BHASVIC

October 2026

Berlin 2027 Residential
A1 Visual Arts
Monday 5 – Thursday 8 July 2027
11:00 – 19:45
30 Spaces
Cost: £708/student
Trip Leader: Alex Jones, a.jones@bhasvic.ac.uk

Please note that this trip is running in Skills Week and if you are participating in Duke of Edinburgh then you will be unable to partake in this trip as the residentials run at the same time.

BHASVIC is pleased to offer residential trips to our students alongside their studies as not only does it support their learning but also give a great opportunity to grow independence, develop life skills and make new friends as they move on to adulthood.

Berlin is a fascinating city of immense beauty, with a thriving and vibrant cultural scene and a complex history. It is made up of an eclectic mix of artistic districts and is best known for its striking contrasts; historical buildings stand alongside modern architecture. Berlin is today one of the world's leading tourists, economic, trade fair/exhibitions and cultural-sports centres, and its influence in commerce, education, entertainment, media, fashion, science, and the arts all contribute to its status as one of the world's major global cities. During our stay we will be visiting Hamburger Bahnhof – National Gallery of Contemporary Art/ Gropius Bau Gallery/ Neue National Gallery / Sammlung Boros guided tour and East Side Gallery at the Berlin Wall.

We will explore the city's defining features and have opportunities to soak up the artistic quarters, visit smaller galleries and absorb the rich culture and ambience of this fantastic city that possesses an enormous, creative energy. Students should bring sketchbooks and cameras to record their experiences, and this work will feed directly into their A2 Personal Investigation.

Accommodation
Students will be staying at the A&O Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin's central Mitte district. Students will be accommodated in shared dormitories either six or eight beds (please be aware that we are unable to provide any smaller rooms even for an additional cost).

Travel
The flights are with easyJet from London Gatwick to Berlin with under seat baggage only. Students will be expected to meet at easyJet check-in desk at North Terminal London Gatwick at 11:00 for the 13:35 outbound flight on Monday 5 July. Students will arrive back at London Gatwick at 19:05 on Thursday 8 July and will be free to make their own way home.

Outbound Flight: Monday 5 July 2027		Gatwick to Berlin:	Departs 13:35 - Arrives 16:35
Return Flight:	Thursday 8 July 2027	Berlin to Gatwick:	Departs 18:05– Arrives 19:05

The cost of the trip is £708 which includes:

- Return flights from London Gatwick to Berlin
- Three-nights accommodation with breakfast and dinner
- Entrance fees to museums and galleries
- Public transport costs in Berlin
- BHASVIC travel insurance
- 5% contingency*

The following is not included in the cost:

- Travel to/from home to London Gatwick
- Lunch
- Drinks and snacks outside of mealtimes
- Dinner on Thursday 9 July
- Luggage (Checked in & Hold – there will be an opportunity to purchase this add-on later)
- ETIAS Visa (if applicable)

We hope you can join us for this exciting trip, please see the following pages on how to sign-up and pay.

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact Alex Jones, a.jones@bhasvic.ac.uk

How to sign-up
To make sure that all students interested in joining this trip get a fair chance of getting a place we ask that you complete a sign-up form via this link: Residential sign-up form This does not secure you a place at this stage.

One application per student please and only put the students name down if you are sure they are 100% committed to going on the trip. The deadline to complete the form is **Friday 13 November**.

If the trip is oversubscribed, we will randomly pick students for the places. We will then email parents/ carers by Friday 27 November to let them know if the student does/does not have a place. Those that don't will go on a waiting list. Those with a place will then need to respond by **Friday 11 December** to confirm the place otherwise the place will be withdrawn and offered to a student on the waiting list. Deposits will need to be paid by the deadline below to secure the place.

Paying the Deposit
The cost of this trip is £708

Please make sure you read the terms & conditions at the end of this letter before proceeding with payment.

Once you have received the email confirming the place on the trip you will be able to log into your BHASVIC Parent Pay account and pay the initial deposit of £150 by midday Friday 18 December. Payment of the deposit secures the place on the trip.

