and medical advancement
- The Home Front
- The role of the Commonwealth and Empire troops
- ✓ Writers and poets
- Conflict and warfare over time

Highly recommended to enhance your trip

HISTORY TOUR GUIDES

An expert History Tour Guide will explain the chronology of the war and reveal the way decision-makers were affected by certain events, as well as how they responded to failures and successes.



Combine Ypres & The Somme on a **two-centre tour!**



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SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1	•	
Morning	0	Coach and Channel crossing to Ypres
Afternoon	0	Visit Hill 60 and Sanctuary Wood Museum (Hill 62)
Evening		Evening meal and Fun Files quiz
DAY 2	•	
Morning	0	Langemark Cemetery and Tyne Cot Cemetery
Afternoon		Visit the In Flanders Fields Museum and explore Ypres
Evening	0	Evening meal and Menin Gate & Last Post Ceremony participation
DAY 3	•	
Morning	0	Essex Farm Cemetery
Afternoon	0	Coach and Channel crossing home
Evening	þ	Arrive home

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Ypres

Leading up to the centenary, a great deal of work was carried out to bring different parts of the battlefields to life, thus opening up many new topics and places to explore. We'll work with you to create an experience which not only addresses the individual accounts and battles, but also the wider themes and perspectives needed to fully understand, analyse and reflect on the period.

RECOMMENDED VISITS

Reconstructed Trenches at Passchendaele

Experience the mud and blood of the trenches as you walk through the reconstructed systems – the best way to truly visualise the conditions that soldiers had to endure.

Tyne Cot Cemetery

Bring the scale of lives lost in the First World War home with a visit to Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest Commonwealth cemetery on the Western Front.

Langemark Military Cemetery

As one of just four First World War German cemeteries in the Flanders region, Langemark contains the bodies of 44,000 German soldiers, with around 25,000 in a mass grave.

Menin Gate & Last Post Ceremony

Chosen because of the thousands of men who passed through it on their way to the battlefields, the Menin Gate bears the names of 54,896 British and Commonwealth soldiers who lost their lives and have no known grave. Make the experience all the more poignant by laying a wreath at the Last Post Ceremony which takes place each evening.





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SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1	•	
Morning		Coach and Channel crossing to the Somme
Afternoon		Visit Newfoundland Memorial Park
Evening		Evening meal and Fun Files quiz
DAY 2	•	
Morning	0	Visit Lochnagar Crater
Afternoon	0	Thiepval Memorial
Evening	þ	Evening meal and Fun Files quiz
DAY 3	•	
Morning	0	Visit Ulster Tower
Afternoon		Coach and Channel crossing home
Evening	Ŷ	Arrive home

The Somme

A hundred years since the Battle of the Somme, its significance remains undiminished, yet the full impact of the battle has often been overlooked. A history trip to the Somme will guide you through the events that led up to the start of the battle, exploring the sites where the fighting took place and learning how the battle unfolded and the effect it had on the rest of the war.

RECOMMENDED VISITS

Newfoundland Park

The people of Newfoundland weren't part of Canada at the time of the First World War – they were an independent British dominion loyal to the mother country. That's why when war was declared in 1914, the men of the nation volunteered to serve under British Command. The park tells the story of several men, the lives they left and the communities that lost them.

Thiepval Memorial

The former German strong point of Thiepval is now the site of the Memorial to the Missing with the names of 73,077 British soldiers carved into its stone panels.



Download your free Battle of the Somme poster at rayburntours.com/teaching-resources

Normandy

A coastal stretch of rugged cliffs and poignant memorials, Normandy's dramatic landscape bears a heavy history. With this year marking the 75th anniversary of VE Day, a visit to the D-Day landing beaches will provide a deeper understanding of the events of June 1944, as you explore the site where the events that changed the course of the Second World War took place. Whilst it's known for its historical ties, you can also visit the beautiful towns of Caen and Bayeux for a taste of medieval charm.



Based on 4 day, 3 night tour for 44 passengers (+4 free places) travelling October 2020. Subject to availability.

- ✓ The Second World War
- Peace and war
- Europe and the 20th century
- Technology

- War and conflict
- ✓ Warfare over time
- Medicine through time
- International relations

RECOMMENDED VISITS

Pegasus Bridge

Pegasus Bridge was the site of some of the bravest fighting on D-Day, where airborne troops descended and landed by gliders ready to take, hold and destroy the inland bridges.

