

The background of the image is a puzzle. The puzzle pieces are arranged to form the German flag (black, red, and gold horizontal stripes) on the left and the Australian flag (blue field with the Union Jack in the canton and white stars) on the right. The text is overlaid on this puzzle.

# Germany 2025

Information Evening  
Thursday, 26 September 2024

# The Friends' School trip to Germany 2025



# Important Information

**When** – Saturday, 12 April –  
Wednesday, 30 April 2025

**Where** – Berlin, Uelzen and Hamburg

**Who** – Year 10 - 12 students of German  
accompanied by Christine Wittlinger and  
Shaun O'Rourke

**Why** – Travel to other countries is a great way to  
generate positive global awareness –  
students have the chance to learn about the  
German people and their culture first hand  
– often better than what they could learn  
from any textbook.



# Trip Guidelines and Prerequisites

1. Students must be studying German at The Friends' School in either Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12 in 2025 with the intention of completing a full year in this course and a consideration to further study German in 2026 and beyond.

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2. Students must demonstrate a commitment to their studies in German. This is monitored by such things as:
  - A) Attention to class and homework requirements in German.
  - B) Behaviour in general – not just in the German classes.
  - C) Academic progress – this trip is not only for students who excel in German but you must at least be committed to doing your best! All committed students are eligible.

# Selection Process

- Due to limited facility for home stay placements we can only take a maximum of 14 students.
- If more than 14 students want to go on this trip, students will be selected through an application process which will involve a letter (and an interview).
- The application letter will be available from Christine

# It is an exchange!

- Students will be partnered with German students who offer the homestay.
- Those German students will visit Australia in September/October 2025 and will need homestays for the time they are in Hobart.
- If a student does not represent the School in an appropriate way by showing disrespectful and inappropriate behaviour (e.g. consumption of alcohol), the School expects the guardian to pick up their child and arrange the flight back to Tasmania on their own costs.

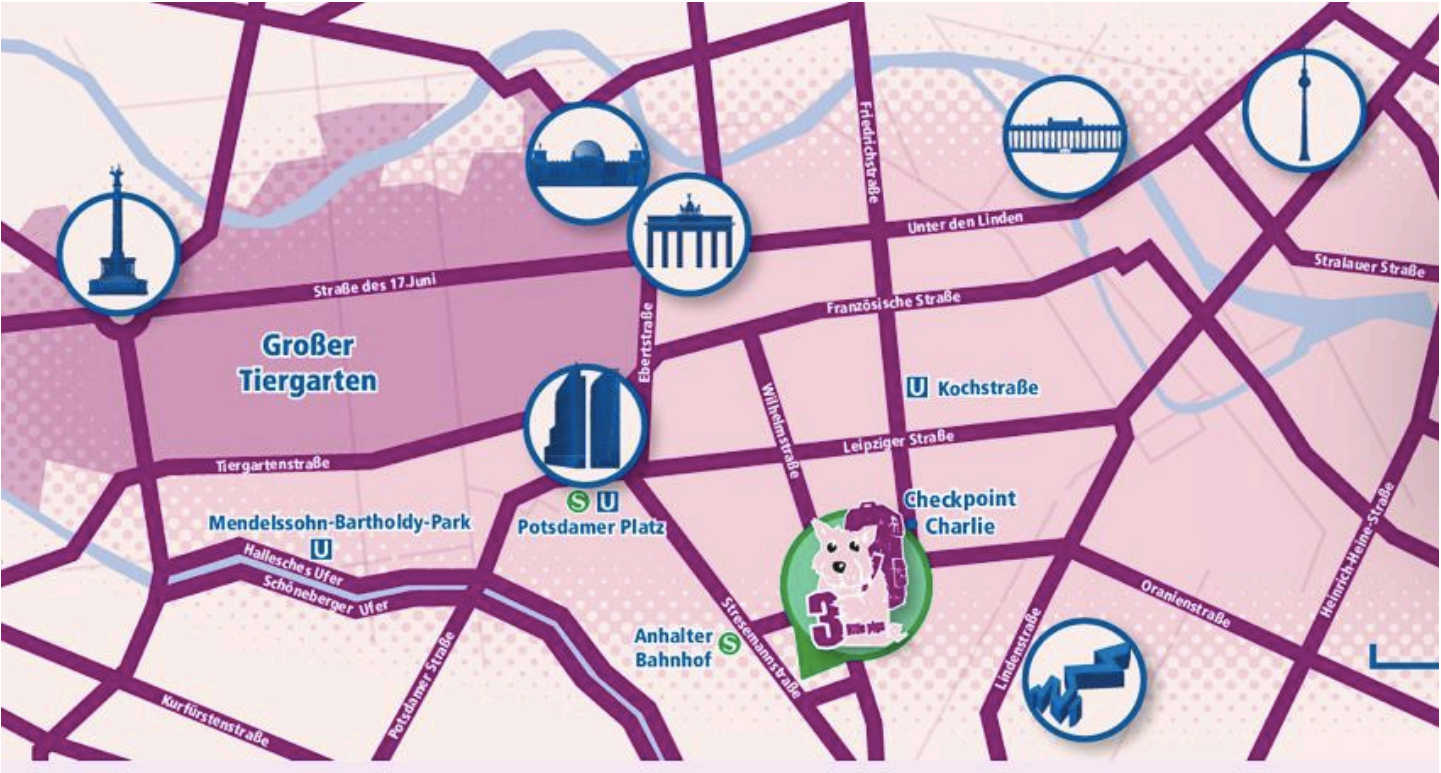


# Itinerary

## Berlin (Day 1 – 4)



# Three Little Pigs







# Potsdam



# Uelzen (Day 5 – 16)

## Homestays





# School



# Lessing-Gymnasium Uelzen





# Heide Park





# Hamburg



# Possible Cost - Itinerary ~ \$4500 - \$5000

This figure does not include, spending money and Passport expenses.

## **Costs covered:**

- Return airfares and transfers/Domestic flights from Hobart
- Fuel excise and departure tax
- Transport to Potsdam, to Uelzen and to Hamburg
- Travel Insurance
- Subway and bus fares in Berlin
- Hostel accommodation in Berlin
- Entry to all museums and sights
- Some evening meals whilst in Berlin

# Itinerary Costs - continued

## **Additional Expenses not covered:**

- Some lunches during the touring section
- Some evening meals during the touring section
- Passport application
- ([www.passports.gov.au](http://www.passports.gov.au))
- Home Stay gifts
- Spending Money - ~\$500

## Deposits

- We need to have a **deposit of \$ 1000** by **7 October** , 2024.
- The next payment will be in early November: **\$ 3000**
- **This is necessary, due to flights availability**
- Please see Christine if this poses any problems.

# Checklist - Things to be Done

If we have 10 -14 students:

- **First Deposit (\$ 1000)** – No later **7 October** , 2024
- We will confirm all **trip placements** via an email to all families and students by **11 October.**
- Passport copy submitted to Christine Wittlinger **asap.**

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## If we have more than 14 students:

- Students will have to write an application letter + there will be an interview with the Head of Senior School and Christine (LL Languages) at the beginning of Term 4
- We will confirm all **trip placements** via an email to all families and students as soon as possible

# Trip Website

- Families and participants will be issued with shared access to an established trip website where all necessary information, forms and requirements will be posted.
- Access will be shared next term

**Next Meeting**

February, 2025