If the deadline is missed for deposit payment, then the place will be offered to a student on the waiting list

Remaining balance

Once the deposit has been paid you can pay the remaining balance of £558 in 3 instalments via Parent Pay by the dates shown below. You can also make intermittent payments before those dates or pay in full.

12 February 2027	£186
12 March 2027	£186
12 April 2027	£186

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Once you have paid the deposit and the trip is full, we will email parents/ carers a link to the online Residential Trip Form. This form collects emergency contacts/ medical details/ passport information (if applicable) etc. Completion of this form is a requirement for the student to participate in the trip. All information is stored in line with data protection laws and will be deleted after the trip is completed.

Students will be required to complete a separate Code of Conduct form for the trip.

There will be a trip meeting for students held nearer the departure date where they will have an opportunity to meet the group and the Trip Leaders, ask any questions and receive the Trip Pack which will give them all the travel details/ emergency contacts whilst they are away. We will also email this pack to parents/ carers.

Please make sure BHASVIC have your most up-to-date email & you check your junk mail. We will also let students know any information that needs to be relayed to their parent/ carer.

On all residential trips, an average contribution of 5% has been incorporated into the overall trip cost to support the BHASVIC Emergency Contingency Fund. This fund is intended to cover any unforeseen expenses that may arise whilst your young person is on the trip. Any surplus remaining in the contingency fund after the trip will be transferred to the Future Trips Fund, which provides financial assistance to our bursary students. If you do not wish to give your consent for this transfer, please contact us at cashdesk@bhasvic.ac.uk. If we do not hear from you, we will take this as your consent for any leftover contingency funds to be allocated to the Future Trips Fund. Should there be a sufficient surplus beyond the contingency allocation, we will reimburse the remaining amount to you.

Please note - This is a non-compulsory trip and an enrichment activity. BHASVIC has approximately 4000 students making our course cohorts very large. We are therefore unable to offer places for all students on this trip. If your young person misses out there will be more opportunities for enrichment activities over their two years at BHASVIC.

Terms & conditions

1. At the time of writing the cost of this trip is correct. There may occasions where elements of the trip will be affected by price rises which are out of BHASVICs control. In these instances, this cost will be passed to the parent/carer. BHASVIC will make sure we inform the parent/ carer of any price increase in a timely manner & will ensure any additional cost is kept to a minimum.

2. If the student wishes to withdraw from the trip, please email the Trip Leader & trips@bhasvic.ac.uk

3. If you choose to withdraw the student from the trip at any point, any monies paid will only be refunded if:

    a. If we can fill the space from the waiting list. Please note not all trips will have a waiting list, in this instance we will advertise the trip to the relevant cohort one additional time to find a replacement. If we cannot fill the space, you will not receive a refund.

    b. Any student from the waiting list being able to pay all monies outstanding in one payment

4. Final instalments need to be paid within 30 days of the stated due date. If payment is not made within this period, then BHASVIC reserves the right to withdraw the student from the trip & retain all monies paid for the trip thus far.

5. If a student withdraws from a trip and student names have already been submitted to a travel company or airline, then any cost incurred to replace that student/ or change details will be charged to the withdrawing parent/ carer

6. The student's parent/ carer will be asked to input their passport details (if applicable) via the Residential Trip Form. It is the parent/carers responsibility to make sure this information is correct & to arrange a new passport if necessary. BHASVIC is not responsible for any mistakes made whilst imputing passport details or for failure to renew a passport by time of the trip departure. Any cost incurred to correct mistakes will be charged to the parent/ carer.

7. In the incident of the refusal by immigration in the country of destination or refusal to board in the UK, cost to return the student home with an accompanying teacher will be charged to the parent/ carer. In instances where a passport renewal is not received in time for trip departure, BHASVIC will not refund any paid monies.

8. We will check if any student has any AI / ALS / Safeguarding / Medical Needs / Health and Safety Issues and PEEPS that the trip leader/s should be aware of just for the duration of the trip. This information will be collected via an online form & all is stored in line with data protection laws and will be deleted after the trip is completed.