D-Day Landing Beaches

With 2020 marking the 75th anniversary of VE Day, a visit to the D-Day landing beaches will be a truly special one. Appreciate the scale of the landing beaches and understand the tremendous achievement of Operation Overlord with Allied troops arriving on five beaches.



Gun Batteries, Longues-sur-Mer

Perched high on a cliff top, this German gun battery had a perfect strategic viewpoint overlooking the English Channel for potential allied attacks.

British Cemetery in Bayeux

Reflect on the thousands of graves that commemorate the Commonwealth soldiers who lost their lives during the Second World War in these tranquil surroundings.

American Cemetery & Memorial

Spread across 172.5 acres of green land, this was the first American cemetery on European soil, bearing tribute to 9,387 American soldiers, most of whom lost their lives here during the D-Day landings.

Pointe du Hoc

Visit the site where 225 US Army Rangers scaled the 30m-high cliffs to disable the German artillery guns and explore the German command post, concrete bunkers and casemates.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

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¢	Coach and Channel crossing to Normandy
0	Pegasus Bridge Memorial & Museum and Ranville Cemetery
¢	Evening meal and Fun Files Quiz
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¢	Musée de la Batterie de Merville
0	Airborne Museum Sainte Mère-Église, American beach, Normandy American Cemetery and Port-en- Bessin fishing village
	Evening meal and activities at the hotel
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0	Caen-Normandie Memorial Centre and British Cemetery in Bayeux
0	Arromanches 360, including Arromanches town and Mulberry Harbour
0	Evening meal and activities at the hotel
þ	D-Day Landing Beaches
ļ	Coach and Channel crossing home
ļ	Arrive home



HISTORY TOUR GUIDES

A History Tour Guide can explain and illustrate the strategy behind the day of the D-Day landings, elaborating on how the plans came together. They'll also take you through the events of the invasion, from the aerial assault before dawn, through the different experiences of the men as they fought their way up the beaches.

Munich

Where the traditional and contemporary sit side by side, Munich basks in its own contradictions. From its Bavarian customs to its place in the rise of National Socialism, Munich is home to some of the most complex historical moments. Chart the rise of Hitler and the Nazis at the many Third Reich sites and discover the heroic accounts of human behaviour, including the story of Hans and Sophie Scholl and the White Rose resistance group.



Based on 4 day, 3 night tour for 36 passengers (+4 free places) travelling August 2020. Subject to availability. 033-1

- Medieval and Imperial history
- German history across time
- The Holocaust
- Weimar Germany
- Nazism and the Second World War
- Policies of peace and the Cold War
- Modern German history

RECOMMENDED VISITS

Walking Tour of the City

Delve deep into the rich history and diverse culture of Munich with a guided walking tour of the city's streets and famous landmarks.

Berchtesgarden – Documentation Centre & Eagle's Nest

Journey to the mountainous region of Bavaria and visit Hitler's famous tea house, the Eagle's Nest, with the chance to explore the underground bunker complex.

Dachau Concentration Camp

Once a 'school of violence' which imprisoned over 200,000 people from across Europe, Dachau Concentration Camp now commemorates those who were murdered with its insightful museum, archive and library.

White Rose Memorial

In front of the Ludwig Maximilian University, the memorial for the White Rose features the group's flyers and acts as a clear reminder of those who had the bravery to challenge the Nazis and Nazism, even though it led to their execution.

Nuremburg

Famous for being the location of the Nazi party's permanent convention and rally site, a day trip to Nuremburg allows you to take a guided tour of the rally site, the Documentation Centre on the site of former Nazi Party Rally Grounds and the memorial of the Nuremberg Trials (Room 600).

"The best thing was the range and scope of the visits which linked well to our KS4 classes."

