

2026 KSHS German Study Tour

16-day Tour: Saturday 12th ~ Sunday 27th September 2026

The German Department is excited to announce that we are offering a study tour of Germany for Kepnockstudents in Year levels 912 in 2026.

The trip is open to students across the Languages, Humanities, The Arts & Science curriculum areas, who are eager to experience a new culture & attend an Academic German High School, explore historic cities, museums, castles, gain confidence & global awareness and our German students will boost their language skills.



Brandenburg Tor



Neuschwanstein Castle



Frankfurt

2026 KSHS German Study Tour: Trip Information

TRIP ORGANISER: ~~Hele~~Heckenberg (Senior German Teacher)

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Dates: 16-day Tour: Saturday 12th ~ Sunday 26th September 2026

Students will be absent for week 10 of term 3 and the first week of the September school holidays. Please note, students will attend a week of school at a German Academic High School (our partner school) and will be placed with a German Homestay family 8 nights. For non -German students, Host families are fluent in English so communication will not be a barrier.

Trip Fee and Tour inclusions:

\$6 800.00 which includes a non -refundable deposit of \$1500 payable to KSHS between Tuesday 27th January to Friday 6 February (Weeks 1 & 2) of Term 1, 2026. *Until our group deposit is paid to our Travel Agent, flights domestic & international/Coach transfers/Accommodation/Sightseeing Activities can not be confirmed. Pls be aware we may need to amend itinerary provided & costings may increase slightly. Fundraising has been approved by our P&C to assist with our trip costs. There will be 2 installments dates due in March & June 2026.

See next slide for the full inclusions followed by the itinerary.

Participant Expectations:

Our group will consist of a minimum of 23 students and a maximum of 30 students along with 3 Kepnock SHS teachers.

Students in Year levels 9-12 in 2026 will need to show proven commitment to their school studies and consistent record of good behaviour.



Trip Registration

Thank you for your interest in the first ever '*Study Tour to Germany*' for KSHS! Please read over the *itinerary* and *trip inclusion information* and register your interest by clicking on this link:

[2026 German Study Tour EOI – Fill in form](#)

Then complete the registration for your child/children **and** whether you will attend the '*Trip Information Session*' to be held in Week 1 Thursday 28th January 5pm in the German Classroom G1. **Registration ends Tuesday 2nd December at midnight** & please note, families are simply expressing interest in this trip, so we can gauge approximate number of participants.

Trip Information

Tour Inclusions:

- Return International Airfares & transfers
- Return Domestic travel e.g. flight and bus Bundaberg to Brisbane / Brisbane to Bundaberg
- 8-night Homestay with Partner school (please be mindful to bring a thank you gift for your host family & some spending money for personal items)
- All public transport in Germany during our group tour dates: days 10 – 15 & if a group excursion is arranged during our week in Frankfurt.
- 3 meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner on our group tour dates: days 10-15
*please note day 10 breakfast will be provided by your host family & day 15 breakfast served at the Hostel. A packed lunch from the Hostel TBC.
- Travel Insurance (cover organised by Education QLD cover with *Go Safe Travel*)
- Accommodation (Youth Hostel) in Berlin (3xnights) & Munich (2xnights).

Trip Information (continued)

Tour Inclusions:

BERLIN:

- Guided tour of Brandenburg Gate, the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, Checkpoint Charlie, Guided tour of Parliament House (Reichstag & Dome), Tiergarten (Central Park)
- Chocolate Factory (Ritter Sport Bunte Schokolade) & make your own chocolate bar
- Museum Island (home to 5 museums Alte Nationalgalerie / National Gallery (19th Century paintings/sculptures from Romanticism / Impressionism/early Modernity), Neues Museum (Egyptian artifacts/Prehistoric & Classical Antiques), Bode Museum (Medieval & Byzantine Art) &/or Altes Museum (Classical History & Ancient Art). *Pls note the Pergamon Museum is reopening in 2027)
- Walking tour along the Spree River

Trip Information (continued)

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MUNICH:

- DeutschesMuseum (The German Museum, the world's largest museum of science & technology)
- Guided half-day guided tour of Neuschwanstein Castle (in Füssen) including a chartered bus and access to the castle & castle grounds
- State Musuem of Egyptian Art (one of the most esteemed collections of Ancient Egyptian objects in the world).
- ESO Supernova Planetarium (a cutting-edge astronomy cnetre in Garching, providing immersive experience that will you in awe of our Universe.

OR

- Magic Bavarian (A new interactive destination with creative photo zones, upside down rooms & slacklines over *Marienplatz)
- *Marienplatz is the central square of Munich with includes the famous Glockenspiel & Old Town Hall.

