



**Barr Beacon
School German
Christmas
Markets**

**Tuesday 5th –
Friday 8th
December 2023**

Barr Beacon staff

Staff on Trip

- **Mrs Middleton** (trip lead and 2ns time on Germany trip)
- **Miss Elliott** (German speaker)
- **Mr Crumpton** (teacher of History and 2nd time on Germany trip)
- **Mr Woodman** (Student support specialist)

Other:

- **Miss Clayton** – Leadership lead for the trip
- **Mr Brocklebank** – Director of MFL and organiser of trip (not here tonight)

Our itinerary – Tuesday 5th December

- Midnight** Meet at school in the bus bay, load buses
Bus leaves school
- 05:00** Arrive at Ferry for check in (*Due to extra port checks leading to possible delays, we recommend you check-in 2 hours prior to crossing time*)
- 06:55** Ferry departs Dover
- 09:25** Arrival at Calais, continue journey to Cologne (approx. 6 hours)
- 16:00** Approximate arrival at accommodation
- 17:00** Walk to a local Weihnachtsmarkt
- 19:30** Evening meal at accommodation, free time

Our itinerary – Wednesday 6th December

- 08:00** Breakfast
- 09:00** Morning in Cologne visiting Christmas markets, sightseeing and shopping.
- 12:00** Lunch at the Kolner Dom Christmas Market
- 15:30** River Cruise, 2 hour tour along the river taking in the sights. (including live music and a visit from Santa)
- 19:00** Dinner at hotel

Our itinerary – Thursday 7th December

- 08:00** Breakfast and collect packed lunches
- 09:00** Depart for Phantasialand
- 10:00** Full day at Phantasialand
- 17:00** Coach back to accommodation
- 18:00** Dinner at hotel

Our itinerary – Friday 8th December

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| 07:30 | Breakfast |
| 08:00 | Depart for Calais (approx. 6 hours) |
| 14:00 | Arrive Calais |
| 15:50 | Ferry from Calais - Dover |
| 16:20 | Arrive Dover and drive to school |
| 22:00 | Expected arrival back at Barr Beacon School |

Accommodation

We do not yet have details of rooms allocated to our group of 45 pupils, however we know that the hostel has 3 and 4 bed rooms.

Pupils will need to work with us and be prepared to compromise if necessary on rooming as we cannot change the rooms we have been given. Rooms are only for sleeping in – there are communal spaces in the accommodation to hang out with friends.

Please see **Mrs Middleton** to give your room preferences at the end of the meeting.



Food

We have **full-board** accommodation.

Breakfast will be provided at the hostel each morning.

Dinner is also at the hostel each evening.

Students will have a packed lunch every day but can also buy additional food at the theme park and the markets if they wish.

They will need food for the coach journey there and back, so some British money is needed for service stations.

Dietary Requirements

Please see **Miss Elliott/ Mr Woodman** if you have any of the following requirements (form should have already come into school)

- Food intolerances or allergies **even if the school is already aware of them**
- Religious or ethical requirements
- This is not food preferences e.g. I don't like vegetables! It is a great opportunity to try new foods

What do I need to pack?

- **One suitcase/holdall to go in the hold and one bag to go on the bus**
- Passport to be collected in the morning
- EHIC/ GHIC card – to be handed to school in advance
- It is usually between 5 and 0 degrees in December so please dress accordingly and bring a coat/hat/scarf.
- Toiletries
- **Towel**
- European plug adapter
- Coach snacks
- Spending money (euros and sterling)
- Entertainment for the coach

Optional:

- Slippers

EHIC/ GHIC cards

- EHIC cards – check expiry date
- It will be a GHIC if you have applied recently
- Needs to be applied for ASAP if you don't have one so it arrives in time. Apply in adults name and then add on child.
- **No EHIC/ GHIC no travel!**

Bring into school by Friday 24th November (**Mr Brocklebank directly** – he will give pupil a receipt of the card being given in). To be kept in school until the trip.

Can my child take their phone/camera?

- Pupils **will be allowed** to take their mobile phone but a **mobile phone contract** must be signed by pupils and parents/ carers for this to be allowed. The contract is on the next slide.
- Pupils can get a copy from Mr Brocklebank and it must be with him, signed on Monday morning.
- If we don't receive a mobile phone contract, pupils will not be permitted to use their phones.

Mobile phone contract

- **Barr Beacon School**
- We want pupils to be able to take their phones on the Germany trip but under the following rules. This must be signed by parent and child and we must have a copy of this, for your child to take their phone
- Your child is responsible for keeping their device safe
- Staff will not take responsibility if phones are damaged or stolen
- If there is any loss or theft of a phone, staff will not investigate
- **No inappropriate use of phone.**
- No photos taken of other students or staff
- No photos put on social media
- Phones should be away when walking around the town but staff will give permission of when to take photos
- Phones away at lights off
- If I (the pupil) have a problem, I will speak to a member of staff first and not contact home.
- Headphones only on the bus journey, no music to be played out loud
- If a member of staff requests a phone due to a rule being broken, it must be handed to the member of staff
- If you don't meet any of these expectations, your phone will be taken off you until the end of the trip
- **Pupil Name:** _____
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- **Pupil Signature:** _____
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- **Parent/ carer name:** _____
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- **Parent/ carer signature:** _____

What NOT to bring

- Knives/guns/weapons
- Scissors/other sharp objects
- Fireworks/matches
- Cigarettes/alcohol/drugs
- Chewing gum or energy drinks
- Anything that could be considered illegal or dangerous
- Any medication that the trip leader is not aware of
- If in doubt – please check!

Medication

Allowed:

- Prescription medication, provided that the Trip Leader has been informed.
- Asthma inhaler
- 4 x tablets only of paracetamol or aspirin (provided that your son/daughter has taken them before with no adverse reactions previously)
- Travel sickness tablets
- Cough sweets

Not allowed:

- Prescription medication that we are not aware of
- Any other medication

Please see **Mr Crumpton** to check we have the correct medical details (form should have already come into school)

Passports

We require a photocopy of your passport which we will be taking with us on the trip in the unlikely event of any issues with passports

This should be a photo of passport sent to
postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

Some of you may have had your passport checked by reception/
Mr Brocklebank but we will require a photo sent in.

Please see Miss Elliott about this

Insurance

- Insurance is included in our package from – you are welcome to a copy of the terms, please email postbox to request these
- **EHIC/GHIC card is essential**
- Please avoid bringing expensive items
- **PUPILS WHO ARRIVE WITHOUT THE CORRECT DOCUMENTATION (ACTUAL PASSPORT AND EHIC/GHIC) WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE BUS AND WILL BE ASKED TO RETURN HOME WITH THEIR PARENTS.**

Keeping Safe

- Follow the teachers' instructions at all times
- Meet with your assigned member of staff – groups to be given to you on the coach
- Be punctual at all times
- Stay in groups of 3 or 4
- Watch out for traffic, especially coming from the right
- Behaviour at the centre, bedtimes and curfew – there will be other guests in the hostel
- Have emergency contact card with you at all times

Things to do now

- Medical requirements – speak to Mr Crumpton
- Dietary requirements –Mr Woodman
- Passports – Miss Elliott
- Rooming – speak to Mrs Middleton
- Any other questions – speak to Mrs Middleton/ Miss Clayton