Mrs Couchman, Cirencester Kingshill School, Munich

Speak to our specialists on 01332 985 387 to find out more

SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1	•	
Morning	þ	Flight to Munich
Afternoon	þ	Walking tour of the city
Evening	þ	Evening meal and Quiz night
DAY 2	•	
Morning	0	Visit Nuremburg for its rally site, Documentation Centre & Room 600
Afternoon	0	Guided tour of Dachau Concentration Camp
Evening	0	Evening meal and Fun Files activity
DAY 3	•	
Morning	þ	Guided tour of
		the Obersalzberg Documentation Centre
Afternoon		Eagle's Nest tour
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Evening	Î	Evening meal and Fun Files activity
DAY 4	•	
Morning	0	White Rose
		Memorial Exhibition
Afternoon	þ	Flight home
Evening	6	Arrive home



HISTORY TOUR GUIDES

A History Tour Guide will support you as you lead your students around the many Third Reich sites and explain their significance. They'll also be able to assist your students as they begin to understand the actions and outcomes of Nazism and how it relates to the Second World War.

Berlin

Beneath Berlin's vibrant, urban culture lies a rich and complex history. A city that staged a revolution, was headquartered by Nazis, hit by bombs, divided in two and finally reunited, there's so much history to uncover in this fascinating city. Whilst the streets and palaces tell the story of Berlin and Germany's rise to importance, the poignant museums and memorials address the horrors and persecutions of the Nazi era.



Based on 4 day, 3 night tour for 36 passengers (+4 free places) travelling October 2020. Subject to availability.

- The formation of Germany
- Imperial German history
- ✓ The First World War
- ✓ The Weimar Republic
- Nazism

RECOMMENDED VISITS

The Brandenburg Gate

This iconic landmark tells the story of Germany's creation, its imperial ambitions and its darkest days. When the wall fell, the Brandenburg Gate became the symbol of the new post-war Germany.

The Second World War

✓ The EU and modern Europe

The Holocaust
The Cold War

Guided Walking Tour

Tailored to meet the needs and learning requirements of your group, a guided walking tour will focus on the topics relevant to you as you take in the city's fascinating landmarks.

Berlin Wall Memorial & Documentation Centre

Witness 800 years of history by delving into the life of the people of Berlin throughout the different eras in this interactive, 23-themed room museum.

Reichstag

Step into the seat of the German Parliament and be met by 360 degree views of the city in its iconic glass dome, where guided tours can take you deep into the building.

Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

Explore the chilling and thought-provoking history of the Nazi persecution and execution of Jews across Europe as you walk through the concrete stelae.

"Berlin is the Cold War history lesson that just keeps giving."

Mr Giles, Stratford Girls' Grammar School, Berlin



SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1	•	
Morning	4	Flight to Berlin
Afternoon	þ	Berlin guided walking tour
Evening	þ	Evening meal and Fun Files Quiz
DAY 2	•	
Morning	þ	Visit the House of the
		Wannsee Conference
Afternoon	þ	Memorial & Museum
		Sachsenhausen
Evening	þ	Evening meal and visit
		the Reichstag
DAY 3	•	
Morning	þ	Berliner Unterwelten
		guided tour
Afternoon	¢	DDR Museum
Evening	4	Evening meal and visit
		Berlin TV Tower
DAY 4		
Morning	Î	Topography of Terror
Afternoon	þ	Airport transfer
Evening	þ	Flight home



HISTORY TOUR GUIDES

Our expert guides have years of experience in leading school trips to Berlin. Not only do they know the best way to navigate through the city, but they'll find quieter spots to give your students some muchneeded reflection time.

Krakow

A beautiful city set against the horror of the Holocaust, Krakow is most valuable in understanding the full inhumanity and damage of this tragic event. A visit to one of the Nazi concentration camps is essential, and Auschwitz and the gas chambers of Birkenau are just a short drive from the city. Additionally, the Jewish Quarter is a celebration of Jewish culture and home to a number of original sites and museums showcasing over 750 years of history.



Based on 3 day, 2 night tour for 36 passengers (+4 free places) travelling October 2020. Subject to availability.

- Modern European history
- The early 20th century
- ✓ The Second World War
- The Holocaust
- Europe in the 19th and 20th centuries

"An eye-opening, thought-provoking and truly powerful tour."

Mr Hutchinson, The City of Liverpool College, Krakow

RECOMMENDED VISITS

Visiting Auschwitz

To appreciate the age-old buildings, harrowing exhibitions and scale of the grounds, we strongly recommend you explore both Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II-Birkenau. You'll be guided around the site where thousands of non-Jewish Poles, Roma and Sinti and over 1.2 million Jews were brought from across Europe, specifically to be exploited and murdered.



