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Our range of history and politics school trips allows students to explore the great moments and pivotal periods in history from the Tudors right through to Cold War Eastern Europe.

Our specialist itineraries have been proven to leave a lasting impression on students, whilst opening their eyes and bringing their subject to life.

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The tour at Gettysburg was a particular highlight with an outstanding tour guide. He was not only knowledgeable but made the battlefield site accessible for even those who hadn't studied the US Civil War. Hugely recommended!

**Pocklington School** 

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**The Kings School** 

Topography of Terror and Unterwelten are the two things the kids really rated. They also thought the visit to Sachsenhausen was worth the journey, and they REALLY liked the Berlin Wall documentation centre.

#### **NEW YORK**

Built on mass immigration, New York's story is one of opportunity and inequality. A trip to this amazing city will bring home the realities of the American Dream.

#### **POPULAR ITINERARY**

Day 1: Touch down in the city that never sleeps! Drop off your bags and head back up into the sky for some 360° views of Manhattan from the Top of the Rock.

Day 2: Grab a ferry over to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Immigration Museum to learn how the city was founded on mass immigration. Continue the immigrant journey to Manhattan's lower east side where the Tenement Museum brings their experience to life as they attempted to make a better life. Shop in Times Square, before enjoying a hit Broadway show.

Day 3: Take a guided tour of the United Nations Headguarters before visiting the 9/11 Memorial and Museum to learn exactly how the attacks altered the physical and emotional landscape of the city.

Day 4: Explore Harlem on a Social Justice and Civil Rights Tour then enjoy some free time and last minute shopping before you head home.

Day 5: Early morning arrival in the UK, tired and inspired.

#### WASHINGTON

Washington has grand buildings and iconic monuments making it a beautiful city, but it is the power, at the city's core, that gives it an unmistakable buzz and makes for an unforgettable school trip.

### **POPULAR ITINERARY**

Day 1: Arrive Stateside in Washington DC. Find your feet on a themed Walking Tour and learn some unusual facts about this historical city.

Day 2: Walk in the president's footsteps on a White House Tour and see where justice is done in the Supreme Court; the highest in the land. Relive politcial history and stand on the spot where Martin Luther King gave his seminal "I Have a Dream" Speech.

Day 3: Visit the US Capitol and tour the Library of Congress before viewing the original Declaration of Independence at the National Archives

Day 4: Relive America's major historical events at the Newseum with just enough time for photos at the Washington Monument before heading home.

Day 5: Early morning arrival in the UK, tired and inspired!

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#### PARIS

The birthplace of Revolution. Paris is the perfect destination to learn about the modern nation state.

#### **POPULAR ITINERARY**

Day 1: Travel by coach to the birthplace of revolution and get your bearings on a Guided City Tour passing many of the main sights. Climb the Montparnasse Tower for some great views over the city.

Dav 2: Visit La Concierge where Marie-Antoinette was held during the Revolution before her guillotine execution, and see where Napoleon the self-proclaimed "son of the revolution" is buried at Les Invalides

**Day 3:** Spend the day exploring the grandeur and opulence of the palace and gardens at the Chateau de Versailles before returning to Paris to enjoy a meal in a Parisian restaurant.

Day 4: Visit the Arc de Triomphe with free time and shopping on the Champs Elysees before you board your coach to return home

We were very happy with the booking stages EST could not have been more helpful. Montparnasse tower by night and the boat trip were the two most popular visits we made. The kids loved them. **The Kings School** 

#### BERLIN

Despite its reputation as a modern vibrant city, the scars of its turbulent past are still very visible giving students a unique chance to see and feel the impact of historical events.

#### **POPULAR ITINERARY**

Day 1: Fly into the historic city of Berlin and get your bearings on a historical Walking Tour finishing at the Reichstag Dome for some great evening views.

Day 2: Get a sense of how partition affected the city by visiting the Berlin Wall Documentation Centre and the Palace of Tears. Go underground on a Berlin Bunker Tour to hear the stories of those who tried to tunnel to freedom under the Wall. End your day with a trip up the TV Tower.

Day 3: Meet an ex-political prisoner at the Stasi Prison who, with first-hand accounts, describes how the Stasi kept a grip on East Berlin. Complete the picture at the DDR Museum where you can see and even smell what life was like in the East! Enjoy free time at Potsdamer Platz in the evening.

Day 4: Visit Checkpoint Charlie and head home having really brought the period to life.