ITINERARY:

Itinerary Day	Date(s)	Day In Week	Itinerary Detail
DAY 1	12/09/2026	Saturday	<p>BUNDABERG BRISBANE– FRANKFURT</p> <p>Domestic Flight Bundaberg to Brisbane – transfer bus to Brisbane International Airport.</p> <p>Fly to Frankfurt, Germany via Singapore on Qatar Flight. In -flight meals.</p>
DAY 2	13/09/2026	Sunday	<p>FRANKFURT</p> <p>Arrive Frankfurt International Airport</p> <p>Meet Host families from our partner school 'Ricarda-Huch-Schule' Gymnasium in Dreieich, Frankfurt and travel to host's home for homestay program.</p> <p>Accommodation: 8 x nights Homestay in Frankfurt and attend school daily Monday to Friday.</p>
DAY 3	14/09/2026	Monday	<p>Attend school with host brother or sister.</p> <p>Welcome dinner at school.</p>
DAY 4	15/09/2026	Tuesday	Attend school with host brother or sister.
DAY 5	16/09/2026	Wednesday	Attend school with host brother or sister.
DAY 6	17/09/2026	Thursday	Attend school with host brother or sister.
Day 7	18/09/20	Friday	Attend school with host brother or sister.
Day 8	19/09/2026	Saturday	Local Sightseeing with Host families.
Day 9	20/09/2026	Sunday	Local Sightseeing with Host families

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DAY 10	21/09/2026	Monday	<p>Frankfurt to Berlin</p> <p>In the morning say farewell to your host families and depart from school on a charter coach to Frankfurt (Main) Central Station (HBF) and catch the InterCity Express (ICE) to Berlin Central Station (HBF).</p> <p>On arrival in Berlin check -in at our Hostel accommodation and the remainder of the day is free to explore the area under teachers' supervision. *Sightseeing options TBC.</p> <p>A 3x day Welcome to Berlin Card is included.</p> <p>Lunch & dinner are included.</p>
DAY 11	22/09/2026	Tuesday	<p>Breakfast at the Hostel then meet our tour guide for a guided tour of the city. Start at Brandenburg Gate (Brandenburger Tor), an iconic symbol of Berlin & German reunification. Walk to Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe. A powerful & contemplative experience. Following this, stroll to Checkpoint Charlie and view the famous Cold War crossing point. (Museum not included).</p> <p>Enjoy a packed lunch from our hostel then visit the Reichstag Building (Parliament House) including a guided tour and dome visit.</p> <p>In the afternoon enjoy a walk through Tiergarten (Berlin's central park) and return to hostel for dinner.</p>

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DAY 12	23/09/2026	Wednesday	<p>Breakfast at the Hostel then visit Museum Island: Alte Nationalgaleri (19-century paintings & sculptures from Romanticism, Impressionism & early Modernity); Neues Museum (Egyptian artifacts, prehistoric & classical antiques); Bode Museum (Medieval & Byzantine Art) &/or Altes Museum (Classical history & Ancient Art).</p> <p>Walk along the Spree River and enjoy the views & architecture. Eat a packed lunch from the hostel.</p> <p>Visit Ritter Sport Bunte Schokowelt (Chocolate Factory) for a fun & interactive experience creating your own chocolate bar!</p> <p>Return to Hostel for dinner.</p>
DAY 13	24/09/2026	Thursday	<p>Berlin - Munich</p> <p>Breakfast at the Hostel then travel from Berlin Central Station (HBF) with the InterCity Express (ICE) train to Munich. Upon arrival in Munich, check-in at our hostel. <i>*Pls note, we may have to stay at a hostel outside Munich if accommodation is not secured due to the Oktoberfest. We will not be attending this event but we will enjoy the hustle & bustle it will bring into the city with all the international guests.</i></p> <p>Eat our packed lunch then visit the Deutsches Museum the world's largest museum of science & technology, with about 125,000 exhibited objects from 50 fields of science & technology.</p> <p>Return to hostel for dinner.</p>

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DAY 14	25/09/2026	Friday	<p>Breakfast at the Hostel then meet our guide & board a chartered bus for a half-day sightseeing tour of Neuschwanstein Castle. Eat a packed lunch from our hostel in the grounds of the castle.</p> <p>Return to hostel then visit the State Museum of Egyptian Art (one of the most esteemed collections of Ancient Egyptian objects in the world).</p> <p>Visit ESO Supernova Planetarium, a cutting-edge astronomy centre for the public located at the site of ESO Headquarters in Garching bei München, providing an immersive experience that will leave you in awe of our Universe.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Magic Bavarian: A new interactive destination with creative photo zones, upside down rooms & slacklines over Marienplatz.</p> <p>Return to Hostel for dinner.</p>
DAY 15	26/09/2026	Saturday	<p>Munich-Brisbane (flying Qatar)</p> <p>Breakfast at the Hostel then check out of our Hostel and board a charter bus to travel to the Munich International Airport & check-in our flight home. Meals in-flight.</p>
Day 16	27/09/2026	Sunday	<p>Arrive Brisbane International Airport 17.30 (5.30 PM) & clear customs.</p> <p>Board a Charter Bus from airport to Kepnock SHS in Bundaberg and meet your families late evening. Welcome home.</p>