Kazimierz the Former Jewish Quarter

Take to the streets of Kazimierz, a district that was once the centre of Jewish life for over 500 years before it was systematically destroyed during the Second World War.

Galicia Jewish Museum

The Galicia Jewish Museum prides itself on presenting Jewish history from a new perspective. You'll address the stereotypes and misconceptions of Jewish history as you explore the complex histories and future of Poles and Jews.

Schindler's Museum

Uncover the incredible story of the famous Nazi Party member who saved the lives of over 1,200 Jewish factory workers as you visit the original factory building of the German industrialist, Oskar Schindler.

Krakow Walking Tour

Tailored to meet your group's needs and learning requirements, a walking tour is the perfect way to explore this beautiful city, taking in such sights as the Old Town or the Southern Kazimierz district.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1		
Morning		Flight to Krakow and airport transfer on arrival
Afternoon	þ	Krakow walking tour
Evening		Enjoy a folklore evening at the Miod i Wino Restaurant
DAY 2	•	
Morning	4	Visit Auschwitz Birkenau
Afternoon	4	Wieliczka Salt Mines
Evening		Evening meal and Bowling Plac Nowy
DAY 3	•	
Morning	0	Visit the Galicia Jewish Museum
Afternoon	0	Airport transfer
Evening		Flight home



HISTORY TOUR GUIDES

A History Tour Guide will assist you in leading your students around the historic Jewish Quarter where they'll see the sites of the old synagogues, a cemetery and the Jewish Museum – all illustrating centuries of Polish Jewish history.

Combine Berlin & Krakow on a two-centre tour! Call us on **01332 985 387** to discover more.

Berlin & Krakow

A two-centre tour to Berlin and Krakow will give you the opportunity to see how and why important political decisions were made, as well as the devastating consequences these decisions had for millions of people.

In Berlin, you'll learn how and why the Final Solution was put into place, whilst in Krakow, you'll see the outcome of this decision in a truly heartrending and thought-provoking visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau.



Based on 5 day, 4 night tour for 36 passengers (+4 free places) travelling October 2020. Subject to availability.

- The formation of Germany
- Imperial German history
- The First World War
- The Weimar Republic
- Nazism
- The Second World War

- ✓ The Holocaust
- The Cold War
- The EU and modern Europe
- Modern European history
- The early 20th century
- Europe in the 19th and 20th centuries

RECOMMENDED VISITS

Memorial & Museum Sachsenhausen, Berlin

The subterranean museum of Berliner Unterwelten offers a number of tours to choose from, including the popular 'Dark Worlds' where you can experience the WWII bombing raids through the eyes of civilians.

Topography of Terror, Berlin

Based on the authentic site of the former Gestapo, SS and SA Headquarters, learn how this deadly military unit managed task forces, concentration camps and finalised the plans laid out in the Wannsee Conference.

House of the Wannsee Conference, Berlin

Visit the site where the final solution to exterminate the Jews of Europe was planned. The museum gives an insight into Nazi politics, ghettoes and concentration camps, whilst a guided tour includes the room where the Wannsee Conference took place.

Wawel Castle, Krakow

From the 11th century onwards, Poland's monarchs took up their residence in the Royal Castle and were both crowned and buried in the Wawel Cathedral. Discover its priceless art, architectural beauties and relics of the past.

Wieliczka Salt Mine, Krakow

Descend 150m below ground level into one of Europe's oldest salt mines (13th century). During the 2.5 hour tour, you'll see beautiful chapels, ballrooms, passages and caverns carved in the salt rock.

Visiting Auschwitz

To appreciate the age-old buildings, harrowing exhibitions and scale of the grounds, we strongly recommend you explore both Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II-Birkenau. You'll be guided around the site where thousands of non-Jewish Poles, Roma and Sinti and over 1.2 million Jews were brought from across Europe, specifically to be exploited and murdered.

See more visits in Berlin & Krakow on pages 16-19!

SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1	•	
Morning	¢	Flight to Berlin and check into accommodation
Afternoon	4	Berlin walking tour
Evening	0	Evening meal and Reichstag Dome
DAY 2	•	
Morning	¢	Guided tour of the House of the Wannsee Conference
Afternoon	0	Guided tour of the Memorial & Museum Sachsenhausen
Evening	0	Evening meal and Fun Files Quiz
DAY 3		
Morning	4	DDR Museum
Afternoon	þ	Souvenir shopping in Berlin
Evening	0	Evening meal and overnight coach to Krakow
DAY 4		
Morning	þ	Arrive into Krakow
Afternoon	þ	Visit Auschwitz-Birkenau
Evening	0	Evening meal and Bowling Plac Nowy
DAY 5	•	
Morning	þ	Krakow walking tour
Afternoon	þ	Airport transfer
Evening		Flight home

Feeling inspired? Speak to us on 01332 985 387 to discover how a twocentre tour can work!

01332 985 387



With a history that's as monumental as the Colosseum, Rome's the perfect place to study Italy's turbulent past. Discover the rise and fall of Mussolini and the Fascist Party, learn about its connection with Nazism and visit key Fascist sites. You'll delve deep into the roots of the movement and identify typical Fascist architecture, constructed to imitate the style of the Roman Empire in an effort to recreate a sense of power and prestige.



Based on 4 day, 3 night tour for 36 passengers (+4 free places) travelling July 2020. Subject to availability.

- Mussolini and Fascist Italy
- Europe and the 20th century
- The Second World War

RECOMMENDED VISITS

EUR District

Designed to be a neighbourhood of imperialism, growth and excess, the EUR District was never fulfilled due to the Second World War. Visit the Palazzo della Civilta Italiana, Palazzo dello Sport, Eni Skyscraper and more Fascist buildings for an insight into the movement.

Foro Italico

Foro Italico is a grand, Fascist-era sports complex which includes an Olympic stadium, tennis stadium and swimming pool. Decked out in white marble and home to a 17-metre obelisk dedicated to Mussolini, the Foro is full of history.

Fosse Ardeatine Memorial & Museum

Learn about the massacre on 24th March 1944, where 335 Italians were shot by Nazis in the Ardeatine Caves, before the caves were blown up to hide the evidence. Dedicated to the victims, the mausoleum and museum are both moving and harrowing.

Guided Tour of Fascist Sites

Led by an experienced guide, you'll visit Rome's main Fascist sites, including the Palazzo Venezia and other monuments that narrate the rise and fall of Mussolini.

Museum of the Liberation of Rome

Housed in a former SS prison, the museum documents the persecution of Jews and resistance figures who were tortured here during the Nazi occupation of Rome. You'll see photos, documents and personal items belonging to the victims, as well as the windowless cells. SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1	•	
Morning	0	Flight to Rome and transfer
Afternoon	þ	Visit the Fosse Ardeatine
Evening	ļ	Memorial
		Evening meal & Fun Files quiz
DAY 2	•	
Morning		Half day guided tour of Rome and fascist sites
Afternoon	0	View Piazza Venezia from the Vittorio Emanuele Monument, followed by the Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps
Evening	0	Evening meal & Fun Files quiz
DAY 3	•	
Morning		Half day coach trip to visit the Foro Italico
Afternoon		Museum of Liberation and time to view the Colosseum
Evening		Evening meal & Fun Files quiz
DAY 4		
Morning	þ	Visit the EUR District
Afternoon	ļ	Flight home
Evening	ļ	Arrive home

To discover more about a history trip to Rome, call us on **01332 985 387**





The Netherlands

The Netherlands offers the most well-known accounts of Jewish life under the Nazis. Stroll along Amsterdam's canals to learn about the Netherlands as a country of trade, empire and influence, or retrace the steps of the Nazis as they invaded and occupied this beautiful city. We also recommend travelling towards Arnhem to learn more about Operation Market Garden as a mission of daring bravery and foiled success.



Based on 4 day, 3 night tour for 44 passengers (+4 free places) travelling October 2020. Subject to availability.

- The religious wars of Europe and the Reformation
- European trade and development
- The Second World War
- The Holocaust

RECOMMENDED VISITS

Jewish Historical Museum

A visit to the Jewish Historical Museum will allow you to look at the culture, history and Jewish religion in the Netherlands and its former colonies.

Camp Vught National Memorial

Located on the site of Camp Vught, the museum features a reconstructed prisoner's barrack, 3 watchtowers, fencing and cell 115, providing a thoughtprovoking visit to this former concentration camp.

Airborne Museum Hartenstein

Learn about the significance of the Battle of Arnhem through the museum's authentic weaponry, documents, photos and films, as well as the moving stories told by those involved.

