



Dönerkind creates and facilitates educational experiences in Berlin for schools and students, but also offer tailor-made experiences for companies, institutions and other groups who want to explore Berlin. Dönerkind is a team of creative minds working to expand the understanding of how you experience learning in the city space, with a specific focus on Germany and Berlin, its history and the not so well-known aspects of the city. Our main product is to create sustainable educational expeditions. By 'sustainable' we mean experiences that use local communities and local Berliners as our starting point.

During our experiences, or tours if you will, participants will get a narrow but in-depth insight into a number of stories that often pass visitors, e.g. the history of the Turkish allotment in no man's land and the role of street art in the new German democracy.

Based on the same idea, the majority of our experiences for students also involves time where they are out on their own in smaller groups. This way, they get more responsibility for their tasks and in disseminating their story to their fellow students. Everybody does not get the same knowledge, but in turn, a deeper insight into the particular perspective they have studied.

Berlin's streets are our classroom in February at  $-10^{\circ}$  as well as in July at  $35^{\circ}$ . Our experiences take place in relatively small areas and can thus be used as an introduction to your local neighborhood while in Berlin.

Below are detailed information about two of our learning experiences that contain topics such as Berlin's history, art and multi-culture and democracy. We are working on developing more teaching materials attached to our learning experiences that can be used either before or after visiting Berlin. So do not hesitate to contact us if you want to immerse yourself in one of our themes.

## Dönersafari

The Turkish immigration to Berlin has shaped the city to what it is today and given the district Kreuzberg the nickname "Little Istanbul". On a Dönersafari, students will explore multicultural Berlin in smaller groups. At the start of the course, students will be introduced to the district and the history of immigration in Berlin. Then they receive group assignments that they must solve on their own. The course ends with the students sharing the story of Turkish immigration in the form of a storyboard, the pupils themselves design. The tour can be conducted with or without a visit to the Omar Mashari Mosque.

**Duration:** 3 hours.

**Level:** Contains smaller texts in German and English.

Along the way, some students need to interview local.

**Learning:** Co-creation with group assignments, interviews, map reading.

**Relevant subjects:** German, Social Studies, History and Visual Arts.

**Number:** Minimum 12, by more than 24 students, we split the group in 2.

**Start // Stop:** Mariannenplatz, Kreuzberg // Görlitzer Park, Kreuzberg

**Note:** Participants will walk the district alone with a map for approx. 1 hour.

*\*By request it is possible to book Dönersafari as a classic guided tour with a duration of approx 2 hours, where we tell the most important stories from the Dönersafari.*

*This experience is available in English, Danish, German, Italian and Spanish*



*Baumhaus and der Mauer, Kreuzberg, Berlin*

## Street Art Bingo

The classic memory game is used as a basis for the exploration of a corner of the Kreuzberg district and in finding the neighborhood's most distinctive street art. Students are introduced to the district, street art as an art form and the most important technical terms and concepts, the students will also receive relevant material they can use in their exploration. The playing board is a defined area of Kreuzberg where the students walk around while searching for selected street art. In the end, a winning group is awarded and we discuss the students' experiences of finding street art in the city. Here we encourage students to use the earlier introduced terms and concepts in their analysis and interpretation of the found art, most of which tells something about Berlin and its history. The winning group can win a prize, if earlier agreed with the teacher.

**Duration:** The experience takes approx. 2.5 hours.

**Level:** Suitable from primary schools and up.

**Learning:** Group work, card reading.

**Relevant subjects:** Art, History and Social Studies.

**Number:** Min 12, by more than 24, we divide the group.

**Start // Stop:** U-Bahnhof Schlesisches Tor, Kreuzberg // East Side Gallery, Friedrichshain.

**Note:** Participants walk alone in groups through the city for approx. 1.5 hours.

*This experience is available in English, Danish, German, Italian and Spanish*



*"Pink man", Blu, Kreuzberg, Berlin*

## Holocaust and memory culture

From the Reichstag to Potsdamer Platz, students will get an insight into Berlin's and Germany's recent history: World War II, the city's division and reunification's significance for modern Berlin. We focus especially on the significance of the Holocaust memorials and nobody's land for Germany's processing of the country's difficult past.

With all the senses tightened, students gain tools to derive meaning from the often hard-to-access memorials and reflect on their experience as tourists in such a historically-charged place as Berlin. In conclusion, we visit Potsdamer Platz and investigate its role as a symbol of the modern city in the former nobody's land.