#### The guides at the Stasi Prison were outstanding. This is a very

worthwhile visit and I would highly recommend it to any groups studying Cold War history. Newstead Wood School

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#### LONDON

With 2000 years of history, including plague, devastating fire, civil war, the blitz, terror attacks and mass demonstration, a history school trip to London will provide unique insight whatever period you are studying.

#### **POPULAR ITINERARY**

Day 1: Travel by coach or rail into the heart of the capital. Explore London's wartime history by visiting the Imperial War Museum or the Cabinet War Rooms. Get some great views of the city skyline on a ride on the London Eve.

Day 2: Get behind the scenes of Tudor Britain with a visit to the Tower of London or Hampton Court Palace. Take part in a workshop at the National Archives which allows students to look at primary sources on almost every period in British history.

Day 3: A tour of the Houses of Parliament takes you to the heart of government while a visit to the Supreme Court introduces the Court's role and the type of cases they hear, with the opportunity to see a case taking place.

Day 4: Take a tour of the London Dungeons before you head home.



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### WW1 BATTLEFIELDS

School trips to the WWI Battlefields will give your students a unique opportunity to comprehend the events of 1914-1918 and even follow a personal story.

## **POPULAR ITINERARY**

Day 1: Visit the In Flanders Field Museum for an interactive journey through the events of the First World War, follow the story of a soldier, civilian or nurse to illustrate the human experience of war. Attend the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate which commemorates all those who made the ultimate sacrifice during war.

Day 2: Spend the day visiting some key sites in the Ypres area. Walk the trenches and underground tunnels at Sanctuary Wood and Hill 62. Head to the Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest British Military Cemetery in the world. Our guide can personalise your tour by locating the grave of a family member of a pupil in your group.

Day 3: Explore the Somme region. The Lochnagar Crater is the largest surviving crater on the Western Front and the Thiepval Memorial contains the names of 73,000 men who died in the Somme but have no known grave. Depart for home having really brought the period to life.

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The itinerary was really well planned and was exactly what was asked for. It was really lovely to follow the story of one person throughout and this really helped to bring the battlefields alive for the students. **CTC Kingshurst Academy** 

## KRAKOW

A visit to Krakow is both poignant and enlightening and sure to add depth to your students understanding of Krakow place at the centre of World War II.

### **POPULAR ITINERARY**

**Day 1:** Land in the beautiful city of Krakow, take a trip out to the Wieliczka Salt Mine one of the oldest in Europe.

**Day 2:** Explore the old Kazimierz Jewish Quarter. Take a guided walking tour of the area which was left deserted before heading to the Jewish Ghetto location of the Schindler Factory. Visit the Galicia Jewish Museum which poignantly commemorates the victims of holocaust. Here you can meet a Holocaust Survivor to hear eye-witness testimony of concentration camp conditions and life under Nazi rule. Follow this with a traditional meal and folklore show.

**Day 3:** Spend the day understanding the realities of the Final Solution on a guided tour of Auschwtiz - Birkenau Concentration Camp, an incredibly poignant site not to be missed for any history student. Let off some steam in the evening at the Wodny Waterpark.

**Day 4:** Spend the morning exploring Krakow's old town and shop for souvenirs in the market stalls of the Cloth Hall before heading back to the airport.

#### BERLIN

For students of 20th Century history Berlin is the perfect destination. Whichever period you are studying the city will have played a key part in the events of the time and the scars are often still visible.

#### **POPULAR ITINERARY**

**Day 1:** Arrive into Berlin and find your feet on a historical Walking Tour, finishing at the Brandenburg Gate for some great photos.

**Day 2:** Learn how the SS controlled life in Germany at the Topography of Terror before visiting the Resistance Memorial Centre which documents how people resisted the National Socialist regime. Free time in Potsdamer Platz in the evening.

**Day 3:** Visit to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp before returning to Berlin to go underground on a Berlin Bunker Tour to experience a WW2 bombing raid through the eyes of a civilian. Relax with an evening meal and bowling.

**Day 4:** Visit the poignant Holocaust Memorial to round off an enlightening trip to this pivotal city.

This is the 3rd trip to Berlin we have run with EST, and we have had even more positive feedback than usual from the students and their parents. Queen Elizabeth II High School

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We visited the Plaszow site. This was actually quite straight forward to get to and a good addition to the visit. **The Chauncy School** 

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"The app was excellent, all members of staff downloaded the app and it made organising where we needed to be and when very easy. I would definitely recommend the app to anyone travelling with EST." **Ormiston Horizon Academy** 

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