Oosterbeek Commonwealth Cemetery

Oosterbeek Commonwealth Cemetery contains the graves of most of those killed during the September landings, and many of those killed in later fighting in the area, making for a moving visit.

Amsterdam Canal Cruise

Explore the charming city of Amsterdam with a scenic cruise on its world-famous canals. A great way to see the sights without the hustle and bustle.

The Rijksmuseum

Art and history take on a new meaning at the Rijksmuseum, which offers insightful exhibitions, lively events and Dutch art and history from the Middle Ages onwards, including European and Asian art. Guided tours are available.



Explore your accommodation options in the Netherlands at **rayburntours.com**

- War and conflict
- International relations and the cultural development of Europe
- ✓ The Cold War

SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1	•	
Morning	9	Coach and Channel crossing
Afternoon	0	Camp Vught National Memorial
Evening	0	Evening meal and Fun Files activity
DAY 2	•	
Morning	0	Airborne Museum Hartenstein and Airborne at the Bridge Museum in Arnhem
Afternoon	0	Airborne Monument & Memorials in Arnhem, Liberation Route Marker 22 and souvenir shopping
Evening	0	Evening meal and bowling
DAY 3	•	
Morning	4	Anne Frank House
Afternoon	0	Amsterdam canal cruise, National Holocaust Memorial Museum
Evening	0	Evening meal and Fun Files activity
DAY 4	•	
Morning	0	Morning at the beach or souvenir shopping
Afternoon	0	Coach and Channel crossing home
Evening	þ	Arrive home

HISTORY TOUR GUIDES



Our History Tour Guides will lead your students through various historical themes. They'll work with you to deepen your students' understanding and enrich their learning about everything from the Second World War and the Holocaust, to trade, empire and influence. Combine Moscow & St Petersburg on a twocentre tour!

Russia

Chart the expansive history of Russia's major cities, Moscow and St Petersburg. You'll learn about the devastating hardship that the First and Second World Wars brought to the Russian people, including the terrible sieges and battles around the key cities, as well as their contribution to the defeat of Nazism. As you follow Russia's history from the legacy of its Tsardoms to the conversion to communism, you'll discover its significance in European history.



Based on 4 day, 3 night tour for 40 passengers (+4 free places) travelling October 2020. Subject to availability.

- Imperial Russia
- Russia and the Bolshevik revolution
- Peace and conflict in the 20th century
- Russia and the 20th century
- The First World War

- The Second World War
- ✓ The Cold War
- Collapse and international relations of peace
- ✓ The demise of communism

RECOMMENDED VISITS

Moscow

The Kremlin & Armoury

Representing all things Russian, the Kremlin houses many of the country's most famous artworks and artefacts, giving you the chance to see some of the world's most opulent treasures.

St Basil's Cathedral

A crazy confusion of colours, patterns and shapes, St Basil's Cathedral has become the defining symbol of Russia. Built to commemorate Ivan IV's victories, its history is as unique as its architecture.

Lenin's Tomb

Located just outside the Kremlin Walls on Red Square, Lenin's body has been on display here since shortly after his death in 1924. To witness the architect and first head of the USSR at rest is a truly memorable experience.

St Petersburg

Hermitage Museum

Beautifully decorated with green and white Baroque architecture, you can trace the footsteps of the Bolsheviks as they stormed the palace searching for the Tsar and his family.

Green Belt of Glory

An installation of tanks and a series of memorials mark the front line in the fight for what was then known as Leningrad. There are 80 memorials and monuments along the belt, but it's the Monument to the Heroic Defenders of Leningrad in Victory Square that symbolises the heart of the belt.

Yusupov Palace

Visit the site of the murder of the infamous Rasputin, who held an alarmingly powerful position with Tsarina Alexandra. Explore the palace where plans were hatched and actions put into place.