**Duration:** The course takes approx. 3 hours.

**Level:** Contains texts in English to be translated. Depending on language skills, more or less help is provided. Good for students who have previously worked on the subject.

**Learning form:** Presentation, group work, analysis.

**Relevant subjects:** German, History, Social Studies, Visual Arts, Geography.

**Number:** Min 12, by more than 24, we divide the group.

**Start // Stop:** Reichstag, Tiergarten // Potsdamer Platz, Tiergarten.

**Note:** Participants will walk alone in groups with a map approx. 1 hour

*This experience is available in English, Danish, German and Spanish*



*Memorial for the homosexuals persecuted under National Socialism, Tiergarten, Berlin*

## Who was Silvio Meier? Resistance in the 20th century

The anti-fascist activist Silvio Meier was murdered by the neo-Nazis in the district of Friedrichshain shortly after the fall of the Berlin wall. His fate forms the basis of an historical game where the participants experience five different historical scenarios, all of which are about the subject of resistance in the 20th century Berlin - such as the strike and riots of 17 June 1953, the struggle of dissidents against Stasi or the attempt to overcome the Nazi legacy. The participants switch between the role of opposition and regime and experience a little bit of history on their own body.

**Duration:** The experience takes 3 hours.

**Level:** Contains words in German, but does not necessarily require German knowledge.

**Learning Form:** The games in this experience is a great opportunity combining movement with instruction. In addition, there are group work, individual tasks and competition elements.

**Relevant subjects:** German, History, Sport and Social Studies.

**Number:** Min. 10 with more than 20 participants, we divide the group. In that case, we start with a 30 minute interval.

**Start // Stop:** Frankfurter Tor, Friedrichshain // U-Bahnhof Samariterstrasse, Friedrichshain.

**Notes:** The game is physically demanding, so we recommend that the students have eaten before start.



Game props from the "Who was Silvio Meier" experience

## Startup Challenge: Innovationsworkshop

Startup Challenge is a workshop that allows students to experience Berlin's entrepreneurship environment from within. In Berlin we meet in a co-work space where selected guest entrepreneurs await. They give a presentation of their entrepreneurial history, their business and why they have chosen to startup in Berlin. Then they act as mentors in the Startup Challenge: Solve a specific problem and create your own startup in 60 minutes! The students eventually present their ideas for the mentors that act as a kind of jury giving the students feedback. During the workshop, students are presented with various methods used in innovation that help them through the different phases, from idea generation to the final presentation.

**Duration:** 3-3.5 hours

**Level:** Teaching usually takes place in English and involves English-language material.

**Learning:** Workshop, discussions, presentation.

**Relevant subjects:** Marketing, Business Economics, Innovation, Social Studies, English / German.

**Price:** Up to 30 participants 560 €. Teachers participate for free.

**Number:** Minimum 15. With more than 30 participants, other conditions apply.

**Start // Stop:** Journey 2 Creation, Harzer Str. 39, 12059 Berlin, unless otherwise has been mentioned

**Note:** The participating classes can receive online access to the book before departure and use it for preparation of the trip.

**Remember:** Please let us know if you have worked with innovation and entrepreneurship before visiting us. Then we can customize the workshop to your level.



*Students working with their ideas at the workshop*

## Stories from the Wall

Stories from the Wall gives the students an insight into the history of Berlin Wall and the more or less unknown stories of the witnesses from the time when Berlin was divided into East and West. With the historical memorial of Bernauer Strasse as a starting point, the students will be introduced to the story up to and under the wall. Later, the students will in groups be sent out to investigate and solve tasks on the basis of some of the many important stories about the Berliners who lived and died for the wall at Bernauer Strasse. The different stories of the students represent overall topics such as the escape under the wall, Stasis role as well as everyday life in the DDR. In the end, we visit the preserved piece of the wall and the death strip, and here the students are informed about the last years with the Berlin Wall and the fall of the wall.

**Duration:** Approx. 3 hours.

**Level:** Contain words in German, but does not require German knowledge. The experience can be adapted to different levels

**Learning:** History, German, group work, presentation

**Relevant subjects:** History, english, German, Social Studies, Geography.

**Price:** 14 € per student. Teachers and escorts are free and are welcome to attend.

**Number:** Min 12, by more than 24, we divide the group.

**Start // Stop:** Bernauer Str. U-bahn // Nordbahnhof S-Bahn.

**Note:** Participants walk in groups with maps alone around the memorial for approx. 1 hour.



*People and relatives got divided with the building of the wall, Bernauer Strasse, Berlin, 1961*