Beyond the Wall

Monuments and Voices from Behind the Former Iron Curtain

Berlin, Prague, Budapest
1. How does a nation construct its identity and commemorate its history through public art, memorials, or monuments?
2. How was this memory constructed in each of the three cities, comparatively? If there is a difference (particularly related to post-1945 history), how do we see this depicted in monuments? What aspect(s) of each place’s history might explain such a difference?
3. How does the written history of each country compare with the national history as depicted in public art and monuments? With the stories of local residents?
Educational Outcomes

1. Students will produce a final project based on their experiences and conversations with local residents (to be completed partly on trip and partly in the post-trip on-campus day).
2. Students will be able to discuss how each city/nation has shaped its national memory through public monuments and memorials.
3. Students will be able to understand different points of view regarding a national history, drawing from their conversations with private citizens and observation of public space.
4. Students will understand each city’s history during the period of Soviet control.
5. Students will learn international travel skills.
Logistics

- Tuesday July 30, 2019 - Monday August 12, 2019
  - Required curriculum day on-campus Tuesday July 30
  - Travel Wednesday July 31-Sunday August 11
  - Required project day on-campus Monday August 12
- $4475, all-inclusive
- With Atlas Workshops, which provides project-based educational trips.
  - Founder Adam White will co-lead this trip.
- Pingry faculty leaders: Megan Jones and Julia Dunbar
Company founded to encourage travel, not tourism.
Project-based trips for high school students
Work with locals incorporated into trip design
Focus on field research and design-thinking

Atlas Workshops

The Atlas Workshops Style of Travel:

EXPLORE

COLLABORATE

DESIGN

CREATE

Global Innovators: High School Summer Trips

In 2018, we’re leading four High School Summer Trips for Global Innovators. Each trip is a real-world field research and design project. Our students tackle contemporary issues as a collaborative team.

Along the way, we use a design process, our creative problem-solving toolkit, to push students to be true innovators. Add in elements of STEM, Entrepreneurship, Global Understanding and International Collaboration on every trip, and you can begin to see why our students are future Global Innovators.

This summer, our teams of high school students will design new bikes and invent new medical technology. They will create marketing campaigns and map an island. They will publish books, reports and websites to share their ideas with the world. This is not just a teen tour or service project, but world changing skills and ideas.
- From Isabel Giordano (Class of 2018): “Visiting monuments and museums has never been my favorite part of any trip, but Beyond the Wall has taught me how to be a good traveler and a good thinker...On this trip, I didn't feel like a tourist, staring at and taking photos in front of monuments and sights which I had no idea the meaning. I have learned that taking the time and energy to learn the history and meaning behind something is so worth it because it makes this thing that much more fascinating.

- Isabel went on to design an ISP based on this trip, traveling to Berlin and local concentration camps to explore her question about how the German government has commemorated the history of the Jewish experience during the Nazi regime, and the extent to which this effort has combated anti-Semitism.
Day 1. Meet at Newark airport and depart in the evening.
Main itinerary
Museum of the Wall
Checkpoint Charlie
Topography of Terror monument
Main itinerary
Brandenburg Gate
Visit to the Reichstag
Walking tour of city center
Soviet War Memorial

Day 3, August 2. Berlin
Main itinerary
Tour by local Berliners and student-led walks
High-speed train to Prague
Walk around Old Town Prague
Main itinerary
Walk through Wenceslas Square
Take metro to Prague Castle District
Explore Castle District
Discussion in castle gardens
Main itinerary
Tour by a local Czech
Walk or take funicular railway up Petrin Hill
Walk around Strahov Monastery area
Main itinerary
Walk around Old Town Square, Charles Bridge, Jewish Quarter
Work on project
Take night train to Budapest!
Main itinerary
House of Terror Museum
Heroes’ Square monument and City Park
1956 monument
Main itinerary
Metro to Buda Castle District
Fisherman’s Bastion
Liberty Statue and Citadella walking tour
Day 10, August 9. Budapest

Main itinerary
Hungarian Parliament building tour
Hungarian National Museum
Inner City Pest walking tour
Main itinerary
Memento Park visit
Picnic in Margaret Island
Communism tour by Budapester
Danube River cruise at night
Day 12, August 11. Fly home!

Main itinerary
Tour Central Market in morning
Return flight home in afternoon