Explore your accommodation options in Russia at **rayburntours.com**

SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1	•
Morning	Flight to Moscow
Afternoon	Transfer to hotel
Evening o	Evening meal and Fun Files activity
DAY 2	
Morning	Red Square, Lenin's Tomb and the Kremlin & Armoury
Afternoon	St Basil's Cathedral and Central Armed Forces Museum
Evening	Evening meal and Fun Files quiz
DAY 3	
Morning	Lenin's House Museum
Afternoon	Poklonnaya Gora Memorial
Evening	Evening meal and Old Arbat Street guided tour and souvenir shopping, followed by an overnight train to St Petersburg
DAY 4	
Morning	Arrive in St Petersburg for a guided tour, exploring Cruiser Aurora and Finland Station
Afternoon	Piscarev Cemetery and Yusupov Palace
Evening (Evening meal and Fun Files activity
DAY 5	
Morning	Green Belt of Glory and Catherine Palace
Afternoon	Hermitage Museum
Evening (Evening meal and Fun Files activity
DAY 6	
Morning	Souvenir shopping and sightseeing
Afternoon	Airport transfer and flight home from St Petersburg
Evening	Arrive home

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New York

A melting pot of cultures, New York's history is as grand as the city itself. Discover the poignant immigration stories at Ellis Island, learn about the history of international peace and security at the UN Building and seek out the city's cultural icons. Home to many museums, the 9/11 Museum offers a particularly sensitive insight into the tragic events of September 11 and shows New York as a city of strength, determination and survival.



Based on 4 day, 3 night tour for 44 passengers (+4 free places) travelling October 2020. Subject to availability. M

- British imperial history and governance
- The founding of the US
- The American War of Independence
- The Declaration of Independence
- The American Civil War
- The USA and the First World War
- **RECOMMENDED VISITS**

Tenement Museum

Take a guided tour of the apartments and neighbourhood to learn about the life and challenges of the generations of newcomers who settled in and built lives on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

United Nations Headquarters

Discover the organisation from within via a guided tour and have the chance to interact with one of the multi-lingual guides.

Ellis Island

Visit what was once the largest and most active immigration station in America, where over 12 million immigrants were processed, and discover the moving tales of the immigrants in the museum.

Empire State Building

Discover the heart of New York City in the impressive Art Deco building. Explore the range of exhibits packed with American history or journey up to the Observation Deck for unrivalled panoramic views.



National September 11 Memorial & Museum

Honouring the thousands of victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the memorial and museum piece together the events of that worldchanging day and show the effects on the city, its people and America.

- ✓ The 1920s' economic crash, the Great Depression and the new deal
- The Second World War
- The Cold War and American Soviet relations
- The Civil Rights era
- The US policies 1990-2010

SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1	
Morning o	Flight to New York
Afternoon	Airport transfer
Evening	Top of the Rock
DAY 2	
Morning o	Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island Cruise
Afternoon o	Irish Hunger Memorial
Evening o	Explore Central Park
DAY 3	
Morning o	Visit the Tenement Museum
Afternoon	9/11 Memorial & Museum
Evening o	Times Square and
	souvenir shopping
DAY 4	
Morning o	United Nation's Visitor
	Centre or shopping at Macy's Department Store
Afternoon 0	Airport transfer
Evening	Flight home
DAY 5	
Morning	Arrive home



Washington DC

Where its monuments bear tribute to the magnificence and horror of years past, Washington DC provides a fascinating exploration of American history. Discover the city's extensive political, social and military history as you visit sights including the Lincoln Memorial, the White House and Capitol Hill. With its main areas all relatively compact, it's easy to experience this vibrant, political powerhouse.

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- ✓ The Civil Rights era
- ✓ The US policies 1990-2010

RECOMMENDED VISITS

Capitol Hill

Home to the US Congress, Capitol Hill is the meeting place of the nation's legislature, with its stately dome becoming an international symbol of America's representative democracy.

National Mall

Stretching over 2 miles, this long strip of green links up the key sites and memorials in the centre of the city, covering everything between the Lincoln Memorial and the US Capitol.

National Archives

The National Archives holds an impressive collection of records that tell the story of the city, the nation and the men and women that helped to create it, including the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Lincoln Memorial

Visit the larger-than-life memorial to one of America's most iconic Presidents, Abraham Lincoln, where you can read the memorial's inscriptions and contemplate its historical significance.

Smithsonian Museums

As the world's largest museum and research complex, the Smithsonian has a fascinating collection of museums, galleries and research institutes that cover many aspects of American and world history.

"The tour provided the ideal window into American life, politics and culture."

Mr Wright, The Priory School Hertfordshire, Washington DC

SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1	•	
Morning	0	Flight to Washington DC
Afternoon	þ	Airport transfer
Evening	þ	National Mall
DAY 2	•	
Morning	þ	White House Visitor Centre,
		with time at the National Mall, National Archives,
		Washington Monument
		and Lincoln Memorial
Afternoon	þ	Library of Congress
Evening	0	Evening meal and Fun Files quiz
DAY 3		
Morning	ļ	Smithsonian National
5		Museum of African American
		History & Culture
Afternoon	0	Smithsonian Natural
		History Museum
Evening	Ŷ	Ford's Theatre
DAY 4	•	
Morning	9	Optional visit to Arlington
		Cemetery on the way to the airport
Afternoon		
	Ĭ	Flight home
Evening	Ŷ	Arrive home

Combine Washington DC & New York on a two-centre tour! Discover more on PAGE 32

New York & Washington DC

Capture the spirit of 'the land of the free and home of the brave' on a twocentre tour to New York and Washington DC. Discover how immigration has shaped New York to become a magnificent mash-up of cultures, cuisines and people; and be moved by the tragic events of September 11. Whilst Washington DC's never-ending collection of memorials, monuments and museums will immerse you in the evolution of America's political history.



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RECOMMENDED VISITS

Irish Hunger Memorial, New York

The Irish Hunger Memorial is dedicated to the many Irish immigrants that travelled to New York to escape the Irish famine. Its limestone plinth has nearly 2 miles of text wrapped around it, using quotations from autobiographies, letters and poems.

United Nations Visitor Centre, New York

Discover the international organisation from within via a guided tour and have the chance to interact with one of the multilingual guides.

White House Visitor Centre, Washington DC

A living museum of American history, the White House Visitor Centre will introduce you to past and present occupants, fun facts about the White House and an exploration of its history.

Ford's Theatre, Washington DC

Learn the story of Lincoln's remarkable presidency, explore the museum's artefacts and stories of his assassination and honour the man whose words and deeds have inspired generations of leaders.

Arlington National Cemetery, Washington DC

Pay your respects to those who have served the American nation at this peaceful, scenic resting place which honours over 400,000 active duty service members, veterans and their families.





See more visits in New York & Washington DC on pages 28-31

SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1	•	
Morning	4	Flight to New York and transfer
Afternoon	4	Tenement Museum
Evening	þ	Times Square
DAY 2	•	
Morning	þ	Statue of Liberty &
		Ellis Island Cruise
Afternoon	¢	9/11 Memorial & Museum
Evening	4	Top of the Rock
DAY 3		
Morning		Transfer to Washington DC
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Afternoon	Î	Ford's Theatre
Evening	¢	Lincoln Memorial & Reflecting Pool
		Nenecting Pool
DAY 4		
Morning	ļ	White House Visitor
		Centre and Capitol Hill
Afternoon	0	Smithsonian Museum(s)
		or the National Archives
Evening	þ	Evening meal at the Hard Rock Cafe
		Haru Kock Cale
DAY 5	•	
Morning	þ	Arlington National Cemetery
Afternoon	þ	Airport transfer
Evening	ķ	Flight home

Feeling inspired? Speak to us on 01332 985 387 to discover how a twocentre tour can work!

The Next Steps

1. Get in touch

Whether you've got the perfect destination in mind or you simply want to find out more about what's involved, we're the right people to help you start planning. The best way to get in touch is by calling us on **01332 985 387** to discuss your options.

2. Tailoring your trip

Your dedicated Tour Consultant will take the time to understand the objectives of your trip, talk through your requirements and offer specialist advice. They'll then deliver a completely tailormade proposal that's just right for you and your group.

3. Support as you launch your trip

We'll do everything we can to support you when you're launching your trip to your group. As well as answer any questions, we'll provide you with our Party Leader Launch Pack which includes everything you need to help get your tour off the ground.

4. Securing your trip

Time to secure your plans as people sign up for the trip, deposits are collected, simple online booking forms are completed and your vision becomes a reality. It's that simple.

5. Leave it to us

At this stage you'll be introduced to your dedicated Tour Coordinator who will work with you to book the key elements of your package, support you with administration and fine-tune every element in the lead up to your departure.

6. Bon voyage

Plans complete, it's time for you and your group to embark on a much anticipated trip! When you get back, we'll be in touch to hear all about it.



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